



Island Nature Trust Update

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More Projects and Staff Than we've had for Years

Hello members and friends of Island Nature Trust. The summer heat and humidity has finally arrived and I have vowed to never complain about any weather this summer after the winter we had! We have the remnants of Arthur on its way as I write and worry how much damage to Island waterways will be done. Our natural areas are scattered across the province and only form about 3.5% of the Island, while nearly half the Island is in "forest" of various health, type and age. What can we all do to improve the health of the environment in PEI?

Plant trees? Okay, we put a lot of trees in the ground over the years on our own and other properties and this year we have and will put thousands more in thanks to Gary Schneider and the fine folks at Macphail Woods Ecological Project. "Windswept", a 6.5 acre property in Fernwood had a great planting day on May 10 and two properties in Bangor donated by Jim and Barbara Munves is next—to be planted on October 4.

Protect species at risk and improve their breeding success? Okay, we have our annual Piping Plover program up and running trying to protect nesting sites from human disturbance and habitat damage. We also have the Farmland bird project working to improve

nesting opportunities for Bobolink and Barn Swallow.

Document species of plants and birds in order to better protect forests and wetlands? Yup, got that happening at 12 properties in the Bonshaw and New Haven area.

Add properties to the protected sites list? Yes! We have many properties in line for protection as designated Natural Areas and hope to add well over 200 acres to that list this calendar year.

Expose staff and the public to conservation education and experiences? Yes! We have 9 people working in a wide variety of staff positions and dozens of volunteers working to improve the natural environment in PEI!

Develop projects that make a real difference to nature and the people that want to help? You bet! Shore bird surveys, installing nesting structures, protecting land, discovering new natural areas and the species that use them and providing important and significant educational programs that bring people into nature. This is what we do at the Nature Trust!

Are you a member? If not, be sure to join us as we work to improve natural areas throughout PEI!

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We Are. . .

Island Nature Trust is a non governmental, registered charity dedicated to permanent protection of natural areas on Prince Edward Island. We acquire lands through purchase and donation and help private owners protect their own properties. We also protect species-at-risk, ecological restoration and public education. Donations are always welcome.

Our Board of Directors

Island Nature Trust is governed by a Board of Directors of 12 to 16 members. Each member serves up to two three-year terms.

The Board of Directors of the Trust includes the following:

The Executive:

Fiep de Bie	President
Judi Allen	Vice-president
Carl Adams	Treasurer
Jennifer Roma	Secretary

Group Representatives

Four Island groups have representatives on the INT Board:

Marina Silva-Opps	UPEI Biology Department
Tom LeClair	Museum and Heritage Foundation
Randy Dibblee	Natural History Society of PEI
Vacant	PEI Wildlife Federation

Remaining members of the Board:

Sandra McConkey
Dwaine Oakley
Kathleen MacNearney
Donna Gill
Paul Smith
Carol Horne
Charity Hogan

Plovers Population still low in 2014

Piping Plovers in Atlantic Canada are not recovering as they should given the amount of effort by all provinces to provide them with safe, protected habitat. There is lots of habitat—a number of surveys have shown that. But where are the birds? They appear to be lost in migration and the young are not returning to our beaches. The reasons for this is very hard to determine. The United States, Canada and the Bahamas are involved in winter population counts and habitat assessments. Banding projects have been reinstated in Atlantic Canada to try to get a better idea of what plovers are returning and which are not. But we have to find an answer for this bird, now!

In June, the Nature Trust conducted the annual census of this Endangered species and found only 57 birds (all beaches, including PEI National Park). That is down 3 birds from last year despite better chick productivity in 2013. This is frustrating for plover staff and volunteers who have worked hard for years to help this species recover. A goal of 120 plovers (60 pairs) for PEI seems hard to reach. We have been close to that before—in 2001. Our staff and volunteers are working hard to reach that population goal—you can help! Volunteer today!

Farmland Birds Project going full speed

The Nature Trust is working hard to improve the nesting opportunities for two Threatened species that have farmland in common. Bobolink and Barn Swallow are listed by COSEWIC as Threatened and will be listed under Canada's Species at Risk Act. Thanks to Environment Canada's EcoAction program, and PEI Wildlife Conservation Fund the Nature Trust has been able to launch a bigger and better program that encourages farmers and rural landowners to make simple and small changes to improve the chances for both species.

Do you have a barn or shed that could host Barn Swallow? We can help install nesting structures for next year (maybe a late second nest this year!) and can help with directions of how to improve an abandoned field for grassland species. Farmers are agreeing to delay their dry hay harvest by a few days to allow the Bobolink to fledge their young. Simple and effective. If you want to know more or think you might be able to participate, be sure to contact Shaylyn Wallace at 892-7513 or at islandbirds22@gmail.com

NATURE TRUST STAFF

Staff that can be found in the office and in the field for the next few months are:

Jackie Waddell, Executive Director, coordinates and assists all staff where required. Jackie works in land acquisition, fundraising, land management and strategic planning. Jackie also prepares and delivers some educational events to schools, groups and the public.
exdir@islandnaturetrust.ca

Barb McDonald, Executive Assistant, operates all things financial and is responsible for office administration.
admin@islandnaturetrust.ca

Julie-Lynn Zahavich, Project Coordinator, Piping Plovers and Important Bird Areas. Julie-Lynn started back at the Trust on April 1st to start on plover work again!
plover@islandnaturetrust.ca

Nicole Murtagh, Field Assistant in the Piping Plover Protection Program. Nicole is enrolled in the Wildlife Conservation Technology course at Holland College. Nicole and Julie-Lynn head out to Island beaches daily working to protect plovers and their habitat.

Thanks to funding from Environment Canada's Habitat Stewardship Program for Species at Risk, both Julie-Lynn and Nicole were able to start early this season and have recruited lots of volunteers for this important program.

Dan McNeill, Field Assistant for the bio-inventory team working under contract with the Nature Trust on the Bonshaw-New Haven properties in the TransCanada re-alignment area. Dan has helped Diane Griffin in the compilation of hundreds of plants so far this summer.

Shaylyn Wallace, Farmland Birds Project Coordinator. Shaylyn is also enrolled in the Wildlife Conservation Technology course at Holland College and working hard to engage landowners and volunteers to improve nesting opportunities for Bobolink and Barn Swallow across PEI.

Vincent Bilodeau Is a university student involved in the Languages program through Young Canada Works. Vincent is the field assistant for the Farmland Birds Project and will accompany Shaylyn Wallace to landowner interviews and visits. Vincent will also assist the plover team when required. This will be a great field season for Vincent!

Thanks to funding from Young Canada Works and the PEI Wildlife Conservation Fund, we could hire Vincent.

Ways to get caught up on our activities

This newsletter works well for many of our members, but we have a number of other ways to let you know about our work, events, news and more.

Our website is:
www.islandnaturetrust.ca

This site is updated regularly. Be sure to check it out for more in depth information than that available on social media.

Follow us on twitter
[@peinaturetrust](https://twitter.com/peinaturetrust) to get instant updates on what we're up to and what we're interested in.



Don't forget us on facebook!
This is a great way to learn about upcoming events and get updates on all of our programs.

We now have 566 "likes".
That's up nearly 100 since the last newsletter!
You can help this number grow!



Donations for our annual dinner and our new fall event

The following items were donated for our spring dinner or our new fall event in October.. We can't thank these generous donors enough for making these contributions to nature and to conservation. Thank you all.

"The Air, The Forest, The Watch" Ltd. Ed. Repro by Robert Bateman, Quilted Fish Wall Hanging, Garden Composter, Sailboat Reproduction, 2 Photographs

Sherri Ihle

Godwit, Long-tailed Duck & Great Blue Heron Carvings
David Broderick

"Lady's Slipper" & "Deux Chevaux" Photographs
Mel Gallant

Large Glass Bowl & Candle Holders by Marcella Rosemberg
Stephen Farmer & Heather MacKinley

"Bird's Nest" Original Painting
Joan Thompson

Painted Table
Sharon & Dario Zannier

"Heron on the Rocks" Ltd. Ed. Repro. P/P
Robert Bateman

Foot Stool
Kevin & Janice Holloway of Ranchboy Leather

"Serene Evening" Original Acrylic
Sharon Smith

Russian Stacking Dolls
Kathleen & Ab Ferris

"Northern Lights" Fabric Landscape Art
Dianne Skinner

"The Big Fish Swim Here"
Original Watercolour on Canvas
Mel Giddings

Quilted Plover Wall Hanging by Kelly Burgess
Pat & Cathy Chan

"Buoy Crazy" Original Watercolour
Richard Vickerson

Precious Memories Box
John Somers

"Looking Back" Original Mixed Media
Henry Purdy

"Moon Phase" Sign by Heather & Lenny Gallant
Bird Mouse Eco Furniture

Two Wood Duck Ducklings Original Pencil Drawing
Jerrica Coady Farrell

"Big Horned Sheep" Original Acrylic by Arlene Rice
Details Past & Present

"Downtown Rain" Original Oil
Sandi Komst

"Summer Field" Original Watercolour
Sally Blake Hooff

Gnome Home, 2 Bird Houses & 2 Bird Feeders
David Murphy

Bucket of Honey, Bottle of Honey & 2 Candles
Bristol Berry Farm

Birch & Purple Heart Cutting Board
Keith Wornell of Lex Econ Woodworking

Ten Pounds of Blueberries
Melissa Mullen & Rob MacLean of Hallaig Farms

Silver Wren Pendant
Jim Aquilani of Vitamin Sea Studio

Raccoon Photograph, Tree Photograph & 4 - Birds of Prince Edward Island
Shirley Gallant of Sonny's Pics

Suet Feeder, Tree Swallow Box & NB Backroad Mapbook
Island Nature Trust

Case of 12 Suet Cakes
Cardigan Feed Service

Log Cabin Mail Box
Mechanics Inc.

Assessment of Species Diversity in the Atlantic Maritime Ecozone
Kate & Ian MacQuarrie

Walnut Coffee Grinder
Joe McAskill of McAskill Woodworking

2 - Canada Rocks Tickets
Confederation Centre of the Arts

Hanging Basket
Vankampen's Greenhouses

\$25 Gift Certificate
Vesey's Seeds

\$100 Gift Certificate & Vest
Kings County Construction

\$25.00 Gift Certificate
Island Pride Garden Centre

Tin Bird House
Jackie Whelan of Willowbend Studio

\$50 Gift Certificate
Bernadette's Flowers

Stained Glass Hummingbird
Sharon Forsythe of This Is It Stained Glass Studio

Sundance Getaway
Gary & Linda Lowther

Many more terrific donors to our events in 2014!

Hand-knit Sweater, Shawl & Scarf and Knitting Basket
Lynne Douglas of Sheep's Clothing

2 - Ballad of Stompin' Tom Tickets
Harbourfront Theatre

"The Meeting Place" Ltd. Ed. Repro. , Art Coasters, Shave
Expert, Swiss Gear & Platters
Bill Bowerbank & Evelyn Martin

Rust Check
Charlottetown Rust Check

Jubilee Cookbook, 2 - Family Museum Passes, Heritage
House Notes, The Landscape of Confederation, Atlas of PEI
EI Museum & Heritage Foundation

Dozen Cooler Glasses
Charlottetown Home Hardware

2 - PEI WI Centennial Cookbooks, 2 - History of Federated
Women's Institute of PEI books
PEI Women's Institute

Pottery Bowl
Michael Stanley

Belgium Lace Kleenex Box Cover, Whiskey Stones, Cork,
Cheese Knife, Salad Bowl & Servers, 3 - Dish Towels and
Familiar Birds of PEI
Liz Townsend

\$50 Gift Certificate
PEI Preserve Company

2 - Thom Swift Tickets
Trailside Café & Inn

Hand Blown Glass Vase, Hand Carved Platter, Ring-billed
Gull, Magpie, 3 - Glass Candle Holders, Coaster Set, Ratton
Beach Purse, Peregrine Falcon
The Dunes Studio & Café

3 Bottles of Wine
Rossignol Winery

Basket of Homemade Soap
Cindy Rice of Kettle Grove Soapworks

Piping Plover Suncatcher
Susana Rutherford of Firehorse Studio

2 - \$25 Gift Certificates
The Bookmark

Sheep Dog Demo for Family of 4
Pembroke Farms

Toy Combine
Kensington Agricultural Services

Seal Toy, 2 Fox Puzzles & Prince Edward Island National
Park: Past & Present
Parks & People

8 - One Gallon Tree Gift Certificates & 2 - Fishing Licences
PEI Dept. of Agriculture & Forestry

Basket of Tea Towels
Barbara E. Henry of Flinder's Weavery

Month Membership
Total Assets Fitness & Wellness Inc.

Picnic Backpack
Charles & Carolyn Trainor

2 - Two Night Camping Gift Certificates
PEI Provincial Parks

Peck of Oysters
Clare Birch

Thirty Pounds of Mussels
PEI Mussel King

Sand Castle Candle with Nature Theme
Ben Smith of Enchanted Candles

\$30 Gift Certificate
Famous Peppers Pizza

Dinner for Two Gift Certificate
Lobster on the Wharf

\$50 Phinley's Gift Certificate
Diane Griffin

2 - Hip of Beef Buffet Gift Certificates
Inn on the Hill

"Springbrook PEI" & "Mackerel Nets, PEI" Photographs
Winston Maund

Cows Gift Basket
Scott Linkletter

Flavours of Prince Edward Island, A Culinary Journey
Holland College

3 - Wooden Stacking Bowls
Patrick Crawford

Pottery Cup, Bowl & Plate
Ellen Burge of Clay Impressions

Two Rounds of Golf
Fox Meadows Golf & Country Club

Two Rounds of Golf with Cart
Anderson's Creek (or Green Gables)

Golf Shirt & Mug
Red Shores Casino & Racetrack

\$50 Gift Certificate
Island Chocolates


\$25 Gift Certificate
Landmark Café

Two Admissions
Victoria Playhouse

Paddle Board Lesson for One
By the Sea Kayaking

Kayaking for Two
Outside Expeditions

These generous donors make our events successful!

2 - Family Season Passes	PEI National Park	Frigidaire Affinity Steam Iron	Beck's Home Furniture
Paddle Board Lessons for Two	Sporting Intentions	Antler Wall Hanging and Antler Wall Set	Wendell Profit
Loon Pillow	Ruth Aquilani of Sew What?	2 - 5 Kg Boxes of Blueberries	Gift Certificates
Dozen Eggs Weekly, Maple Syrup & 2 Pancake Mixes	Jackie Waddell		Jasper Wyman & Son
Ten Pounds of Blueberries	Paul Gallant	Earrings	Teri Hall of Fire & Water Creations
"Calm" Shadow Box	Niki Heddle	2 - Pet Check Up Gift Certificates	Charlottetown Vet Clinic
\$100 Gift Certificate	Jewell's Country Market	Earrings & Necklace	Barbara Nymark of Red Sand Jewelry
Bird Feeder	Bill Zahavich	Suet Feeder & Suet	Todd Dupuis
Writing of a Will	Geoff Gibson of Campbell Lea	ASF Fleece Vest, 5 Caps & 2 - Thermos Cups	Atlantic Salmon Federation
Dinner for Six	The Olde Glasgow Mill Restaurant	2 - Falcon Photos	Jamie Stride of Island Falconry Services
Hand Woven Runner	Lytte Sansoucy of Weaverly Yours	Leather Wallet	Paige Harris of Harris Leatherworks
Flavours of Prince Edward Island, A Culinary Journey	Hon. Robert Ghiz	Handcraft	Lorne Yeo
4 - Antique Horse Tumblers & Micro Cosmos Video	Daphne Davey	2 - Cases of Honey	Island Gold Honey
"Fox in a Sweater" Original Acrylic	Julie-Lynn Zahavich	Iron Tricycle Planter	Billy Dowling of Riverdale Weld Craft
Canvas Bag, T-Shirt, Water Bottle & 2 Pencils	Nature Conservancy of Canada	Cash Donations:	
"Hummer" Photograph	Brenda Penak	Carl Adams	Hon. Valerie Docherty
Hand Painting on Silk from India	Orysia Dawydiak	Rob & Deanne Burnett	Linda Gaudet
Eel Toque & Licence Plate	David Cairns	Clark's Toyota	Beth Hoar
Pottery Bowl	Ron Arvidson of Arvidson Clay	Rosemary Curley	Steven Loggie
"Breaching" Original Acrylic	David Schneider	Doug Deacon	David Smith
Eagle Wall Plaque	Stratford Home Hardware	A very special thanks to Kwik Kopy for printing the annual dinner program as a donation to our important spring fundraiser!	
Carbide Tipped Industrial Saw Blade	Langille Sharpening Inc.		
Rubber Boots	Beaton's Wholesale		
Prince Edward Island National Park: Past & Present, The Little Book of PEI, Scenic Print	John Sylvester		
\$100 Gift Certificate	Phillips Feed Service	Long-tailed Duck carving by Dave Broderick	

Confederation Forests One Started, One to Go!

Macphail Woods received PEI 2014 funding for their Confederation Forest project. As reported in the last newsletter, the Nature Trust is really benefiting from this project by having two of three planned 10-acre forests planted on our land! Gary Schneider coordinated the first planting at Fernwood on May 10—a lovely mix of trees and shrubs to augment the plantings done there already in a thick hedgerow around the old field and further plantings through the Bedeque Bay Environmental Management Association (BBEMA). This site, known as “Windswept” was donated through the estate of Elaine Harrison and with lots of hard work on the part of the estate executors Betty and Everett Howatt. The plantings and maintenance of this Confederation Forest will continue for years to come

On October 4, a 10 acre planting will take place on the Bangor Road properties donated last year by Jim and Barbara Munves. Old field habitat will be planted in native species suited to the soils, the site and the climate. This site will be adjacent to an area that will be managed for Bobolink - grassland. The new Confederation Forest will be a very welcome improvement within and near the Morell River Conservation Zone and will further reduce runoff, nutrient loading, and will improve the forest diversity of the area.

Both forest plantings incorporate trails and plenty of opportunities for education.

Winner!



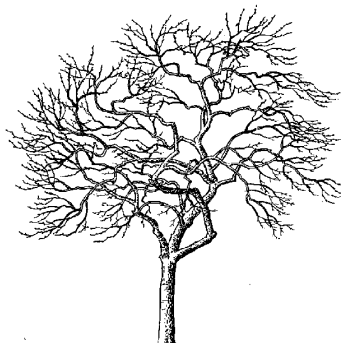
The Winner of this beautiful carving was Lynne Douglas of Hunter River! Congratulations Lynne!

The carver Dave Broderick of Union, PEI was honored for his long term donations and support of the Nature Trust. Thank you Dave!

Dave has carved and donated another heron for the 2015 raffle. Look for those tickets to go on sale soon!

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Thank you!

Environmental Calendar

July 19—**Parks Day in PEI National Park** at Brackley Beach—check out <http://www.pc.gc.ca/eng/pn-np/pe/pei-ipe/activ/activ-menu/evenements-events.aspx> for more information.

July 19—At Macphail Woods Nature Centre in Orwell a training **workshop on pruning trees and shrubs**. Starts at 2:00 PM. Contact 651-2575 or check their website at macphailwoods.org to get more information for this free event.

August 12—**PEI National Park Bioblitz** at Cavendish Beach Complex. Island Nature Trust will be participating in this fun event. Check <http://www.pc.gc.ca/eng/pn-np/pe/pei-ipe/activ/activ-menu/evenements-events.aspx> for more information!

September 27—**Bennett Birding Classic**—Join one of at least three teams or form one of your own in this fun, 24-hour marathon birding fundraiser. Don't want to go birding all day? Collect pledges instead! Call Barb at 892-7513 for more information, pledge sheets and to register a team. Rain date: Sunday Sept 28.

Late September—**Island Nature Trust AGM**. 7:00 PM at the Carriage House at the corner of Kent and West Street Charlottetown. All members are invited to come and vote on many agenda items. This is your chance to make your voice heard. Be sure to attend this important meeting—guest speaker to be announced. The Hon. J Angus MacLean Natural Areas Award will be presented at this meeting. Light refreshments served.

September 20 to 28—**Great Canadian Shoreline Clean-up**. Check the website, look for a clean-up near you such as Blooming Point, Tracadie Harbour, Charlottetown or Stratford! Coordinators needed!

October 4—**Planting Day at INT Bangor property**—10 AM to 3 PM—bring your strong back and a shovel and help us put hundreds of trees and shrubs in the ground in this wonderful Morell River property. This is the second confederation Forest project on INT land. Contact us at 892-7513 for more information. Carpooling from Ravenwood is possible!

October 24 (tentative) —Our first-ever **fall fundraising event**—Time & Location TBA. Local beers, wine and nibbles. More information to come—tickets \$25 available in September at the Nature Trust office. Raffles and silent auction.

Membership Form

Single Membership (\$20)
 Family (\$25)
 Student (\$10)
 Sustaining Membership (\$50)
 Active Membership (\$100)
 Supporting Membership (\$250)
 Life Membership (\$500)
 My donation of \$_____ towards the Trust's work is enclosed (*tax receipts are issued for all donations*).

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