

census period. The total population estimate for Piping Plover in Prince Edward Island during the June 1st to 9th period of the International Census was 110 adults, 51 pairs and 8 singles.

Public awareness on endangered species in general and Piping Plovers in particular was assessed by surveys conducted at the ferry terminals providing service between P.E.I. and the mainland. The results of these surveys indicate a low knowledge level on the existence of an endangered species on Prince Edward Island, the plight of the Piping Plover, the reasons for its decline, its use of nesting habitat, its range, and the things people could do to help the species recover. These deficiencies in knowledge combined with the reasons for its decline indicate a need for changes in/or an intensification of the awareness and public education programs of conservation agencies dealing with the recovery of the Piping Plover.

Educational materials were developed to create an awareness of the Piping Plover's nesting habitat requirements, the skill to distinguish the Piping Plover from other plovers, the skill to identify signs of the plovers presence, and appropriate behavior for people who inadvertently enter Piping Plover nesting habitat.

Where individuals expressed an interest in helping the Piping Plover, a landowner contact program was utilized to improve that person's skills and knowledge with regard to the Piping Plover and the interactions of Piping Plover and people.

Members of the participating agencies/groups and other interested specialists were brought together in an interactive workshop to discuss management problems and to prepare recommendations for discussion with the Atlantic Piping Plover Recovery Team.

RARE SIGHTINGS BY VISITING N.H.S. MEMBERS by Margaret E. Mallett

David and Eleanor Mary Mitchell of London, England, have again vacationed on Prince Edward Island. On August 24 at St. Ann's, west of New Glasgow, they observed a Red-tailed Hawk which is listed as rare on the Island in all seasons. They revisited Greenwich on September 1 last year they made what may have been the first reported sighting of a Red-shouldered Hawk on the Island. This year, on August 30, between Greenwich and St. Peters they observed, soaring, what they decided from careful study of a field guide was a Cooper's Hawk, which is listed as hypothetical (unconfirmed) on the Island.

David and Eleanor Mary are members of the Natural History. They greatly appreciate our newsletter "Island Naturalist". They enjoyed motoring from Halifax, and were delighted with the ferry trip to Wood Islands.

NATURALISTS IN ACTION by Dan McAskill

For more than a decade, one name has stood out on Prince Edward Island in the field of birding. Through this individual's activities, hundreds of people have been introduced to the joys of bird watching. The individual's name is Geoff Hogan.

Geoff's interest in birds started when he was very young and this interest led to the study of ornithology. His Master's thesis was on the cormorants colonies of Durell Point and Cape Tryon, Prince Edward Island. After graduation Geoff worked on monitoring wildlife responses at the Enmore and Valleyfield forestry projects for two years. During this period he was an active member of the Natural History Society. He wrote articles for the