

ENVIRONMENTAL CALENDAR

- Apr. 3 - Deadline for receipt of Island Nature Trust Natural Areas Awards.
- Apr. 5 to 11 - National Wildlife Week events will be held across the Island. The theme is "Keep Canada Ever Green for Wildlife".
- 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. 10 - The Island Nature Trust Annual Fund Raising Dinner and Auction will be held at the CP Prince Edward. The no host cocktail bar and auction item viewing will start at 6:00 p.m. while the dinner will commence at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$30 each and a tax receipt will be issued for a portion of the price. Tickets can be obtained from the Trust by phoning 566-9150.
- 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. Everybody welcome.
- 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.
- May 14 - Reserve time for the launching of Wildflowers of Prince Edward Island and Seascapes of Prince Edward Island at 7:30 p.m. at the Farm Centre. Refer to the article on page 10 for further information.
- May 15 - This is Arbor Day, why not plant a tree or shrub for wildlife. For information call the Island Nature Trust at 566-9150.
- May 19 - Annual General Meeting of Rails to Trails. Call 892-8666 for details.
- May 30 - The Natural History Society's Bain Birdathon is set to go on this date. Why not call a friend and head for the fields, streams, and woods for a pleasant day of bird watching. Call Rosemary Curley (368-4807) for more information.
- June 1 to 7 - National Environment Week. Are you going to participate in an event? On Saturday, June 6th, Stephen Flemming will lead a Piping Plover tour from Covehead Wharf starting at 10:00 a.m.
- Aug. 7 to 9 - The Atlantic Waterfowl Celebration at Sackville, N. B. will feature guided tours of the marsh, exhibits and displays of wildlife art, photography and carving, field trips, a waterfowl decoy auction, and duck calling contests. For further information call (506)536-4503.
- Sept. 24 & 25 - the 29th annual meeting of the Atlantic Society of Fish and Wildlife biologists will meet at the Rodd Mill River Resort. Research and management papers are invited. Contact Rosemary Curley (368-4807) or Pierre-Yves Daoust (566-0667)

TWO RECORDS OF THE TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE by Rosemary Curley
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These days people are demonstrating more interest in birds and more knowledge about birds in general. As well, with relatively inexpensive field guides and binoculars at hand, the population is better supplied with technical information, and people are more competent at identifying birds than