

a new bird for the province. Needless to say, we were on a cloud for the rest of the day, and even if we failed in our quest for 106 species, we had found a good bird.

Our little troupe of warblers had brought us up to 95 species, but we were still short on woodpeckers and thrushes so we headed into Long Pond along one of the well-maintained trails in the park. Halfway in the sky opened and within a matter of minutes we were soaked almost to the skin.

A flock of tree swallows from the blind at the pond and a brown creeper were our reward though, and back in the truck we desperately tried to figure how we could add even three more species to tie us for second place in the big day sweepstakes.

We decided on one final run to Pisquid and the Ducks Unlimited impoundment there to search for marsh birds that might be enjoying the decidedly fall-type winds and rain. It was almost dark when we arrived, and not having any rain gear, I volunteered to observe from the truck while Rob headed for the marsh.

It would be nice to think that this story had a happy ending but such is not always the case in real life. Rob did pick up a sora and a wigeon to bring our total to 99 species, but the elements and old-man time finally ran out on us.

Driving back to Borden through the pouring rain we went over our list a dozen times trying to see if we had inadvertently missed a species - to no avail. We also went through a lot of "what if's" as well. In the end though, we realized that we were probably lucky to get what we did, considering we had done our day a week later than any of the other two teams, and in poor conditions to boot.

The fact that birding is as much luck as good planning was certainly brought home to us as we thought back over the day, and even though Stuart and Blake will remain champs for another year, they had better be careful "cause we'll be back."

## Earns scholarship

Geoff Hogan of New Wiltshire has been awarded an Orville Ericksen Memorial Scholarship by the Canadian Wildlife Federation it was announced today by Lorne Yeo, 2nd Vice President of the Federation. Geoff is a past president of the Natural History Society of Prince Edward Island. He is a masters student in the Museum Studies Program at the University of Toronto.

Mr. Yeo indicated that the scholarship was established in memory of the late Orville Ericksen of Saskatchewan, a past president of the Canadian Wildlife Federation. "Each year, scholarships are given to students throughout Canada for university studies related to wildlife. They are selected on the basis of academic achievement and the benefit their program of study will have for wildlife."

Mr. Hogan is currently serving an internship with the P.E.I. Museum and Heritage Foundation and will resume his studies in Toronto in September. He is a graduate of the University of Alberta and holds a Masters of Science degree from Brock University.