



NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
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MEETINGS are held on the first Tuesday of the month (except June, July, August, and September) at 7:30 p.m. at the Farm Centre on University Avenue, Charlottetown. Members and non-members are welcome.

MEMBERSHIP is open to anyone interested in the natural history of Prince Edward Island. Membership is available at any meeting or by contacting Dan McAskill, Charlottetown RR # 5, Donagh, P.E.I. C1A 7J8 (phone 569-4351). Annual membership rates are: single - \$4; family - \$5. Renewals are due in January. Membership expiry dates are in the top right hand corner of the mailing label.

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THIS MONTHS COVER

By the time you receive this newsletter our freshwater marshes, ponds, and woods will be alive with the songs of frogs and toads. One of the first to be heard each year is the spring peeper (Hyla crucifer) which is depicted on the cover. This tree frog is about 2 - 3 cm long and frequents woodland ponds where its songs bring the night alive. crucifer refers to the cross on its back.