

High technology is becoming a reality in monitoring wildlife populations. The Audubon magazine (March, 1991) reported the use of an automatic weighbridge and an infrared scanner to weigh and identify Adelle penguins in an Antarctica colony. The weight and identification codes on each trip to and from the colony are relayed by radio to Tasmania. This study will allow scientists to collect information on krill, the little shrimplike animals which support populations of baleen whales and other animals in Antarctica.

The P.E.I. Fish and Wildlife Division has entered the busy spring survey period. Along with the Canadian Wildlife Service they have canon netted Canada Geese for installation of neck collars to monitor geese migration and they have installed radio collars on overwintering Black Ducks to see where they breed. In addition the Fish and Wildlife Division has or will be conducting breeding pair surveys for waterfowl, woodcock surveys, a five year angling survey, a survey of the winter ice fishery, and fish counts on five fish ladders.

The spring 1991 issue of the World Wildlife's Fund "Working for Wildlife" indicated that the WWF had invested \$1,049,938 on 120 conservation projects between July 1, 1990 and December 31, 1991. These research project investments endangered species, endangered spaces, wildlife toxicology, international, and educational programs.

The Alberta Breeding Bird Atlas is entering its final field season and is asking for volunteers and financial assistance to complete the project on time. If you're planning a trip to Alberta and can help with the Atlas or if you wish to contribute financially contact the Alberta Bird Atlas c/o Provincial Museum of Alberta, 12845-102 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta T5N 0M6. This is a Federation of Alberta Naturalists project. (Alberta Bird Atlas Newsletter Vol.5, No.1)

Marc DesMeules, a NHS member and the Director of Science and Stewardship for the Vermont Nature Conservancy, recently returned from a working trip to Guatemala where he provided technical assistance to Latin American conservation partners working on the Sierra de las Minas National Park. The Cerezo government has been supporting an ambitious program to create 44 preserves and Marc helped establish a workplan, compiled a list of priority tasks for both staff and board members, and established a budget. (adapted from "The Oak Log", Summer 1990)

For those wishing a different kind of gift, try this - Adopt a Wild Bird! The Long Point Bird Observatory is offering an colour print of the bird, an adoption plaque ready for framing, a certificate of adoption listing your bird's band number, age, sex, weight, and general information on its range and habits. The price varies from \$30 for a red-breasted Nuthatch to \$100 for a Sharp-shinned Hawk. The funds will support Project Recovery, the monitoring the breeding and wintering habitat of the birds that migrate through Long Point.

The Spring 1991 Issue of Season, the Federation of Ontario Naturalists magazine indicated that the Inner Bay at Long Point is being threatened by a 75 unit marina-condominium development proposal. The Canadian Environmental Defense Fund will challenge the proposal before the Ontario Municipal Board. The same issue also indicated that Ontario's Environment Minister Ruth Grier has announced that the government will introduce Ontario's first environmental bill of rights.

One of the mainstays of the P.E.I. National Park, Ms. Edna Hall, will be leaving the province shortly for new Canadian Parks Service challenges in Newfoundland. Edna has been a dynamo with the Park on the Island. She opened up contacts with conservation groups, encouraged improved dialogues between the tourism industry and conservationists, and supported workshops and events for Wildlife'87, Piping Plover monitoring and communications, the Touch Nature campaign, and other events. Thanks Edna. Best wishes from all of us.