

ENVIRONMENTAL CALENDAR:

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

YN = young naturalists encouraged to attend or participate

- Mar. 28** - The Island Nature Trust's Annual Fund Raising Dinner and Auction will be held at the Delta Hotel in Charlottetown. Tickets will go on sale in January. You can order tickets or obtain information at 892-7513
- Apr. 1** - Jesse Francis will be the Society's guest speaker with a show on "The Path of our Forefathers", the new nature and culture trail at Lennox Island. The meeting starts at 7:30 PM at the Farm Centre on University Avenue in Charlottetown. **YN**
- Apr. 6 to 12** - National Wildlife Week in Canada with the theme "*Native Species, Nature's Choice*"
- Apr. 12** - Natural History Society bird outing to East Point with host Dan Kennedy. Meet at East Point Lighthouse parking lot at 9 am. Please pre-register with Dan at 651-2926.
- Apr. 19** - Natural History Society Owl Hoot commencing at 7:30. Meet at Dan Kennedy's in Vernon River Civic address # 633 on Route 212. Please pre-register with Dan at 651-2926.
- Apr. 22** - *Earth Day*, a day set aside worldwide to take positive action for the world's environment.
- May 2-3** - *Provincial Forest ENVIROTHON* for senior high school students (High School Students should ask their science teacher or visit the web site <http://www.gov.pe.ca/af/agweb/index.php3>)
- May 4 - 10** - National Forestry Week for Canada with this year's theme "*Source of Life*".
- May 6** - "Identifying and Finding Warblers" is the topic for Society's March meeting will be Eric Marcum and Dwaine Oakley. The meeting starts at 7:30 PM at the Farm Centre on University Avenue in Charlottetown.
- May 10** - International Migratory Bird Count Day. This migration monitoring program allows birders to spend a few hours or all day in the field recording birds and then through on-line submission of the results, to contribute to the ongoing information collection on bird migration. For more information contact <http://birds.fws.gov/imbd/>
- May 12** - Natural History Society *birding walk* with host Eric Marcum. Meet at Victoria Park at the canteen by the tennis courts at 8 am. **YN**
- May 17** - Natural History Society *birding walk* with hosts Ben Hoteling and Dwaine Oakley. Meet in Cavendish at the camp ground parking lot at 8 am sharp for a birding walk on the Homestead Trail.
- May 25** - A *big day count* to kick off the spring birding season. Assemble your team and try to beat the May big day record of over 130 species. Call your results into David Seeler.
- May 31** - *Bain Bird Count*. Please submit your lists of sightings to Dan McAskill (see inner cover for contact instructions)
- Jun. 3** - Anne Ferraro will speak on the Oiled Bird Recovery Program at the Society's monthly meeting. The meeting starts at 7:30 PM at the Farm Centre on University Avenue in Charlottetown.
- Jun. 2 to 7** - National Environment Week with the theme "*Make a Difference!*"

The Chimney Swift was once a fairly common bird in some areas of Prince Edward Island. There have been very few sightings in recent years with the most recent on record being in the Murray River area. If you should happen to see its distinctive silhouette or hear of someone on the Island who has them nesting, please call or E-mail the Society.

