

(ie artificial holding ponds or fish hatcheries), rarely do they pose a threat to the fishery. The bulk of their food consists of non-commercial species, including sculpins, cunner, sticklebacks, rock gunnel, etc. But old prejudices die hard - as far as some are concerned, cormorants eat fish and that's all that matters. Nevertheless, cormorants are protected species on P.E.I. and in most places. Will their reputation as greedy, destructive enemies of valuable game and commercial fish species ever change?

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NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY RAFFLE. This fall the Natural History Society and the Island Nature Trust have mounted an exhibition of nature photographs of P.E.I. entitled "The Wild Side of the Isle". Originally displayed at the Eptek Center in Summerside, the exhibition has now been invited to tour to other centers across the province. Costs associated with mounting the exhibit have run to over \$550. A raffle is being held to help defray these expenses. The draw will be held on Dec. 15, with a prize of an 11 x 14 inch framed print of the winner's choice of any one of the 26 photos in the exhibit. Tickets are available at \$1.00 each from Rosemary Curley. Please give your support.
