

Newsletter No. 6

March 1975

NEXT MEETING

Date: Tuesday, March 4.

Time: 8 p.m.

Place: Provincial Health Building, 3rd floor, Room 47 & 48.
(Enter through underground garage on west side of the Provincial Administrative Building).

Program: Leeming Murphy from the Department of Fisheries will give a historical treatise on fisheries on P.E.I. He will outline the department's activities over the years especially with the lesser utilized species such as silver-sides and cancer crabs.
At this meeting the Nature Slide Competition entries will be shown and the results of the judging will be announced.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMBERSHIP DUES: This society has a paid-up membership of 31 at the end of February. Let's give it a boost at the March meeting. The 1974 membership was 55. If mailing, the \$2 per member should be sent with mailing address and phone number to:

The Natural History Society of P.E.I.
c/o Miss Margaret Mallett, Secretary-Treasurer
53 Fitzroy Street
Charlottetown, P.E.I., Canada C1A 1R4

MAGAZINES: Don't forget the society's magazines out among the members. Others would like to read them.

OTHER MEETINGS: On March 5, the first annual meeting of the P.E.I. Outdoor Recreation Association will be held at Charlottetown Rural High School. The Association has sponsored 3 extremely successful ski clinics this winter. All are invited to attend.

On March 12, Wednesday at 8 p.m. there will be an annual and major reorganization meeting of the Bonshaw Hills Trail Club. The meeting location will be at Holland College Lecture Theatre and all members or interested individuals are requested to attend.

GREEN GRASS IN FEBRUARY!

You can see it yourself near the railway siding at Milton Station. Walk northward along the railway track till you are about 25 yards short of the whistle post. Turn into the woods on the west and follow a line fence for a few yards. There you will see a little bird hopping about on the grass. There was a golden-crowned kinglet there last Sunday. To prove it he came and sat on a near-by bush to give us a good look.

Why the green grass? There is a slight oo^zing of spring water all over the place keeping the snow melted down to the ground.

green oasis surrounded by deep snow. If you are lucky you may see a - Margaret Mallett, Charlottetown

WINTER SQUIRREL ACTIVITY

At this time of year one notes in almost any woodlot cone bracts left by Red Squirrels during seed removal from spruce and fir cones, its major source of food. These bracts may be scattered sparsely over an area indicating that they fell while a squirrel was feeding in a tree or they may be found in mounds of various sizes. The smallest