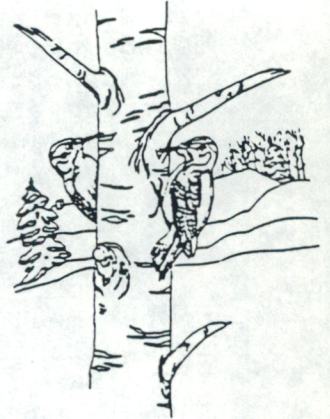


# Woodpeckers vs cedar siding

HELP!!! I know this sounds like the start of an old story (especially since we both have cedar siding and are visited by hairy woodpeckers) but I really do have this friend I'm asking for. No, really. Anyway, it seems that some hairy woodpeckers have taken to bashing away at the siding on a home in Mount Vernon. Since there is feed, including suet balls and fat logs, and lots of trees, we can only guess that they are going after flies that have taken up residence underneath the siding. They are doing quite a bit of damage and sound rather fearless. Have any readers had this kind of experience, or have any suggestions as to how to stop it? You can either write to the newsletter or call me at 838-2678.



## Coming Events

- APRIL 3: The annual Science Fair held at UPEI.
- APRIL 5 - 11: National Wildlife Week, something for everyone.
- APRIL 7: The April NHS meeting will feature Dr. Rick Cawthorn of the Atlantic Veterinary College, speaking on "Wildlife Parasites: Their World and Yours".
- APRIL 10: The third annual Fund-Raising Dinner of the Island Nature Trust will be held at the CP Hotel. Numerous door prizes and raffle items, as well as an auction of artwork, antiques and other interesting items are planned. Tickets have remained at \$25, and tax receipts will be issued for part of that. For further information, call Diane Griffin at 892-7513.
- APRIL 13: A symposium on conservation and tourism to be co-sponsored by the Island Nature Trust, Environment Canada and the Tourism Industry Assoc. of PEI. The piping plover will be the star of the show. For further information, phone 892-7513.
- APRIL 15: Closing date for those wishing to enter slides in the NHS annual slide competition at the May meeting. Entries can be mailed or delivered to Margaret Mallett, 53 Fitzroy St., Charlottetown, C1A 1R4. Don't be late!
- MAY 5: This is usually the best attended meeting of the Natural History Society - its the annual slide show and we're always treated to a wide variety of high-quality photography. It starts at 8 p.m. and is held at the Farm Centre.
- May 28: The Island Nature Trust will hold a public meeting at 7:30 at the Farm Centre. The speaker will be Dr. Rick Cawthorn on "Wildlife Veterinary Science".
- JUNE 5 - JULY 15: A piping plover survey will be held. For further information, contact Rosemary Curley at 651-2585.

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Just in case this gets out in record time, members might be interested in the annual meeting of the Atlantic Environmental Network in Fredericton, N.B., on the weekend of March 28 and 29. If you are interested in attending contact Diane Griffin at 892-7513.

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