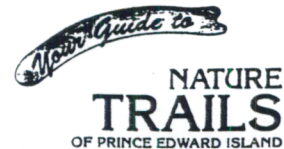


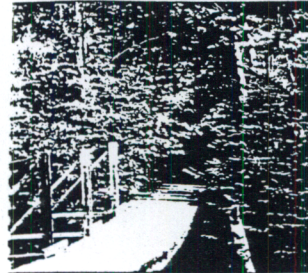
NATURE TRAILS OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

On June 3, Ragweed Press will launch the latest nature book in its Island Pathways Series. *Your Guide to Nature Trails of Prince Edward Island* features biological and historical highlights via the writing of its authors, Dan McAskill and Kate MacQuarrie. Maps created by Mark Arsenault provide detailed information on the 12 sections of the Confederation Trail and 31 shorter trails. These maps are supported by seven overview maps and a base map showing all known trails. Forty colour photographs highlight various aspects of the trails and the biological life of Prince Edward Island.

The launch will start at 7 pm at the Farm Centre on University Avenue. Representatives of ACOA and Tourism PEI will be present and the authors will sign copies. For further information contact Inga Petri at Ragweed Press, 566-5750. *Your Guide to Nature Trails of Prince Edward Island* will be on sale at the Island Nature Trust office at Ravenwood and at local book stores and tourism outlets. It will retail for \$14.95.



YOUR GUIDE TO NATURE TRAILS OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND



ISLAND PATHWAYS



NEWS FROM ABOUT

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Our congratulations go out to Stuart Tingley and David Christie who have established the first nature chat line (e-mail/discussion group) in New Brunswick. At first glimpse it showed lots of interesting information. Contact tingley@nbnet.nb.ca (derived from R. Gautreau e-mail excerpt from nbnature@nbnet.nb.ca)

Horse Chestnut derives its name from its use by the ancient Turks who fed the nuts to horses to cure the heaves. Like many tart nuts, the bitter taste can be washed out of the ground nut meats using water. In the Horse Chestnut, the taste disappears on maturity. A tasty flour can be produced from the mature nuts and it is used in the cosmetics industry to add sparkle and colour to blush.

New Brunswick birders were thrilled with the sighting by Benoit Hebert of the first recorded Tufted Duck at the Tracadie Sewage Lagoon. The second Black-throated Gray Warbler was reported at MacLaren Pond on October 27. (Adapted from N.B. Naturalist 22(4): 104.)

The Quebec Labrador Foundation's Atlantic Centre for the Environment has announced its deadline for its Sustainable Development *Caring for the Earth* Award. This award celebrates the achievements of an individual working in either a volunteer or professional capacity to support sustainable development. Nominations will be accepted if postmarked no later than July 1, 1996.

In July, Environment Minister Sheila Copps announced the banning of lead shot in Canada in 1997. This will reduce lead deposition in wetlands as well as the poisoning of waterfowl picking up this shot from marshlands. (adapted from Nature Views # 105)

Congratulations to Island Nature Trust on the creation of a new nature trail at their Blooming Point property adjacent to Deroche Pond. (from Island Nature Trust Update # 48)

Newfoundland naturalists and birders were very pleased with the December 1st designation of Baccalieu Island Ecological Reserve. This new protected area will provide sanctuary and key habitat protection for large numbers of storm-petrels, Northern Gannets, murrelets, eiders, kittiwakes, and puffins. (adapted from Fresh Tracks: PAA Prints Winter 1995-96)

The proposed new federal Fisheries Act has been moved into another round of consultations.

The Cape Breton Naturalists Society has sponsored a new research group called Biodiversity Research Associates to begin work monitoring changes in biodiversity on a nature reserve near Whycocomagh. The Bornish Hill Nature Reserve site is composed largely of plants from the Acadian forest, an element between the northern Appalachian and Boreal floral groups. Biodiversity and phenology (periodic