

slack and "set the hook" causing the goodies to be dumped. To get a little spread of the scraps, we swing the clothes line just prior to setting the hook.

CORRECTION ON CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS

Due to an editorial oversight, a number of observers names were missed on the NHS article on the 1991 Christmas Bird Counts, namely, David Cairns, Ann MacPhail, Winifred Wake, and David Wake. Sorry folks, JDM.

ANIMAL AND PLANT SIGHTINGS

The heavy ice conditions in Northumberland Strait seemed to have precipitated a migration of seals from the strait towards the north shore. 1 seal of approximately 200 pounds was reported at the container site in Peakes (WM). Television and the radio reported others at various inland locations. Bruce Pigot reported a Grey Seal with pup at Red Point Provincial Park on Jan. 18 but there was no sign of it on Jan. 23.

Red fox reports this winter have been common, even near Charlottetown (Mermaid Feb. 9, (WM)

1 Coyote Jan. 30 at Peakes Station (DyM)

On Mar. 13 the 3 red squirrels appeared at a snow top feeder in Donagh. Two of these squirrels fought twice in a 10 minute period. The number of squirrels increased to 5 on Mar. 16. Four of the squirrels acted wary of each other and seldom fought but each time a fifth squirrel approached the food, one of the four squirrels would chase it. On Mar. 22, the feeding site was changed to a low snow area where no tunnels existed or could be dug. Several very aggressive short duration fights took place between 2 of 3 red squirrels at this feeding site.

Joe Dolphin reported a small skunk on the Peter's Road on Feb. 17.

Great Cormorant - 3 at Souris Harbour, Jan. 4 (BCP); 6 at South Rustico Bridge on Jan. 22, 1 died on Jan. 23 (JO, LS); 2 at Oyster Bed Bridge Jan. 25 to Feb. 15 (DS) and 1 Mar. 7 (RP); 2 at Rusticoville on Jan. 25 (DS)

Great Blue Heron - 1 at Kildare River, Jan. 5 (Td'A); 1 Feb. 20 at Black River in Harrington (DS)

Canada Geese - 249 on Jan. 4 and 144 on Jan. 13. at Souris Causeway (BCP); 1 Jan. 18 in little remaining open water at Souris River (BCP); 1 at Brae in Jan. (RB); 5 on Jan. 26 & 4 on Feb. 11 at Vernon Bridge (DS); 2 Jan. 26 & 3 Feb. 11 at Orwell (DS); 6 Feb. 24 at West River Bridge (BH); 40 at DeSable on Mar. 12 (BP); 31 flying at Donagh on Mar. 13 (JDM); 200 to 300 at DeSable on Mar. 17 (Td'A)

