



2024-2025

Speakers and Outings



American Bullfrog Photo by Allen Murray

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.
Charitable Registration #119058691

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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 2024 to April 2025 — Second Tuesday (except for October), 7:00 p.m.

September 10 at 7:00 p.m.

“Norfolk’s Secretive Wildlife”

Scott Gillingwater is with the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority. He is a species at risk biologist/herpetologist who has carried out reptile research and recovery efforts professionally.

Annual Meeting

October 22 at 7:00 p.m.

“Global Birding Big Year”

Dave Jolly who operates Earthquest Canada Biological Field School will talk about the hundreds of species seen in 2023..

November 12 at 7:00 p.m.

“Wetland Ecology Work in Norfolk”

Josh Pickering, a PhD student at the University of Waterloo and winner of the 2023 HBBF Bursary, who will give us an insider’s view of his research in Norfolk County

December 10 at 7:00 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 14 at 7:00 p.m.

“Northwest Passage and Greenland: in Franklin’s Wake”

Willy Waterton and Audrey Armstrong. This talk is based on travels through the Arctic with historical references to an Ontario connection regarding the search for Sir John Franklin.

February 11 at 7:00 p.m.

“Some Bugs Suck!”

Brent Sinclair, a PhD student at the University of Western Ontario will tell us about insects in Southern Ontario that get their nutrition from a liquid diet., explain why that’s a challenge, and the extraordinary adaptations that help them get away with it.

March 11 at 7:00 p.m.

“Update on Phragmites”

Janice Gilbert, PhD. and Executive Director of the Invasive Phragmites Control Centre, will give us an update on the work done to control this invasive perennial grass.

April 8 at 7:00 p.m.

“Flying Squirrels of Ontario”

Jeff Bowman, PhD. is a government research scientist and adjunct professor at Trent University. will provide hints at the ecological role flying squirrels play and how their populations may respond to climate change.

Events

Fungi Hike

Saturday, September 28, 2024 from 1:00 to 3:30 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 leaders are Inga Hinnerichsen and Leanne Lemaiche, local fungi experts.

Location: parking lot at south end of Backus Woods, 1329 Walsingham Concession 3 (west of Walsingham East Quarter Line and east of Hwy. 59). Maximum 20.

STAY TUNED FOR POP-UP 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.

Saturday, December 14, 2024

Long Point Count (Norfolk County)

Contact Stu Mackenzie, stu.a.mackenzie@gmail.com

Sunday, December 15, 2024

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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Saturday, December 28, 2024

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.