



NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

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

MEMBERSHIP is open to anyone interested in the natural history of Prince Edward Island. Membership is available at any meeting or by contacting Margaret Mallett, 53 Fitzroy St., Charlottetown, P.E.I. C1A 1R4 (telephone 894-9595). Annual rates are as follows: regular - \$4; student - \$2; family \$5. Renewals are due in early January.

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This month's cover

The RED OAK (*Quercus rubrus*) was the favorite in recent balloting to choose a provincial tree. The leaves turn red to bright orange in the fall, and often stay on part or all of the tree throughout the winter. The red oak is an important tree for wildlife - acorns, buds and twigs provide for for red squirrels, snowshoe hares and many birds from blue jays to ruffed grouse.

