

ENVIRONMENTAL CALENDAR:

*Note: All Society presentations and field trips are open to the public.
Society meetings start at 7:30 PM at the Farm Centre on University Avenue in Charlottetown.
YN = young naturalists encouraged to attend or participate*

- Mondays & Fridays in July & August** - The P.E.I, National Park is holding shorebirds sessions at 10 and 11 am at the ramp beside the bridge at Covehead Harbour (west side of the bridge). There are English and French sessions so please call ahead to the National Park office
- Jul. 31 - Shorebirds of PEI** – The Natural History Society’s Eric Marcum will be conducting a shorebird field trip to East Point. Car pooling from Farm Centre, University Ave., in Charlottetown at 7 am sharp. Contact Eric Marcum at 675-3056 for further information and to register. **YN**
- Aug. 28 - Pelagic Bird Tour** with Captain Jeff MacNeill. Four-hour boat tour leaving from North Lake at 8 am. Pre-registration is required. \$25 per person – maximum 18 people. Contact Bonnie McOrmond at 628-6994 or by email bcmcormond@eastlink.ca for more information or to register. Registration deadline Wednesday, Aug. 24th. Car pooling from Farm Centre on University Ave. in Charlottetown at 6:30 am sharp.
- Sept. 10 - Birding on the North Shore** – The Natural History Society’s Dwaine Oakley, an expert birder, will lead a bird identification trip at the Bubbling Springs and Covehead. Car pooling from the Farm Centre in Charlottetown at 7:30 am. **YN**
- Oct. 4 - Mammalian Fauna of PEI**, presented by Dr. Doug Sobey, a native Islander, ecologist, and a recently retired professor from the University of Ulster in Northern Ireland. Dr. Sobey will present his findings on the historic records of PEI mammals. The Society’s meeting starts at 7:30 pm at the Farm Centre, University Ave., Charlottetown. **YN**
- Oct. 9 - THE BIG SIT!** – Birding’s Most Sedentary event. The Natural History Society of Prince Edward Island sponsors the first PEI Big Sit. THE BIG SIT! is like a Big Day, or a bird-a-thon in that the object is to tally as many bird species as can be seen or heard within 24 hours. The difference lies in the area limitation (inside a 17-foot circle) from which you can observe. What a great way to bird! Stay tuned for more details in our September newsletter. Check out the Bird Watcher’s Digest for details at <http://www.birdwatchersdigest.com> Contact PEI organizer, Ron Arvidson at 658-2566, or by email arvidson@pei.sympatico.ca for more information and to register.
- Oct. 23 - Tracking Fall Migrants** -- The Natural History Society’s Dwaine Oakley to conduct birding tour of Earnscliffe and Dromore area for starters. Car pooling from Farm Centre at 7:30 am. **YN**
- Nov. 1 - Starry, Starry Night – the mysteries of the fall and winter skies.** Glen Roberts is a member of the Astronomy Society and does a monthly presentation on CBC’s Main Street program and a column in the Guardian on astronomy. The Natural History Society’s meeting starts at 7:30 pm at the Farm Centre, University Ave., Charlottetown. **YN**
- Dec. 6 - Winter Birds – what species overwinter on PEI and where can they be found?** A good primer for the Christmas Bird Counts delivered by Eric Marcum a well-know Island birder. The Natural History Society’s meeting starts at 7:30 pm at the Farm Centre, University Ave., Charlottetown. **YN**

For more information, comments and suggestions for future programs or field trips, please contact Program Coordinator, Bonnie McOrmond at bcmcormond@eastlink.ca or call 628-6994.

SHARE YOUR LOVE OF NATURE WITH OTHERS

The Natural History Society of Prince Edward Island is requesting donations of nature equipment, books or resources to allow others to enjoy the wonders of nature. If you have binoculars, field guides, butterfly nets etc., that you would like to donate, please contact Bonnie McOrmond or bring your donation to the monthly meeting of the Natural History Society, the first Tuesday of each month from October to June, at the Farm Centre on University Ave. in Charlottetown. (Beside Sobey’s)