

Good year for bobolinks

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There is a small field on our farm (approx. 4 acres) which we do not use anymore in our strawberry or raspberry rotation, though there are still some raspberry canes on one side separating this field from the one where we had our strawberry crop this year.

We have used the small field for crops of rape and buckwheat as forage for our bees and as green manure. A few years ago we allowed it to grow up naturally and the bobolinks began using it as a nesting area. After the young are hatched and flown the meadow is mowed and usually results in some forage for the bees.

The numbers of nesting pairs have been increasing. This year, while my husband was taking his turn at the weighing table in the strawberry field on July 18, he counted 57 bobolinks sitting on the raspberry canes along the meadows' edge. It would appear that 1987 was a good year for bobolinks.



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PHOTO CONTEST

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First, second, and third prizes will be awarded in each of four categories: a) Autumn, b) Winter, c) Spring, and d) Summer, as follows:

First Prize	-	\$200.00
Second Prize	-	\$100.00
Third Prize	-	\$ 50.00

In addition, winning photos may be used in Forestry Branch promotional materials.

CONTEST RULES

1. Entries may be from any or all of the four categories: a) Autumn, b) Winter, c) Spring, and d) Summer. Each entry must be photographed in one of P.E.I.'s six Demonstration Woodlots.
2. Entries may be color slides (35 mm or 2 1/4") or photographs (at least 5" x 7" unmounted). Each entry must be accompanied by: a) photo location (name of the Demonstration Woodlot), b) category, and c) photographer's name, address and telephone number; and must be mailed to the Manager, Forest Extension.

3. Three winning photographs will be selected for each seasonal category, thirty days following contest category closing date. Following final contest closing, a public showing of all entries will be hosted by the Forestry Branch.

4. Contest closing dates are:

Autumn Category - December 19, 1987
Winter Category - March 19, 1988
Spring Category - June 18, 1988
Summer Category &
Final Contest Closing - September 19, 1988

5. All non-winning entries will be returned to entrants or purchased by the Forestry Branch.
6. Contest is open to Canadian residents only. Entrants must be amateur photographers. Employees of Forestry Branch, P.E.I. Department of Energy & Forestry and their immediate families are not eligible.
7. Judges decisions are final. Prizes must be accepted as awarded. The Forestry Branch reserves the right to cancel the contest at any time without prior notice.

For information on Demonstration Woodlot locations, contact the Forestry Branch, P.E.I. Department of Energy and Forestry.


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