

Public involvement in increasing the numbers of the Wood Duck in our province also generates much needed public interest in our precious wetlands. Becoming a Wood Duck Nest Box Guardian provides a perfect winter outing for Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, 4-H groups, and/or families with an interest in the outdoors. With a minimal amount of effort, you can help to provide the Wood Duck with a safe convenient place to nest. In 1992, 5 nest boxes were used by wood ducks and the numbers are expected to rise in the future. These boxes are also used by other cavity nesters such as grackles, swallows and starlings.

If you would like to become a volunteer wood duck nest box guardian, contact either Brenda Brydon, Tom Duffy or Rosemary Curley at the Department of Environmental Resources at 368-4683.

THE SHARPENED QUILL

"Why are baby eagles always smiling?

Because their parents tell them many tall soaries!"

Evelyn Meader

ANIMAL AND PLANT SIGHTINGS

compiled by Dan McAskill

Records for the period of April 9th to May 31, 1994.

FUNGI: false morell found in pine plantation in Goose River; **cup fungi** abundant in a balsam fir plantation on the 48 Road (JDM).



FLOWERING PLANTS: The following plants were in flower on June 1, namely: Rhododendron at Mermaid; wild pear (*Amelanchier*) at Donagh and Argyle Shore; pin cherry at Argyle Shore; painted trillium, and white and blue violets at various locations. Mountain ash was in flower from June 8th through to June 18th at Donagh. Horse Chestnut was in flower in Charlottetown on June 17th (JDM). The pollen crop from spruce trees was very heavy in the St. Peter's area with the edge of the river coated with a layer of yellow pollen and the Jones Archaeological Site having a wind blown layer up to 2 inches deep (JDM, MK, JB)

AMPHIBIANS: **Spring Peepers** - first reported at Mt. Albion on Apr. 11 (HJ); **Wood Frog** - first heard at Donagh on Apr. 12th