

## About the Norfolk Field Naturalists

NFN members participate in monthly meetings from September to May.

Guest speakers present programs on interesting and relevant natural history and conservation issues. Field outings to local areas of interest to naturalists are held throughout the year.

Club members receive *The Lotus*, a newsletter with articles on our 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 and protection. The NFN is the steward of Rowanwood, a natural sanctuary on Big Creek near Walsingham.

**Meetings:** Currently, meetings are being held using the Zoom app.

**Field Outings:** Bring binoculars and field guides if you have them. Please wear clothing and footwear appropriate for the weather and hiking conditions. Pre-registration is required. It is always a good idea to call for directions, information on trail conditions, what to bring, and any last-minute changes. No pets please.

**Come join us!**

## Membership

To receive a membership form and details about joining, send an email to: [info@norfolkfieldnaturalists.org](mailto:info@norfolkfieldnaturalists.org)

Fees are:

Individual Adult: \$20

Family: \$30

Individual Student/Youth: \$10

Life Individual Adult: \$500

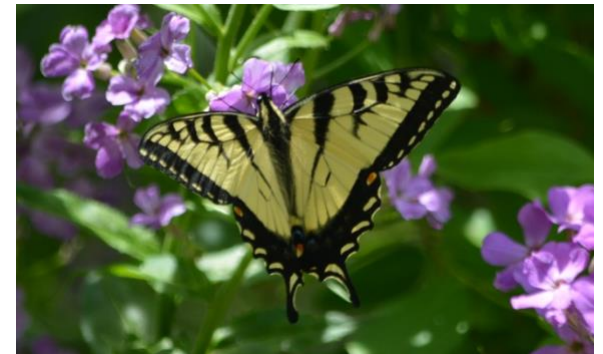
Life Family: \$750

Donations to NFN are appreciated.  
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## 2021-2022

## Speakers and Outings



Tiger Swallowtail on Dame's Rocket

Photo by Bernie Solymár

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See The Lotus or visit [www.norfolkfieldnaturalists.org](http://www.norfolkfieldnaturalists.org) for additional events and information.

## Meetings

September 2021 to April 2022 — Second Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

Meetings by Zoom

**September 14 at 7:30 p.m.**

### **“Are there Penguins in the Arctic?”**

Jean Iron will explore the connection between modern penguins and the family of seabirds called Auks. This presentation will take us north, south, and back in time.

**October 12 at 7:30 p.m.**

### **“The Owl Foundation — A Fly-by Night Organization”**

Peter Thoem will tell us how the staff of The Owl Foundation receives and treats more than a hundred owls a year.

**November 9 at 7:30 p.m.**

### **“Monarch Butterflies: A Tale of Milkweed, Migration, And Management Strategies”**

Samantha Knight is the Program Manager, Weston Family Science, at the Nature Conservancy of Canada.

**Tuesday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m.**

### **Members’ Night**

Members are invited to share up to 20 electronic photos or a short video no more than 10 minutes of sightings or trips. (Please only send 5 at a time as email systems may not handle a larger volume per each piece of email.)

**Tuesday, January 11 at 7:30 p.m.**

### **“Threats Facing Bats in Ontario”**

Kaleigh Norquay is the Lab Manager for the Willis Bat Lab at the University of Winnipeg. They regularly do research in Ontario and are a part of the Neighbourhood Bat Watch, a group of researchers across Canada that monitor bat populations.

**Tuesday, February 8 at 7:30 p.m.**

### **“Lake Erie: What Do the Birds Tell Us?”**

Doug Tozer is the Director, Waterbirds and Wetlands with Birds Canada. He is currently working in this specialty by directing the Great Lakes Marsh Monitoring Program, Canadian Lakes Loon Survey, and Long Point Waterfowl and Wetlands Research Program.

**Tuesday, March 8 at 7:30 p.m.**

### **“Flower Flies”**

Jeff Skevington is a research scientist with the Canadian National Collection of Insects, Arachnids and Nematodes in Ottawa. He focuses on studying the evolutionary relationships and taxonomy of living things.

**Tuesday, April 12 at 7:30 p.m.**

### **“Gardening with Native Plants”**

Kevin Kavanagh, owner of South Coast Gardens, will tell us all about the benefits of supporting the needs of local wildlife populations by planting native plants in our gardens.

## Events

### FIELD EVENT

**Saturday, October 2, 2021, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.,  
Sunday, October 3, 2021, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday, October 3, 2021, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon (to accommodate waitlist)**

### **Fascinating Fungi: Mushroom Identification Hike (In conjunction with LPBLT)**

Join us on a Fall hike at Trout Creek (LPBLT’s property) to look for and identify mushrooms and other fungi of all shapes and sizes. Bring a camera as you are not allowed to harvest mushrooms on this property. To get there, go west on McDowell Rd. E. out of Simcoe, turn north (right) on Yuell Rd., west (left) on Charlotteville Road 10. Park along the road by #361. Leader is Inga Hinnerichsen.

### **Maximum 15.**

Pre-registration through Eventbrite Pre-registration. Eventbrite link for pre-registration will be emailed in mid-September. **Masks are required. Proof of full vaccination is required when arriving for the hike.** (Subject to COVID restrictions)

### **STAY TUNED FOR MORE FIELD EVENTS IN 2022**

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### **Christmas Bird Counts**

Join one of the local Christmas Bird Counts and spend the day in the field identifying and counting all the birds you see or hear. Data collected during these annual events provides vital information on the distribution of winter bird populations.

#### **Sunday, December 19, 2021**

Woodhouse Count (Norfolk County)  
Contact Adam Timpf, 519-429-4147 or  
adam.timpf@gmail.com

#### **Tuesday, December 28, 2021**

Fisherville Count (Haldimand County)  
Contact: Linda Thrower, 905-774-1230,  
linda1@295.ca