

**NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND  
P.O. BOX 2346, CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I. C1A 8C1**

MEETINGS are held on the first Tuesday of the month (except July, August, and September) at 7:30 p.m. at the Farm Centre, 420 University Avenue, Charlottetown. Members and non-members are welcome. Please bring your coffee cup so that we will contribute as little as possible to the waste stream.

Membership is open to anyone interested in the natural history of Prince Edward Island. Membership is available at any meeting or by contacting the Acting Treasurer at P.O. Box 2346, Charlottetown C1A 8C1 (phone 569-4351). Annual membership is \$16 and renewals are due in January. Membership expiry dates are shown in the top right hand corner of the mailing label.

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Evening Grosbeak populations have declined dramatically in recent years even at the best feeders. Their populations are thought to be strongly linked to spruce budworm outbreaks and, based on current knowledge, it is anticipated that their populations will again increase once budworm populations increase.