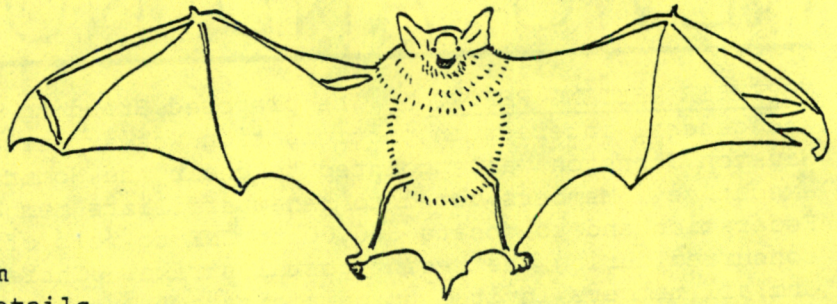


HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A BAT ON P.E.I. ? Sue Stevenson, a student in the mammalogy course at U.P.E.I., is interested in learning more about Island bats. If you have ever seen bats on P.E.I., she would be happy to hear from you. Please include as many details



as possible of where (name of community plus specific site - i.e. in a barn, attic, hunting over a pond, or whatever), when (time of day, exact date and year if known, or at least month or season), how many, whether dead or alive, and what the bat was doing when you saw it. She would especially like to learn of roosting sites and whether or not bats overwinter on the Island. Any information you can provide would be greatly appreciated. Sue can be contacted through the Biology Department at the University of P.E.I. (phone 892-4121 ext. 170).

NATURE CALENDARS AVAILABLE. A limited number of Canadian Nature 1982 calendars will be on sale at the December meeting. The price is \$6.50, which is considerably less than in local stores. These calendars are large and glossy and are attractively boxed for easy mailing or wrapping. And, of course, each purchase helps the Canadian Nature Federation. Also available is the new Nature Canada Bookshop catalogue. It contains the titles of hundreds of nature books, plus note paper, binoculars, bird feeders, recordings, T-shirts, etc., etc. Most items are listed at a 10% discount. The catalogue is an excellent place to find Christmas gifts for nature lovers. Contact Winnie Cairns or Margaret Mallett for catalogues.



NATURE CANADA AND CNF MEMBERSHIP. The Canadian Nature Federation is once again making an effort to increase membership among grassroots naturalists across the country. The Natural History Society, as an affiliate member of the Federation, encourages its members to become individual members of CNF. Each membership in the Canadian Nature Federation brings with it four glossy issues of Nature Canada, Canada's national nature magazine. As a CNF member you will have a national voice on environmental issues and will know that part of your membership fee goes to support conservation efforts across the country. If you are already a CNF member, don't forget it's renewal time. And, if you are not, now is an excellent time to join! CNF memberships (including the Nature Canada magazine) make great gifts for family or friends. Send \$15.00 to Canadian Nature Federation, 75 Albert St., Ottawa, Ont. K1P 6G1.

THE NATURE OF THINGS. Watch The Nature of Things on CBC television on Wed., Dec. 9 at 8 pm for a special film entitled A Natural Turn of Events. The film depicts the development of Toronto's Leslie Street Spit from its beginnings in 1959 as a land-fill site. Today the 5 km long spit provides a home for a wide variety of birds and plant life. How the Leslie St. Spit came to be a wildlife sanctuary in an industrial setting is almost entirely due to natural occurrence. Man provided the foundation but Nature did the rest, turning a dump into a wild garden where trees, shrubs and flowers attract migrating Monarch butterflies stopping off on their way to the United States and Mexico. Ring-billed gulls first nested there in 1973 and now number 67,000 pairs! Other users include Caspian terns, Canada geese, shorebirds and ducks. Biologists have been keeping careful track of these populations over several years, as well as checking on the small mammals like mice and voles which thrive there. For those who have not had the opportunity to visit the Leslie St. Spit, A Natural Turn of Events offers some spectacular scenes of the multitude of birds which congregate almost on the doorstep of Toronto's waterfront.