

My most rigid judging criteria was based on the challenge presented in capturing a "perfect" photographic opportunity.

This keen eye was Rosemary Curley's, who won the best photograph. For those of you who did not attend, this photo was a beautifully lit scene of freezing rain evenly covering every needle of a pine tree branch and cones.

Second best photograph went to Margaret Mallett for an absolutely gorgeous sunset scene over Cape Islander fishing boats. This was a very close competition for first. Donald Wilkinson won best bird photograph. The special feature of this photo is the detail. The bright outstanding colours, contrast and uniqueness of form brought out a National Geographic quality photograph.

Thank you for making this contest a pleasure to judge. I would like to encourage more people to take photos of the Island, its flora and fauna.

#### MARITIMES BREEDING BIRD ATLAS LAUNCHED

by Dan McAskill

The long awaited for publication of *Atlas of Breeding Birds of the Maritime Provinces* is complete. This book by Anthony J. Erskine collates the data collected by over 1,100 volunteers to provide the first up-to-date and comprehensive picture of the distribution of birds that nest in the Maritimes. The detailed distribution maps and accompanying species accounts provide information on breeding distribution, population, and natural history with a forecast on each species' prospects for the future. Geographical and historical background information for understanding the distribution of birds in the Maritimes and a pocketed set of transparent overlay maps showing geographic, ecological, cultural, and climatic information which can be placed over the breeding area maps are also included. The book was published by Nimbus Publishing and the Nova Scotia Department of Education. It is available in Charlottetown from the Bird's Eye Nature Store for \$32.

#### CANADA GEESE NESTING FAILURE

Adapted from "1992 Migratory Game  
Bird Hunting in Canada" DOE Canadian Wildlife Service

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Canadian Wildlife Service cooperative Arctic goose nesting habitat surveys conducted in June of 1992 revealed that, due to snow and ice cover, there may be no production at all by Lesser Snow Geese and Canada Geese in the eastern Arctic. Despite these findings, the two services felt that emergency changes to hunting regulations for 1992 were not necessary. Thus, daily bag limits on Prince Edward Island remain unchanged.

The Natural History Society has requested background information on adult to juvenile ratios, other waterfowl survey information, and population levels so that a full length article can be prepared on this topic.

#### NEWS FROM ABOUT

An agreement was signed on August 7th to establish a new national park to be representative of the Lowlands natural region in the Western Arctic on Banks Island. The park will be called "Aulavik" which means "where people travel". It's 12,275 square kilometers, about twice the size of P.E.I.,