



# NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

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

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## **This month's cover**

SUGAR or ROCK MAPLE (*Acer saccharum*) is a common tree in our Acadian forests, and is highly valued for its natural beauty as well as for furniture wood, firewood and the sap which is boiled to make maple syrup. Its leaves give a magnificent display of colour - red, yellow and orange - in the fall. In mature trees, the bark looks as if it were cut and just starting to peel. As fall approaches on P.E.I., take the time to get out and enjoy the tremendous range of colours around us, that help make this such a special time of the year.