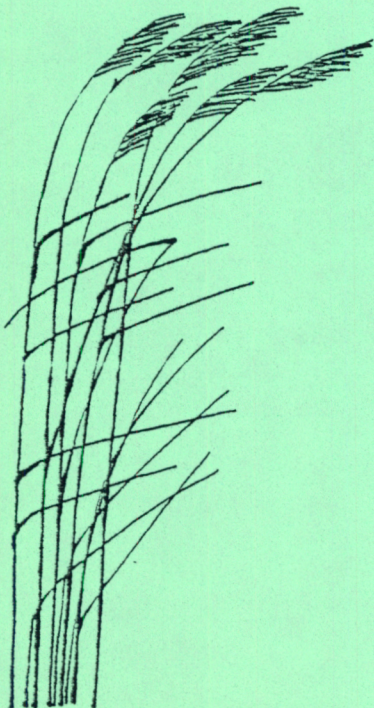
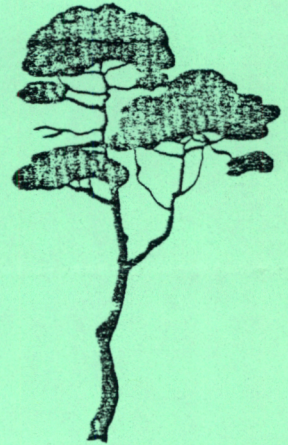


NEST RECORDS SCHEME. Members are urged to make notes of observations of any birds' nests they discover this spring and summer, and to submit details to the Maritimes Nest Records Scheme in Sackville, N.B. Cards for this purpose will be made available at the May meeting or can be obtained by writing to the Canadian Wildlife Service, Box 1590, Sackville, N.B. E0A 3C0. Contributions from P.E.I. were down somewhat in 1979. Let's see what we can do to improve the record in 1980.

ARBOR DAY. Friday, May 16 has been set aside as the date for this year's Arbor Day. The Heritage Foundation is encouraging teachers to continue a tradition begun in Island schools in 1884, but all tree-lovers could participate too to make neighbourhood landscapes more attractive. Could your yard, school, church or community building be improved by planting trees and shrubs? Check with the appropriate people, and then do your part to help celebrate Arbor Day.

FIELD TRIP REPORT. Although March 22 turned out to be a rather chilly spring day, a small but hardy group assembled for a field trip in search of late wintering ducks. Stops were made at the North and West River causeways, the West River bridges at St. Catherine's and Bonshaw, and at Rocky Point. Good numbers of ducks were found at each location except Rocky Point, where there was no open water. Thanks to Anne Landry and Geoff Hogan for leading the trip.



CNF CONFERENCE 1980. The Manitoba organizers of the 1980 Canadian Nature Federation annual conference have recently released details of what promises to be a lively and varied week's activities. The August 24 to 31 event at the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg will celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Canadian Nature Federation and the sixtieth anniversary of the Manitoba Naturalists' Society. Sixteen field trips have been scheduled including a four day naturalists' cruise on Lake Winnipeg and a four day trip to Churchill. Other trips include wilderness canoeing, prairie desert, long grass prairie, parks and sanctuaries, Delta Marsh Research Station, historic museums, etc. The conference Symposium runs from August 28 to 30 and will feature eighteen outstanding speakers including Dr. Erkii Pulliainen of Finland, an internationally recognized authority on large predators. During the conference a special showing of nature art work by Manitoba artists will be on display and a full complement of interesting

exhibits will be set up by government and private agencies. For more information write Cy and Rosalie Hopper, Conference Registrars, 332 Bronx Ave., Winnipeg, Man. R2K 0Z1.