

In 1974 there were 55 paid-up members. Several were out-of-the-province members.

A committee was chosen to investigate the establishment of a provincial bird for P.E.I. Rosemary Curley, Bruce McLean, Phil Michael and Bill Reddin were appointed to this committee. They will report their decisions back to a general meeting at a later date.

Notes from the January Outing

About fifteen enthusiastic members showed up for our snowshoe and cross country ski outing on Rustico Island in the National Park. The day was unseasonably warm with 40 degree temperatures and no wind. After being serenaded by chickadees and nuthatches we adjourned to Stanhope Lane for an outdoor picnic and shish-kabob. All of us became convinced that shish-kabobs should be added to everyone's outdoor cuisinary adventures both winter and summer.

STRIKING A BLOW FOR "CLEAN ISLAND"

Scene: Downtown Charlottetown, at the main traffic lights.

Four girls were standing beside a trash can, waiting for the "walk" signal. One girl took out a stick of gum and let the outside wrapper drop on the sidewalk; a second later she let the inner wrapper drop.

An interested onlooker picked up the two bits of litter and proffered them, saying politely: "Excuse me, lady, you've dropped something".

With a deflated "Aw-w-w-w" the girl pocketed the papers. Two blocks farther along her three companions were still giggling.

- Margaret Mallett  
Charlottetown

The Christmas Bird Count was conducted in P.E.I. National Park on December 14 and in the Hillsborough area on December 21, 1974. Results are tabulated in the following table:

<u>Species</u>	<u>P.E.I. National Park</u>	<u>Hillsborough Area</u>
Common Loon	2	1
Double-crested Cormorant	-	2
Great Blue Heron	1	1
Canada Goose	255	1267
Black Duck	854	858
Greater Scaup	233	18
Common Goldeneye	139	300
Barrow's Goldeneye	22	2
Bufflehead	3	-
Common Eider	-	6
Oldsquaw	46	119
White-winged Scoter	2	4
Surf Scoter	-	1
Black Scoter	-	27
Common Merganser	143	184
Red-breasted Merganser	-	3
Rough-legged Hawk	-	1
Marsh Hawk	2	-
Ruffed Grouse	1	-
Ring-necked Pheasant	-	1
Glaucous Gull	-	1
Great Black-backed Gull	100	230
Herring Gull	426	1013
Bonaparte's Gull	-	1
Rock Dove	75	132
Snowy Owl	1	-