



NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

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MEETINGS are held on the first Tuesday of the month (except June, July, August and September) at 8:00 p.m. at the Farm Centre on University Avenue, Charlottetown. Members and non-members are welcome.

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This month's cover

The Snowshoe Hare (*Lepus americanus*) is a common sight on Prince Edward Island, and this time of year is almost pure white as a camouflage against predators, while in the summer it's fur is brown. About 18" in length, this mammal feeds on twigs (alder, pine and larch seem to be the favourites around here) and spend quite a bit of time near the compost pile and bird feeders in the evening.