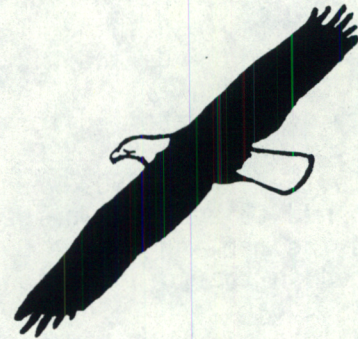


EAGLES ON THE PODIUM

Eagles were on the podium and the projection screen at the Farm Centre when Mr. Gerald MacDougall provided members and guests of the Society with a presentation on the Bald Eagle. Gerald, a Conservation Officer with the P.E.I. Fish and Wildlife Division, used slides, overhead projections, and displays to show how the eagle nest trees were climbed and the eaglets were banded. He indicated that in 1989 there were seven active eagle nests known on Prince Edward Island. Six of these were successful in raising 10 eaglets. This is a dramatic increase from the single nest which existed from 1978 to 1981 and shows how a species can respond when appropriate precautions are taken to protect wildlife and its habitat.



In response to questions, Gerald indicated that the Society's members can assist by reporting eagle nests to the Division (368-4684) and by ensuring that their nests are not disturbed during the March to July nesting period. The latter precaution is very important as Bald Eagles usually return to the same nest and they will often abandon nests if they are disturbed during the incubation and early stages of rearing. Should you be one of those Islanders fortunate enough to have an eagle nesting on or near your property you can offer them longer term protection by setting the site aside for their use.

ENVIRONMENTAL CALENDAR

- May 17 - 21: The 19th Annual Conference of the Canadian Nature Federation will be hosted by the McIlwraith Field Naturalists of London, Ontario. This conference features an excellent set of field trips and a symposium on Global Change and Sustainable Development. Contact Dan McAskill for more information 569-4351.
- May 18: Arbor Day, a great time to plant a tree for your favorite bird or squirrel.
- May 26: This is the date set aside by the Society for the Francis Bain Birdathon. As the birds will be back in force and many will have started nesting you could have a great days birding and, at the same time, assist with the Maritimes Breeding Bird Atlas. Contact Rosemary Curley for more information at 368-4807 or refer to the opening article.
- May 31 & June 1: The workshop sessions on The Green Plan, the Honourable Lucien Bouchard's "A Framework for Discussion on the Environment" are scheduled for this day. If you would like to receive a copy, contact the Inquiry Centre, Environment Canada, in Ottawa 1-819-997-2800.
- June 1 - 3: These dates mark the time for this year's Environmental Sabbath, the day set aside by the United Nations Environment Programme for faith