

ENVIRONMENTAL CALENDAR:

Note: All Society presentations and field trips are open to the public.

YN = young naturalists encouraged to attend or participate

- Sept. 30** - The Sixth Annual Neil Bennett Autumn Birding Classic will be held to support the education and conservation activities of the Island Nature Trust's natural areas conservation program. To field a team please contact Barb MacDonald at the Island Nature Trust at 892-7513. If you would like to support the Natural History Society's lead birding team, please send your pledge to the Natural History Society at P.O. Box 2346, Charlottetown, PE C1A 8C1. Make cheques payable to the Island Nature Trust and mark it for the Autumn Birding Classic.
- Oct. 3** - The Natural History Society's first meeting of the autumn will be the first night in a three night bird course being offered by the Society. Dan McAskill and Ray Cooke will speak on the "Waterfowl Birding on Prince Edward Island". The talk will focus on identification and habitats where they might be seen. The meeting starts at 7:30 pm at the Farm Centre on University Avenue in Charlottetown. **YN**
- Oct. 7** - The P.E.I. Roadrunners and the Provincial Forest Section of the Department of Agriculture & Forestry are co-hosting the First Provincial Forest Fall Frolic at the New Harmony Demonstration Woodlot near Souris. The day will feature 4.5 km and 13.2 km cross-country runs through the autumn foliage as well as self-guided walks along the trails. Run registration starts at 9 am (there's a small fee) and the runs start at 10 am.
- Oct. 12** - The Island Nature Trust will host two bird feeding workshops starting at 7:30 pm. Dan McAskill will be the guest speaker at the Farm Centre in Charlottetown and Jackie Waddell will be the speaker at Eptek Centre in Summerside. Everyone is welcome. **YN**
- Oct. 28** - Island Nature Trust will host the Seeds of Conservation bird seed sale at Charlottetown and Summerside Farmer's Market and at Lorne MacDougall's in Mill River East. Profits will be used for their natural areas conservation programs. Sale hours will be 9 am to 2 pm. They will have black oil and grey striped sunflower seed (25 and 50 lbs bags), niger seed (5 lb), cracked corn (22 lb), beef suet, and grit. Call the Trust at 566-9150.
- Nov. 7** - The Natural History Society's meeting will feature Jim Jenkins speaking on "Life Along the Shore". The meeting starts at 7:30 pm at the Farm Centre on University Avenue in Charlottetown. **YN**
- Nov. 24 to 26** - North American Gull Conference, a Birder's Journal Special Event featuring Lars Jonsson (Birds of Europe fame) as well as Jon Dunn, Paul Lehman and others will be held at Niagara Falls, Ontario.
- Dec. 5** - The Natural History Society's second evening in a three night bird course being offered by the Society. Ray Cooke will be the guest speaker and his talk will be "Using the Ear and Eye, Identification of the More Common Birds of P.E.I." The meeting starts at 7:30 pm at the Farm Centre on University Avenue in Charlottetown. **YN**
- Dec. 16** - The National Park Christmas Bird Count and lunch time pot-luck. If you are interested in participating, please contact Dan McAskill 569-4351.
- Dec. 26** - The Hillsborough Christmas Bird Count and pot-luck supper. If you are interested in participating, please contact Dan McAskill 569-4351.
- Dec. 30** - Montague Christmas Bird Count. If you are interested in participating, please contact Gary Schneider at 583-3068.
- Jan. 2** - The Natural History Society's first meeting of the new millennium will feature member's night and the Annual General Meeting. Contact Meike Keunecke at 961-2737 to arrange any equipment you might need and to allow the public releases to be completed. The night will also feature Brenda Penak's slides on Australia, new sightings of the year, and highlights on rare sightings. The meeting starts at 7:30 pm at the Farm Centre on University Avenue in Charlottetown. "The Beauty of Woodland Flowers - Identification by Flower and Leaf". The meeting starts at 7:30 pm at the Farm Centre on University Avenue in Charlottetown.