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The species recorded in checklist order were as follows: Pied-billed Grebe; Northern Gannet; Great Cormorant; Double-crested Cormorant; Great Blue Heron; American Bittern, Canada Goose; Mallard; American Black Duck; Gadwell; Northern Pintail; Green-winged Teal; Blue-winged Teal; American Widgeon; Wood Duck; Ring-necked Duck; Common Eider; White-winged Scoter; Common Merganser; Red-breasted Merganser; Sharp-tailed Hawk; Bald Eagle; Northern Harrier; Osprey; Merlin; American Kestrel; Sharp-tailed Grouse; Ruffed Grouse; Virginia Rail; Sora Rail; Piping Plover; Killdeer; Black-bellied Plover; Common Snipe; Spotted Sandpiper; Willet; Glaucous Gull; Iceland Gull; Greater Black-backed Gull; Herring Gull; Ring-billed Gull; Bonaparte's Gull; Common Tern; Rock Dove; Mourning Dove; Barred Owl; Long-eared Owl; Northern Saw-whet Owl; Common Nighthawk; Ruby-throated Hummingbird; Belted Kingfisher; Northern Flicker; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker; Hairy Woodpecker; Downy Woodpecker; Eastern Kingbird; Yellow-bellied Flycatcher; Alder Flycatcher; Least Flycatcher; Eastern Peewee; Tree Swallow; Bank Swallow; Barn Swallow; Blue Jay; Common Raven; American Crow; Black-capped Chickadee; Boreal Chickadee; Red-breasted Nuthatch; Gray Catbird; American Robin; Hermit Thrush; Swainson's Thrush; Golden-crowned Kinglet; Ruby-throated Kinglet; European Starling; Red-eyed Vireo; Philadelphia Vireo; Black-and-white Warbler; Tennessee Warbler; Nashville Warbler; Northern Parula; Yellow Warbler; Magnolia Warbler; Cape May Warbler; Yellow-rumped Warbler; Black-throated Blue Warbler; Black-throated Green Warbler; Blackburnian Warbler; Bay-breasted Warbler; Blackpoll Warbler; Pine Warbler; Ovenbird; Northern Waterthrush; Mourning Warbler; Common Yellowthroat; Wilson's Warbler; Canada Warbler; American Redstart; House Sparrow; Bobolink; Red-winged Blackbird; Rusty Blackbird; Common Grackle; Brow-headed Cowbird; Rose-breasted Grosbeak; Evening Grosbeak; Purple Finch; American Goldfinch; Savannah Sparrow; Northern Junco; Chipping Sparrow; White-crowned Sparrow; White-throated Sparrow; Swamp Sparrow; and Song Sparrow. **Mammals:** red squirrels, raccoons, muskrat, and beaver.

#### TRANS CANADA TRAIL OPENS IN ELMIRA

by Kumari Campbell

The first section of the Confederation Trail to be completed was officially opened at Elmira on June 3. Although the rain poured down relentlessly all afternoon, the large group of trail supporters present paid no attention to it. Amidst a flurry of ribbon-cutting and speeches, they hailed this initial section of the 350 km Confederation Trail as the most important Green Tourism project in the province.

The Confederation Trail is more than a trail that links Island communities from tip to tip. It is Prince Edward Island's link to the Trans Canada Trail (TCT) that crosses this vast country of ours from coast to coast. In fact, that was the reason for the Elmira opening taking place on June 3, which was Trans Canada Trail Day all across the nation. Trans Canada Trail's interest in our project and its commitment to it were amply demonstrated on Saturday, when Robert Boyer, PEI representative on the TCT National Council, presented the Eastern Kings Tourism Development Association (EKTDA) with a cheque for \$7,500. It was the very first financial contribution from TCT to any province, and represented monies donated to TCT by Islanders, in support of the Trans Canada Trail.

The EKTDA is the developer of the 77 km pilot project of the Confederation Trail. This section of trail that runs from Elmira and Souris to Mount Stewart, is the longest of seven sections of the Confederation Trail currently under development across the province. Indeed, it is an ambitious undertaking for a small rural tourism organization. However, the EKTDA has several members who are strongly committed to trail development in the area, and are

