

The terms of reference are to advise the minister on matters pertaining to Natural Areas on P.E.I. The committee is concerned primarily with long range policy planning rather than going from one immediate crisis to another. One of the priorities will be to develop a strategy for the implementation of the Prince Edward Island section of the International Biological Program report. The committee will set up objectives and management proposals for nature reserves and will initiate research where necessary.

- Diane Griffin
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Natural History Society Summer Outings

We had a very successful series of field trips for the summer of 1974. We have a full schedule planned for 1975, to new and different places on P.E.I., as well as revisiting the old favorites. For all field trips, meet at 10:00 A.M. at the Y.M.C.A. corner in Charlottetown. This is the only announcement of the trips, so save the list for reference over the summer.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Leader</u>
June 14	Beaver Dam	Rosemary Curley
June 28	Indian River Wildlife Management Area	Daryl Guignon
July 19	Spry Point	Kathy Martin
August 2	Greenwich Sand Dunes	Margo Guignon
August 23	Mushroom Hunt	T. B. A.
September 13	Devil's Punchbowl Provincial Park and the old Princetown Road	Diane Griffin
October 4	Winter River	Margaret Mallett

Maritime Nest Record Scheme

Results from 1974 nest record card submissions were released in April. Eleven cooperators from P.E.I. submitted 158 cards, the highest number received from P.E.I. since 1968. The following is a summary of the contributions for 1974:

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Kathy Martin (U.P.E.I., several with B.Butler, E.Hickey and D.Martin)	49
Geoff Hogan (Charlottetown)	46
Mary Wilms (Charlottetown)	18
Peter Barkhouse (P.E.I. Nat. Park, several with P.Crouch)	14
Nelson Hurry (Charlottetown)	11
Pauline Crouch (P.E.I. Nat. Park, several with P.Barkhouse)	7
Margaret Mallett (Charlottetown)	6
Randy Dibblee (Charlottetown); S.Tingley (Sachville, N.B.)	3 ea.
Cpt. Eric Holdway (Pictou); Keith McAloney (Amherst, N.S.)	1 ea.

Total cards received from Prince Edward Island - 1974 159

Since its inception in 1960, the Maritimes Nest Records Scheme has assembled 16,426 nest record cards. Provincially, totals for the 15-year period are as follows: New Brunswick - 8,045, Nova Scotia - 6,728, and Prince Edward Island - 1,653. During 1974 the Scheme received 752 cards from 61 co-operators. An additional 33 cards were submitted for earlier years. The Scheme has amassed over 1,000 cards for three species; American Robin, Barn Swallow, and Common Grackle; over 500 cards for Red-winged Blackbird and Starling; and over 200 cards each for fifteen other species. During the year five researchers borrowed cards of 13 species in addition to the Canadian Wildlife Service use of all data on sea bird colonies.