



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 7:30 p.m. at the Farm Centre on University Avenue, Charlottetown. Members and non-members are welcome. Please bring your coffee cup so that we will contribute as little as possible to the waste stream.

MEMBERSHIP is open to anyone interested in the natural history of Prince Edward Island. Membership is available at any meeting or by contacting Dan McAskill, Charlottetown RR # 5, Donagh, P.E.I. C1A 7J8 (phone 569-4351). Annual membership rates are: single - \$4; family - \$5. Renewals are due in January. Membership expiry dates are in the top right hand corner of the mailing label.

The Society is directed by a volunteer executive elected from its members.

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NEWSLETTERS are published bi-monthly on recycled paper. Articles, notes, reports, drawings, etc. are welcomed from members and non-members. If you have seen anything unusual, please share it with us. It is important to have your observations recorded so that others may learn from them. "Today's notations become tomorrow's history". All contributions should be sent to:

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#### THIS MONTHS COVER

The advent of late summer has brought cool, damp weather and a tremendous flush of fungi throughout the woods and fields. The Fly Agaric (Amanita muscaria) pictured on the cover is found in many spruce, pine, fir and birch stands both in North America and Eurasia. It reproduces from spores dropped from the gills on the underside of the cap. Its bright yellow to orange cap is usually covered by whitish or yellowish warts but these can be missing. The Fly Agaric is known for its fly stunning properties and is a powerful hallucinogen which can have very unpleasant effects on the nervous and digestive systems.