

CARDINAL STILL HERE. As recently as February 21 and 23 he was observed at the feeder of Sterling Moore, 27 Esher St., Charlottetown.

THE NEW MINISTER OF INDIAN AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS, Hon. Hugh Faulkner announced Jan. 23, 1978 that public consultations on proposals for 6 new wilderness areas in the Arctic will begin in February. Mr. Faulkner said "I hope that all those who have an interest in the North will make their views known to me...so that there can be a frank, public discussion of the proposed wilderness parks in the North". Please write and support him immediately.

The First P.E.I. Lark Sparrow

According to the 1978 P.E.I. Field Checklist of Birds, Robie Tufts "Birds of Nova Scotia" and Earle Godfrey's "Birds of Canada" the Lark Sparrow (Chondestes grammacus) has not been observed on Prince Edward Island in any season, nor in the Maritimes in winter. It summers in Ontario and to the West, and goes south in winter.

From mid-November till Jan. 7, 1978, a sparrow associating with Juncos came frequently to my yard and feeder in Head of Montague. On Dec. 10, George Mason and I recorded a detailed description and agreed that it looked like a Lark Sparrow, using Godfrey's book. Neither of us had seen the species before.

On Jan. 7 a cat injured it. I put it in a cage without handling it, hoping it would heal itself. The wing remained crooked, so on hindsight probably I should have bound it. I let it out on Jan. 18, but it could not fly; that night, it died. In the morning I put it in the freezer (wrapped up, to keep ice off the bird and lice off the food).

I took over 20 color pictures both before and after the injury. Some are still in the camera (Feb. 17). Some have been seen by Canadian Wildlife Service staff and others. They would agree with the identification. Prints of better shots have been sent to the Canadian Wildlife Service. If they support the judgement, I'll send the specimen to the National Museum in Ottawa.

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The Workers

The 1978 Canadian Nature Federation annual meeting is only six months away and our planning activities are on schedule. This progress is due to the energy and ability of a relatively small number. I feel it is an opportune time to expose the names of these dedicated dynamites!

- In the Chair - Winston Johnston, Rosemary Curley
- Program - Kathy Martin (C), Winnie Cairns, Harry Baglolle, Dave Morgan, John Hughes.
- Exhibits - Gail Curry, Gini McDonald
- Field Trips - Rosemary Curley (C), Gail Curry, Simon Lunn, Phil Michael
- Hospitality - Vera Beck (C), Marguerite Wheatley
- Finance - Dave Smith (C), Helen Duffy
- Accommodation - Lenore Andrew (C)
- Publicity - (east of Ottawa) Catherine Clough (C)
- Publicity - (west of Ottawa) Diane Griffin
- Registration - Hal Mills (C), Gini McDonald
- Bookstore - Margaret Mallett