

restoration order that may cost an additional \$5,000. (adapted from the Guardian, Apr. 11, 1996 p.A4)

In 1994, 59.7 million trees were shipped from 20 forest nurseries to planting sites in Atlantic Canada. Twenty-five species, mostly conifer, were produced. Black spruce, white spruce, Norway spruce, jack pine, red pine, and red spruce accounted for 45%, 20%, 14%, 8%, 4% and 4% respectively. (adapted from CFS - Maritimes Region Technical Note 314)

Canada's Endangered Species List (the COSEWIC List) seen six species downlisted to a lower level of risk while 16 species were added. The Cooper's Hawk, Trumpeter Swan, Great Gray Owl, Baird's Sparrow, and Eastern Bluebird were removed from the list. The latter has largely been due to the work of bluebird enthusiasts who run nest box programs. (adapted from Canadian Nature Federation's Nature Alert 6:3 Summer 1996 article by Caroline Schultz)



A donation was received in memory of Verna Newson, an individual who always enjoyed news of the Society and its growth from the beginning. This donation from her sister Marion has been placed in the Society's book fund which is used to support educational publications of the Society.

TERN ALERT:



A request was posted on the Internet by the bird banding lab regarding colour marked Common Terns. Look for yellow patches on the white plumage and record the locations of the colour patches and the community where you seen it. Send the report to mary_gustasson@nbs.gov or forward it to the Newsletter Editor (see inner cover).

ANIMAL AND PLANT SIGHTINGS

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The comet Hyatutake thrilled those who turned their eyes skyward during late March when some beautiful clear evenings allowed a magnificent view through binoculars and birding telescopes (DW, JDM).

Large numbers of jelly fish were found this summer in the Island's coastal waters. Swimmers were often deterred from entering the water for fear of their stings. These stings come from structures called nematocysts. Each of these tiny capsules contains a coiled tubular thread or filament which is discharged in defense and feeding. The stings can cause a burning sensation and rash.

June bugs were first seen at Beach Grove on May 28th (JDM, LT). On Jul. 30, there was a large hatch of chloroperlid stoneflies on the Morell River (BH). Judging by striped skunk digging patterns on Sept. 1, the number of June bug larva to mature next year will be quite high in the Donagh area (JDM). DWi rescued a dog days cicada from a cat on Aug. 21 at Bedford. On the way to the Gold Cup and Saucer Parade on Aug. 16, B&RH seen an Ichnumonid wasp. This wasp parasites the spruce sawfly.

Maple blossoms attracted Red-eyed Vireo and Cedar Waxwings to a Sherwood lawn on Jun. 3 & 4 (DW). Blueberries were ripe in St. Andrews on Jul. 20 (B&RH). For travellers through Mermaid, two fields of sunflowers in full bloom on Aug. 9 to 18th added a joyous atmosphere on sunny mornings (JDM).

Garter Snake seen along roadside at Fort Amherst on Apr. 21 (LD) and in St. Andrews