

coordinates for each individual encountered. Only record codes that can be clearly read (you will most likely require a spotting scope). Do not guess!! No information is better than wrong information. I will return to you a listing of banding locations for all neck-band codes submitted.

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Editor's Note: the symbols are: A B C E F G H J K L M N O P R S T U V X Y Z 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 # % + =.

#### SNOWY OWL INFLUX ANTICIPATED

Peter Whelan's Birds column in the November 23rd edition of the Globe and Mail told of a large influx of Snowy Owls to Ontario. Toronto had 10 and 8 at a time were seen perched at Kettle Point on Lake Huron. Island birders should be on the alert for more sightings this year as winter commences. The first sighting this year came from John Hayden of Cherry Valley on November 30th.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL CALENDAR

- Feb. 4 - Wayne Barrett will provide a visual spectacle on "The Coastal Birds and Waterfowl of the Atlantic" from his latest book as the Society's guest speaker. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Farm Centre on University Avenue.
- Feb. 15 - Deadline for nominations for the Prince Edward Island Environmental Awards.
- Mar. 3 - Dr. Rick Cawthorne will be the guest speaker for the Society's monthly meeting. He will speak on Parasites of wild animals. The Society's meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Farm Centre on University Avenue.
- Apr. 3 - Deadline for receipt of Island Nature Trust Natural Areas Awards.
- Apr. 7 - Dr. Pierre-Yves Daoust will be the featured speaker on the topic of "Stranding of Deep Sea Species on Island Beaches". The Society's meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Farm Centre on University Avenue.
- Apr. 30 - The Annual meeting of the Island Nature Trust will be held at the Farm Centre on University Avenue starting at 7:30 P.M. Guest speaker to be announced.
- May 4 - 10 - National Forestry Week. See events list in local papers.
- May 5 - The Annual Slide competition of the Natural History Society will be the focal point for this evening of colour and light. The Society's meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Farm Centre on University Avenue.
- May 6 - Tour of the J. F. Gaudet Tree Nursery. Phone 368-4700 for times.
- June 1 to 7 - National Environment Week. Are you going to participate in an event?

#### RED SQUIRREL MIDDEN

by Wylie Barrett

A red squirrel amassed an estimated cubic foot of pine cones (new growth) and piled them neatly like a pyramid on our lawn about ten feet from the base of the nearest pine tree. A well worn path leads from the pile to the base of the tree.

The squirrel did the same in the autumn of 1990 and the pile of cones is in or very near the same place.