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LIKE TO JOIN US?

HURON FRINGE FIELD NATURALISTS MEETS THE 4TH TUESDAY OF FEB., MAR., APR., MAY & JUNE, AND SEPT., OCT., & NOV., 7:30 PM AT PINE RIVER UNITED CHURCH, HWY 21**. MEMBERSHIP IS NOMINAL—SINGLE OR FAMILY. (EXECUTIVE CONTACT NUMBERS & MORE INFO INSIDE.)

**except April, Annual Dinner in Lucknow.

Greetings and Salutations from your new President!



Well, here goes my first official job as President of your HFFN.

A wee bit about myself: I was born and raised in Stratford, graduated from Nursing in Brantford, married (happily for 45 years) to Wayne (patient man). Mother of three: one boy and two girls (who came as a set, a complete surprise to us all.)

Wayne & I moved up to our 'handyman' cottage in Point Clark in May 2008 and have never looked back. The folks we've met are so welcoming and friendly, we felt right at home quickly.

An invitation by friends to a H.F.F.N. meeting, and we were hooked. What a truly interesting and unique organization you have. What more could outdoor people ask for? Great speakers (thanks to Joy Munn) and nature outings galore, led by Jim Armstrong (recently retired from the position); Tom Lobb; Art Doughty's canoe trips; Donna Murray with mum and dad Steve & Jeni Pepper's trips up the Bruce Peninsula (always a very enjoyable learning experience). Your Club is truly blessed with numerous knowledgeable people - Jack and Linda, Linden and Greta, James, Kirk and Barb, Marshall, Dennis and Marion, Glen & Elaine, Catherine, and Art & Janice, to name just a few... all proficient in their varied areas. Plus coffee and goodies at each meeting, and friendships old and new.

When I was asked to join this Executive, I knew very little of the workings of the Club, but quickly realized that there's a strong core of dedicated members. Thanks, Catherine, for your encouragement. I intend to do the best job of being a President that I can.

The next two years promise to be interesting! A time of learning for me, that's for sure. Icing on my cake would be if someone could step up and join us in the Executive as Vice President. You can learn as you go, just as I did.

~ Marion Fink, President.

FRONT PAGE PHOTO CREDIT: First Snow on my Garden - 2011 Pepper Photo

Have a photo for us? Send it along in a medium to large format: Trek66@nt21.com

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OUR HFFN EXECUTIVE:



We very much appreciate our helpers. However, we need incoming people from time to time. Executive positions run for two years, with 2-3 meetings a year. Time required is minimal in most cases. If you'd like to help, contact anyone listed above. The work is easy and fairly straightforward.

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MEMBERSHIPS:

Thanks to all who have paid their Membership Fees for the 2013 season. These are due each SEPTEMBER, so if you're not paid up, please see the information on page 10....we will be collecting membership dues at the meetings.

Thanks, folks!

SINCERE THANKS AND A NICE BOUQUET TO OUR INCOMING AND ONGOING EXECUTIVE MEMBERS:

MEMBER-AT-LARGE :

Linda Somerville

SOCIAL CONVENERS:

Linda Campbell, Barb McNaughton

OUTINGS - Jean Kennedy

SECRETARY : Jackie Clements

These people have either taken a new position or just joined us. Thank you!



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It's that time again.....

Fall is upon us....have you cleaned and repaired your bird feeders? Will they go through the winter without your having to wade out to fix them?!



Check for damp inside the bottoms; an old piece of window screen cut to fit tube feeders can help keep seed dry; a paint stir stick is useful to scrape off caked seed; a rimless, soft plastic popcorn bowl inverted over hanging feeders protects feed and birds; old dish brushes and toothbrushes come in handy for cleaning as well! ~ Ed.



OUTING REPORTS

SPRING WELCOME WALK: May 3, 1:00:

Seven members met at Point Clark Lighthouse to enjoy a sunny and breezy walk along Point Clark's Victoria Road, following the lane north to a beach access path. Some of the wild plants, flowers and trees along the way were the focus of interest, while the different birdcalls kept us company as we walked. Probably most noted was the Garlic Mustard which has established itself in spots through the woods and verges. Some tiny blue flowers growing close to the ground on delicate stems with round, pale green leaves gave us pause for wonder. Shorebirds were scarce, but the Lake was looking its best and a pleasure to walk alongside. This walk was taken the



following week, the same day and time, due to weather considerations on the 3rd.

~ J. Pepper



OUTING REPORTS, cont.

KINCARDINE LAGOON: Baillie Birdathon, May 21st

On May 21st, HFFN participated in their first ever Baillie Birdathon. This event is based on The Big Day where birders try to find as many different species of birds in a twenty-four hour period as possible. Not surprisingly most participants choose a day in the first half of May when spring migration is at its peak. The club picked well and were rewarded with a bird filled day. The focus of the day is on fun but many birders are competitive by nature and go through great ordeals to get the elusive species. It can be done on your own but in our case we did it as a team and the HFFN were the sponsor and will receive back a portion of the money donated. Team members included Catherine Hogg, Jim Armstrong, Linden Thurber, Ralph Knowles, Jackie Clements, James Turland. Participants were on their own until 10 AM. Then we gathered at the Kincardine Lagoons. It was a good day to be birding the lagoons with many migrants moving through. Black-billed Cuckoos were seen as well as Tanagers, Orioles, Ducks and several Warbler species. A total of 69 different species were seen at the lagoon site alone. By the time everyone added in their individual sightings from different locations the team saw 114 species. Great effort and most of all it was fun thanks to Catherine, Jim and all involved.

~ James Turland



Left: The Black-throated Green Warbler's song is one of the easiest to learn. **Above:** The Scarlet Tanager couple make a colourful red and yellow pair, as the female is yellow. James Turland submitted these great photo's. Thanks, James!

KINCARDINE LAGOON/ Baillie Birdathon - Catherine Hogg

At least 14 members of H.F.F.N.were out to count the extraordinary numbers of Bird Species - 114 to be exact. We were fortunate to have our own expert birders out in force: Ralph Knowles , Linden Thurber and James Turland, to name a few. Jim Armstrong planned and led the outing and I thank him very much as I know he and Pat were busy getting ready for a summer trip out west to see their grandchildren. There was a concern that we might miss the birds going through our area, as the birds were unpredictable this year, but that was unfounded and we had a perfect day. Our Baillie team collected over \$500, 25% of which will come back to the club. As a club, we contributed to Bird Conservation from Coast to Coast. **Thanks to all who donated. If anyone hasn't received their receipt, please let me know.** Thank You, Baillie Team! ~Catherine

BIRDATHON SPECIES SEEN:

Dbl Crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Green Heron, Turkey Vulture, Can. Goose, Wood Duck, Mallard, Blue-Winged Teal, North. Shoveler, Ring-Necked Duck, Lesser Scaup, Bufflehead, Hooded Mgnsr, Red-Br. Mgnsr, Red-tail Hawk, Am. Kestrel, Merlin, W. Turkey, Killdeer, Grtr. Yellowlegs, Solitary, Upland, Spotted and Least Sandpipers, Am. Woodcock, Ring-b. Gull, Herring Gull, Com. Tern, Rock Pigeon, M. Dove, Black-Billed Cuckoo, E. Screech Owl, Chimney Swift, Rubyth. Hum'bird, Belted Kfisher, Red-Head, Hairy, Downy, Pileated & Red-Bellied Wpeckers, Yel-Bel Sapsucker, N. Flicker, Olive-S., Alder & G. Crstd Flycatchers, E. Phoebe, E. Kingbird, Warb., Phil., Red-Eyed Vireos, Bluejay, Am. Crow, Horned Lark, Tree & N, Rough-wing, Bank & Barn Swallows, Bl-C. Chickadee, Red & Wht. Brsted Nuthatches, Brwn Creeper, Car. & House Wrens, E. Bluebird, Swainson's & Wood Thrushes, Gr. Catbird, Brwn. Thrasher, C. Waxwing, Eur. Starling - **LIST CONTINUES**

OUTING REPORTS, cont.

BIRDATHON SPECIES SEEN -

WARBLERS: Nashville, N. Parula, Yellow, Chest. -sided, Magnolia, Black-Thr. Blue, Bl. Thr. Green, Yel. Rumped, Blackburnian, Yel-Throat., Pine, Bay-Brstd., Bl. & Wh., Am. Redstart, Ovenbird, N. Waterthrush, Mourning Wblr, Can. Wblr., Scarlet Tanager. **SPARROWS:** Am. Tree, Chipping, Savannah, Field, Grasshopper, Song, White-throat, White-Crowned, House; N. Cardinal, Rose-Br. Grosbeak, Indigo Bunting, Bobolink, Red-W. Blackbird, E. Meadowlark, Com. Grackle, Brn-Headed Cowbird, Baltimore Oriole, House Finch, Am. Goldfinch.

This event is put on by Bird Studies Canada. If you are interested in participating next time, please contact any of the HFFN Executive as listed on Page 2, or any of the members listed who participated this year. To see lists of birds from this area, check the e-list at : ebird.org - zoom in on your desired area and click.

CANOEING at ARRAN LAKE, Tuesday June 5th .



Eight members met at Kincardine Zehrs parking lot for the annual trek to Arran Lake. Two canoes and four kayakers made the trip. Weather was great. A few drops of rain, but otherwise, sunny and the cloud cover made it quite comfortable. ~ Rhodora

(Pictures here taken by Jack Campbell (below) and Art and Rhodora Dougherty (L & R.) - thanks guys! ~ Ed.)



BUTTERFLY COUNT - Saturday, July 14th

Hello Folks,
I would like to once again thank you all for participating in another successful butterfly count at MacGregor Point Provincial Park (and surrounding area).

Although the weather was less than ideal in the morning, the numbers show a fairly decent population of butterflies within our zone. I have attached the tabulated results from this year's butterfly count and it looks like we were above average with regards to diversity of species, but below average for number of individuals seen. Thank you again for your support and participation. Hope to see you all again next year! Cheers,

Tom Church, Senior Park Naturalist
on behalf of,
The Friends of MacGregor Point Park

**(Please see Pages 10 - 11
for the Butterfly Count results.)**



TELL US WHERE TO GO!

Know of any good places to enjoy nature? Please bring them to the attention of your HFFN Executive. You don't have to lead an outing unless you'd like to. We will arrange outings to these new places so that every-one can enjoy them. Call Tom at 482-3342. Or talk to any of the Executive at any meeting..... we'll do the rest!

OUTING REPORTS, cont.

PENINSULA EXPLORER: May 23/25th



Ten members set out from Kincardine Sobey's just after ten am, enroute to Southampton Timmy's to pick up a packed lunch, and proceeding to the Owen Sound area where we walked at Bognor Marsh. Our attention was drawn to a water snake which was eating a small frog, and to nest boxes with Martins very much in evidence along the marsh boardwalk.

We ate lunch at the Inglis Falls Arboretum picnic shelter before having a walk to see the different trees; these are all labeled, and we also had a printed guide from the Parks Department – there are about 200 trees.

Partway along to our next walk, we stopped at a farm, Kemble Mountain Maple Products, where most people bought sweet goodies!

Our last trail of the day was the Nels Maher Trail on Kemble Mountain, a lovely fairytale woods, but too rugged for our purposes towards its further end, so we had a good ramble partway, and then came back.



We found plants that we were not too familiar with: Hart's Tongue Ferns, two kinds of Toothwort, and Northern Holly Fern. Large Jacks-in-the-Pulpit were plentiful. The wood was dressed in pale green with its new growth; trilliums were over but there were other flowers; Trout Lilies, Squirrel Corn, Violets, etc., and plenty of picturesque scenery, as the huge rocks we went by were all covered in brilliant green, soft moss, and the wild Columbines were out too. The woods echoed with bird calls.

We arrived rather thankfully in Tobermory about six

pm and checked into our accommodations at Peacock Villa, then hurried over to the Princess Hotel overlooking Little Tub Harbour, where many of us enjoyed local whitefish; after which most took a walk around the quiet village – a lovely sunset was admired and photographed from the boardwalk; one beaver was spotted swimming along the shore. (Continued)

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OUTING REPORTS, cont. Bruce Peninsula Explorer, cont.....



Our second morning, we met everyone for breakfast at the Princess Hotel, and while we were in there, the heavens opened! It lashed rain down, and the winds were very strong. The nearby harbour was obliterated. But by the time we came out of the restaurant, the sun was beaming down again.

Soon afterwards, having picked up lunch supplies, we car pooled to Singing Sands, enjoyed a walk on the

Boardwalk, and had a nice meander along the wooded path, crossing over to come back along the beach for a picnic lunch, then off to Cyprus Lake Park to walk the easier Horse Lake Trail.

At Singing Sands, we found that the famous Ram's Head Ladyslippers (right) are now visible from the side of the path. The ancient, pitted rocks along the beach yielded Common Butterwort, (below left) the tiny 'plantpots' in the rock surface forming nice little homes for several hardy plant species.



Arriving at the shore via the Horse Lake Trail, we also discovered that our members certainly know how to 'chillax'!

We then went back to the motel for some down time, and about five thirty started our BBQ. After a great supper with huge burgers, dessert and drinks, most went for a walk, took more sunset pictures, and had a very convivial gathering



at the motel with chairs in a circle outside, after dark fell.

Next morning we had a last breakfast together, and then everyone did whatever they wanted; several were heading home, but a few stayed with us and went to the new Parks Building just near town and took the trail out to Little Dunk's Bay to enjoy the woods and scenery before heading home.

PLEASE NOTE that we shall be looking for someone to host the **first day** of next year's trip....we have one eager volunteer. Who else would enjoy exploring the Bruce?

- The Peppers

(Photos continued.....)

OUTING REPORTS, cont.

Bruce Peninsula Explorer, cont.....some of the many photographs taken.....



Smile time at Overlook



Northern Holly Fern..... or something very like it!



^ Beautiful and delicate Maidenhair Ferns, Kemble Mountain.



^ Squirrel Corn, Bognor Marsh.



^ Red Baneberry; Alegeheny Foamflower behind, Kemble Mtn.



< L. Trail to Dunk's Bay.
R. A pretty walk at Kemble Mountain >



Before the morning storm: view of Big Tub Lighthouse from the end of Hwy 6. A pair of Peregrine Falcons were hunting nearby.



◀ ALWAYS WELCOMING: LITTLE TUB HARBOUR.

MEETING REPORTS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, Tuesday, April 24th :

Brent Patterson spoke on 'Wolves and Coyotes and their Hybrids in Ontario' and included a lot of information on population densities in different areas as well as the differences between Grey Wolves, the smaller Eastern wolf and coyotes. An excellent presentation following a good roast beef dinner!

Chris Godwin from the MNR office in Clinton also presented Tom Lobb with a certificate and award for all his assistance to the MNR for the Turtle Project along with his many years of help with other projects. Congratulations on the much-deserved recognition, Tom! The 50-50 draw was won by a cheering Don Cass, and the door prize raffle yielded some nice prizes too.



PHOTOS:
Brent Patterson during his talk;
Steve and Catherine doing the dipping for the door prize raffle;
And a look at those prizes!
(Unfortunately we did not get a photo of Don cheering!)



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May 29th: Art Wiebe and Janice McKean, Native Plants in this Area

An interesting and informative evening thanks to the fascinating insights given by Janice and Art. We learned just how many of the plants we see around us are true natives - and how many more are 'incomers'. We were able to realize how important these plants are, and that we should protect and preserve them where possible. Gardening or landscaping with native plants in suitable habitats can mean less watering, fertilizing and pesticides, as these plants are well able to handle naturally occurring

conditions. Flowering natives also attract butterflies, bees and hummingbirds, and planting larger areas can help prevent alien species from being invasive. There are listings of native plants online and in Ontario gardening publications. These plants can bring a regional character to our gardens and landscapes. Their flowers and varied foliage can make an interesting addition to a property.

To illustrate their talk, Art and Janice brought along plenty of plants which they had for sale and quite a few people went home that evening with a new friend!
- Ed.

June 26th, Birds of Prey

A special evening. We were visited by Ontario Wildlife volunteers Jenn Bock and her assistant plus some feathered friends - as follows:

Apollo, the
American Kestrel ;



Indiana, the Red
-tailed Hawk;



Socrates, the
Turkey Vulture;



...and Einstein, the
Great Horned Owl.



The information gained is too much to print, but here is a small sample:

American Kestrels are the fastest flying birds in the world, and to quote Jenn, 'maybe the fastest in the world ever,' with a normal flight speed of 45 mph but have been clocked (with difficulty) in dives at 200 mph.

Red-tailed Hawks are probably the commonest hawk seen hovering over fields. They have the typical hawk silhouette with rounded wings and stocky body. There are 'dark phase' and 'rufous phase' birds. Their flight speeds range from a hover to 20-40 mph. Their dive, with legs outstretched, is slower and more controlled than a falcon's bullet-like stoop, and is estimated at about 120 mph. Still fast to a human!

The talk on Turkey Vultures with Socrates was fascinating. These are Nature's recyclers. Their stomach acid is probably the strongest in the world. They can eat carrion infested with deadly bacteria such as Salmonella, E.Coli etc., and when it passes out the other end, their feces is pure! So they don't spread disease from eating carrion and in fact, if they have a choice, they prefer their meat fresh. Their sense of smell is phenomenal. They can smell a dead mouse from eight or ten miles away.

The star of the show, at least for character and looks, was Einstein who is actually a female Owl. She is full-grown – to quote Jenn, 'the queen of the forest,' and as such, she captured many more of the clicking cameras! What a beauty. Great Horned Owls can hunt creatures bigger than themselves, and sometimes even unfortunate cats and dogs. Unlike hawks, owls' wings make no sound....their feathers are feathered! Where with hawks and turkey vultures you can hear a 'shoosh!', the tips of the owl's feathers on their wings don't make that sound. They go off to nap during the day but are often disturbed by small birds, who don't want any Owl neighbours. The owl will put up with the scolding and diving for a time but will eventually get fed up and go off to find a place to sleep! It was a very good presentation and as you see, Einstein stayed around to see the end of it and make friends with everyone. She took everything in her stride and remained calm and serene throughout. This was one of our more memorable HFFN evenings!



L: Great Horned Owl skull with prominent eye sockets demonstrates the importance of the bird's eyes in nocturnal hunting.

R: An interesting artifact and information table.



July 15, 2012 MacGregor Point Provincial Park
NABA Team Count

Butterfly	Team A	Team B	Team C	Team D	Team E	Team F	Team G	Total
European Skipper	4	3	12	1	0	2	0	22
Cabbage White	43	13	34	50	210	214	123	687
Northern Crescent	14	9	48	4	2	2	0	79
Clouded Sulfur	29	20	16	513	106	358	106	1148
Great Spangled Fritillary	1	17	0	2	1	2	0	23
Monarch	17	29	21	43	41	48	20	219
Canadian Tiger Swallowtail	8	4	15	5	9	1	2	44
Red Admiral	8	0	1	1	15	1	2	28
Common Wood Nymph	70	13	2	11	2	92	1	191
Eyed Brown	1	10	35	0	0	0	0	46
Meadow Fritillary	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
Least Skipper	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Summer Azure	4	0	6	0	0	0	0	10
Little Wood Satyr	0	0	23	0	59	0	24	106
White Admiral	1	0	2	3	6	0	1	13
Northern Pearly Eye	5	7	13	3	4	5	0	37
Aphrodite Fritillary	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	8
Mourning Cloak	2	2	0	1	2	0	0	7
Viceroy	4	0	1	0	0	0	6	11
Orange Sulphur	7	19	1	19	60	177	12	295
Baltimore Checkerspot	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Long Dash Skipper	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Coral Hairstreak	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Comma	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	3
Black Swallowtail	9	0	0	0	7	16	1	33
Question Mark	5	0	0	0	14	2	0	21
Common Ringlet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pearl Crescent	0	31	3	2	0	0	0	36
American Lady	1	0	0	0	0	3	7	11
Crossline Skipper	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	3
Hobomok	2	0	0	0	11	0	0	13
Northern Broken Dash	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	8
Pink-Edged Sulfur	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Silvery Blue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Red Spotted Purple	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Painted Lady	0	0	0	0	1	15	1	17
Dun Skipper	1	14	0	0	0	1	1	17
Peck's Skipper	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tawny Edged Skipper	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	12
Bronze Copper	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Milbert's Tortoiseshell	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Banded Hairstreak	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Striped Hairstreak	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Acadian Hairstreak	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Grey Comma	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Mustard White	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Common Buckeye	3	0	3	1	5	0	0	12
Silver Spotted Skipper	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Silvery Checkerspot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Common Roadside Skipper	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Appalachian Brown	1	15	1	0	0	1	0	18
Harris' Checkerspot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grey Hairstreak	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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SEPTEMBER IS RENEWALS TIME!



It is now time to renew memberships for the 2012-2013 season (September 2012 to September 2013)!

Note that 2012-2013 Fees remain unchanged at \$20 for singles, but are increasing to a more realistic \$35 for couples; this to help cover the ever-increasing costs of getting the great speakers we have been having for our meetings!

It would be a tremendous help to your Executive if dues could be paid in September or October.

Please pay Kirk McNaughton at a meeting, or mail a cheque payable to: Huron Fringe Field Naturalists, P.O. Box 143, Kincardine, Ontario N2Z 2Y6. Also please let us know if there has been any change to your status or contact information ... address, phone number, e-mail address ... so we can ensure that our records are up-to-date.

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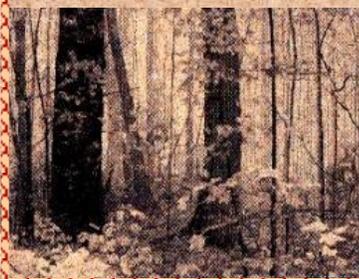
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NABA CONT.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	TOTAL
Eastern Tailed Blue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Atlantis Fritillary	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Two Spotted Skipper	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brown Elfin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hoary Elfin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Cloudy-wing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little Glassywing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cherry Gall Azure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Common Sooty-wing	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Wild Indigo Dusky-wing	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Dion Skipper	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Eastern Tiger Swallowtail	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	6
Delaware Skipper	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	7
Dorcas Copper	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	25
Variegated Fritillary	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	255	278	240	661	558	941	309	3242
	28	27	21	17	19	18	15	47
Types of Crystals Found								
Monarch	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Types of Larvae Seen:								
Monarch	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	8
Viceroy	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Red Admiral	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4
Types of Eggs Found:								
Monarch	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1



IN OUR NEXT ISSUE!

YOU may have noticed a change in the timing of your delivery of *Fringe Notes*. This change reflects the fact that there is no longer a January meeting. Instead, the Winter/Spring issue will cover events (such as winter walks and the February potluck and photo contest) from where the Fall/Winter issue leaves off, up until the point where early Spring events such as the homecoming of the Swans in Lambton, the Hullett Wildlife Area visit and Newton Reserve Spring Cleanup have been scheduled, and this issue should be available for the February meeting.

In the Spring/Summer issue, look for scheduling for Spring walks, such as the Kincardine Lagoon exploration, Spring Welcome Walk, and any other upcoming warmer weather outings, including, we hope, canoeing, and something about a Bruce Peninsula overnigher, which is always scheduled during the week after the May 24th weekend. Issues will be out as soon as events information is available, with any other information posted on email. We will notify any unforeseen changes ASAP.



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Blast from the Past..... 2004



PICTURE, RIGHT: CORN ROAST, INVERHURON, SEPTEMBER 2004 INCLUDES ABSENT FRIENDS: BOB HELESIC, AND LATE MEMBERS MARION MOSOLF AND IRMA PEPPER....EVERYONE LOOKS A LITTLE THINNER! →

Members' Page*

* Guests Welcome!

....This is where to send your articles!

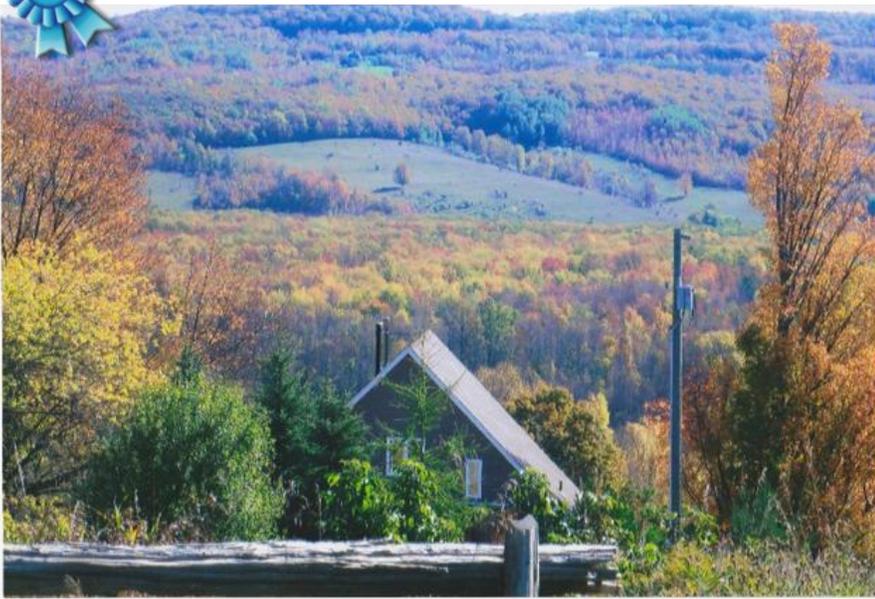
Photographs always welcome; please send them in JPEG format, over 100 kbs and under 500 kbs....thanks!



Our 2012 Photo Contest Winning shot...

(UNABLE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE LAST ISSUE)

Congratulations, Marion!



*FIRST PLACE 4 x 6, Marion Fink,
The Beaver Valley*

An Owl Not on Every Post, but....



One day last April, while walking in Pt. Clark with their dog Quinn, the Peppers heard a frightful birdie racket going on in bushes at the side of Victoria Road. It was obvious that several birds had taken pointed exception to some intruder. Flutterings and birdie exclamations and imprecations were in full spate. The message was clear: **GET OUT OF OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD!!**

Backtracking a little while trying to place the sounds, it was initially puzzling to find two or three small, sparse evergreens just off the road, where Chickadees and a Nuthatch were creating the din and fluttering amongst the widely-spaced small branches....until suddenly the listeners realised that the cause of all the fuss was sitting calmly on a branch at eye level, gazing back at them with two 'headlights' from a distance

of just a few feet basically right in front of their noses.

A quick knock on the nearby door of unsuspecting Barb and Kirk McNaughton enabled these great photographs to be taken before this Northern Saw-Whet decided to chance his luck elsewhere, and flew lazily away. Thanks again, Kirk and Barb!

~ Ed.





FALL OUTINGS UPCOMING:



For our new members:

On Your Feet! Many of our hikes are like a walk in the park....but not all! If you're thinking of lighter shoes for an outing, do check the announcements for a note on the expected terrain, or call the contact number. Bring treaded hiking shoes or boots along....just in case!

OUTING CHECKLIST: area map, cell phone, binoculars, bird/plant/other guide, bug repellent, hat, water, hiking stick, whistle, sunglasses, hanky, trail map, snacks, thermos (in car), waist/backpack, boots for rough/wet terrain. In Spring and Fall: rain slicker, gloves. Lunch?

**CORN ROAST: Falls Reserve,
Saturday, September 8, from 3 - 7pm.**

Information: Tom Lobb, 482-3342



Meet at the Falls at 2:30, hike at 3:00, and start husking corn at 4:30 for supper to follow. Tom will arrange for day passes. If it rains, bring brollies, galoshes and games!!

We can look at one of the Nature Conservancy Canada's Queen Snake sites, for those who are interested. The Queensnake, occurring only in Southern Ontario, is the least reported snake in Ontario due to its rarity and secretive behaviour, and surveys have been underway to help facilitate recovery of the species.

Please bring a potluck dish or dessert, your own dishes and silverware, drinks and tablecloth, if wanted. Cameras would be an idea, as would binoculars. Washrooms on site; hiking generally easy, some rocky areas near the Falls. Hiking shoes or sneakers, rain gear if needed.

The Falls Reserve is located near Benmiller. Turn left on Cty Rd 31 at Salford (south of the bridge on Hwy 21 entering Goderich). Turn right on County Rd 15 (Londesboro Rd), and turn right on Falls Reserve Line. The Reserve is about 9 Km from Hwy 21 at Salford.)

Zinn/Johnson property, Saturday, September 22 at 10:00 a.m.

Contact: Steve Pepper (519) 395-5616

Where: Zinn/Johnson property.

Paul Zinn and Lynn Johnson will take us on a tour of their property at **659 Karishea Avenue. (6th Conc. of Huron.)**

Directions: From Holyrood, go 1 Con. south or 3 Con north of Lucknow, then east 1.5 miles to property on the right in the 2nd block just before the pavement ends.

We will carpool at Pine River Church, Hwy 21 & 86, at about 9:30 a.m. Bring a light lunch or snacks and drinks. Washrooms available. We have not hiked here before so cannot advise on footwear or terrain, but probably fairly easy.



MALCOLM BLUFFS, Saturday, Oct. 13th

From Kincardine: We will make a brief stop at Kincardine Sobey's at about 8:20 to collect members who are coming on the trip.

Those from further south can carpool from the Pine River Church at 8:00 a.m. and get to the area at about 9:30 a.m. After a short break at Tim Horton's in Wiarton we will proceed to Malcolm Bluffs.

From the centre of Wiarton, follow Highway 6 north three kilometers and go right on County Road 9. Proceed on County Road 9 for 6.2 kilometers and turn right on Purple Valley Road. Follow Purple Valley Road for 5.2 kilometers to an intersection, where Purple Valley Road turns left. Continue straight through this intersection on Wright's Crescent and follow for two kilometers, where Wright's Crescent takes a 90-degree bend to the left. Look for the Purple Valley Access trailhead on the right, at the bend. A parking area is located on the right, just beyond the 90-degree bend. Hiking access to the property is via the Purple Valley Access Trail, which runs approximately one kilometer from Wright's Crescent to the Bruce Trail. ►►

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FALL OUTINGS CONTINUED:**MALCOLM BLUFFS (FROM PRECEDING PAGE)**

Bring a lunch and drinks or purchase something at Tim's in Warton. Washrooms are limited although there is a portable toilet at the government dock parking lot at Colpoys Bay.

Further details will follow when exact route is mapped out. See further info on Malcolm Bluff Shores at the following link:

www.ontarionature.org/protect/habitat/malcolm_bluff_shores.php

Contact: Ralph Knowles (519) 396-5580

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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20TH: Pt. Clark****Fall Migration**

Time: 9:30 am to lunchtime.

Details: Member-at-Large Linda Somerville (395-3603) would like to host this year's popular fall event. Meet fellow members near the Point Clark Lighthouse; dress for the weather and bring a potluck casserole or dessert, binoculars and a couple of candies! We'll see how many shore birds, ducks and geese we can spot. **Potluck lunch to follow** at Linda's. If you have time constraints, or not too inclined to be out birding when it's colder, just join us for lunch!

~ ~ ~ **REGULAR MEETINGS** ~ ~ ~

Regular meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Pine River United Church on Hwy 21. Social Time: 7. 30 pm. Meeting: 8:00 pm.

LUG-A-MUG ... BRING YOUR OWN MUG TO THE MEETING!

Tues., Sept. 25th: Dr Susan Tamblyn, 'Wildlife of Uganda'

Dr. Tamblyn travels extensively; she is the former Medical Officer of Health for Perth county and Associate Clinical Professor for UWO and travelled with her husband to Uganda as CUSO volunteer. Uganda has 364 species of Mammals and 1062 species of birds. We hope to be able to hear from Dr. Tamblyn that evening.

**Tues., Oct. 23: Jean Iron**

Description: The extensive marshes and tidal mudflats of James Bay are of international importance to breeding and migrating waterbirds. For the past three summers, Jean was a member of a Royal Ontario Museum crew surveying the endangered *rufa* subspecies of the Red Knot and other shorebirds. You will also see special birds and wildlife of James Bay and Akimiski Island, a remote uninhabited island. Jean will give identification tips and show what it's like doing bird research in a wilderness camp.

Bio: Jean Iron of Toronto began serious birding about 23 years ago. Digiscoping birds is her passion. She was president of the Ontario Field Ornithologists (OFO) from 1995 to 2004, and editor of OFO News for 14 years. Her special interests are shorebirds, gulls, bird identification, and grassland birds of the Carden Alvar. She spends her summers as a volunteer doing shorebird surveys on James Bay for the Royal Ontario Museum and Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. Jean leads tours to Galapagos, Belize and Guatemala, and Iceland for Quest Nature Tours based in Toronto.

Tues., Nov. 27th:

We have not yet finalized a speaker; when we have, the programme will be announced. If you're not online, please call any of the Executive listed on Page 2.



WINTER WEATHER CAUTION: BEFORE YOU LEAVE HOME, PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THE EVENT IS NOT CANCELLED! WE WILL EMAIL UP TO THE LAST MINUTE....IF NOT ONLINE, PLEASE CALL ANY MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE. THERE MAY BE NOBODY AT THE CHURCH. THE SAME RULE FOR OUTINGS.

"IF HIGHWAY 21 IS CLOSED....THE MEETING IS CANCELLED."

