

ISLAND NATURE TRUST'S FIRST ANNUAL AUTUMN BIRDING CLASSIC

A BIRDATHON IN SUPPORT OF
NATURAL AREAS CONSERVATION

This year, The Island Nature Trust will hold the First Annual Autumn Birdathon. The funds raised by the birdathon will be used for the Trust's natural areas conservation programs. To date, the Island Nature Trust's land conservation programs have led to the Trust's acquisition of 500 acres (200 ha) of P.E.I. Natural Areas. In addition, 1,112 acres (450 hectares) of natural areas have been protected by other methods.

You can help the Trust's effort this year by sponsoring the Island Nature Trust's Birdathon team members, Dan McAskill, Linda Thomas, and Roberta Palmer. The Trust's team expects to find between 70 and 90 species of birds during the Birdathon which is scheduled for October 15th, 1995. If the weather is quite poor, the team will conduct its counts within fourteen days of this date. All counts will be conducted under the American Birding Association Rules.

To contribute to the Birdathon, simply fill in your name on the attached form and return it to the Island Nature Trust, P.O. Box 265, Charlottetown, P.E.I. C1A 7K4. If it is a flat pledge for the count, it would save money and time if you would submit your pledge with the sheet. Cheques should be made payable to the Island Nature Trust. In addition to you receiving a copy of the results, they will be published in the Natural History Society's Island Naturalist so that the information contributes to our ongoing biological survey information on bird occurrence. This information is used to update the Field Checklist of Birds for Prince Edward Island and is extremely useful to anyone wishing to know more about bird occurrence. Birdathon members are asked to send their completed forms and the money to the Trust by October 28th.

If you would like a pledge sheet to help collect for one of the teams, simply call Barb McDonald or Jackie Waddell at the Island Nature Trust office at 892-7513 or Dan McAskill at 569-4351 (evenings). A tax creditable receipt will be automatically issued by the Trust for all donations to the Birdathon of \$10 or more.

PLEASE PUT ME DOWN FOR A BIRDATHON PLEDGE OF

\$0.15/species ___; \$0.25/species ___; \$___/species; \$___ flat rate

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____

Community: _____ Postal Code: _____

Flat donations can be sent in right away.

Receipts will automatically be sent for all donations of \$10 or more.

Please make cheques payable to the Island Nature Trust. For credit card donations, please complete the following section:

Card Type: ___ Visa ___ Mastercard

Card Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Signature