



# 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 8:00 p.m. at the Farm Centre on University Avenue, Charlottetown. Members and non-members are welcome.

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## **This month's cover**

The pileated woodpecker (*Dryocopus pileatus*) is by far our largest woodpecker. The conspicuous bright red pointed crest makes it hard to confuse with any other bird, if its size wasn't a dead giveaway. This crow-sized bird is black bodied, occasionally with a few white bars on the sides and broad white wing linings that show very well in flight. Its preferred habitat is mature woodlands of various kinds, especially those containing some standing dead trees.