

**NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND LTD.
P.O. BOX 2346, CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I. C1A 8C1**

MEETINGS are held of the first Tuesday of the month (except June, July, August, and September) at 7:30 p.m. at the Farm Centre, 420 University Avenue, Charlottetown. Members and non-members are welcome. Please bring your coffee cup so that we will contribute as little as possible to the waste stream.

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