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**Regular monthly meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of the month in the downstairs auditorium of the Peterborough Public Library at 345 Aylmer Street N.**

## COMING EVENTS

<p>Wednesday June 13<sup>th</sup></p> <p>7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Ptbo Library</p>	<p><b>PFN Monthly Meeting: "Beachmaster Bulls &amp; Flying Footballs': Wildlife in Alaska's Pribilof Islands"</b></p> <p>The Pribilof Islands, sometimes called the 'Galapagos of the North', are tiny volcanic islands in the middle of the Bering Sea. This remote archipelago is home to almost a million northern fur seals (males are referred to as beachmasters), an incredible diversity of nesting seabirds, including two species of puffins, (sometimes described as flying footballs), Arctic "Blue Fox", reindeer, native Aleut culture and a colorful palette of arctic wildflowers. Discover this fascinating far western North American wildlife paradise, with your guide, Sean, who spent nine years managing the St. Paul Island Tour.</p>
<p>Friday June 15<sup>th</sup></p> <p>9:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>PFN Outing: "Bat Walk at Jackson Park"</b></p> <p>Are you interested in watching the nocturnal antics of local bats? Come along for a chance not only to see bats but to hear bats using ultra-sonic bat detectors that can pick up their high frequency calls. Meet Paul Elliott in the Fairburn Street parking lot at Jackson Park. Accompanied children are welcome. Wear sensible foot ware and bring a flashlight.</p>
<p>Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup></p> <p>8:00 a.m.</p> <p>Meet at the North Parking lot at the Ptbo Zoo</p>	<p><b>PFN Outing: "Dragon's-mouth, Snake Mouth and Grass Pink"</b></p> <p>These are the descriptive names for the three pink orchids which are blooming in the bog around Little Chandos Lake in the last half June. This trip will focus on these orchids, Arethusa, Rose Pogonia and Calopogon and the other characteristic bog plants. There will be ample opportunities to photograph these orchids and other bog plants. The trip leaders will be Kingdon Baker and Martin Parker. Lunch will be at the Baker's cottage on Chandos Lake where dessert, lemonade and coffee will be provided. The afternoon will be spent at The Gut Conservation Area. Bring footwear you can get wet, lunch except for dessert, and camera.</p>

# JUNIOR FIELD NATURALISTS

## Spring Time Action at Miller Creek Conservation Area

**When:** Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 p.m.

Turtles, pond critters, birds nest and more! It's a neat place in the spring. I'll bring the equipment, you bring a water bottle and let's see what stirring. Location: Turn left at Peterborough Zoo and follow Centre Line of Smith. Turn left at 7th Line. The Conservation Area is along 7th Line of Smith between Centre Line of Smith and Bridgenorth. As this will be the last outing before the summer I look forward to seeing you...Neil



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### **What is a Treasured Tree?**

Big trees, unusual trees, trees with special memories, wildlife-friendly trees, trees with beautiful shapes, kid-friendly trees, anything that makes your tree a "treasure" to you can be nominated. We're looking for great stories about trees in Peterborough too. Do you have a story about a tree that you've planted? Perhaps someone you know has a historical connection to a tree? Tell us about a significant tree in your life. Great stories will win a prize. If you have a great photo of an individual tree, or grove of trees within the City of Peterborough, enter the photograph contest and your photographic talent could win a prize.

## **Trumpeter Swans, a Success Story**

*-by June Hitchcox, courtesy of the Apsley Voice*

Such satisfying emails and newsletters about sightings of Trumpeter Swans – “The Buglers”. The Department of Lands and Forests, in their books published 1942-53, felt that they were becoming a vanishing race from the early 1900’s due to hunters; agriculture taking over their nesting grounds and the increasing number of coyotes. In 1912, it was thought to be only a matter of a few years for this Swan’s total extinction. In 1935, Government protection began but still, in 1938, it was estimated that only 500 existed. Concerned groups began re introducing them , placing eggs in the nests of Mute Swans, releasing 584 Trumpeters at 84 sites in southern and eastern Ontario and protecting the swans from predators. It has been a great success – numbers have been steadily increasing. Trumpeters are the largest waterfowl anywhere – 30 lbs; 6’ long; all-white feathers (perhaps some rusty stains from dark water). The bill is black although careful, close observation may show a narrow, salmon-red steak on the edge on the mouth. Their profile shows a rather flat head. Long necks allow them to reach for food on the bottom of lakes and ponds. Peter Robinson emailed the photo taken on the pond across from their home on highway #504 and at least 5 other birders have reported seeing them elsewhere.

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## **Join KHC for Site Inventories this Summer**

*-by Ian Attridge, Senior Project Manager, Kawartha Heritage Conservancy*

The Kawartha Heritage Conservancy is again conducting site visits to our own and others’ properties this spring and summer. Such visits enable us to document the significance of properties and help us work with landowners to conserve them. If you have some naturalist experience, we’d welcome your help on an outdoor excursion to inventory plants, birds and other critters. We hope you can join us! Please contact Ian Attridge at KHC if you are interested: [iattridge@kawarthaheritage.org](mailto:iattridge@kawarthaheritage.org), or 705-743-5599.

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## **Gift of Land from the Ingleton and Wells Families**

*-by Ian Attridge, Senior Project Manager, Kawartha Heritage Conservancy*

In December 2011, Kawartha Heritage Conservancy (KHC) received 74 acres of land overlooking Stoney Lake near Mount Julian. The property is part of the original Reid/Macauley farm and is a gift from the Ingleton and Wells families. The donated lands feature a significant sugar bush, fields and wetlands, making it an important site in the area. Lands set aside as green space protect key wildlife corridors, wetlands and the water quality of Stoney Lake into the future. The property is an important connection in a system of lands protected by KHC over the past few years. A special thank you is extended to the Wells and Ingleton families for their generosity and vision for a green future. Contact KHC if you would like to help us inventory this property over the summer: [iattridge@kawarthaheritage.org](mailto:iattridge@kawarthaheritage.org).



## Chasing Rare Butterflies

-submitted by Tony Bigg



*Jutta Arctic, Mer Bleue, May 26, 2012. Photo by Tony Bigg.*

Spruce wood with numerous Pink Lady's Slipper, missing the wetter areas through which we might have sunk, until we came to an open area of pure bog with a few stunted Black Spruce the food source of its larva. Immediately in front of us as we entered this area were a number of High-bush Blueberry bushes. It is strange to look at blueberry flowers at eye level, but there the keen eyes of Robert picked out the first of the only two specimens of the Bog Elfin we were to find in the next hour and a half, nectaring on the flowers – a very small elfin similar in appearance to the much more common Eastern Pine Elfin seen in Peterborough County. We were extremely lucky to have found the butterfly so soon. Others had been there recently and not found one in over four hours.

Having experienced the influx of rare butterflies down in Point Pelee this spring Jerry Ball and I thought that we might try for some of the rarer butterflies in Eastern Ontario. The first butterfly that came to mind was the Bog Elfin. This butterfly has one of the most restricted range of any butterfly in North America and enters Ontario only in the Alfred Bog east of Ottawa and in two bogs near Newington north of Cornwall. Tom Hanrahan, a birding friend from Ottawa, knew of the elfin in one of the Newington bogs and was kind enough to guide us into the area where the elfins had been seen. Jerry, I and Robert DiFruscia left early from Peterborough for a 3hr 45min drive to meet Tom at the entrance to the bog at 10 am. Wearing rubber boots we carefully walked along a spongy path through a Black



*Bog Elfin, Newington Bog, May 19, 2012. Photo by Robert DiFruscia.*

Our next chase was more local. Tom Hanrahan had heard of the occurrence of a colony of Mottled Duskywings just south of Marmora. This butterfly, a species at risk, has a rare, and very local, species throughout its Canadian range. The habitat requirements of its larval food plants, the New Jersey Tea or Narrow-leaved New Jersey Tea (present in Marmora), are usually dry sandy areas or limestone alvars. These requirements are met only very locally in the east. Jerry, Bob Prentice, Robert DiFruscia and I had little trouble finding the Mottled Duskywing but more surprising was the large number of other species in this gem of an area. Within an hour we had found over twenty species, including another life species for me – the Juniper Hairstreak which is to be seen on the Red Cedars. It is tantalizing to realize that both the Mottled Duskywing and the Juniper are within 5km of Peterborough County. Maybe a good search of the extreme southeast of the county will add new species to our county list.



The last trip made by Jerry and I, was to the Mer Bleue Bog southeast of Ottawa. The bog is part of the Greenbelt around Ottawa. The Mer Bleue Bog is one of the most outstanding natural features of the Greenbelt. The 3,500-hectare conservation area has a northern eco-system more typical of the Arctic than Ottawa Valley. At Mer Bleue you will find interpretive boardwalks, sand ridges, cross-country ski trails and forests. Mer Bleue is the largest bog and natural area in Canada's Capital Region and the



*Mottled Duskywing, Marmora, May 26, 2012. Photo by Tony Bigg.*

second largest bog in southern

Ontario. It is well used by the public in general. Walking the boardwalk Palm Warblers and Lincoln's Sparrows could be heard singing continually whilst we were there. The day before Ton Hanrahan had again alerted us that two of the Jutta Arctic butterflies had been seen. On the day we were there we had five sightings. One conveniently landed on the boardwalk right in front of us. The Jutta Arctic range is northern reaching its most southerly point in Ontario in Ottawa. Over most of its range *ita* is found only in Black Spruce and Tamarack bogs and wet taiga and tundra. We observed it feeding at the flowers of Labrador Tea.



*Juniper Hairstreak, Marmora, May 24, 2012. Photo by Tony Bigg.*



*Blandings Turtle and Painted Turtle, Shrike Rd. Observed during the PFN Carden Plain Field Trip. Photo by Don Pettypiece.*



*Arethusa bulbosa, Parula Lane Bog, near Chandros Lake, North Kawartha Twp, Peterborough County, 17 June 2012. Photo by Martin Parker.*

## THE “KAWARTHAS...NATURALLY CONNECTED” INITIATIVE

*-by Ian Attridge, Senior Project Manager, Kawartha Heritage Conservancy*

### *Background*

The Kawartha region is vast. There are many different demands on the land and our valuable natural resources are limited. A diverse group of local organizations is collaborating on a plan for a landscape that supports the needs of local people and the natural environment, while ensuring we make most efficient use of our resources.

Functioning ecosystems provide all of us with essential services and countless benefits daily - clean air, clean water, protection against flooding, pollination, recreation, etc. The economic value of these services amounts to millions of dollars annually, but their contribution to our quality of life is priceless. We are combining our strengths, expertise and assets to design a “natural heritage system” for our region. Our vision is “a landscape that supports the needs of people and nature, while preserving the unique character of the Kawarthas”.

### *What is a Natural Heritage System?*

A natural heritage system is made up of natural areas and features that are interconnected on the landscape. The system can include lands that have been restored or that have the potential to be restored.

Using the best available science and information, we are considering the local environmental, social, cultural and economic values to determine the components of a natural heritage system. The final products will help all of us better understand and ensure the health of our natural environment.

### *The Benefits of a Natural Heritage System*

A natural heritage system can help to ensure that key natural areas and features remain on the landscape, for our health and enjoyment and that of future generations. The natural heritage system can be a useful tool to help individuals, organizations and communities make informed and coordinated decisions about:

- o stewardship activities
- o land restoration
- o conservation land donations and purchases
- o land use planning decisions
- o research projects.

### *Collaboration is Key*

Led by Kawartha Heritage Conservancy and the Victoria Stewardship Council, the diverse group of partners participating include:

City of Kawartha Lakes, City of Kawartha Lakes Agricultural Development Advisory Committee, City of Peterborough, Clear/Stoney/White Lake Plan Environment Council, County of Peterborough, Kawartha Conservation, Kawartha Heritage Conservancy, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Otonabee Conservation, Parks Canada - Trent Severn Waterway, and Trent University, among others.

It is important that a diversity of perspectives and interests are represented to ensure that, as much as possible, the natural heritage system identified reflects the interests and needs of the whole of the community.

### *Respecting the Rights of Landowners*

A natural heritage system does not dictate the actions of landowners on their property - it is not legislation. However, it can provide useful information to individuals and organizations to help them steward their natural areas and features strategically and efficiently.

### *An Opportunity to Get Involved*

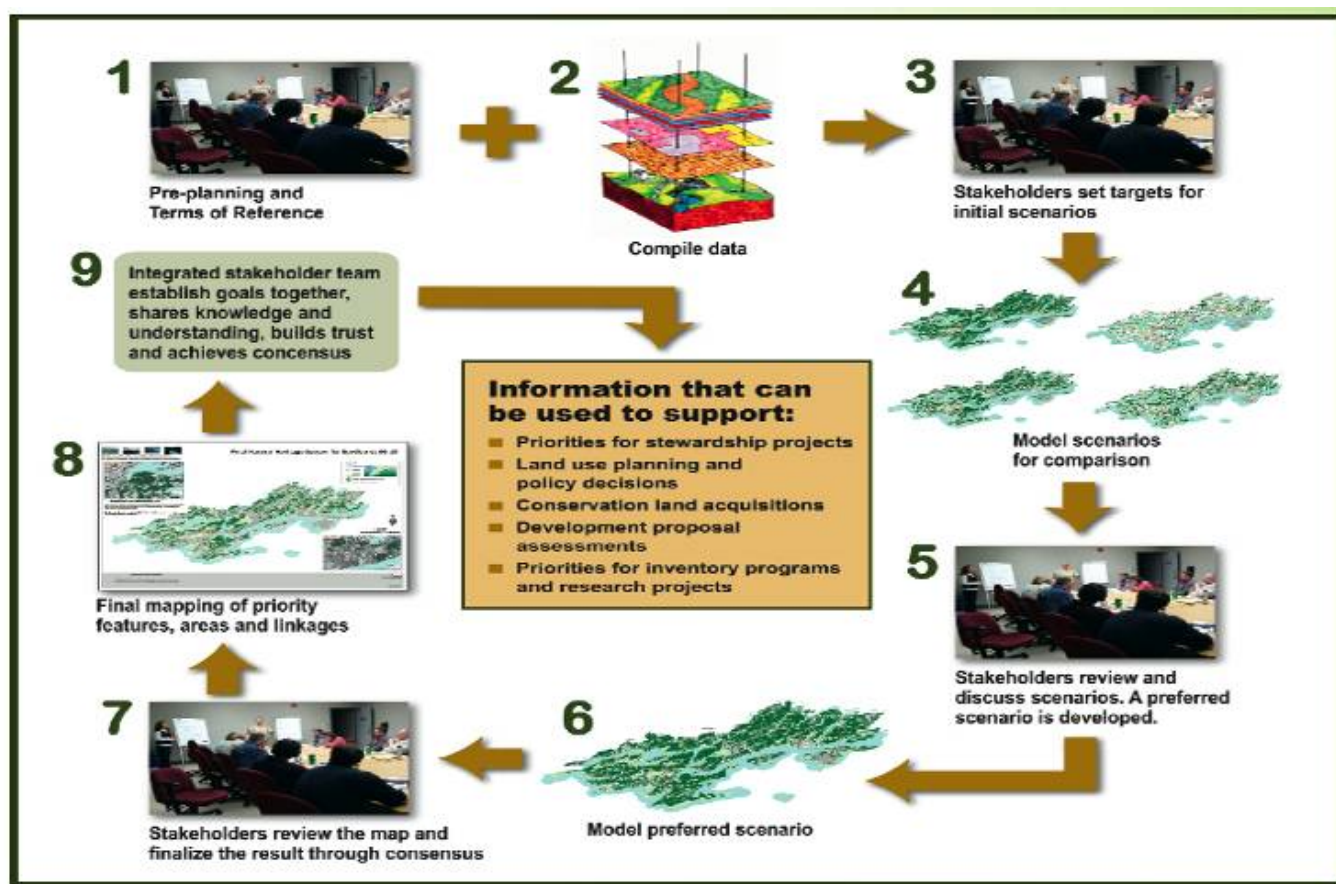
A natural heritage system has many potential applications. The groups listed above, and contacts below, can provide more information about natural heritage systems and what you can do to help maintain a healthy natural environment.

As naturalists, if you know of places important to wildlife, with special plants or animals, or with unique habitats across the region, please let us know so that they can be included in the design for this natural network. As we gather information and plan such a natural heritage system, we also welcome ideas as to how best to implement and partner on this initiative.

For more information about "The Kawarthas...Naturally Connected", contact either:

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## **Piping Plovers Nesting in Ontario**

*-from BSC Latest News, 1 June 2012 edition, [www.bsc-eoc.org](http://www.bsc-eoc.org)*

The Endangered Piping Plover has once again returned to nest on Ontario shores. Since arriving in April, nine adults have been identified at Wasaga Beach Provincial Park, and five at Sauble Beach.

At Wasaga Beach, there are six individuals remaining, and two pairs. The two established nests (alongside the boardwalk in Beach Area One) are expected to hatch in the first and third weeks of June. One large perimeter fence allows the plovers to forage freely along the shoreline, and protects the incubating birds. The 'point' – the area of beach where the river meets the lake – remains closed to the public, as other birds are nesting amongst the dunes.

At Sauble Beach, two nests have been established along the beachfront (one on the northern portion, and one on the southern portion). Each nest contains four eggs; both nests are expected to hatch in mid-June. Perimeter fences have been installed, as well as exclosures to keep away predators. The Town of South Bruce Peninsula, Canadian Wildlife Service, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, and the Bruce Resource Stewardship Network are cooperating to protect Piping Plovers and the habitat they need to raise their young.

As the season progresses and the beaches become increasingly busy, Piping Plover Volunteers continue to provide a vital service, by monitoring plovers and educating beach visitors. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Trish Davidson (Wasaga Beach; [speciesatrisk@wasagabeachpark.com](mailto:speciesatrisk@wasagabeachpark.com)) or Craig Todd (Sauble Beach; [craig.todd@ontario.ca](mailto:craig.todd@ontario.ca)).

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## **Wanted: Bird Nest Observers**

*-from BSC Latest News, 1 June 2012 edition, [www.bsc-eoc.org](http://www.bsc-eoc.org)*

Each summer, volunteers for Bird Studies Canada's Project NestWatch program (<http://www.birdscanada.org/volunteer/pnw/>) collect valuable details about bird nests across Canada. Volunteers submit the species name, the nest location, and the dates the nest was observed. We are also interested in the numbers of eggs and young, if those can easily be observed without causing any disturbance, and descriptions of nest sites. This vital information helps researchers learn more about various aspects of bird breeding such as distribution, timing, habitat, clutch size, and productivity.

To sign up for Project NestWatch and report active nests, visit the Bird Studies Canada website ([http://www.birdscanada.org/dataentry/nw\\_login.jsp](http://www.birdscanada.org/dataentry/nw_login.jsp)) Participants in the Québec, Manitoba, and British Columbia breeding bird atlases may report their observations through the atlas project websites, using the nest record form.

In 2011, volunteers submitted more than 2500 nest records from 186 species. We have also been digitizing historical information, including tens of thousands of contributions from BC, Yukon, and Saskatchewan. As a result of these efforts, the NestWatch database now contains 380,000 nest records.





The **ORCHID DIARY** for **April 30 – May 30, 2012**

Compiled by Tony Bigg, 652-7541, [tanddbigg@sympatico.ca](mailto:tanddbigg@sympatico.ca)

Most notable event was the finding of the first Fish Crow for the County by Luke Berg. After a flood of sightings at the beginning of May, from the 6th of May onward I have only noted new species seen, or birds seen of special interest or displaying special behavior.

- May 01 A **Brown Thrasher** was seen by Sean Smith in the early morning, singing from a tree top in Meadowvale Park near TASSS. Also later in the evening Sean hosted a **Beaver** in his front yard on Asadale Crescent W. It decimated his carefully cultivated dandelion blooms and grasses, rested under his car and climbed up a cement block and sniffed his front door. About twenty **Chimney Swifts** were seen by Tony Bigg flying over the Otonabee River by Quaker. He also saw a **Caspian Tern** flying over the Lakefield Marsh
- May 02 A FIRST OCCURENCE for a bird species in the County was noted by Luke Berg. Whilst walking the De Pencier trail in the Trent Wildlife Sanctuary he heard and saw three crows, two **American Crows** and a **Fish Crow**, chasing a **Turkey Vulture**. He was able to compare the calls of the Fish Crow, which is clearly different than that of an American Crow, with a recording he had with him on his Ipod. This sighting is not altogether unexpected since Fish Crows have been turning up all around the north of Lake Ontario. Again along the Otonabee River in Meadowvale Park Sean Smith had two **Warbling Vireos** and a **Black-and-white Warbler**, near the Parkhill Bridge he saw a Chimney Swift, and in Beavermead Park he had **Palm Warbler** and **Spotted Sandpiper**. In the morning. Gord Mallory watched four **Trumpeter Swans** in Lily Lake.
- May 02 contd On Hooton Drive just east of Howden Quarter Line, Drew Monkman saw a **Swainson's Thrush** in a large Maple woodlot. Other birds of interest along Hooton included **Black-and-white Warbler**, **Northern Waterthrush**, **White-crowned Sparrow**, and **Field Sparrow**. A **Grey Treefrog** was also calling and four **Red Admirals** flew by. On Deer Bay, Mary Jane Parker had her first **Ruby-throated Hummingbird** at her feeder. On the north shore of Upper Buckhorn Lake at Kawartha Hideaway, Jane Philpott had **Baltimore Orioles** singing, **White-throated Sparrows** pecking in the garden, **Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers** tapping on everyone's TV towers, and **Bald Eagles** flying by. Andrew Jobes had a **Warbling Vireo** singing by the Otonabee River in downtown Peterborough, and a **Black-throated Green Warbler** singing along the Jackson Creek trail between Reid and Brock Sts.
- May 03 Drew Monkman, Mitch Brownstein, Bryan Whitfield, and Mary-Beth Aspinall birded Bryan and Mary's property on Johnston Dr south of Hwy 115. Birds of interest included **Yellow Warbler** (2), **Nashville Warbler** (2), **Black-and-white Warbler** (1), **Blue-headed Vireo** (1), **Least Flycatcher** (1), **Great Crested Flycatcher** (1), **Rusty Blackbird** (3), **Purple Finch** (1), **White-crowned Sparrow** (2), **Red-bellied Woodpecker** (2), **Wood Duck** (4), **Solitary Sandpiper** (1) and **Greater Yellowlegs** (1). They also heard both **Gray Treefrog** and **American Toad** calling, witnessed a pair of **Snapping Turtles** mating in a shallow lagoon and saw about a dozen **Red Admiral** butterflies. The damp air was rich with the scent of **Balsam Poplar**.
- May 03 contd Sean Smith had **Yellow Warblers** and **White-crowned Sparrows** in Meadowvale Park, and **Black-throated Green Warbler**, **Black-and-white Warblers**. **Blue-headed Vireo** and **Warbling Vireo** in Beavermead Park, and noted a **Merlin** diving at an **American Crow** in Inverlea Park. Colin Jones noted that the **Cliff Swallows** were back under the foot bridge near the Trent Rowing Club. Sue and Andrew Jobes had **Blue-headed Vireo**, **Black-and-white Warbler**, **Wood Thrush** and **Yellow Warbler** in Jackson Park.
- May 04 Walking around the pines and the pagoda pond in Jackson Park in the morning, Chris Risley saw thirty species of birds including **Great Crested Flycatcher**, **Wood Thrush**, **Brown Thrasher**, **Ovenbird**, **Blackburnian Warbler**, **Pine Warbler**, **Black-throated Green Warbler**, **Rose-breasted Grosbeak**, **Brown-headed Cowbird**, and **House Finch**. Colin Jones cycling from Lakefield to the MNR building in downtown Peterborough noted a lot of bird activity including **Great Crested Flycatcher**, **Eastern Kingbird**, **Bank Swallow**, **Northern Rough-winged Swallow**, **Red-eyed Vireo**, **Wood Thrush**, **Gray Catbird**, **Golden-winged Warbler**, **Black-throated Blue Warbler**, **Palm Warbler**, and **Baltimore Oriole**. In the Ecology Park in Beavermead Sean Smith watched four female and one male **Rose-breasted Grosbeaks** eating apple blossoms, two 'shimmering' **Scarlet Tanagers** and an **American Redstart**.

- May 04 Adding to the birds in Beavermead Park Drew Monkman saw a **Northern Parula, Blackburnian Warbler, Palm Warbler, Ovenbird, Black-throated Green Warblers, Yellow-rumped Warblers, Baltimore Oriole, Warbling Vireo, and Blue-headed Vireo**. Drew also noted that there were about twenty **Red Admirals** in his garden and that Mitch Brownstein also had large numbers. He wonders if these are new arrivals or survivors from the influx in mid-April.
- May 05 At his Stony Lake cottage Stewart MacDonald had a male **Ruby-throated Hummingbird** at his feeder. On Hubble Rd Scott Gibson found two **Golden-winged Warblers** (observed singing) one **Blue-winged Warbler** (observed singing), eight **Eastern Towhees**, a **Rose-breasted Grosbeak**, a **Blue-headed Vireo**, a **Red-eyed Vireo**, and **Great Crested Flycatcher**. Also on Centre Dummer Rd near 7th Line he observed another singing **Blue-winged Warbler**. On the rail trail to the Orange Corners Trestle in the morning Enid and Gord Mallory noted **Bobolinks, Eastern Meadowlarks, and White-crowned Sparrows**.
- May 08 Luke Berg saw a **Green Heron** in a tree in the University Rd wetland.
- May 09 Joe Knauer reports that a **Common Gallinule** has been singing every morning for about the last two weeks in a marsh on Upper Buckhorn Lake, close to the Woodlands Camp site.
- May 11 While walking to work this morning, Sue and Andrew Jobs spotted a **Blue Jay** with a mouse, which it carried up to a tree branch and plucked some fur before caching it in the crotch of the limb it was on. Robert DiFruscia saw a **Chryxus Arctic** and **Canadian Tiger Swallowtail** on Sandy Lake Rd.
- May 13 On his property at Base Line and Cty Rd 34 Robert DiFruscia saw **Eastern Tailed-Blue** and **Silvery Blue** butterflies. On Charlie Allen Rd Tony Bigg saw a **Clouded Sulphur, Pearl Crescent, and a Juvenal's Duskywing**.
- May 14 On the Blezard to Cameron section of the rail trail Tony Bigg saw a **Silver-spotted Skipper** and a **Common Buckeye**.
- May 15 Drew Monkman had his first **Monarch** of the year, flitting in his garden. Tony Bigg also had his first Monarch on Cty Rd 507 north of Flynn's Corner. Tony also saw four **Cherry Gall Azures** on a Chokecherry bush with galls on the leaves, **Northern Crescent**, and **Dreamy Duskywing** all on Tie's Mountain Rd.
- May 17 On Hubble Road after work Brendan Boyd had six **Scarlet Tanagers**, six **Rose-Breasted Grosbeaks**, two **Chestnut-sided Warblers**, two **Nashville Warblers**, an **American Redstart**, a **Black-throated Green Warbler**, a **Golden-winged Warbler**, three **Ovenbirds**, two **Red-eyed Vireo**, two **Veery**, a **Swainson's Thrush**, six **Wood Thrush** and eight **Common Nighthawks** among other things. On Sandy Lake Rd Jerry Ball found a **Common Roadside Skipper**, an **Olympia Marble**, and a **Columbine Duskywing**. Jerry also saw a **Blanding's Turtle**. Tony Bigg and Robert DiFruscia also had their first **Columbine Duskywing** on Charlie Allen Rd.
- May 18 Brendan Boyd found a singing **Philadelphia Vireo** in Ecology Park in Beavermead. On the Cameron to Cty Rd 38 section of the rail trail Tony Bigg saw two **Tawny-edged Skippers**, two **Meadow Fritillaries**, two **Common Ringlets**, and a **Black Swallowtail**.
- May 20 Whilst walking the Trent Wildlife Sanctuary the PFN Sunday morning group saw three **Northern Cloudywings**. In the afternoon Tony Bigg watched a **Willow Flycatcher** singing near the junction of Base Line and Nelson Rd. Brendan Boyd reported seeing a **Brewster's Warbler** on Nichol's Cove Rd at the north end of the Lattanzio Farm. It was foraging along the south side of the road. He also saw a **Black-billed Cuckoo** in the same general area.
- May 21 At about 15:45 today, Bill Crins observed a rather dull (probable male) **Wilson's Phalarope** in the south cell of the Lakefield sewage lagoons, feeding about some of the aerator upwellings. It was still present there at about 18:00, when Don Sutherland and Lori Humphrey saw it. On Tie's Mountain Rd Jerry Ball and Ken Morrison found a **Hobomok Skipper** and a **Green Comma**. Tony Bigg also found a **Hobomok Skipper** - this one on Hubble Rd. He also had an **Arctic Skipper** on Devil's 4 Mile Rd.
- May 22 Jerry Ball and Ken Morrison found a **Silver-bordered Fritillary** on the Cameron to Cty Rd 38 section of the rail trail. They also found some **Pink Ladies' Slippers** on Sandy Lake Rd.
- May 23 Robert DiFruscia just saw the **Giant Swallowtail** of the season nectaring on the dogwood flowers in the back of his garden at the junction of Base Line and Cty Rd 34. This is about two months earlier than any previously reported Giant Swallowtails. Tony Bigg heard an **Alder Flycatcher** singing on Settler's Line at the rail trail. Drew Monkman also had two Alder Flycatchers on Douro 4th Line, just north of Douro village on Meade Creek. He also saw the colony of Bank Swallows on Division Road, east of the 4th Line, at the Drain Bro's Sand Pit.

- May 24 Sean Smith had a singing male **Wilson's Warbler** and a couple of **Blackpoll Warblers** between Dunlop and Vignette Sts. A **Great Egret** was seen by Scott Gibson at the bridge on River Road between Asphodel 2nd Line and Birdsall Rd. It was perched on a branch at the water line, 40m north of the bridge. Tony Bigg reports that the **Black Terns** are back over the Lakefield Marsh and **Marsh Wrens** are singing there.
- May 25 Sue Paradisis is out at Griffin's Greenhouses (near the junction of Cty Rds 23 and 29) every Thursday and for over three weeks now an **American Bittern** has been hanging around the ponds in the display gardens out back. The first week she saw it, it was very close to the main greenhouse near the sales areas. It was working its way down the far side of the pond in the rushes and stopping every so often to vocalize. For two weeks now there have been two of them. The owner told her one morning that he went into the greenhouse and one was walking down the isle. It froze at first in it's typical neck up pose, but when he spoke to it, it scurried out in a panic. Jerry Ball and Tony Bigg walking the Cameron to Cty Rd 38 section of the rail trail found a **Viceroy**, and a **Little Wood Satyr**. They also heard a **Mourning Warbler** singing.
- May 26 Drew Monkman drove Douro 3rd Line this morning at 7 a.m. and heard **Sandhill Cranes** calling repeatedly from both sides of the road. Two birds eventually flew over.
- May 27 Drew Monkman heard and saw two Grasshopper Sparrows on Sand Road, just east of the 4th Line of Asphodel.
- May 28 Two **White Admirals** were seen by Tony Bigg in the section of the TWS between the canal and Armour Rd.
- May 29 A **Trumpeter Swan** (tag J84) was seen by Tony Bigg in the early morning at the north end of the Lakefield Marsh. This morning at around 0900h Don Sutherland saw a flock of 38 **Brant** flying NE over the downtown, turning N over East City and continuing N up the river. Earlier in morning (~0530h) he heard a **Yellow-bellied Flycatcher** giving its 'purr-wee' call in the vicinity of his house on John St in the Avenues area of the downtown. On a bike ride up the Jackson Park-Lily Lake Rail Trail (Trans Canada Trail) between McDonnell St and Ackison Rd he heard another **Yellow-bellied Flycatcher** calling, along with other late migrants (**Bay-breasted Warbler**, **Blackburnian Warbler**, **Blackpoll Warbler**, **Canada Warbler**, **Mourning Warbler**, **Wilson's Warbler**, **Philadelphia Vireo**, **Swainson's Thrush**, **Black-billed Cuckoo**, etc.).



## ORCHID SUBMISSIONS WANTED

Deadline for submissions for the September issue: Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012

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# PETERBOROUGH FIELD NATURALISTS

[www.peterboroughnature.org](http://www.peterboroughnature.org)

## membership application form

Memberships may be obtained by mailing completed form and cheque to

Peterborough Field Naturalists  
PO Box 1532, Peterborough, ON K9J 7H7

### CONTACT

Name (s):		Home Tel:	
		Work Tel:	
Address:		Receive Orchid by:	<input type="radio"/> snail mail <input type="radio"/> e-mail <input type="radio"/> both please
		Email(s):	

### MEMBERSHIP TYPE & FEE SCHEDULE

Please make cheques payable to *Peterborough Field Naturalists*

1. Single Adult \$25 ☐      2. Single Student \$15 ☐      3. Single Child\* (age 5-12) \$10 ☐  
4. Family (couple or family with children\*) \$30 ☐

\*Please give the name(s) and age(s) of the children you wish to be enrolled in the PFN Junior Naturalists

Name	Age*	Name	Age*

### MAIN INTERESTS

<input type="radio"/> Birds	<input type="radio"/> Butterflies/insects	<input type="radio"/> Botany (Wildflowers/trees/shrubs)
<input type="radio"/> Astronomy	<input type="radio"/> Aquatic Life	<input type="radio"/> Geology
<input type="radio"/> Hiking	<input type="radio"/> Conservation	<input type="radio"/> Field Trips
<input type="radio"/> Other (specify)		

I (name \_\_\_\_\_) am knowledgeable in the following areas \_\_\_\_\_ and would be prepared to

- ☐ lead an outdoor session      ☐ give a presentation      ☐ prepare an article for The Orchid

### I am interested in the following:

- ☐ Joining the PFN Executive      ☐ Sitting on research or conservation committees      ☐ Working on field projects  
☐ Helping with refreshments at meetings      ☐ Please have a member of the executive call me

### AGE GROUP

This information helps us to understand the needs of our members. If a family membership, please check for each adult

<input type="radio"/> Under 20	<input type="radio"/> 20-29	<input type="radio"/> 30-39	<input type="radio"/> 40-49	<input type="radio"/> 50-59	<input type="radio"/> 60-69	<input type="radio"/> 70-79	<input type="radio"/> 80 < over
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### DONATIONS

Membership fees cover the general operating costs of the club while other sources of revenue are needed to fund special projects such as ecological restoration. You can assist the club by making a donation to help further our work in such areas. The PFN is a registered charity and issues receipts for income tax purposes. All donations are gratefully received and any member of the executive will be happy to speak to you concerning the use of such funds.

### LIABILITY WAIVER

In consideration of the Peterborough Field Naturalists (PFN) accepting this application, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns forever release and discharge the PFN, their officers, directors, servants and agents from any liability whatsoever arising from my participation in PFN activities, whether by reason of negligence of the PFN or its representatives, or otherwise. I affirm that I am in good health, capable of performing the exercise required for field trips or other activities in which I participate, and accept as my personal risk the hazards of such participation. As a member of the PFN and/or as a parent/guardian of a member under 18 years of age, I have read and understood the above, and accept its term on behalf of all of my underage children.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_