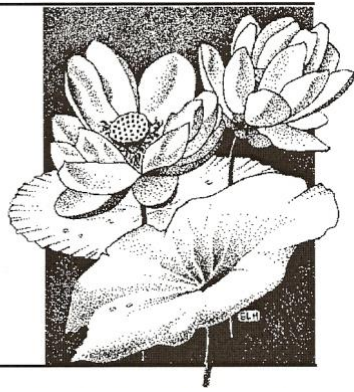


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NEWSLETTER

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NORFOLK FIELD NATURALISTS



SUMMER 2018



George Pond's Report

(All photos are from George's collection.)

Well another Great Canadian Birdathon is over; and, as usual, it was another fun, but tiring time. As a group we identified 132 species of birds and ate a cooler filled with chicken and other wraps, courtesy of the Blue Elephant in Simcoe.

For over a quarter of a century I have been doing "Birdathon" with Bruce and Ann Falls from Toronto and Steve Wilcox from Port Rowan. This year Bruce and Ann had decided that it was time to retire and Steve was busy with his daughter's wedding. Fortunately, Ricky Dunn and her son Jeremy Hussel, who had joined us a few years ago were keen "to go" and I was able to recruit my friend Rick Dowson from Simcoe to join us. We were delighted when the "birding bug" caught up to Bruce and Ann and with the help of their daughter Catherine, as driver, they were able to join us for the first day.



It was 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 20 when we walked into the woodlot at the Old Cut Banding lab on Long Point. Two of the first few birds we saw were Scarlet Tanager and Philadelphia Vireo, both good sightings. The woodlot had a respectable number of new migrants and by the time we left we were just shy of 45 species. Things were looking good but we bombed with the expected Brown Thrasher at the Old Provincial Park. The new wetlands created at the former Port Rowan sewage lagoons was good for a lingering Horned Grebe, Ring-necked duck, Common Gallinule and on a later

visit a Virginia Rail. Cliff Swallows cooperated at the Port Royal Bridge as did Orchard Orioles at a feeder near Clear Creek; however, the White-crowned sparrows there a few days previous had apparently left for more northern climes.

Along the side of Concession A, Rick spotted a very cooperative Wilson's warbler, a warbler that I needed for my photo collection. I took several shots but when I put them on the computer they were all out of focus---maybe next year. Just down the road we stopped to search for Horned Larks and spotted a distant bird in the middle of a field. Some thought it was a crow, I thought a pigeon but when we got out the scope it turned into a beautiful Peregrine Falcon, only the third time recorded on one of my birdathons.



Driving to Port Dover we stopped at a friend's house and found the expected bluebirds and Eastern phoebe and some heard a Pileated woodpecker. It was tough going but we were picking up a bird here and there and our list was steadily growing. Ring-billed and Herring gulls and Common terns were on the pier at Port Dover; a few Chimney swifts were flying over the downtown buildings. The Townsend lagoons were good for Northern Shovelers, Least, Semi-palmated sandpipers, dunlin, Lesser Yellowlegs, and Black-bellied plovers, a welcome addition as shorebirds were few and far between.

From the lagoons it was back to Long Point for marsh birds and a few hours' shut eye. From the lookout behind Bird Studies Canada we saw a small flock of ducks that contained Lesser scaup, Ruddy ducks, Redheads and an American Wigeon. Next, we stopped at the causeway lookout and heard an American Bittern and the faint "cuck-cuck- cuck-oo" of a Least Bittern. Marsh wrens and swamp sparrows were singing, a Wood duck flew over our heads. Northern Harriers and American coots failed to put in an appearance. At the gate to the new Long Point Provincial Park we heard a Woodcock and

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stopped to see it. It was tough to hear the bird as cottagers were setting off their holiday fireworks, but we finally saw the male displaying to a receptive female. It was neat watching this intimate encounter with bursts of fireworks seeming to proclaim the continuation of the species.

We made one last stopped, listening to Whip-poor-wills and saying goodbye to the Falls—then it was off to Ricky and Jeremy's home for a few hours of sleep.

We were up at 4:30 a.m. and in Backus Woods at 5:00. It was cold, and the forest was unusually quiet, but still the magical place that it is. Eastern Wood Pewees were singing; we heard a Yellow-throated vireo; and watched Hairy woodpeckers feeding their young. Great crested Flycatchers sang or called loudly. Wood thrushes were singing, and we heard a Veery. A Cerulean warbler sang and Ricky and Jeremy saw it. I failed to see or hear it. Neither Hooded warblers nor a Prothonotary warbler sang or put in an appearance. I'm sure both were on territory, a couple of expected misses.

We checked out a grassy field where Grasshopper and Vesper sparrows can usually be found — no luck but a Tufted titmouse at a friend's feeder did show, and on the way back to Long Point, Jeremy spotted an Osprey, an uncommon raptor in our area, but a welcome addition to our list.



Finally, at the Old Cut banding area we checked off a migrant Blackpoll warbler and just like that “Birdathon 2018” was over.

In all we tallied 132 species. Jeremy was the only one that can claim 100% of them but we all did well. I love doing “Birdathon”, but I love more the fact that every dollar raised for bird related conservation efforts helps to make this world a better place, not just for us but for future generations. So far, my usual sponsors and a few new ones have responded with close to \$8,000. I'm sure by the time I hear from everyone, we will exceed that amount.

Pied-billed Grebe	Virginia Rail	Eastern Wood Pewee	Long-billed Marsh	Common Yellowthroat
Horned Grebe	Common Gullinule	Yellow-bellied	Wren	Wilson's Warbler
Dob-crest Cormorant	Semipalmated Plover	Sapsucker	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Canada Warbler
Least Bittern	Killdeer	Eastern Kingbird	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Scarlet Tanager
American Bittern	Black-bellied Plover	Eastern Phoebe	Eastern Bluebird	Eastern Towhee
Great Blue Heron	American Woodcock	Least Flycatcher	Swainson's Thrush	Chipping Sparrow
Green Heron	Spotted Sandpiper	Willow Flycatcher	Wood Thrush	Field Sparrow
Turkey Vulture	Lesser Yellowlegs	Blue-headed Vireo	American Robin	Savannah Sparrow
Mute Swan	Least Sandpiper	Yellow-throated Vireo	Veery	Song Sparrow
Canada Goose	Dunlin	Warbling Vireo	Gray Catbird	Swamp Sparrow
Mallard	Short-billed Dowitcher	Philadelphia Vireo	Cedar Waxwing	White-throat Sparrow
American Wigeon	Ring-billed Gull	Red-eyed Vireo	European Starling	Northern Cardinal
Northern Shoveler	Herring Gull	Blue Jay	Black & White Warbler	Indigo Bunting
Wood Duck	Forster's Tern	American Crow	Blue-winged Warbler	Bobolink
Red Head Duck	Common Tern	Horned Lark	Northern Parula	Red-winged Blackbird
Ring-necked Duck	Rock Pigeon	Purple Martin	Yellow Warbler	Brn-headed Cowbird
Canvas Back Duck	Mourning Dove	Tree Swallow	Chestn-sided Warbler	Common Grackle
Lesser Scaup	Black-Billed Cuckoo	N. Rough-wing Swallow	Magnolia Warbler	Orchard Oriole
Ruddy Duck	Whip-poor-will	Cliff Swallow	Bl-thr Green Warbler	Baltimore Oriole
Cooper's Hawk	Chimney Swift	Barn Swallow	Blackburnian Warbler	House Finch
Red-Tailed Hawk	Ruby-thr. Hummingbird	Bank Swallow	Pine Warbler	American Goldfinch
Broad-winged Hawk	Belted Kingfisher	Bl.-capped Chickadee	Bay-breasted Warbler	House Sparrow
Bald Eagle	Red-bell. Woodpecker	Tufted Titmouse	Blackpoll Warbler	Total: 132
Osprey	Downy Woodpecker	White-br. Nuthatch	Cerulean Warbler	
Peregrine Falcon	Hairy Woodpecker	Red-br. Nuthatch	American Redstart	
Wild Turkey	Northern Flicker	House Wren	Ovenbird	
Sandhill Crane	Pileated Woodpecker	Carolina Wren	Northern Waterthrush	



Mike McMillan's Report

(All photos are from George Pond's collection.)

At 5:10 a.m. I arrived at George Pond's to join George, Peggy McArthur, Allan McEwan and Shelia Smith for our eventful day. During a quick stop at a grassy area on Luscombe Drive across from Turkstra Lumber we heard the buzzing insect like sound of a Grasshopper Sparrow and the musical sound of a Song Sparrow.

As we continued on our way to Bird Studies Canada to meet with Betty Chanyi, Diane Salter and Anne Wynia



we stopped on Charlotteville Road 5 near Young's Creek where a pair of Mallards flew overhead and a singing Swamp Sparrow made its presence

known. Further on, after crossing the Turkey Point Road, about 100 yards ahead of us a coyote trotted nonchalantly across the road. After travelling south and crossing Highway 24 we turned west onto Charlotteville Road 2. Here we stopped at a place where trees lined the road and birded. The high-pitched "fee-bee-ee" whistle of a Black-capped Chickadee could be heard on one side of the road while on the other side the emphatic "teacher, teacher, teacher" cry of an Ovenbird rang out. Further along we detected the soft buzzy "beeee-buzz" song of a Blue-winged Warbler. Suddenly, a Common Yellowthroat we had been hearing popped up out of the ditch.

As we continued on our way to B.S.C. a Flicker flew past our vehicle. At B.S.C., now with our full group of eight, we checked the wetland and found a solitary Pied-billed Grebe. Barn swallows that were nesting under the eaves of the B.S.C. building flew around the deck feeding on insects while tree swallows fed over the water. Across the road was a martin house full of Purple Martins.

We then moved to the nearby Port Rowan wetland and saw three duck species: Lesser Scaup, Ring-necked Duck and Bufflehead. Also on the water, was a Common Gallinule and a Horned Grebe, two water birds I had never before seen on a birdathon. During a quick stop at the Port Rowan Harbour we spotted a Forster's Tern and a Rough-winged Swallow. As we were looking at two Tundra Swans, two Mute Swans and some American Coots at the lookout on the causeway to Long Point, three Black Terns flew over above us.

Old Cut on Long Point was productive for warblers and verios. Warblers seen here were: American Redstart, Chestnut-sided, Yellow-rumped, Black-throated Green, Magnolia, Northern Parula, and Blackburnian. Verios sighted were: Red-eyed, Blue-headed, Warbling, Philadelphia, and White-eyed. However, Old Cut did provide the most unusual sighting of the day — five Scarlet Tanagers at once, three on a bush near a mist net and two caught in the net.

At the nearby Old Provincial Park, we listened to a Brown Thrasher perform its repertoire of songs. Here I also added a Gray Catbird, a Rose-breasted Grosbeak, a Cedar Waxwing and a Downy Woodpecker to my list.

We then headed west along the Front Road stopping to see Cliff Swallows nesting under the bridge at Port Royal. Also, here, was a Blue-gray Gnatcatcher flitting in a bush by the creek.

Continuing west we reached Betty Chanyi's house. At Betty's birdfeeders were a White-crowned Sparrow, a Chipping Sparrow and a couple of Orchard Orioles. On the ground nearby was a Swainson's Thrush.



While enjoying a leisurely lunch on Diane Salter's



deck her numerous birdfeeders produced three more birds: an Indigo Bunting, a Pine Siskin and a Red-

bellied Woodpecker.

Our first stop after lunch was at Backus Woods where we had an excellent lengthy view of a Prothonotary Warbler and its reflection as it hopped along a log near the water. In the forest we also saw a Hairy Woodpecker and heard a Pileated Woodpecker and a Great-crested Flycatcher. We then travelled south down the Walsingham East Quarter Line to check out an Eagle's nest. No adult eagles were visible but through a scope it was possible to detect the movement of a young eaglet in the nest.

Since we were close to Audrey Heagy's house we decided to check her birdfeeders for a Titmouse. We didn't get the Titmouse but I did see a White-breasted Nuthatch, a Pine Warbler and a pair of Eastern Bluebirds on her property.

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Now travelling east on the Front Road, we picked up a Bobolink in a field just west of Port Ryerse. At the same spot a Northern Harrier flew low over another field. As we drove down Main Street in downtown Port Dover a Chimney Swift flew above us. At the harbour on the breakwater were Ring-billed Gulls, a Herring Gull, a Greater Black-backed Gull and a Bonaparte's Gull. A large Caspian Tern dwarfed some nearby Forster's Terns.

We moved on to Nanticoke to find a Great Horned Owl's nest that George was aware of. It didn't

disappoint. A very large but not yet fledged young owl seemed to stare back at us as we looked at it. A Wild Turkey on the Lynn Valley Road was spotted as we headed back to Simcoe to call it a day.

My total species for the day was 95. I am grateful to the excellent birders I was with. Without them I would not have been as successful.

When all the money is collected the total should exceed \$4,000. To all of you who sponsored me, a big thank you for raising this money for bird research and conservation across the country.

Pied-billed Grebe	Herring Gull	Warbling Vireo	Cedar Waxwing	Savannah Sparrow
Horned Grebe	Gr. Black-back Gull	Philadelphia Vireo	European Starling	Grasshopper Sparrow
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Bufflehead	Downy Woodpecker	White-br. Nuthatch	American Redstart	Common Grackle
Northern Harrier	Hairy Woodpecker	House Wren	Prothonotary Warbler	Orchard Oriole
Bald Eagle	Northern Flicker	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Ovenbird	Baltimore Oriole
Wild Turkey	Pileated Woodpecker	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Common Yellowthroat	House Finch
Common Gullinule	Least Flycatcher	Eastern Bluebird	Scarlet Tanager	Pine Siskin
American Coot	Eastern Phoebe	Swainson's Thrush	Am Tree Swallow	American Goldfinch
Killdeer	Great Cres. Flycatcher	American Robin	Chipping Sparrow	House Sparrow
Bonaparte's Gull	White-eyed Vireo	Gray Catbird	Vesper Sparrow	Total: 95
Ring-billed Gull	Blue-headed Vireo			

Brush Up on Your Knowledge About Bird Migration

It's back to school time! Why not take a lesson from the great outdoors to learn more about the Great Fall Migration? Go to:

<http://onnaturemagazine.com/the-great-fall-migration.html>



Rose-breasted Grosbeak

Photo by Larry Monczka

Canada Jay Approved

Dan Strickland, the lead author of the proposal, successfully argued for the Gray Jay to be returned to its original name of Canada Jay. The North and Middle America Classification Committee of the AOS (American Ornithological Society) has approved by 9-1 to change it back to the original name. Further details will be published in the *Auk: Ornithological Advances* in July. Now maybe it will be accepted as Canada's National Bird.



Photo by Christopher Ciccone

Causeway Committee Receives Norfolk Dogwood Award

The 2018 Dogwood Award for contributions to Norfolk County's culture and heritage by a group was presented to members of the Steering Committee of the Long Point Causeway Improvement Project.

This 10-year, \$2.7 million project was a community-based effort to reduce the negative ecological impacts of the 3.5km causeway linking the Long Point peninsula on Lake Erie with mainland Southern Ontario. These impacts included high levels of wildlife road mortality, particularly of Species at Risk turtles and snakes, and the disruption of the natural hydrological functions of Big Creek Marsh, one of the largest remaining coastal wetlands on the Canadian side of the Great Lakes.

The project began in 2006 and was managed by a Steering Committee comprised of local concerned citizens, representatives of several local community groups, non-governmental organizations and county, provincial and federal agencies. Collectively, these people committed hundreds of hours of volunteer time to oversee this project for more than a decade. Nearly everyone on the committee lived, worked and/or owned property in Norfolk County. Notably, members of the Steering Committee who were employed by government agencies participated as volunteers outside of regular work hours.

Early in the project, it was agreed that the Long Point World Biosphere Reserve Foundation (LPWBRF) would act as the principal fundraising and administrative agency on behalf of the Steering Committee.

Because the Causeway is a Norfolk County road, the Committee and the LPWBRF worked in partnership with County Council and staff on all aspects of the project. They also consulted regularly with many regulatory agencies such as the Canadian Wildlife Service that have responsibility for protecting the Big Creek wetland ecosystem adjacent to the Causeway.

More than 95 per cent of the \$2.7 million in funds raised by the Committee came from sources outside Norfolk County such as the federal and provincial governments, a major US conservation organization, other environmental organizations and the private sector. Much of this funding was used to purchase goods and services in Norfolk County.

The work of the Causeway Project Steering Committee has continued and enhanced the long heritage of nature conservation and sustainable development in the Long Point area and Norfolk County. Examples are:

- ✓ The formation of the Long Point Company to preserve Long Point's marshes and waterfowl populations;
- ✓ The establishment of Canada's first reforestation nursery at St. Williams;
- ✓ The preservation of Backus Woods as an old growth Carolinian forest; and
- ✓ The designation of Long Point as a United Nations World Biosphere Reserve.



Causeway Steering Committee members John Everett, Rick Levick, Paula Jongerden (chair), Jan Everett and Peter Carson accepted the award certificate and sculpture on behalf of all committee members.

Carolinian East Regional Meeting Report

From April 14, 2018 Meeting

Prepared by Cindy Present, NFN Secretary

On Friday, with the forecast of freezing rain, Ontario Nature decided to change the format of the meeting from face-to-face, to conference call. Three main issues stood out: dealing effectively with different layers of government (including conservation authorities); encouraging public involvement and advocacy for environmental issues, and getting youth involved with nature. There was some optimism about the federal government's commitment to protecting 17% of natural lands by 2020.

Ron Corkum, Carolinian East Regional Director, was acclaimed to serve another term. Otto Peter, Ontario Nature Board President, thanked member groups for the help across the province to protect and conserve wild spaces for wild species. He asked each group to consider publicly-owned lands in our region that could be candidate areas for the Protected Areas campaign.

The Woodstock Field Naturalists said that the City of Woodstock had just purchased two 100-acre parcels of lands with woodland and vernal pools and seem determined to protect them. Halton-North Peel Naturalists have a birdfeeder project at the Georgetown Hospital, where they maintain birdfeeders around the property in areas where the patients can watch the birds. This has been very popular. They also added a donation

request for the Youth Summit on their membership form, which has raised enough for them to send one student.

Rick Levick, from Long Point World Biosphere Reserve (LPWBR) told us about their establishment of a database to record all of the environmental research happening in the Reserve area; and that a yearly research conference is held. They also have a road ecology programme that they do with students. This Fall, the LPWBR will be helping to plant 10,000 trees on 4 acres of Norfolk County land.

Lisa Richardson, from Ontario Nature, told us about the neonicotinoid court action that they were carrying forward against the Federal Government, along with the pesticide companies involved. There has been stonewalling, but their challenges on technical grounds have been dismissed, so things will continue to go forward. Lisa also discussed the provincial election, indicating that she will be sending out a selection of environmentally-based questions that she encouraged everyone to ask every party candidate. This is to ensure that it is clear to them that voters are concerned about environmental issues.

The next meeting will be on October 13, 2018 and will be hosted by the Halton/North Peel Naturalists Club.

Hemorrhagic Disease of Deer: Risk to Wild Cervids (Deer Family: Moose, Elk and White-Tail Deer) in Ontario

Presentation by: Dr. Samantha Allen, University of Guelph

Notes taken by: Shelia Smith (NFN Member)

This disease, confirmed in Ontario in 2015 near London, is NOT contagious to people or pets but has the potential to spread to domestic sheep, goats and cattle. The virus occurs worldwide in a band between 40° and 50° N and 35° S. The organism which transmits the disease is a tiny, biting midge dependent on wind for distribution. One midge may be flown 700 km. It tends to seek out stagnant water and is seasonal with August to October being the main months.

This is a complex and varied virus with many strains — not unlike influenza in people — so that vaccination, to be effective, must match the particular viral strain. There are 27 known strains worldwide.

Symptoms include fever, infected eyes, and nasal passages sometimes with bloody discharge. Ulceration around the feet, and dying tissue (necrosis), swelling and oral hemorrhage.

The disease may be acute, killing the affected deer in 24 to 48 hours; or chronic lasting up to two months, causing painful walking, and inability to digest food. Animals often die in water trying to relieve damaged, painful tissues in their mouths.

How can we help? ❶ Report unexplained deaths in wild cervids (deer family), especially animals dying in water to: (a) Dr. Samantha Allen, University of Guelph, Dept. of Pathobiology, 519-824-4120, Ext. 54401, or (b) Ministry of Natural Resources, Aylmer District, 519-733-9241 or Guelph District, 519-826-4953; ❷ Clean up stagnant ponds and water sources; and ❸ Establish restricted or quarantine areas so deer cannot reach stagnant water, especially in late summer through to October.

Distribution of Reptiles and Amphibians

The Ontario Reptile and Amphibian Atlas is a citizen-science project that tracks distribution and spatial trends of reptiles and amphibians across the province over time. Goals are to increase the collective knowledge base of reptiles and amphibians; and, engage non-scientists of all ages and abilities, in all parts of the province, in nature study and conservation.

Learn about the diversity of Ontario's reptiles and amphibians, and the actions you can take by going to: ontarionature.org/programs/citizen-science/reptile-amphibian-atlas/

Turtles in Ontario

In April 2018, the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada designated the midland painted turtle as Special Concern. This means that all of Ontario's eight turtle species are now at risk of disappearing from the province.

For further info on these topics, and more, visit:
ontarionature.org

The Norfolk Field Naturalists

wishes to recognize with gratitude
the participants in

The Great Canadian Birdathon
for their fundraising efforts on behalf of NFN.
Thank you!



Want to help protect Carolinian reptiles (turtles and snakes) by reporting your sightings! Go to <http://longpointlandtrust.ca/get-involved/reptile-reporting/> and

complete the online form.



Hognose Snake at Lake Erie Farms
Photo by Dennis Price

The Board of Directors met on May 22, 2018 at Diane Salter's house for the annual Pot Luck and the last meeting before the summer break. After the feast, these are highlights from the meeting.

Barb gave us the **Treasurer's Report**. The bottom line of our bank account is \$42,637.00 There have been eight donations, to date, for the Harry B Barrett Fund totalling \$12,025.00. Thank you all for your generosity!

Rowanwood: The Ontario Heritage Trust has asked us to replace the sign at the property as it has deteriorated over the years. The overgrown trails also need some clearing.

Other business: Our Secretary, Cindy Presant, will be helping us to draft a Press Release announcing the Harry B Barrett Fund. This will be sent to local media and posted on our website. A letter will also be sent to all Harry B's contacts announcing the Fund.

Safety issues concerning field outings were discussed and a general policy will include NFN to bring natural hazards to the awareness of the participants and conduct a sweep making sure no-one is left behind.

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on October 2, 2018. The report from this meeting will be in the December issue of Lotus.

Welcome New NFN Members

2017 - 2018 Season

Jim & Mie Dover
Joachim & Agneta Knauer
Dayle Swing

We look forward to meeting you and hope you will participate in and enjoy all the NFN indoor presentations and field outings.

Thank You!

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Upcoming NFN 2018 Summer Events

Sat., July 14, 2018, 9:00 to 11:00 p.m. Nothing with Peter and Mary

Peter Carson and Mary Gartshore have been studying local moth species for quite a few years. They use light traps and sugaring methods to attract the moths, as well as rearing some of the larger species, and will have some on display. They will discuss the natural history of these nighttime fliers. Meet at 316 Norfolk County Road 60 in Walsingham. The farm is on the south side of the road 5.5 km west of Highway 59. *Contact Mary or Peter at 519-586-3985.*

Sat., July 21, 2018, 8:00 to 9:30 p.m. Bat Hike

Liv Monck-Whipp of NCC will tell us about the general biology of bats and the different species that are in our area. Once it starts to get dark, we will go on a short hike looking and listening for bats. Various devices will be used to help us see and hear them. We will meet at the Backus Woods parking lot at 750 East Quarterline Road and then walk in to some of the restored fields of Backus Block. Participants should bring a headlamp or flashlight, bug spray or bug jacket, long sleeves/pants and appropriate shoes for a short hike. *Contact Len at 519-428-6796.*

Sun., July 29, 2018, 10:00 a.m. to noon

Hummingbirds and Butterflies

David Okines will give a hummingbird banding demonstration and then we'll do a walk around the old field habitat to see what butterflies and birds can be seen. Bring a lawn chair for the hummingbird banding and bug spray, hat and sunscreen for the walk. Meet at 273 Charlotteville Road 2, St. Williams, 2.2 km east of Forestry Farm Road just north of St. Williams. No need to pre-book. *Contact Dave or Audrey at 519-586-9464.*

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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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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