

Nature Canada's Battling the Beetle by Monique Keiran Vol. 33:2) .

This year, a new brochure titled *Protecting Colonial Nesting Birds on Prince Edward Island* was released thanks to the financial support of the Government of Canada's Environmental Damages Fund, the island Nature Trust and the P.E.I. Department of Environment and Energy. It was written and produced by the Trust.

The Piping Plover conservation and exclosure program in the P.E.I. National Park was again successful with 13 pairs raising 27 chicks to fledging. The fledging rate per pair was 2.07 chicks which is a sustainable recruitment rate (adapted from Society's presentation by Linda Thomas).

Meetings and E-mail discussion are underway on the feasibility of establishing a new Maritimes Breeding Bird Atlas. Representatives of various groups met on Nov. 6 in Sackville to discuss ways and means to do it.

The Grand Opening of the Hillsborough Eco-Centre and Library C.A.P. Site Complex was held at Mount Stewart on September 11, 2004 (HRA release)

## BIRD LIST SERVER:

By David Seeler

With more than 50 people now subscribed to the PEIBirders List, and a number of them living off-Island, I suggest the following protocol be followed in order that those subscribing to the list make the best use of their time by including message headers:

1. If it is a Rare Bird Report: Place the prefix " RBA:" in the Subject Line.
2. If it is a trip report: Place the prefix "Trip Report:" in the Subject Line
3. If it is related to yard or feeder birds: Place the prefix " Yard or Feeder Birds:" in the Subject line.

This should allow those off island to quickly locate RBAs and bypass other reports if they are considering visiting PEI.

## SOCIETY'S EAST POINT BIRD OUTING:

By Dwaine Oakley

Well the weather turned out to be great (just like I ordered) and nine brave souls headed to East Point on October 17<sup>th</sup> to see what birds were about. Here are some of the birds of interest:

2 Red-throated Loon

1 Black-legged Kittiwake - seen by Dan Kennedy only

Northern Gannets were numerous

5 Long-tailed Duck - the first reported this Fall

3 Bald Eagles - all immatures

1 Northern Harrier

1 Sharp-shinned Hawk

1 Merlin

1 Peregrine Falcon - seen by myself, Eric, Les, Joan and Meika cruising along a hay field just after the rest of the group left for home

1 Palm Warbler

4 Cliff Swallow - probably remnants of the huge flock that was seen on Oct. 6 & 7

Pine Siskin - small flocks circling and calling around the point



Red-throated Loon