

departments; and updated the website to include a search engine and site map; published the spring issues of CNF magazine, newsletter, recent news items such as the Cheviot decision, FAN's Bill 51, and an endangered species action alert.

Affiliate and Member Relations: developed draft memorandums of understanding between CNF and provincial/territorial affiliates and are reviewing it with affiliates; developed agreement for annual general meeting between CNF and affiliates; assembled an annual review of affiliate activities; and submitted a proposal to Compaq Canada for a large donation of computer equipment for affiliates, IBA regional coordinators, and CNF office.

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ANIMAL AND PLANT SIGHTINGS:

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Records submitted up to October 31st, 1999.

PLANTS: Surprisingly, the raspberries, blackberries, and chokecherries in Donagh have lots of fruit despite the extremely dry conditions in May and June (RPh, JDM).



Red jellyfish common (about 1 every 15 to 25 feet) at Brackley Beach on Jul. 15 and large numbers of red jelly fish (1 every 5 to 7 feet) at Savage harbour on July 25 and Aug. 14 (JDM, RPh). Rock crabs attacking jellyfish trapped in tidal pools at Savage Harbour on July 26th. They chased the jellyfish and sucked the tentacles into their mouths pulling the jellyfish down towards them (JP).

Codfish up to 28 inches long in good numbers and a few small tinker mackerel present off Savage Harbour on Aug. 2 as season re-opened to in-shore fishers (JDM, RPh). Good schools of large mackerel present off Covehead Harbour in Aug. (LY, WFB)

MAMMALS: Red Fox with only a four to five inch long tail at Fort Amherst the last three years photographed on May 24 (LD).

BIRDS: **Common Loon** - 3 off Brackley Beach on Jul. 15 (JDM, RPh), 12 off Argyle Shore on Oct. 4 (JDM); **Red-throated Loon** - 3 at Panmure Island on Sept. 25 (EMa); **Horned Grebe** - 6 at Rustico Island Causeway on Oct. 2 (EMa, RC, JDM); **Sooty Shearwater** - 1 seen during 3 hours at sea off Savage Harbour on Aug. 2 (JDM); **Audubon's Shearwater** - first record off East Point on Sept. 11 (RC, JDM); **Leach's Storm Petrel** - seen at East Point in mid- Aug. (EMa); **Northern Gannet** - none off Brackley on evening of July 15 (JDM, RPh), 6 seen during 3 hours at sea off Savage Harbour on Aug. 2 (JDM), 3 seen near shore in 6 hrs at Basin Head on Aug. 13 (JDM, RPh), 400+ at East Point on Sept. 11; **Double-crested Cormorant** - 1 swimming in Jenkin's ponds in Mount Albion was attached and

