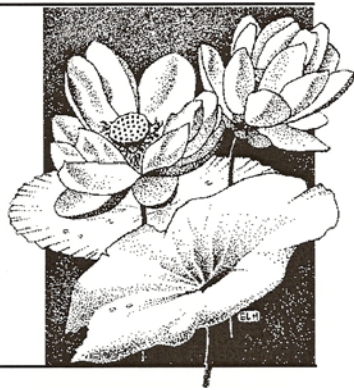
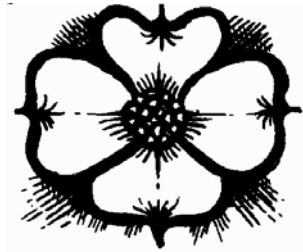


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NEWSLETTER
of the
NORFOLK FIELD NATURALISTS



DECEMBER 2014



RESTORATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP TOURS

Report and photos by: Inga Hinnerichsen



This summer the NFN Members and other interested folks were treated to some first-hand opportunities to experience the results of ecological restoration projects.

In early July Mary Gartshore and Peter Carson took us on a tour of Norfolk Sand Plain restoration sites. Three sites, owned by Nature Conservancy Canada (NCC) were chosen.

The first site was in its second summer of growth dominated by blazing Brown-eyed Susans (*Rudbeckia hirta*) and other native wildflowers. Small seedlings of oaks were visible between the taller plants.

Mary and Peter explained the restoration process: The preparation of a former farmer's field first involves disking and packing, often twice, as in the case of corn stubble. Bulldozer work is minimal and is used to create wetlands on a landscape that is heavily tiled.

A seed mixture consisting of native grasses, wildflowers, shrubs and trees plus a large amount of Millet seed is then mechanically sown over the area. The Millet will act as a spacer because the machinery can't sow the mixture sparsely enough. During the first growing season the seeds germinate, including the Millet. However, this grass, native to warmer climates, doesn't survive the winter and will leave generous spaces in its wake for other plants to prosper. This early development became very obvious when we viewed the second site, which was in its first summer of growth. The site had the appearance of a weedy field. Not many flowering plants were to be seen, mostly the first year green foliage of perennial plants, some grasses and tiny tree seedlings and a large amount of wispy Millet.

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Fast forward to year nine of growth: Site number 3. Plenty of growth had taken place in these years. Trees and shrubs and grasses had gradually taken over from the flowers. Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*) was still persisting in places. Young trees were already chest-high, or taller. They experience a real growth spurt between years 9 and 15. Soon this site will resemble a young forest. Originally, there were 2 back-to-back tobacco farms on this site stretching between Norfolk County Road 60 and 6th Concession Road. NCC is now maintaining a few walking trails in the area. Access is restricted only during hunting season. Deer hunting is permitted on this site to prevent widespread damage to the tree saplings by browsing deer.



Blue Vervain (*Verbena hastata*) and Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*) with Honey Bees

When this site was first seeded nine years ago an area was marked off and not seeded as an experiment to find out what would happen if nature was left to take its own course. Interestingly, mostly invasive introduced grasses populated the area. Only a few native plants and trees had found their way in on the edges of the experimental plot. So, after 9 years, active restoration certainly appears to trump simply leaving nature to take its course.

The **2014 ALUS - Norfolk Environmental Stewardship Annual Tour** took place on Wednesday, August 27.



(ALUS = Alternative Land Use Services)

This all-day event attracted a record number of participants, a good sign that this program is growing in popularity and is attracting a lot of attention from both Norfolk farmers and the general public. Farmers who sign with the program turn over parcels of marginal, non-farmable land, which then are managed as wetland, tall grass prairie and riparian edges. See www.ALUS.ca for more information.



Site 1. A new pond

3 school buses took all 125 of us to 4 farms with established ALUS projects.

Site 1. on the Woodhouse Hollow Boarding Stables was in its first summer since developed earlier this spring. An existing creek had been widened into a pond, Trees and wetland plants were introduced and doing well. Wildlife had quickly found new homes in the new wetland: two small Painted Turtles and a Leopard Frog were observed.

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Site 2. was the next-door Renner Farm. The restoration project was now in its second year. Reeds and other wetland plants were well established around a large pond, small tree seedlings were thriving on the surrounding mounds among many varieties of plants.

Guest speakers during our lunch break at the Waterford Legion's Veterans' Pavilion were MP Diane Findley, Mary Gartshore and Josh Sayers of the Ontario Badger Project. The Chef of the Belworth House in Waterford had prepared a delicious lunch buffet from all Norfolk-grown ingredients.



Site 4. A mature pond and meadows

The tour continued after lunch to Site 3. Bonnieheath Estate Lavender & Winery. The owners of this farm also promote Eco-Tourism. Visiting groups are taken on short hikes along trails on the farm and find the combination of farmed fields with adjacent forests, meadows and the large pond very interesting. The ALUS projects on this site are well under way in their 4th year.



Site 3. The pond at Bonnieheath

Site 4. The Van Til farm was the oldest of the sites. Two separate areas had been restored, we didn't visit the area at the far back of the farm, but had the opportunity to walk around the pond at the front. Here the vegetation was mature, both around the pond and the surrounding rolling meadows.

ALUS has spread throughout Canada with their goal of creating a healthy landscape sustaining agriculture, wildlife and natural spaces.



A Leopard Frog at a newly developed pond

Don't forget NFN on your Christmas List!

In 2013 the NFN donated **\$15,000** to the Long Point Basin Land Trust toward the purchase of a natural area near Fishers Glen. We now need to replenish the Securement and Protection fund in order to be able to support other projects like this.

The NFN will gratefully accept any donations for the Land Securement or other projects - please, specify.

As a charitable not-for-profit organisation, NFN will issue a tax-deductible receipt for all donations over **\$10.00**

Charitable registration # 11905869RR00001

Also note that a **\$500.00** donation will secure you a **Life-time Membership** with the NFN!

A legacy in your Will or insurance policy is another option to support the work of the NFN.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas Season and All The Best in the New Year!

THE LODGE

MEMORIES FROM THE CABIN IN THE FOOTHILLS OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS

Story and photos:

Inga Hinnerichsen and David Curry

Recently we sold our remaining property in Alberta, a rustic cabin on just over 4 acres of boreal forest in the foothills of the Rockies. We had the property for 20 years. Over that time period we spent a total of over 3 years at our retreat from the city.



First we built a tiny structure, the Cabinette. Just 8' x 8', it served us well for 6 years, summer and winter, while we planned and built the bigger cabin: The Lodge.



The area: The distance of 126 km north west of Calgary made it an easy escape for a weekend. The foothills are gently rolling up towards the mountains covered in mixed boreal forest between scattered pastures of cattle ranches. Many clear mountain streams flow down from the eastern slopes of the Rockies.

Flora: Few trees survive the climate of this inland semi-arid high plateau: Mostly Lodgepole Pine, Spruce, Aspen and Balsam Poplar, some Tamarack and White Birch. Cottonwood mingle with Saskatoon Berry (Service Berry) bushes in the river valleys, willows thrive in wet areas. Spring does not bring the explosion of flowers like here. Small blue Violets, Mule's Ears and Colt's Foot sparsely dot the area. Then the forest floor, meadows and road sides come alive in summer. Among others, orange Wood Lilies glow under the trees, Twinflower vines trail on the mossy floor, a spectacular rainbow of colours is displayed by the Indian Paint Brush. 5 varieties of Orchids are also found in the area. Tall blue Delphinium and Shooting Stars grow side by side with Cow Parsnip in wet meadows. Camas Lilies prefer the dryer wood edges.



Wild
Delphinium



Wood Lily and Wild Rose, Alberta's provincial flower

Fauna: The boreal forest is home to many mammals, large and small. A young black bear climbed up to our bird feeder to snack on Sunflower seed leaving deep claw marks on a pine trunk. Luckily Grizzlies seldom wander this far into ranch country. In the winter it is easy to see who has been around leaving hoof and paw prints in the snow.

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Occasional oval indentations flanked by wing prints are left by the Great Grey Owl. A small frozen bead of blood at the bottom of the depression is a mark of a successful hunt. Cougar tracks were once seen on a trail. Moose frequent the woods together with Whitetail Deer. Small herds of Mule Deer prefer the more open farm country. Foxes trot by and 3 packs of Coyotes hang out in the area. They regularly entertain with fine choral music in the evenings: The soloist in one pack picks up a tune and the others join in with soaring harmonies. Soon all 3 packs sing in an echoing symphony. They are much more vocal than their eastern cousins. Other neighbours are Porcupines, River Otters, Beavers, Snowshoe Hares, Red Squirrels, Northern Flying Squirrels and Meadow Voles (who raided our veggie patch regularly) Small Garter Snakes find winter shelter in an old gravel pit.



Great Grey Owl
and Red Squirrel

Birds: Five Owls call our woods home: the tiny Northern Pygmy Owl and the Northern Saw-whet Owl, the Barred Owl, the Great Grey Owl and the Great Horned Owl - Alberta's provincial bird. The female Great Grey had usually 2 chicks every summer. We enjoyed watching these wonderful birds, they are relatively bold and curious, often sitting in a tree keeping an eye on us all day. They are also diurnal, Mother Owl hunts in daylight when she has hungry chicks to feed. Red-tailed Hawks and Swainson's Hawks are common. Northern

Harriers and other raptors migrate through spring and fall. A Goshawk stayed around for 3 years. Golden and Bald Eagles often cruise above. Ruffed Grouse are drumming in early spring. Elegant long-tailed Magpies like it out in the country as well as in the city. Sandhill Cranes forage for frogs and insects on nearby pastures. Pileated Woodpeckers, Hairy and Downy woodpeckers, Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers and Flickers find housing in many aspen snags. Once we even saw a White-headed Woodpecker, which normally only lives on the west side of the mountains. Many other birds, migratory or year-round residents, nest in the woods and take advantage of the offerings on our bird feeder: Evening Grosbeaks, the odd Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Purple Finches, American Gold Finches, Olive-sided and Alder Flycatchers, Gray Jays and Blue Jays, etc. Ducks, Canada Geese, Great Blue Herons and many other waders occupy a small creek and wetlands created by Beavers.

Beside the Great Grey Owl our most favourite bird of them all had to be the Hermit Thrush. Spring had not really arrived until they appeared at the end of April. We had at least 3 nesting pairs in the woods surrounding the cabin and the stereophonic lovely flute tones rang out morning and evening into July when the nesting season was over.

We miss the place, but we have wonderful memories to last us forever from the last 20 years at **The Lodge**.



NCEE: A Great Year and Beyond

A report on the
New Generations of Norfolk Naturalists
By: Bernie Solymár, Executive Director, NCEE



Nature's Calling Environmental Education's (NCEE) mission is to connect youth and families with nature and the outdoors, to raise awareness and appreciation for our natural world, and to foster a strong environmental ethic through community-based education and engagement.

In March we received our charitable status, starting a banner year for our little organization.

With funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation we were able to develop our Nature in the Classroom program. The 8 curriculum-based units were delivered to 45 classrooms during the 2013-14 school year throughout Norfolk, Haldimand and Brant, and we have already got 10 bookings this school year.



A group of proud nesting box builders
Photo: Liz Jolly

A grant from the Great Lakes Guardian Community Fund allowed us to work with local scout groups, who built over 120 bird houses for Purple Martins, Eastern Bluebirds, and American Kestrels, as well as bat boxes and Southern flying squirrel boxes. These were then distributed and installed on 12 private landowner properties and 8 conservation and land trust parcels.

Our nature educators led 8 family hikes on nature trails in Norfolk and organized a plant bioblitz on the Lynn Valley Trail. As well, for the 7th consecutive year we participated in the Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup. Attendance at these events has been enhanced by our Face Book page, which has over 300 followers.



Spirit Walk - photo courtesy of Tim Warris Photography

Our community outreach and engagement efforts were rewarded by our successful 5th annual Butterfly and Dragonfly Festival and our 2nd Spirit Walk outdoor theatre production, which had an audience of 343 people, young and old, over 3 nights. In 2015 we are moving to a new event concept – Ontario's Family Outdoor Festival on August 15th and 16th at the Backus Heritage Conservation Area. It'll be a fun and educational weekend of all things nature, including guided hikes, wildlife shows, interactive displays, outdoor theatre and games, arts and crafts, interactive live butterfly cage, pioneer history, learn to fish demos, star gazing, storytellers, musicians and camping.

Our other big plan for 2015 is to develop an outdoor education program for elementary schools. We'll be partnering with the St. Williams Nursery and Ecology Centre, the Norfolk Arts Centre and Alternative Land Use Services to offer some innovative and original programming that will explore our natural heritage, biodiversity, the arts and nature connection, and farmers as stewards of our land.

We are always looking for volunteers. If you'd like to contribute to our efforts of providing families with awesome nature experiences, why not give us a call at 519-410-7376 or e-mail us at info@naturescalling.ca

To learn more about these topics, and more,
visit: www.ontarionature.org

Ontario Nature Magazine: Hot off the press

Enjoy stunning photos and thought-provoking
text in our winter magazine on the ON website

Bold move:

Government of Ontario commits to 80 percent
reduction in use of neonics.

Ontario Nature is teaming up with the Canadian
Association of Physicians for the Environment
(CAPE) to help protect pollinators.

**Youth Summit for Biodiversity and Community
Action**

Ontario Nature's fifth annual Youth Summit brought
together 91 youths from 45 communities across the
province for an inspiring, action-packed weekend.
Held September 19-21, 2014, at YMCA Geneva
Park, teens had the opportunity to participate in a
wide variety of outdoor activities and workshops.

**Are you ready for Winter? Bundle up!
Our Nature Reserves are still open**

Take a hike this winter and discover another side to
our Nature Reserves. Winter is a great time to see
wildlife as it's often more easily visible in the snow,
as well as tracks. With fewer calls to distinguish,
winter is one of the best times for birding, too.
Whether you hike, ski or snowshoe, be sure to visit
a Nature Reserve this winter.



Photo courtesy of Ontario Nature

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORT

Autumn 2014

The NFN Board of Directors met on Tuesday,
October 28 at Diane Salter's house to review
ongoing NFN business.

General: The Directors agreed to have 4 regularly
scheduled meetings per year, not monthly
meetings, as before.

Inga will be meeting with Marleen Smith of the
Historical Society regarding NFN Archives later this
winter.

Financial: The remaining \$100.00 in the inactive
Barn Owl account was donated to be used to cover
costs (rental of hall and insurance) of the
information session in Port Ryerse concerning the
Barn Owl. It took place on Thursday, November 6,
and was very informative and very well attended.
There was a live Barn Owl and a Bald Eagle in
attendance.

A detailed Annual Financial Report is included with
this issue of Lotus.

Directors' reports: Peter (and any volunteers?) will
be clearing old trails at the Rowanwood Sanctuary
this winter.

The Long Point Causeway Improvement Project
(LPCIP) has approval to proceed with new
underpass passageways. The quantity will depend
on funding available.

Bernie reported on past and future NCEE (Nature's
Calling Environmental Education) - See page 4 for
details.

The next Director's Meeting will be held in January,
The Report will be in the February Lotus.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

2014-2015 season:

Marilyn Kew
Pat Spencer

**We are looking forward to meeting you and
hope you will participate in and enjoy all the
NFN indoor presentations and field outings!**

Upcoming NFN 2014-15 Winter Events

Christmas Bird Counts Sunday, December 14 Woodhouse Count

Contact: David Okines 519-586-9464
davidokines@aol.com

Sunday, December 28 Fisherville Count

Contact: Linda Thrower, 905-774-1230
linda1@295.ca

Meeting and Guest Speaker Tuesday, January 13, 7.30 pm Nature Down-Under

Inga Hinnerichsen will entertain us with stories and photos from her trips to Australia and New Zealand.



Winter Birding in Haldimand County

Sunday, January 18, 2 pm - 6 pm
Meet at Port Dover, West side dock at
2.00 sharp

Contact Audrey, 519-586-9464

Meeting and Guest Speaker Tuesday, February 10, 7.30 pm Tundra Swan Research at Long Point Waterfowl

Speaker: MSc Katelyn Weaver

She will tell us about the selection of habitats Eastern Tundra Swans use for staging and wintering



NFN Meetings

Norfolk Field Naturalist meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month from September to May.

Meetings take place at the **Simcoe Seniors Centre, 89 Pond Street.**

The meetings are free and visitors are always welcome. Doors open at 7:15 pm, programs begin at 7:30 pm.

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Next Lotus issue:

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About the NFN

Norfolk Field Naturalists members participate in meetings and field outings, many of which are family-friendly. **Membership fees are \$20 Individual and \$30 Family.** Donations are eligible for income tax credits. Charitable registration # 11905869RR00001

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. Copies of the Lotus are available at meetings, by mail or by email and posted on the NFN web site. Articles published in the Lotus reflect the views and opinions of the authors, but not necessarily those of the NFN.

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Honorary President: Al Robinson

Honorary Directors: Harry Barrett, Jim Harlow



Norfolk Field Naturalists

Annual Report 2013 - 2014

Norfolk Field Naturalists, P.O. Box 995, Simcoe, Ontario N3Y 5B3

The Norfolk Field Naturalists organization, established in 1962, is dedicated to the acquisition and extension of knowledge of natural history and the appreciation, enjoyment and stewardship of natural environment, especially within the Counties of Norfolk and Haldimand.

NFN members participate in monthly meetings from September to May. Guest Speakers present programs on interesting and relevant natural history and conservation topics. Field outings are held throughout the year with trips of local interest and significance. Junior naturalists are encouraged to participate with their families. Annual membership is \$20 Individual or \$30 for a Family.

For 2013 - 2014, the NFN had a total of 160 members in good standing (each family membership counts as 2 members) including 6 Supporting Members (dues + donation of at least \$100) and 7 Contributing Members (dues + donation of \$50 - \$99).

NFN has always taken leadership in public education and protection of our local natural treasures. Actions taken include participation in recovery teams for various species at risk, restoration and preservation of habitat, participation in annual bird and butterfly counts and acting in an advisory capacity to local authorities and environmental planning groups.

Club members receive the Lotus, a newsletter with articles on local natural history and club activities. The NFN has taken an active role in protecting local areas of natural significance by participating in planning exercises and helping other groups raise funds for land acquisition.

Directors are chosen / elected from the membership for a term of 1-3 years, renewed annually, and normally limited to a period of six years' consecutive service. One Honorary President and one or two Honorary Directors may be appointed by the Board in recognition of long and outstanding service to the NFN; they may be called upon by the Board to act in an advisory capacity. There is no limitation on the length of service in the honorary positions.

The NFN Directors for 2013 - 2014 were (showing positions as of 30 April 2014)

President	Bernie Solymár
Vice-Pres./ Sanctuary & Environment	Peter Carson
Past President / Treasurer	Audrey Heagy
Secretary	(acting) Eleanor Chithalen
Director Membership / Publicity	Diane Salter
Field Events (Vacant)	(acting) Bernie Solymár
Speaker Program (Vacant)	(acting) Bernie Solymár
Director-at-large	Barb Hawke
Director-at-large	Alan Ladd
Director-at-large	Inga Hinnerichsen
Director-at-large	Barb Hourigan
Lotus Editor (appointment)	Inga Hinnerichsen

Honorary President: Al Robinson Honorary Director: Harry Barrett Honorary Director: Jim Harlow

President's Report 2013 - 2014

(Edited from the President's speech at the AGM)

Bernie Solymár holding
a Blanding's Turtle



Dear NFN Members,

Your Board of Directors met 4 times over the last fiscal year. This schedule has worked out well and has allowed us to address any business that arose over the year.

Financially, we are in good shape. After several years of major donations to the Long Point Basin Land Trust (LPBLT) for land acquisition we “took a break” this year and have allowed our reserve fund to start building up again, thanks in part to Baillie Birdathon funds received.

Some of your Board of Directors attended the official naming of the Shirley and George Pond Reserve in May. We donated significant funds toward the acquisition of this property and were given the honour of naming the property.

We continue to partner with conservation organizations that operate in Norfolk County and beyond organizing hikes and events with NCEE and the Long Point Region Conservation Authority. Letters of support were provided this year to the Long Point Basin Land Trust (LPBLT), Ontario Badger Project and to the Karner Blue Recovery Team for funding applications. We donated \$100 to Nature's Calling Environmental Education (NCEE) for a bird and bat box program. We also continue to have representation on the Long Point Causeway Improvement Project committee. This year the NFN became member of the Carolinian Canada Coalition, an organization that has done wonderful things to raise awareness of natural spaces and species-at-risk in southern Ontario.

We revamped our website, which looks fabulous thanks to our webmaster Will Partridge of Guardian Computing in Delhi. We also have a new interactive tabletop display thanks to Barb Hourigan and Inga Hinnerichsen. As the holders of funds for the Ontario Badger Project, we purchased IR motion detecting cameras for Josh Sayers to continue his research work. Another project completed this year was the Norfolk Butterfly Checklist, thanks to Adam Timpf.

In 2014 we lost 4 of our long-standing members – Marvin Grove, Arthur Loughton, Alex Landon and Barbara Browne. We thank Alex' family for requesting donations in memory of him be made to our Club – over \$1,200 was donated.

One of our 4 new directors had to resign earlier this year. Bev McLeod is fighting the good fight after being diagnosed with gynecological cancer last spring. We all wish her, and her family, strength and determination in fighting this terrible affliction. Our long-serving Secretary, Colleen Dale, also stepped down to grow her family. We wish her well.

Last year I indicated that I would be stepping down as President after this fiscal year. However, no-one has stepped forward to assume the President's position so I have been unable to step down! Thankfully, we did find a director to develop the Speaker Program for 2014-15. Len Grincevicious has done a great job securing a line-up of interesting speakers. I also almost unloaded the Field Events onto Alan Ladd but he became quite ill in early summer so I did continue in that role.

In closing, thank you to all our Directors for being such a great group of people, who all continue to work towards our organization's mission without internal politics, but with lots of mutual respect and camaraderie.

Yours in Nature,

Bernie Solymár,
President, NFN

Norfolk Field Naturalists

BALANCE SHEET YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2014 2014 2013

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash	13,926	24,356
Investments (GIC's)	29,531	14,202
Other Receivable (HST rebate)	419	480

TOTAL ASSETS	43,876	39,038
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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Current Liabilities

Other Payable	0	0
Deferred Income (Badger 3k)	3,000	7,672
Total Liabilities	3,000	7,972

Equity

Accumulated Surplus at Beginning	31,366	43,312
Surplus (Deficit) this Period	9,510	(11,946)
Accumulated Surplus at End	40,876	31,366

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	43,876	39,038
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INCOME STATEMENT YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2014 2014 2013

REVENUE

Membership Dues	2,740	2,830
Donations / Fundraising / Projects (See below for details)	13,810	20,491
Investment Income (Interest)	329	251

GROSS REVENUE	16,879	23,572
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Cost of Goods Sold (Silent Auction items receipted value)	-	1,947
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GROSS PROFIT	16,879	21,625
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DISBURSEMENTS

50th Anniversary (gala, pins, etc.)	-	2,592
Christmas Bird Count	100	100
Donations	100	4,674
Hall Rental	200	180
Insurance	567	551
Memberships (incl. Lotus)	939	1,071
Field Events & Workshops	100	200
Office Expense (incl. Postage and Web)	297	920
Program Speaker	975	825
Publications	979	2,299
Publicity (incl. Web)	2,857	-
Securement & Protection	-	15,000
Special Conservation Projects (Great Tree Hunt)	-	4,878
HST Expense	182	209
Bank Charges	72	72
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	7,369	33,571

NET INCOME - Surplus / (Deficit)	9,510	(11,946)
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Notes re Donations / Fundraising / Projects

Birdathon Income Total	6,813	6,718
Membership Donations	1,895	1,360
Other Donations	170	2,452
Publications	250	40
Other income (from deferred for Publicity)	2,000	-
Special Projects (Great Tree Hunt deferred income)	2,672	4,878
50 th Anniversary Income (gala tickets and pins)	-	3,395
Silent Auction	-	1,648
Miscellaneous	10	-

Total for Donations / Fundraising / Projects:	13,810	20,491
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ASSET FINANCIAL INFORMATION
(Restricted Funds incl. Cash and Investments) as of April 30, 2014

CASH

(A)	General Operations	7,543
(B)	Deferred Income (Badger fund)	3,000
(C)	Securement and Protection: Funds committed to acquisition or protection of new nature reserves. These funds are retained over several years until enough resources are available for a targeted purchase/project Internally restricted funds.	3,383
Total cash		13,926

INVESTMENTS

(D)	GIC- Rowanwood	14,486
(A)	GIC - General Operations	15,045
(C)	GIC - Securement and Protection	-
Total investments		29,531

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE - HST refund	419
TOTAL ASSETS	43,876

We thank these donors for their generosity in the fiscal year 2013 - 2014
NFN is a registered charity and donors receive a tax receipt for donations that exceed \$10.00.

Harry & Joan Barrett
Gregor Beck
Kathryn Boothby
Donna Marie Boyle
Lynne & Michael & Bradstreet
Denise & Thomas Campbell
Betty Chanyi
Donna Cowan
Paul & Josiane De Cloet
Carol & Dave DeFields
Mary Dempsey & Bob Millar
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Thank You NFN Birdathoners

The Birdathoners representing NFN in May 2014 raised again a total of well over 15K, of which \$6813 was returned to the NFN. For their enthusiasm and hard work, we thank:

Margaret (Peggy) McArthur, Mike McMillan, George E. Pond,
Lisa Timpf, Anne K. Wynia and Barb Hourigan

Visit the NFN Website at: www.norfolkfieldnaturalists.org