

on Mar. 31 (BH); **Red-winged Blackbird** - back at Mount Albion on March 30 (HJ), back at Graham's Pond on Apr. 2 (VMac), 2 at Brackley feeder on April 3 (RP); **Northern Oriole** - 1 female at Summerside feeder on Nov. 27-28 (GMa); **Common Grackle** - first back at Graham's Pond on Mar. 19 with large numbers arriving on Apr. 2 (VMac, GJ), first sighted in Donagh this spring on Mar. 28 (JDM), 60 at Desable on Apr. 3 with Rusty Blackbirds and a few Red-winged Blackbirds (JDM, BB); **Brown-headed Cowbird** - 1 male at Brackley feeder (RP); **Hoary Redpoll** - 1 at Sally and Bill Hooff's Malpeque feeder Feb. 22-24 (LH); 1 at Crossroads on April 4 (BH); **Common Redpoll** - numerous sightings this winter from across the province; **Northern Junco** - 5 at Donagh feeder on Apr. 2 (JDM); **American Tree Sparrow** - 4 at Donagh feeder most of winter (JDM), 3 at Brackley feeder on Apr. 1 (RP); **Chipping Sparrow** - 1 at Donagh feeder on Apr. 9 (JDM); **Fox Sparrow** - 1 at Kinlock Road on Mar. 26 and 2 on Apr. 3 (WC); **Song Sparrow** - singing at Brackley feeder on April 3 (RP), singing at Beach Grove on Apr. 7 (JDM).

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AMPHIBIAN SURVEYS

by Dan McAskill

The 1993 amphibian surveys will be the feature article in the next issue of the Island Naturalist. Many members who participated last year have asked whether they will continue in 1994 and the answer is **YES**. They will however undergo some changes as we had problems getting information on the green frog and the northern leopard frog using the prescribed listening techniques. We're trying top sort out why at this time. It may be necessary to extend the recording period into the summer or to utilize a different technique altogether. You will know shortly as work on our paper is nearing completion. We also have very few observations from far western part of the Island and would like to obtain observers in that area.

In addition to the frog calls survey we also are searching for information on salamanders and snakes. Casual observations on location and, especially, habitat occurrence information are of particular interest.

If you would like to obtain survey forms, please contact Dan McAskill at RR # 5, Charlottetown, PE C1A 7J8 or phone 569-4351 in the evenings.