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NEWS FROM ABOUT:

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A live *sao la*, a new mammal species found in central Vietnam's Vu Quang Nature Reserve, was recently captured by farmers. After four months in captivity the eight month old female *sao la* died of respiratory failure and digestive problems at an Hanoi botanical garden. This species was first unveiled to the western world through recognition of the uniqueness of several partial skulls by John MacKinnon, a World Wildlife Fund biologist, and several Vietnamese scientists (adapted from *Geographica*, January 1995).

Pagers for the birds, what will be next! Several pager companies in Britain offer a paging service to advise bird listers of rare bird sightings in Great Britain (from Blue Jay, Dec '94 excerpt Globe and Mail, Mar. 8, 1994)

Last June, an eroding sand dune on Santa Rosa Island in California exposed the beautifully preserved skeleton of a bull dwarf mammoth *Mammuthus exilis* to San Diego State University geologist Tom Rockwell during a mapping expedition on marine terraces. Thanks to rapid accumulation of sand around its body, this skeleton is virtually complete. Even many of the very small bones that are lost in most specimens were found (adapted from *Geographica*, January 1995).

The Canadian Endangered Species Coalition announced its support for the government's recent actions against the Spanish fishing vessel, the Estai (excerpted from Canadian Endangered Species Coalition release Mar. 15)

The P.E.I. Fish and Wildlife Division has published a pamphlet titled P.E.I. Small Game Survey 1993-94. This pamphlet provides information on the total harvest and average season kill per active hunter from 1971 to 1984 and 1993. It also provides statistics on annual sales of provincial hunting licenses since 1971 and that of migratory bird hunting permits since 1966. Copies can be obtained from the Fish and Wildlife Division, P.O. Box 2000, Charlottetown, P.E.I. C1A 7J8.

In 1994, the Fatal Light Awareness Program volunteers picked up 1,960 birds after they struck high rises in Toronto. 930 of these recovered and were released (adapted from Toronto Field Naturalist # 451).

Calendar Contest for young artists and poets: *Early Birders* is hosting a contest for young naturalists willing to submit original bird artwork or poetry. If interested contact Newsletter Editor (p. 2) for contest details.

INTRODUCING FOREST WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT:

by Dan McAskill

For each person, the term wildlife brings certain images to mind. For some it may be an eagle soaring slowly over a river's edge. For others, it is the sound of spring peepers heralding in the spring. Regardless of what image comes to mind, people associate particular values, both good and bad, to wildlife.

Virtually all decisions regarding a property's management will affect some form of wildlife. If you decide to leave your woodlands alone, the natural changes in the woodland over time cause changes in both the numbers