

The Bioacoustics Research Program, part of the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, is continuing its studies of long distance communication between elephants. Research to date has shown that African elephants can perceive long wavelength, low frequency sounds (infrasonic) at distances of at least 2 miles (3.2 km.) (adapted from the Lab's Birdscope, Vol.6 #1, Winter 1992)

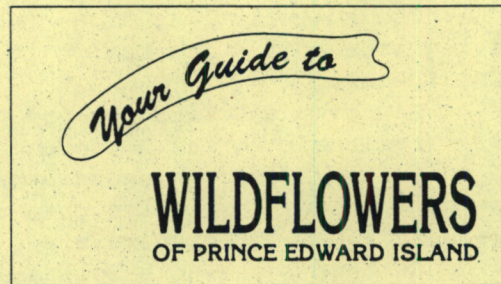
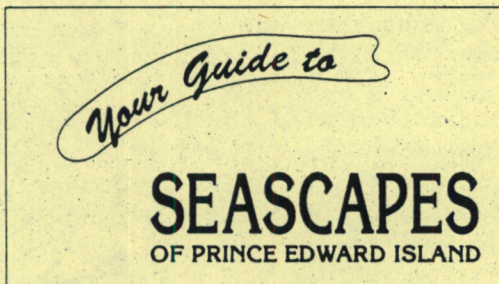
Drs. Rene Belland and Wilf Schofield of UBC discovered two new species of flowering plants and a new genus of moss in an upland gorge in Cape Breton Highlands Park. These were the net-veined willow (Salix reticulata), purple saxifrage (Saxifraga oppositifolia), and a moss (Orthothecium stictum). They were found as single plants and will be classified as rare or endangered species. This find supports the theory that parts of Cape Breton or the adjacent Scotia Shelf were botanical refugia during the Wisconsin glaciation. (adapted from Fed. of Nova Scotia Naturalists NEWS Vol. 1 # 4, Winter 1991)

Two California Condors were released on January 14th in the Sespe Condor Sanctuary in Los Padres National Forest near Los Angeles. These are the only California Condors in the wild. If all goes well, the next condor release will be this fall. (adapted from Birder's World, April, 1992)

LAUNCHING SEASCAPES AND WILDFLOWERS

adapted from Ragweed Press article

A slide show and presentation will be used to launch the new Island Pathways series books Wildflowers of Prince Edward Island by noted botanist Katherine Clough and Seascapes of Prince Edward Island by Daphne Ross.



Wildflowers of Prince Edward Island is a richly illustrated guide to the names, appearance, seasonality, and habitat of 90 of the most familiar wildflowers found on P.E.I. A colour photograph accompanies concise information on where and how to find these flowers.

With over 60 colour photographs to help you, Seascapes of Prince Edward Island features six tours around the Island's coastline that will introduce you to lighthouses, harbours, old shipyards, and many beaches. This Island Pathways' release includes information on preserving our environment and natural history.

Ragweed Press and the Island Nature Trust invite you join them for this launching at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 14th in Room 105 of the Farm Centre. The authors will be present to autograph copies of their books which will be available for \$12.95 each. Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome!