



2022-2023

Speakers and Outings



Hummingbird Clearwing Moth Photo by Larry Monczka

Membership

To receive a membership form and details about joining, send an email to:
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.
Charitable Registration #119058691

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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!

See *The Lotus* or visit www.norfolkfieldnaturalists.org for additional events and information.

Meetings

September 2022 to April 2023 — Second Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

Meetings by Zoom

September 13 at 7:30 p.m.

“Cormorants and Their Debris”

Melina Damian, Communication Coordinator, from Ontario Nature, conducted a study showing the correlation between plastic pollution and materials contained in cormorants’ nests.

October 11 at 7:30 p.m.

“Native Asters and Goldenrods”

Dave Jolly from Earthquest (Canada) for the Environment will provide information about the species of native flowers included in the aster and goldenrod groups. Possibly, an outing at Backus Woods or St. Williams Conservation Reserve will take place on October 15. Details to follow.

November 8 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.

December 13 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.)

January 10 at 7:30 p.m.

“Why We Love Time Spent in the Wilderness”

Kevin Callan, aka The Happy Camper and writer for “Paddling” and “Explore” magazines and the author of 18 books, will tell us why he thinks spending time outdoors gives a sense of place in the larger scheme of things.

February 14 at 7:30 p.m.

“Stopping the Sixth Extinction”

Daniel Kraus, Director of National Conservation with the Wildlife Conservation Society of Canada, will tell us about wildlife extinction and recovery.

March 14 at 7:30 p.m.

“Edible Native Plant Landscapes and Urban Agriculture”

Shaun Booth from In Our Nature Gardens, will combine the two most popular topics in gardening right now — native plants and urban agriculture. We will explore how native plants can be used to beautify our gardens while feeding humans and wildlife alike.

April 11 at 7:30 p.m.

“The Geology of Ontario”

John Johnston, PdD from the University of Waterloo, will outline how our province evolved to be the way it is.

FIELD EVENT

Fungi Hike

Sunday, October 2, 2022 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Join us on an Autumn “weird, wonderful and worth it” hike 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. Our co-leaders are Inga Hinnerichsen and Leanne Lemaich, local fungi experts and members of NFN. Location: Meet at parking lot at south end of Backus Woods, 1329 Walsingham Concession 3 (west of Walsingham East Quarter Line and east of Hwy. 59). Maximum 15.

Pre-register by contacting Len at info@norfolkfieldnaturalists.org

Events

FIELD EVENT

Astronomy Night

Saturday, September 10, 2022, 8:00 pm.

(Rain Date: Sunday, September 11, 8:30 p.m.)

An evening of stargazing with Bernd Mueller and the North Shore Erie Amateur Astronomers at Win-del Park in 3178 Nixon Rd., Windham Centre. Large computer monitors will be connected to several telescopes to provide close ups of the night sky.

STAY TUNED FOR POP-UP FIELD EVENTS

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 18, 2022

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

Tuesday, December 28, 2022

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

Long Point Butterfly Count

Saturday, July 1, 2023

This all-day event is like a Christmas Bird Count and involves identifying and counting local butterflies. Join one of our “winged jewels” experts and help tabulate the species and numbers of butterflies in Long Point and surrounding area — part of the North America-wide annual count. Our record number of species is 55 — let’s beat that this year! Contact Adam Timpf, 519-429-4147 or adam.timpf@gmail.com for details.