



NEXT MEETING

Time: 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 3, 1979
 Place: Provincial Health Building, 3rd floor, Room 47
 Program: David Cairns has just recently returned from a four month jaunt around the world. He will treat us to a showing of slides from Australia and New Zealand.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NATURE SLIDE COMPETITION - Bring up to 10 nature slides per member to the April meeting; or leave them at 53 Fitzroy Street, Charlottetown before April 17. All entries will be shown at the May meeting. Prizes are being offered. Good care will be taken of your slides and they will be returned after the meeting.

One of our members, Mr. Wylie Barrett, reports birds seen in March, 1979 at his feeder in New Dominion: a Mourning Dove (from March 8 to March 16); 4 Downy Woodpeckers; a pair of Hairy Woodpeckers; Boreal Chickadees (interested in pork fat); Black-capped Chickadees (sunflower seed and pork fat); Red-breasted Nuthatch (pork fat); Blue Jays, up to 30 at one time (sunflower seeds); Evening Grosbeak, up to seven at one time; two Dark-eyed Juncos; two or three Crows; five House Sparrows.

The pork mentioned is raw fat with rind. When nailed to a tree, it remains secure while the birds feed on it.

The Second Annual Francis Bain Birdathon will be held on May 26 or May 27, 1979. Our first birdathon was a tremendous success in terms of raising money for the 1978 Canadian Nature Federation conference, in accumulating knowledge about resident and migrating bird species in late spring, and also in terms of getting naturalists out to do some useful and enjoyable birding. If you would like to participate this year, by doing an area of your own or by accompanying a team already established, contact one of the Natural History Society executive or David Smith, birdathon coordinator, Newton, Prince Edward Island. David's phone number is 887-2057. Everyone is welcome to participate. Teams of birders will be distributed throughout the Island.

