

ISLAND WINGS

Island Wings take flight



A colouring book of Prince Edward Island Birds

It seems hard to believe but I just received a call from the printers and there are eight boxes of colouring books ready to be picked up! Printing delays have been incredible, but the final product should be worth the effort.

Connie Gaudet's illustrations are on an equal level with the best I've seen, and everything looks so familiar, birds and background. Every month has its own bird, common at that time of year, and Geoff Hogan's text compliments the drawings well.

The twelve birds are Snow Bunting, Common Merganser, Canada Goose, American Robin, Common Flicker, Yellow Warbler, Great Blue Heron, American Kestrel, Herring Gull, Blue Jay, European Starling and Evening Grosbeak. The colouring book also includes the Short Study 1 (first published by the P.E.I. Museum and Heritage Foundation) that lets you know when to expect new species during spring.

The colouring book will be distributed through Island bookstores, museums and tourist outlets, and at NHS meetings and workshops. One thousand copies have been printed, and if sales go well the Society hopes to become more active in getting natural history material published.

The Trustees of the James L. Baillie Memorial Fund for Bird Research and Preservation welcome applications for grants for research in 1989. Projects involving research and/or conservation of birds in Canada will be considered, with a strong preference for applications from amateurs and others not eligible for grants from major academic funding sources. Graduate research studies are rarely supported, and only if they involve a major contribution by volunteer naturalists. Grants do not normally exceed \$1000.00. Applications for non-atlas research grants must be made on forms available from the Secretary, who must receive the completed application and supporting letters of recommendation by 31 December 1988. Applicants are advised to obtain the forms and guidelines well in advance. Because of the growing number of breeding bird atlas projects in Canada, the Trustees have decided to establish a special category for remote travel grants for participants in such atlas projects. Potential applicants should enquire as to whether the atlas of their interest is participating. Application forms and guidelines are available from Martin K. McNicholl, Secretary, J. L. Baillie Memorial Fund, c/o Long Point Bird Observatory, Box 160, Port Rowan, Ontario NOE 1M0. Tax-deductible contributions to the Fund are always welcome, and should be directed to the same address.

With any luck, this issue of the Island Naturalist should reach members before the October meeting. The deadline for the November-December issue will be early October. I will pick up any bird sightings or stories at the October 4 meeting, or you could mail them to me at the address on page two of the newsletter.