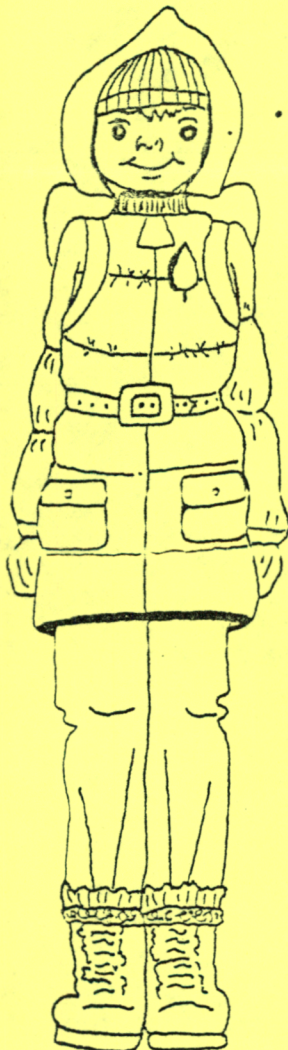


STARLINGS ON LAWNS. At the January NHS meeting members held a lively discussion over the possible reasons for Starlings to be busily scratching away on our lawns this time of year. Various explanations were proposed to explain the digging, including suggestions that the Starlings might be after grit, weed or grass seed, worms, insects, etc. However none of these seemed adequate to fully explain the behaviour in all cases. Fish and Wildlife staff member Art Smith later suggested the Starlings might actually be eating the dried grass leaves, a food source regularly used by wintering Hungarian Partridge. This seems the best (and simplest) explanation but the mystery may not be fully solved until someone makes the effort to analyze stomach contents.

SLIDE CONTEST REMINDER. Members are reminded of the upcoming annual nature slide competition. Eligible slides must have been taken on P. E. I. by the entrant and not have been entered in a previous NHS competition. Slides should be forwarded to Margaret Mallett no later than 1 April 1980.

WHAT TO WEAR ON WINTER WALKS



- ← Knit cap under hood
- ← Knit scarf or turtle-neck
- ← Pack containing lunch, thermos, notebook, pencil, gear such as binoculars, hand-lens, camera, possibly extra sweater
- ← Quilted parka, preferably down-filled, or with woollen sweater beneath; also thermal underwear or thick leotards with warm jersey. (Belted or elastic waist prevents heat-loss.)
- ← woollen mitts or cloth gloves with mitts over them.
- ← Winter-weight or quilted pants
- ← Woollen socks
- ← Sturdy, low-heeled, insulated boots