

Murphy; VM - Vince MacIntyre; WMac - Wade MacKinnon; DO - Dwaine Oakley; JP - Joy Phillips; RP - Roberta Palmer; RPh - Robin Phillips; MR - Maurice Roy; GS - Gary Schneider; VS - Vern Sanderson; DWT - Dale Thompson; LT - Linda Thomas; JW - Jackie Waddell; P&AW - Pat & Ann Wootton and LY - Lorne Yeo.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CALENDAR:**

**Note: Natural History Society events are open to the public.**

- Dec. 18 to Jan. 3 - This will be the 99th Christmas Bird count period. The Society will feature two registered counts and one unregistered counts during this period (see map below). The National Park Count will open the set on Saturday, December 19th followed by the Hillsborough River Count on Sunday December 27th and then the Montague Count on Saturday, January 2nd. The coordinator for the National Park and Hillsborough Counts is Dan McAskill (569-4351) while Gary Schneider (583-3068) will coordinate the Montague Count.
- Jan. 5 - Annual meeting and election of officers for the Natural History Society starting at 7:30 pm at the Farm Centre on University Avenue. Dan McAskill will speak on rare bird sightings on P.E.I. during the past 7 years and new species that might be anticipated.
- Jan. 26 - The Pesticides Advisory Committee of the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry will receive representations on any matter concerning pesticide use on P.E.I. Written presentations or verbal presentations based on a written document will be received by the Committee. There will be afternoon and evening meetings at the Howard Johnston Dutch Inn in North River. Contact Teresa Mellish at 902-368-5605 to register your intent to submit a brief and to obtain a time slot to meet with the Committee.
- Feb. - deadline for nominations for the Heritage Awards from the P.E.I. Museum and Heritage Foundation. Contact the Museum at 368-6600 for forms.
- Feb. 2 - Jessie Francis of the P.E.I. National Park will be the Society's guest speaker with the illustrated presentation "Tracks in the Snow". The meeting starts at 7:30 pm at the Farm Centre on University Avenue.
- Feb. 13 - Society field trip starting at 10 am at the Dalvay Interpretive Centre. Jessie Francis will be our leader and the walk will feature snowshoeing and looking for animal tracks.
- Feb. 19 to 22 - 2nd Annual Backyard Bird Count sponsored by the Audubon Society and the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology. Enter your counts directly in the BirdSource website <http://birdsource.cornell.edu> If you have questions, e-mail [scoyne@audubon.org](mailto:scoyne@audubon.org) or contact the newsletter editor (see inner cover).
- Mar. 2 - David Boyce of the Southeast Environmental Association will be the Society's feature speaker with the topic "Using Stream Life in Water Monitoring". The meeting starts at 7:30 pm at the Farm Centre on University Avenue.
- Mar. 20 - Sound of the Night Natural History Society field trip will feature frogs and owls (weather permitting). Meet at the Farm Centre (see next newsletter for time).
- Apr. 6 - The Society's meeting will start at 7:30 pm at the Farm Centre on University Avenue. Randy Dibblee will be our guest speaker with the presentation "Muskrat Life on P.E.I."
- Apr. 6 - Jackie Waddell of the Island Nature Trust will our tour leader for this walk in search for muskrats, frogs, and woodcocks on the Blooming Point Natural Area Trail. *park to no me*
- May 4 - *park to no me* Astrology will be the focus at the Natural History Society's meeting which starts at 7:30 pm at the Farm Centre on University Avenue.
- May 14 - The Society's field trip will be on spring warblers and their songs. See the next newsletter for details.