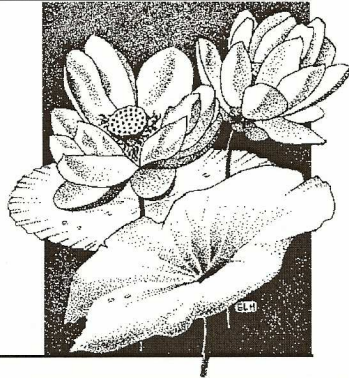


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NEWSLETTER
of the
NORFOLK FIELD NATURALISTS



April 2008

March 2008 Meeting Report

Announcements:

Sightings: In Port Dover, 6 Bohemian Waxwings; Anne & Dolf Wynia had a Swainson's Hawk. Numerous sightings of early spring arrivals: Red-winged Blackbird, Tundra Swan, Eastern Bluebird and other species - Sandhill Crane, Horned Lark (seen nestling into snowbanks), Snow Bunting and Bald Eagles at Turkey Point and Jackson Point refurbishing nests. Red-winged Blackbird reported to be en masse in Chicago; a backyard sighting of a mink taking a large goldfish, a shrike window kill. (It was suggested that window hits be checked for bands to be reported and frozen for the BSC collection.)

Upcoming Events: On April 5, starting at 9:30 am from BSC, Early Spring Birding, primarily swans and waterfowl. Special note - Also on April 5, the Haldimand Bird Observatory will be holding its AGM beginning at 9:00 am.

Arthur Langford Nature Reserve: Peter Carson reported that the Land Trust purchase closed on Jan. 31, 2008 and the reserve is a reality. Of the \$418,000 required, \$40,000 still has to be raised.

Meeting Notes:

February 2008 Meeting Report

Audrey Heagy

Some 34 people braved the blowing snow to attend the February NFN meeting. Fortunately our speaker, Jody Allair of Bird Studies Canada, didn't have to travel far. Jody's talk that evening took us to the southern Alberta Badlands, where he had worked for a few years as an interpreter at Tyrell Museum of Paleontology in Drumheller.

Jody covered 70 million years and a lot of topics in just 45 minutes but he never left his audience behind. First he introduced us to the fascinating natural history of the Alberta Badlands, including the geologic history that created its unique landscape, the various habitat types, and the birds and other wildlife found there. The next section of this talk was about the dinosaur fossils for which this area is so famous. His familiarity with the topic was evident in the easy way he was able to talk about the features of the various dinosaurs and the way the multi-syllabic names of the various species just rolled off his tongue without hesitation. In the final section of the talk, Jody's enthusiasm increased as he presented the mounting evidence of a direct ancestral link between present day birds and a branch of bird-like dinosaurs called theropods.

During the short business section of the meeting before the presentation, the members ratified a Board motion to donate \$2000 towards the publication of a special 100th anniversary book on the St. Williams Forestry Station, written by NFN member Harry Barrett. Tom Campbell announced that he has been asked to represent the NFN in efforts to launch a local committee to promote a conservator society and passed around a sign-up sheet for those interested in getting involved in this community-based initiative.

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Nature Education: Sandy Masse explained the programs being offered at the 49-acre farm she recently bought near Frogmore. Sessions on “Wild Edible and Medicinal Plants”, “The Way of the Naturalist” and “The Art of Wilderness Survival” will be led by Alexis Burnett of Earth Tracks. Attendees camp at the farm and are fed as part of the program. Visit the website at www.heronwalk.ca, email heronwalk@execulink.com, or call (519) 875-4330.

Forest Capital of Canada: Dolf Wynia mentioned the booth at the Wildlife Festival Mar. 8-9, and the first tour scheduled - of the Townsend Sawmill - to be held April 5.

Board of Director Changes: Audrey Heagy announced that David Okines has taken over the position of General Secretary and Colleen Dale has moved from Environment to become a Director-at-Large. The Environment position is currently vacant.

Baillie Birdathon: Mike McMillan, the official NFN Birdathoner, requested member support for his outing on Saturday, May 10. Audrey also encouraged others to become birdathoners - a signup list was present; all Birdathoners receive T-shirts.

St. Williams Forestry Station Book: Shirley Rothery announced that she presented to the Port Rowan South Walsingham Heritage Association the NFN contribution of \$2000 toward the publication of Harry Barrett's book. In return, NFN will receive 50 copies of the book to be sold to the members at \$20 each. The book is to be released July 12 and contains excellent photos, many in colour. (*Ed. Note: See article by Shirley on Page 7.*)

Causeway Project Open House: The consultant will present the options at an Open House in the Port Rowan Community Centre on March 30. It appears that to implement the improvements recommended will be costly.

March Speaker

Bill McIlveen received his B.Sc.(Agr.) and M.Sc. from the University of Guelph and a Plant Pathology Ph.D from Pennsylvania State University. He worked with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment for 25 years. Since 2002, he has been employed by AMEC Earth and Environmental as a Senior Terrestrial Biologist, has served on numerous advisory committees and has been involved with many projects to monitor the state of the environment in Ontario. He is a member

of 20 naturalist organizations and has served on the Executive of the Ontario Vernal Pools Association. Bill spoke on the topic:

Energy Transfers and Vernal Pools.

Vernal pools appear after snowmelt in the spring and may occur in autumn in the same areas. They collect in low spots and are still, rather than flowing, water.

Vernal pools do not connect to a stream and only certain organisms can live in them - fish cannot live in them. They may drain or evaporate after several weeks or may persist for several years and can be any size from a tiny 2-litre pool to a huge pool covering several acres.

Vernal pools are classified by specific types of areas where water may be trapped:

- Hardwood Forests (e.g. Inglewood)
- Alvares (limestone - Bruce Peninsula / Manitoulin)
- Sand Dunes
- Conifer Forests
- Alkalai Ponds (short-lived - Pothole Lakes, Sask)
- Cyclical (orphan pools from lake level drops)
- Wave Pools (in rocks at edge of Lake Superior)
- Muskeg (James Bay lowlands)

and they have four essential system components:

1. Biological entities
2. Physical resources (nutrients)
3. Physical environment (moisture, acidity)
4. Energy (transfers in the carbon cycle)

The basic vernal pool energy sources are inorganic chemicals, physical sources (wind, rain), those imported/exported by animal movement, and, most important, Solar Energy and decomposition. The amount of direct solar heating is affected by water colour and volume (depth), wind, spacing of tree cover, air temperature, solar intensity / duration (cloud cover / season). Solar Energy may be direct or by photosynthesis and depends on the amount of sun and length of daytime.

Organisms that can survive in vernal pools are algae, protozoa, and some higher plants. They have the ability to survive when the pools dry up by developing hard cyst-like coverings that protect them until the pools return - as long, possibly, as 5 or 8 years. Other water-loving creatures, such as salamanders or dragonflies, may not be able to survive in a vernal pool as they need water to complete their entire life cycle; a vernal pool may not exist long enough to support the cycle.



Alex Landon asked Bill about the course options he had had available to him. Alex told about an avid birdwatcher friend of his who was looking for a related science course back around 1940 and the closest one he could find was on Horticulture.

Ed. Note re Correction: An apology to Alex Landon for mis-spelling his name in the last issue.

New Members

Look for our newest members at meetings and say "hello to them. We welcome:

James and Jane Clement
Brian Craig and Paul Jongerden
Len and Diane Ladoucer
Steve and Karen Lindsay
Carol Snively-Skoblenick

Upcoming Events of Interest

Sunday, April 20, 2008
Earth Day Tree Planting

See page 7 for details

Thursday, May 8, 2008 7:00 p.m.
Long Point World Biosphere Fndn.
Annual General Meeting

Backus Heritage Conservation Area
 Speaker: Bill Rapley, Director of
 Conservation / Education, Toronto Zoo

Thursday, May 22, 2008
Carolinian Canada
Annual General Meeting

Hosted at Bird Studies Canada

2007 Christmas Bird Counts (CBC)

Long Point CBC 2007

Ron Ridout

The Long Point CBC was held on Saturday, Dec. 15. Conditions were cold (-10 low, -1 high) with ENE winds averaging 25 kph gusting to 50 kph. Skies were cloudy and only a small portion of Long Point Bay remained open. Creeks were mainly open. There was about 2 inches of snow cover.

By and large it was a good day despite the cold raw winds. Hey, at least it wasn't Sunday! (*Ed. Note: In case you forgot, that was the day of the big storm.*)

Forty observers counted 36,229 individuals of 109 species. The total number is about average while the species total is a little higher than average. Thanks to all those who participated this year.

Highlights included:

Trumpeter Swan 1
 Cackling Goose 1
 Golden Eagle 1
 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 2
 Hoary Redpoll 2

Record High Counts included:

Cackling Goose 1
 Bald Eagle 28
 Cooper's Hawk 12
 Rough-legged Hawk 52
 Golden Eagle 1
 Wild Turkey 175
 Sandhill Crane 265 - new Canadian high
 Northern Saw-whet Owl 2
 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 2
 Horned Lark 649
 White-crowned Sparrow 26
 Dark-eyed Junco 3214
 Hoary Redpoll 2

Low counts included:

Common Grackle 6
 Winter Wren 3

Fisherville CBC 2007

Linda Thrower

The 19th Annual Fisherville Christmas Bird Count was held on Sunday Dec. 23. It rained so hard even the waterfowl were complaining!!

The rain started by 7am; heavy rain and strong winds continued till around 11 am. The rain took an hour for lunch and then continued to pour down with strong winds till nightfall when it turned to snow. I have promised better weather for next years count!

Even with the terrible weather, the 34 field observers found some amazing birds not regularly seen. Mike Street had a first for the Fisherville count - a Black-crowned Night Heron - as well as the first Pied-billed Grebe since 1992. Mike also sighted our Glaucous Gull, which was later seen by Jeff Skevington, a first since 2000. Little Gulls were found again this year but still in small numbers (since 1999).

A few other species were found in small numbers: 1 Northern Flicker, 2 American Robins and 1 Cedar Waxwing looking for friends (maybe it found the only Eastern White Crowned Sparrow around on this day). We also had the first Brewer's Blackbird since 1999, and, last but not least, the Song Sparrow count was the lowest since 1989.

Owls were hard to hear with the winds and even harder to find. A special "Thanks" to Neil Taylor and party who got very wet finding 9 Eastern Screech-Owl and 3 Great Horned Owl. Mike Street found the other 4 Eastern Screech-Owl.

The day's tally was amazing: 75 species and 27,753 individuals.

26 field observers some came as far away as Ottawa to find the wings hiding in the raindrops

Many thanks to the participants : Mike Street, Mark Cranford, Donna Sheppard, Jeff & Richard Skevington, Rick Ludkin, David Desoer, Betsy Smith, Mary & Roy Galli, Jim Smith, George Pond, Alan Thrower, Elenor Bell, Barry Jones, Bob Stamp, Jim Heslop, Neil Taylor, Tom Schneider, Tom Thomas, Peter Booker, Brian Mishell, Rob Smuck, Stu Mackenzie, Ken Burrell, Matt & Doug Timpf, Deny Gardiner, Francis Smuck, Gerry Guild, Don Perks, John Lamey, Roger Gifford, Linda Thrower.

Woodhouse CBC 2007

David Okines

The Woodhouse CBC is centered 7 km east of Simcoe at Renton in Norfolk County and covers the Port Dover to Waterford and Simcoe to Jarvis areas. The 2007 count was held on Sunday, December 16.

Temperature was from - 6.1 to - 2.8 C, the wind was light, it was cloudy and there was 20-30cm of snow on the roads/ground after the previous night's storm that continued into the morning. All the inland waters were frozen/snow covered and lake waters were partly frozen. Visibility was generally poor in the morning and moderate in the afternoon due to blowing snow.

The depth of snow on the roads and in woods/fields forced us to reduce the amount of walking. Most areas were covered, but reduced visibility meant that a lot of birds were missed. This in turn gave us a lower than expected number of species this year, and a lower number of birds of most species. Notable low numbers were recorded for woodland species because woods were inaccessible and for lake species due to the poor visibility.

There were no new species found but, in spite of the weather, 9 species had counts well above average. There were no record low counts, even though 38 species counts were well below average.

Record High count (1 species)
Horned Lark 708 (previous high 472)

Count Week Records (3 species)
Snow Goose
Gadwall
American Green-winged Teal

Notable Absentees (3 species)
Eastern Screech-Owl
Great Horned Owl
Brown Creeper

Also Worthy of Mention (8 species)
Double-crested Cormorant 1 (3rd Record)
American Green-winged Teal CW (4th Record)
Grey Partridge 3 (5th Record)
American Coot 3 (5th Record)
Eastern Phoebe 1 (2nd Record)
Eastern Tufted Titmouse 2 (5th Record)
Savannah Sparrow 1 (4th Record, third year in a row)
Lapland Longspur 1 (7th Record)

Christmas Bird Counts - 2007

Common Name	Long Point		Fisherville		Woodhse		Total
	#	*	#	*	#	*	#
Snow Goose (blue form)					0	CW	0
Cackling Goose	1	HC					1
Canada Goose	2331		2498		2727		7556
Mute Swan	7				2		9
Trumpeter Swan	1						1
Tundra Swan	1260		97				1357
Wood Duck	14						14
Gadwall	60		89		0	CW	149
American Wigeon	508		4				512
American Black Duck	433		442		13		888
Mallard	891		1524		403		2818
Northern Shoveler	2						2
Northern Pintail	7						7
Am. Green-winged Teal	3				0	CW	3
Canvasback	10		42				52
Redhead	1557		3		1		1561
Ring-necked Duck	79						79
Greater Scaup	3063		806		935		4804
Lesser Scaup	113		6				119
scaup sp.	2300				106		2406
Long-tailed Duck	1						1
Bufflehead	42		396		85		523
Common Goldeneye	180		290		59		529
Hooded Merganser	20		7		2		29
Common Merganser	1796		2391		686		4873
Red-breasted Merganser	170		636		32		838
Ruddy Duck	10						10
Gray Partridge					3		3
Ring-necked Pheasant	1						1
Ruffed Grouse	8						8
Wild Turkey	175	HC	186		86		447
Pied-billed Grebe	1		1				2
Double-crested Cormorant					1		1
Great Blue Heron (blue)	6		14		2		22
Black-crowned Night-Heron			1	US			1
Bald Eagle	28	HC	5		2		35
Northern Harrier	56		14		6		76
Sharp-shinned Hawk	9		2		3		14
Cooper's Hawk	12	HC	4		3		19
Red-tailed Hawk	74		56		31		161
Rough-legged Hawk	52	HC	9		6		67
Golden Eagle	1	HC					1
American Kestrel	4		29		2		35
Merlin	1						1
Peregrine Falcon			1				1
American Coot	50		3		3		56
Sandhill Crane	265	HC					265
Little Gull	1		3				4
Bonaparte's Gull	451		2576		51		3078
Ring-billed Gull	129		3413		202		3744
Herring Gull	176		1574		61		1811
Glaucous Gull	1		1				2
Great Black-backed Gull	15		549		2		566
Rock Pigeon	52		244		176		472
Mourning Dove	460		291		309		1060
Eastern Screech-Owl	28		13				41
Great Horned Owl	8		3				11
Barred Owl	1						1
Long-eared Owl					1		1

Notes: HC - High Count US - Unusual Species
 LC - Low Count CW - Count Week
 Shading - found on one count only

Christmas Bird Counts - 2007 (cont'd)

Common Name	Long Point		Fisherville		Woodhse		Total
	#	*	#	*	#	*	#
Short-eared Owl	1						1
Northern Saw-wet Owl	1	HC					1
Belted Kingfisher	1				1		2
Red-bellied Woodpecker	27		14		10		51
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	2	HC					2
Dowry Woodpecker	93		58		23		174
Hairy Woodpecker	27		11		9		47
Northern Flicker	21		1		3		25
Pileated Woodpecker	2						2
Eastern Phoebe					1		1
Northern Shrike	4		8		1		13
Blue Jay	352		139		127		618
American Crow	723		193		484		1400
Horned Lark	649	HC	4		708	HC	1361
Black-capped Chickadee	817		234		139		1190
Tufted Titmouse	1		3		2		6
Red-breasted Nuthatch	40		9		9		58
White-breasted Nuthatch	118		40		32		190
Brown Creeper	9		3				12
Carolina Wren	17				2		19
Winter Wren	3	LC	1				4
Golden-crowned Kinglet	43		12		2		57
Eastern Bluebird	36		15		25		76
Hermit Thrush	15				2		17
American Robin	24		2		2		28
Northern Mockingbird	1		6				7
Brown Thrasher	1						1
European Starling	1357		3435		740		5532
American Pipit	11						11
Cedar Waxwing	109		1		5		115
Yellow-rumped Warbler	13						13
American Tree Sparrow	3676		718		887		5281
Field Sparrow	1						1
Vesper Sparrow	1						1
Savannah Sparrow	3				1		4
Fox Sparrow	3				1		4
Song Sparrow	80		5		27		112
Swamp Sparrow	49		3		2		54
White-throated Sparrow	103				11		114
White-crowned Sparrow	26	HC	1		11		38
Dark-eyed Junco	3214	HC	349		1307	HC	4870
Lapland Longspur	17				1		18
Snow Bunting	1052		344		374		1770
Northern Cardinal	258		166		157		581
Red-winged Blackbird	825		39		2		866
Eastern Meadowlark					4		4
Rusty Blackbird	74		10		1		85
Brewer's Blackbird			1				1
Common Grackle	6	LC	9		6		21
Brown-headed Cowbird	2754		1356		155		4265
Pine Grosbeak	2						2
Purple Finch	12				1		13
House Finch	184		211		455		850
White-winged Crossbill	2						2
Common Redpoll	1065		270		164		1499
Hoary Redpoll	2	HC	1				3
Pine Siskin	161				18		179
American Goldfinch	575		456		152		1183
Evening Grosbeak	1						1
House Sparrow	640		1402		948		2990
Total birds found	36,228		27,753		13,013		76,994
Total Species	109		75	+3	77	+6	118



January field outing

Audrey Heagy

A total of 28 people in 8 vehicles took part in the January field outing to Haldimand County led by David Okines and Audrey Heagy in search of wintering birds. The weather was relatively pleasant – at least in comparison to the rest of the winter – as there was no snow on the ground. The temperature was above freezing but with a chilly raw wind. We started at Simcoe, then headed down to the lake-shore east of Port Dover. With the open conditions it was hard to spot many birds as we drove, other than the Red-tailed Hawks perched in the roadside trees.

As we drove east along the shoreline, we stopped at various overlooks to check for waterfowl and gulls, most of which were staying well offshore. At one stop we were fortunate to see an adult White-crowned Sparrow hopping about on rocks at the edge of the lake. A walk through the Haldimand Conservation Area got us warmed up a bit but produced only a single chickadee. With the open water conditions on the lake, there weren't a lot of waterfowl concentrated at the hotwater outflow from the Nanticoke power station. However, there were a couple of Great Blue Herons, a species which is often hard to find in January.

The main attraction on this birding trip is the chance to see the Short-eared Owls which over-winter at a

few spots in Haldimand. While they can sometimes be seen roosting in trees near the road when there is a lot of snow on the ground, or even flying about on calm sunny days following bouts of harsh weather, more typically they roost on the ground in grassy fields and only appear right after sunset as the sky darkens. Unfortunately, not all of the trip participants were able to stay this late.

This winter there have only been a few Short-eared Owls seen regularly at two traditional locations near Fisherville. In some years there have been as many as 30 or more birds at this location but this owl is a species of Special Concern whose population has been on the decline. We stopped at the Fisherville Raptor Preserve, a large tract of shrubby grassland habitat that has been set aside as a reserve by its owners specifically because it is ideal habitat for wintering Short-eared Owls and Northern Harriers. We saw a few distance harriers but no owls during a brief but chilly stop at the Preserve, but did manage to take the group photo (above).

We then rushed over to another nearby site, and after several minutes of waiting as the sky gradually darkened we were rewarded by the sight of one, and then another and finally a third owl floating over the grassy field. While the owls didn't ever come very close to the road that evening, it was still a great way to end the day.

From the NFN Board Minutes:

January motions approved:

NFN endorses Tom Campbell to initiate the "We Conserve" committee in Norfolk County.

NFN endorses the expansion of the World Biosphere core areas as mentioned in their proposal. (Potential areas to be included would be Backus, St. Williams Forest, Spooky Hollow, Rowanwood, South Walsingham, and the Big Creek Flood Plain.)

NFN endorses expansion of the Long Point World Biosphere to include Rowanwood.

NFN to donate \$2,000 towards the publication of the St Williams Forestry Station book, and ask for 50 copies of the book in return.

February motions approved:

NFN will recognize NFN participants in the Baillie Birdathon.

In future, NFN will acknowledge all Contributing and Supporting Members (but not the amount they have given) in the Annual Report sent out with the Lotus.

Colleen Dale will move from Environment to become a Director at Large.

David Okines will move from Director at Large to become General Secretary.

Earth Day Tree Planting Sunday, April 20, 2008

Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) and Long Point Region Conservation Authority (LPRCA) invite you to celebrate Earth Day by planting trees in our Carolinian Crown Jewel, Backus Woods. To learn more and to register for this Conservation Volunteers event, please visit

www.conservationvolunteers.ca

click on "Volunteer" tab, then "Ontario" or email ontario@conservationvolunteers.ca

Participants must register in advance.

Wendy Cridland
Conservation Volunteers Coordinator
Nature Conservancy of Canada
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www.natureconservancy.ca

They Had a Dream

Shirley Rothery

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the establishment of Canada's First Forestry Station at St. Williams Ontario. In 1908 three local men became alarmed at the results of deforestation in Norfolk County. They were: Walter McCall, a second generation sawmill owner and furniture manufacturer in St. Williams; Dr. E.A. Zavitz, professor at the University of Guelph, photographer and local landowner; and Col. A.C. Pratt, Member of Provincial Parliament. They were a good team, a businessman, a scientist and a politician.

Earliest land policy in Upper Canada decreed that the land was free to first settlers but they must cultivate it for farming. The result was that by 1908, the sand planes of this area were blowing away and the land was increasingly unproductive. These three men turned this around with their dream. Today Norfolk boasts more than 40% forest cover.

"They Had a Dream" tells how the seed nursery and plantation were leaders in forestry practice, how broad the impacts were on the local economy, how innovative the workers were, how the lessons learned were employed by others throughout the forestry community, how important leadership was at "the farm" as it was known locally, and how important the planting of trees was in Norfolk County.

Dr. Zavitz left an additional legacy - hundreds of photographs, beginning with the first plantings at St. Williams. Many are included in this book.

Harry B. Barrett, the author of *They Had a Dream*, has written several other books on local topics, including "Lore and Legends of Long Point" and "William Pope", the 19th century journals and paintings of a local wildlife artist.

Norfolk has been designated the Forest Capital of Canada for 2008 by the Canadian Forestry Association and this book will be published to mark this milestone in the history of forestry. The NFN has supported the publication of this book by donating \$2000 and by agreeing to sell 50 copies.

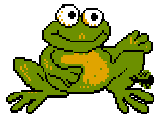
The paperback 8"x10" book, with 280 pages and about 75 photographs, many in colour, will be available after the book launch July 12, 2008.

Copies can be ordered through Shirley Rothery [519-586-9535](tel:519-586-9535); shirleyrothery@hotmail.com or at an NFN monthly meeting or outing.

Help us to meet the NFN commitment by purchasing your copy through Shirley.

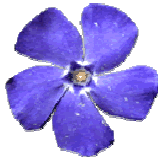
Upcoming NFN and Other Outings

Wed. Apr. 16 /08
6:00 p.m.



Amazing Amphibians
Backus 519-586-2201
Family-friendly.
Fee: \$2/person

Sun. Apr. 27 /08
1:30 p.m.



Wildflower Walk at Rowanwood Sanctuary
Matt Brock 519-586-3283
Family-friendly

Sun. May 4 /08
9:00 a.m.



Jackson-Gunn Old-Growth Forest
Peter Carson 519-586-3985
Family-friendly.

Sun. May 10 /08
All day



Baillie Birdathon
BSC 519-586-3531
or
www.bsc-eoc.org



Tue. June 17 /08
7:30 p.m.

Evening Walk at Big Creek Marsh

Audrey Heagy
519-586-9464
Family-friendly.



Sun. June 22 /08
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Canoeing on Big Creek
Audrey Heagy 519-586-9464

May Meeting

Tuesday, May 13, 2008

Natural Cuba: A Photographic Journey
Bernt (Bernie) Solymar, Earth Trampler Consulting Inc.

NFN Meetings

Norfolk Field Naturalist meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month from September to May. The election of Directors takes place at the September meeting.

Meetings take place at the Simcoe Seniors Centre on Pond Street. They are free and visitors are always welcome. Doors open at 7:15pm; program begins at 7:30pm.

About the NFN

Norfolk Field Naturalist members participate in meetings and frequent field outings, many of which are family-friendly.

Membership fees, due in September, are \$20- Individual and \$30- Family; donations are eligible for income tax credits; Charitable Registration #0620070-52-14.

Guest speakers present programs on interesting and relevant natural history and conservation topics.

Club members receive the Lotus newsletter with articles on local natural history and club activities. It is published bi-monthly from October to June by volunteer club members. Copies of the Lotus are available at meetings but will be mailed (free of charge) to members if not picked up. Articles published in the Lotus reflect the views and opinions of the authors and do not necessarily reflect those of the NFN.

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