



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, 420 University Avenue, Charlottetown. Members and non-members are welcome. Please bring your coffee cup so that we will contribute as little as possible to the waste stream.

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

The Common Grackles on this months cover are one of our early spring seed eating migrants. It winters in the middle to southern states. This year they arrived en masse approximately March 22nd which suggests a normal migration year. They construct a nest of coarse grass and other vegetable matter, often cemented with mud and lined with fine grass. They often nest in small colonies in spruce hedges.