

interpretive nature trail along the wetland. This trail is wheelchair accessible and is now used by residents and also by students at Charlottetown Rural High School as it provides a wonderful outdoor classroom.

The P.E.I. Wetland Stewardship Program works with the landowner(s) and community discussing the various approaches to protecting and enhancing wetlands. This program provides an excellent opportunity for communities interested in natural history, wetland protection, habitat enhancement and recreational activities. The options are endless: develop a natural interpretive trail for residents use, develop public property for wildlife use, or develop a management plan for an entire watershed and improve a large area for wildlife use.

The Wetland Stewardship Program can provide technical assistance, help to secure funding, assist with landowner contact, and offer assistance on the development of the project. Stewardship staff would continue to offer support for the duration of the project as well as offer suggestions for continuation or expansion of the original goal.

If you are interested in discussing a project applicable to your area and would like some assistance, please feel free to contact either Brenda Brydon, Rosemary Curley, or Tom Duffy at 368-4683.

ANIMAL AND PLANT SIGHTINGS - Jan. to Apr./94 Compiled by JDM

Seals - 3 hauled out on the ice at Hillsborough River Bridge on Mar. 15 (JDM).

Amphibians - 4 spring peepers on basement window and wall in Donagh on Apr. 10 (JDMc). Spring peepers and wood frogs started calling in Mt. Albion on Apr. 11 (HJ) and wood frogs started calling in Donagh on Apr. 12 (JDM).



Birds: **Great Blue Heron** - 1 at Coleman Corner in Feb. (JW), first spring report from Ellen's Creek on Mar. 28 (BBa), scattered individuals being reported from various points in early Apr. despite the still heavy estuarial ice; **Canada Geese** - first geese reports were from J.D. MacLeod in Orwell on approximately March 15th when he seen 150 (HJ), present at Beach Grove on Mar. 23 (VMac), very common in early Apr., nesting behaviour observed in one pair at Mount Albion on Apr. 6 (HJ); **Brant** - 4 at Tryon River on Apr. 3 (JDM, BB); **Black Ducks** - flying in pairs and threes on Feb. 19 at Donagh (JDM); **American Widgeon** - pair mating at Tryon River on Apr. 3 (BB, JDM); **Greater Scaup** - approx. 50 at Oyster