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"We need another and a wiser and perhaps a more mysterious concept of animals. Remote from universal nature, and living by complicated artifice, man in civilization surveys the creature through the glass of his knowledge and sees thereby a feather magnified and the whole image in distortion. We patronize them for their incompleteness, for their tragic fate of having taken form so far below ourselves. And therein we err, and greatly err. For the animal shall not be measured by man. In a world older and more complete than ours they moved finished and complete, gifted with extensions of the senses we have lost or never attained, living by voices we shall never hear. They are not brethren, they are not underlings. They are other nations, caught with ourselves in the net of life and time, fellow prisoners of the splendor and travail of the earth."

- Henry Beston
(from "The Outermost House")

Next Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, November 4, 1975

TIME: 8 p.m.

PLACE: Provincial Health Building, 3rd Floor, Room 47 and 48. (Enter through the underground garage on west side of the Provincial Administrative Building.

PROGRAM: To be announced.

Announcements

Nature Slide Contest Rules

- (1) Members may submit up to six nature slides taken on P.E.I. during 1975.
- (2) Do not put your name anywhere on the slide mount.
- (3) Submit slides in a sealed envelope bearing your name on the outside.
- (4) Bring slides to the December meeting. They will be judged and shown at the January meeting, 1976.

Junior Naturalists Program

During the October meeting of the Natural History Society, there was some discussion on initiating a junior chapter of the Society. The members present agreed that this was a good idea and appointed a committee of three (Rosemary Curley, Eileen Stewart and Liz Millen) to pursue this matter. They have met once already and hopefully will have something to report to us at the November meeting. Any juniors or adults interested in becoming involved should phone Rosemary Curley at 892-4154 or 892-6843 (home).

No-Luck Duck

Now that the hunting season is open some of you may be having roast duck on your dinner table. Not that seasons mean a lot to some hunters. A case was observed where duck was "main course" on the menu on June 10, 1975, and that's right in the middle of the waterfowl breeding season!

Early one morning while conducting observations for a waterfowl breeding pair survey this summer at Larkins Pond in Selkirk, my attention was attracted by a splashing noise along the pond shoreline. I couldn't tell just what was happening but a few minutes later a male blue-winged teal swam out from the edge. Nothing unusual there!