

**NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND LTD.
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MEETINGS are held of the first Tuesday of the month (except June, July, August, and September) at 7:30 p.m. at the Farm Centre, 420 University Avenue, Charlottetown. Members and non-members are welcome. Please bring your coffee cup so that we will contribute as little as possible to the waste stream.

Membership is open to anyone interested in the natural history of Prince Edward Island. Membership is available at any meeting or by contacting the Treasurer at P.O. Box 2346, Charlottetown C1A 8C1 (phone 569-3142). Annual membership rates are \$16 and renewals are due in January. Membership expiry dates are shown in the top right hand corner of the mailing label.

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There are a variety of horsetails (*Equisetum* spp.) growing on Prince Edward Island. All of these species are associated with soils that are saturated with water for part or most of the year. Certain horsetails were used and known as scouring rushes because of their high silica content.