

THE BONSHAW HILLS TRAIL CLEAN-UP slated for Saturday, May 7 suffered two postponements but finally got under way at 5:30 on the evening of May 19. Bob Perry and a small cohort from the NHS hit the trail at Bonshaw with saw, axe and orange paint and cleared up the 3 mile stretch to the Mill Creek Road. Now if you "follow the orange" there is little likelihood of going astray on that part of the trail. A clean-up of the remaining sections of the trail is scheduled for Saturday, October 1. Participants will meet at the service station in Bonshaw at 1:00 p.m. but should Saturday be rainy, the clean-up will be held on Sunday. The Trail Club is planning additional signage to mark the trail.

FORMER NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY PRESIDENT LEAVES PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

On the first of September, Diane Griffin and her family moved to Edmonton, Alberta. Diane has taken a job with the Alberta Provincial Government as Natural Areas Coordinator in the Department of Energy and Natural Resources. In 1973 Diane completed her M.Sc. in botany at Acadia University. She then returned to P.E.I. and was employed for the past four years as an interpretive planner with the Provincial Department of Tourism, Parks and Conservation. During that time Diane became enthusiastically involved in environmental and conservation organizations and activities on Prince Edward Island. She served on the executives of H.O.P.E., and the Bonshaw Hills Trail Club and was an extremely active member of the Natural History Society. For the last two years she served as President of the Natural History Society. In addition to her provincial activities she has represented Prince Edward Island's conservation interests nationally on the boards of the Canadian Society of Interpreters and the Canadian Nature Federation. Diane is a botanist of note and frequently provided liaison and assistance between various levels of government, the University of Prince Edward Island and the general public. Those of us involved in environmental activities will miss keenly her energy, enthusiasm and ideas. Diane has indicated that she will remain involved in the planning of the 1978 annual meeting of the Canadian Nature Federation to be held in Charlottetown and she will return next August to help with last minute details. We wish Diane all the best in her new job and hope that she and her family enjoy their stay in Edmonton.

GRANVILLE OSPREYS HAVE THEIR PROBLEMS

In 1976 ospreys were often observed flying over the peninsula between the Granville River and the Trout River in North Granville. That we were never near their nest was apparent from the lack of agitation in their behaviour. In the early fall a cottager on the west side of the Granville River reported that the nest was in view from one spot on his property, and back across the river we found the nest near the wooded hilltop. The ospreys were not around, probably having migrated. During the winter the nest blew down.

This spring, 1977, the ospreys returned - but where was their new nest? In August the same cottager informed us of the new location on the east side of the River. Presumably there had been young birds this year - judging by the protective behaviour of the adults around the nest. Once again, disaster struck. The nest in an old pine tree was blown down in the wild wind storm of September 14 and 15, 1977. Fortunately any young birds should have fledged by this time.

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