



2023-2024

Speakers and Outings



Carolina Wren

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Membership

Membership form is located at:

<https://norfolkfieldnaturalists.org/membership-form/>
You may submit your payment by e-transfer to Treasurer.NFN@gmail.com OR by cheque.

If you have any questions or wish to learn more 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.
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About the Norfolk Field Naturalists

NFN members participate in monthly meetings from September to April. 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: Meetings are being held at the Simcoe Recreation Centre, 182 South Drive, Simcoe.

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!

Meetings

September 2023 to April 2024 — Second Tuesday (except for October), 7:30 p.m.

September 12 at 7:30 p.m.

“Hidden Life”

Don Scallen, from the Halton North Peel Naturalists' Club, will talk about a host of animals that are active under water or after dark and are seldom seen. These include fish, caterpillars and other animals that slip under the radar. Don is a writer, naturalist, and former President of the HNPNC.

Annual Meeting

October 17 at 7:30 p.m.

“The Owls of Ontario”

Marcie Jacklin from the Owl Foundation (which treats more than a hundred owls a year) will provide us with information about the owls found in Ontario. She is an avid birder whose interest started as a child near Parry Sound.

November 14 at 7:30 p.m.

“Adventures in Canada's National Parks”

Marlis Butcher – The Canadian Park Bagger – has visited all the National Parks in Canada. She will talk about her visit to the newest park in the high Arctic, Thaidene Nene National Park Reserve.

December 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Members' Night

Members are invited to email up to 20 electronic photos or a short video no more than 10 minutes long of nature events or trips to info@norfolkfieldnaturalists.org. (Please only send 5 at a time as email systems may not handle a larger volume per each piece of email.) Members may also bring a USB stick to the meeting.

January 9 at 7:30 p.m.

“The Orchids of Bruce Peninsula”

Willy Waterton and Audrey Armstrong will tell us about their two-year orchid quest adventure, and we will find out how many species they located and documented. Willy was a contract photographer for both Ontario Parks and Parks Canada which gave him the opportunity to photograph many aspects of nature including orchids. Audrey is a Master Naturalist with a special interest in habitat creation.

February 13 at 7:30 p.m.

“Canada Jays”

Dan Strickland is a former Chief Park Naturalist who served at Algonquin PP where Canada Jays are common. He will tell all about this clever corvid which breeds in every province and territory. It is extremely friendly, and it is among the hardiest of all our Canadian birds.

March 12 at 7:30 p.m.

“Piping Plover Program in Ontario”

Sydney Shepherd, Program Field Coordinator with Birds Canada, is passionate about Ontario species at risk. She will talk about Piping Plovers and the synergy between scientific research and community action every day.

April 9 at 7:30 p.m.

“The Geology of the Great Lakes”

John Johnstone, PhD from the University of Waterloo, will outline how the Great Lakes were formed by examining the properties of rocks, ice, lava and water.

Events

Fungi Hike

Saturday, September 30, 2023 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 leader is Inga Hinnerichsen, local fungi expert and NFN member.

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

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 17, 2023

Woodhouse Count (Norfolk County)

Contact Adam Timpf, adam.timpf@gmail.com

Thursday, December 28, 2023

Fisherville Count (Haldimand County)

Contact: Nancy Furber, oriskany.nf@gmail.com

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Long Point Butterfly Count

Saturday, July 6, 2024

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, adam.timpf@gmail.com for details.