



NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

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MEETINGS are held on the first Tuesday of the month (except June, July, August and September) at 8:00 p.m. at the Farm Centre on University Avenue, Charlottetown. Members and non-members are welcome.

MEMBERSHIP is open to anyone interested in the natural history of Prince Edward Island. Membership is available at any meeting or by contacting Margaret Mallett, 53 Fitzroy St., Charlottetown, P.E.I. C1A 1R4 (telephone 894-9595). Annual rates are as follows: regular - \$4; student - \$2; family \$5. Renewals are due in early January.

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This month's cover

The Snowy Owl (*Nyctea scandiaca*) is listed as IR (irregular-unpredictable) to R (rare, 1-5 birds per season) in the Field Check List of Birds of P.E.I. So it was a special event when Teresa Hughes spotted a male at Webster's Corner on Nov. 4. It is a white owl, with dusky flecks, and quite large (20-27"). The day-flying snowy has a round head and yellow eyes and perches on posts and haystacks. Its diet in the Arctic consists of lemmings and other rodents, and to some extent on birds and fishes.