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NATURALISTS IN ACTION:

There are many Islanders out there who have committed a great deal of their personal time and energy into wildlife conservation. One such individual is Daryl Guignon. In Daryl's case, the commitment covers both his chosen professional career in teaching in the Biology Department of U.P.E.I. and much of his "free" time.



Part of the task of improving the state of wildlife conservation is the capability of looking at and assessing both the environment and the efforts to conserve it. Daryl was a lecturer advocating awareness and conservation of various species for the Natural History Society in its early days. He was part of the interdisciplinary team that conducted watershed studies on the Dunk River in the 1970s focusing on waterfowl and creel census data collection. He served on the Natural Areas Advisory Committee until he and other realized in the late 1970s that it was becoming a mechanism used to defer action rather than conserve threatened areas. In response, he and the other founding members established the Island Nature Trust in 1978 to initiate active acquisition and protection of key natural areas and to educate others on the need for their conservation.

Daryl was a founding member of the Morell River Management Coop and played an important role in getting the Morell River Conservation Zone established to protect the lower reaches of the Morell River. In the 1980s, Daryl joined the national body working on the Centennial Celebration for the National Parks. Here he was able to evaluate projects and recommend the allocation of funds to support conservation initiatives. His early efforts on the Morell River led him to efforts to assist other groups of Islanders to protect trout and salmon habitat. His effort's on the Morell expanded into salmon enhancement with the establishment of the Mooney's Pond Semi-natural Rearing Area and later the interpretive centre program and trails at Mooney's Pond. Concurrent with some of these efforts, Daryl served on the Environmental Advisory Committee which reported to the Minister of Environment and the Legislative Assembly thus encouraging appropriate government policy. Still later, it led to work as an environmental consultant and workshops to improve the Island's trout and salmon habitat restoration programs.

He assisted in the development of the province's Conservation Strategy, the first passed in Canada. He researched sites that were causing significant erosion into our rivers and advocated for better management practices utilizing first internal approaches to urge common sense solutions and, if that didn't