

district as far as Holland's Cove. Several new finds were obtained which have been embodied in "Additions to P.E. Island Flora". In the evening the company in at Holland's Cove and all returned to the City highly pleased with the days excursion, only regretting the absence of our esteemed Secretary."

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Accounts of the first and second annual excursions of the Prince Edward Island Natural History Society, established in 1889, were found in their Minute Book which is located in the Public Archives of the Confederation Center, Accession # 2541, Item 6.

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Changes in Bird Names

North American bird names are established by the American Ornithologist's Union (A.O.U.) and they publish an official Checklist every 20-30 years. The A.O.U. is currently revising its checklist. The following is a list of all changes in common bird names for those species listed in the "Prince Edward Island Field Check-list of Birds, 1974".

<u>Old Name</u>	<u>1974 P.E.I. List</u>	<u>New Name</u>
Leach's Petrel	Leach's Petrel	<u>Leach's Storm-Petrel</u>
Wilson's Petrel	Wilson's Petrel	<u>Wilson's Storm-Petrel</u>
Common Egret	Common Egret	<u>Great Egret</u>
Blue Goose	Snow Goose (inc. Blue Goose)	<u>Snow Goose</u>
(Blue Goose is considered to be a colour phase of the Snow Goose)		
Common (European) Teal	European Green-winged Teal	<u>Green-winged Teal</u>
Green-winged Teal	American Green-winged Teal	<u>Green-winged Teal</u>
(European and American Green-winged Teal are considered to be subspecies)		
American Widgeon	American Wigeon	<u>American Wigeon</u>
European Widgeon	European Wigeon	<u>European Wigeon</u>
Shoveler	Shoveler	<u>Northern Shoveler</u>
Common Scoter	Black (Common) Scoter	<u>Black Scoter</u>
Pigeon Hawk	Merlin (Pigeon Hawk)	<u>Merlin</u>
Sparrow Hawk	Kestrel (Sparrow Hawk)	<u>American Kestrel</u>
Upland Plover	Upland Plover	<u>Upland Sandpiper</u>
Knot	Knot	<u>Red Knot</u>
Herring Gull	Herring Gull	<u>Herring & Thayer's Gulls</u>
(the Herring Gull has been split into two species [see Godfrey Birds of Canada] the common P.E.I. gull is still the Herring Gull, the Thayer's Gull might occur very rarely in winter)		
Yellow-shafted Flicker	Common (Yellow-shafted) Flicker	<u>Common Flicker</u>
(Yellow-shafted, Red-shafted and Gilded Flickers were merged as a single species)		
Traill's Flycatcher	Alder (Traill's) Flycatcher	<u>Alder Flycatcher</u>

(the Traill's Flycatcher was split into two species according to song type the Maritime species ["fee-bee-o", song] is the Alder Flycatcher)