



BONES, SEABIRDS AND OCEAN CONSERVATION

by **Dr. Bill Montevecchi**

In conjunction with the
Shorefast Foundation

Free public lecture

7:30pm, Tuesday June 23rd

Fogo Island Central Academy cafeteria

Come out and hear bird scientist Dr. Bill Montevecchi talk about the seabirds of the Funks. Dr. Montevecchi will explore what we have learned so far and what we need to consider looking toward our future and theirs.

About Dr. Montevecchi

For the past 30 years, Dr. Bill Montevecchi has studied the seabirds and marine ecosystem of Newfoundland and Labrador. He is a University Research Professor of Psychology, Biology and Ocean Sciences at Memorial University of Newfoundland. His research focuses on marine birds as indicators of fish, food web and ocean conditions. With the late Leslie Tuck, he is the author of Newfoundland Birds: Exploitation, Study, Conservation. His forth-coming book – Seabird Capitals – The Ecological Reserves of Newfoundland and Labrador is planned for publication late this year by Flanker Press.

Bill lectures nationally and internationally about marine bird ecology and conservation. He is Director of Ocean-Net and of the Nature Conservancy of Canada/Atlantic Region. He is a member of the National Science Advisory Council of Bird Studies Canada, the Newfoundland and Labrador Wilderness and Ecological Reserves Advisory Council, the Bird Committee of the COSEWIC (Committee of the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada), and the Species Status Committee of Newfoundland and Labrador.

His primary study site is Funk Island. On the initiative of the late Dr. Leslie Harris and Bernadette Dwyer, he created the Funk Island display at the Fogo Island Marine Information Centre in Seldom. He is visiting Fogo Island with Shorefast Foundation to renovate and recreate the display and to initiate other studies with seabirds.

His lecture will be an overview of fascinating research findings that he and brilliant students and colleagues have made while working on The Funks.