

ENVIRONMENTAL CALENDAR:

Note: All Society presentations and field trips are open to the public.

Society meetings start at 7:30 PM at the Farm Centre on University Avenue in Charlottetown.

YN = young naturalists encouraged to attend or participate

- Apr. 2 to May 9** - The Bird Studies Canada **Nocturnal Owl Surveys** held in conjunction with the P.E.I. Department of Environment and Energy's Conservation and Management Division and volunteer participants will be held along designated routes across Prince Edward Island. If you would be interested in participating, contact Wade MacKinnon at 368-6096.
- Apr. 4 to 10** - National Wildlife Week's theme for 2004 is "**Give backyard birds something to sing about!**"
- Apr. 6** - The Natural History Society's regular meeting will feature the fourth part of the bird identification course with Eric Marcum showing the slide presentation **Songbirds 1: Warblers, Vireos, & Thrushes.**
- Apr. 16** - The Island Nature Trust's 20th Annual Fund Raising Dinner will be held at the Delta Prince Edward in Charlottetown. Contact the Trust at 566-9150 to order tickets.
- May 2 to 8** - "Canada's Forests, A fine balance" is the theme for the 2004 National Forest Week program.
- May 3 to 24** - The University of Prince Edward Island's Biology Department will be offering a Special Studies Course on Watershed Management featuring a combination of special presentations and field trips on applied watershed management. For further information, contact U.P.E.I.'s web site.
- May 4** - The Natural History Society's regular meeting will feature Dan McAskill on the **Night Sounds of the Island**, an audio presentation and slides of various night animals. **YN**
- May 6** - **Island Nature Trust's Annual General Meeting** at Carriage House at Beaconsfield on West Street in Charlottetown. The meeting starts at 7 pm
- May 15** - **The North American Migration Count.** Please send sighting reports by county into Dan McAskill at 569-4351 or via E-mail to nhspei@isn.net
- May 15 to 22** - **Arbour Week** will celebrate tree and shrub plantings at a variety of schools participating in the Greening Spaces program. For more information contact the J. Frank Gaudet Nursery at 368-4711.
- May 15** - **Giving Trees, Giving Hope Fund Raising Initiative** by the Canadian Breast Cancer Network in conjunction with the Provincial Forest Section of the P.E.I. Department of Agriculture, Fisheries, Aquaculture and Forestry. The event will be held at the St. Patrick's Road Provincial Forest near Peake's Station running from 9 am to 12 noon. It will feature an early bird presentation on Native Plants and Wildlife starting at 8 am and, throughout the morning, technical presentations on native plant establishment and care will follow. Native tree seedlings and shrubs will be available. For more information and maps to the site and presentation location please contact the Eastern Forestry District at 961-7296 and posters.
- May 29** - **Bain Bird Count.** Please submit your lists of sightings to Dan McAskill at 569-4351 or via E-mail to nhspei@isn.net
- May 30 - June 5** - Canadian Environment Week and Clear Air Day is June 2.
- Jun. 1** - The Natural History Society's regular meeting will feature the fifth part of the bird identification course with Eric Marcum showing the slide presentation **Songbirds 2: Finches, Sparrows, & Blackbirds.** **YN**
- Jun. 5 to 20** - The annual Index Count on Piping Plovers will occur. For more information, contact Jackie Waddell at 892-7513 or E-mail intrust@isn.net.

AMERICAN MOUNTAIN ASH:

by Rudy Stocek

This and the preceding illustration are from Rudy Stocek's *New Brunswick Trees and Shrubs in Winter: A Field Guide*. The various mountain ash species located on the Island are important food sources for waxwings.

