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Great Blue Heron. Photo by Rebecca Zeran, August 2013.

Welcome New Members!

- Robert & Katherine Robertson
- Michael Gillespie
- Steve Russell
- Robert Vanderby
- Dorothy Kutt
- Jay & Lauren Fitzsimmons

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Coming Events

<p>Sundays in October</p> <p>8:00 a.m.</p> <p>Meet in the Peterborough Zoo Parking Lot</p>	<p>Autumn Sunday Morning Wildlife Walks</p> <p>These informal walks will take place every Sunday from September 1st to October 27th. They will start at 8.00a.m. and involve carpooling from the parking lot of the Peterborough Zoo on Water Street to local sites of interest. The outings generally last around three hours in total. Bring some change to donate toward gas costs and remember to bring binoculars. The destination(s) will be confirmed on the day. Trip leaders are as follows:</p> <p>Oct 6 – Martin Parker Oct 13 - TBD Oct 20 – Drew Monkman Oct 27 – Jerry Ball</p>
<p>Wednesday Oct 9th</p> <p>7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Ptbo Library</p>	<p>PFN Monthly Meeting: Shorebird Ecology and Conservation</p> <p>Presenters: Colleen Murchison and Johanna Perz</p> <p>Shorebirds are experiencing one of the fastest rates of decline of all bird groups. Most shorebirds depend on coastal habitat to rest and refuel during migration. Yet human development and activity are concentrated along the coast; therefore, loss and degradation of habitat are thought to be major contributors to shorebird decline. Also, climate change, which is expected to be particularly pronounced in the arctic where many shorebirds breed, may be negatively affecting habitat. As such, it is important to identify critical habitat at multiple stages of the shorebird life cycle to evaluate impacts and implement effective conservation measures. Colleen studies migratory shorebirds at a coastal stopover site on Vancouver Island and is interested in how human disturbance is impacting the quality of stopover habitat. Johanna's research is on population dynamics and habitat selection of a declining curlew, Whimbrel (<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>), breeding in sub-arctic Churchill, Manitoba. They will discuss how various habitat characteristics influence abundance at these two locations.</p>
<p>November 3rd</p> <p>8:00 a.m.</p>	<p>PFN Outing: Birding at Presqu'ile Provincial Park</p> <p>Jerry Ball leads a day-long trip to view migrant birds at Presqu'ile Provincial Park, with other stops of interest on the way. In particular, expect to see many interesting waterfowl. Bring a packed lunch, binoculars and, if you have them, rubber boots (not essential). Meet at 8am at the Country Style at the junction of Old Keene Road and Highway 7, east of Peterborough. We will likely car pool, so bring a contribution for gas and the entry fee to the park.</p>
<p>November 10th</p> <p>8:00 a.m.</p>	<p>PFN Outing: Harold Town Conservation Area</p> <p>Join Dan Chronowic, PFN member and Otonabee Conservation Foundations Director, on a hike at Harold Town Conservation Area. The property offers a wide array of new and continuously developing multi-use trails. Meet at 8:00am at the parking lot on Old Norwood Road, East of Burnham Line. Come dressed for the weather as the hike will last between 1.5-2 hours.</p>

Coming Events continued

Wednesday Nov13 th 7:30 p.m. Ptbo Library	PFN Monthly Meeting: Mammal Tracks & Sign in The Kawarthas Presenter: Don McLeod (PFN member & retired Fleming Fish & Wildlife Professor) Wild mammals in Ontario are rarely seen aside from a few notable exceptions such as the squirrel species. However, many mammals are active at night and frequently leave clues which betray their passage. Examples of these clues include tracks, scat, kill sites and feeding evidence. Don will present a slide show during the November 13th PFN meeting with photos of tracks and sign representing mammal species from the Kawarthas. There will be wildlife walks during December and January which will augment the presentation with practical tracking experience. Details on these walks will be announced later.
November 24 th 1:00 p.m.	PFN Outing: Wave Riders of Rice Lake Join Martin Parker on a trip along the north shore of Rice Lake to look for some of the later migrating waterfowl and other birds which are migrating through. We will look for rafts of diving ducks such as Greater Scaup, Common Goldeneye, Bufflehead and others. Meet at 1:00 p.m. at the Tim Horton's in the Sobeys/Canadian Tire Plaza on Lansdowne Street West. Bring binoculars, a telescope if you have one and clothes suitable for the weather forecast for the day. The trip will last until late afternoon and Martin says that you will be home in time for the Grey Cup final!
Wednesday Dec 11 th 7:30 p.m. Ptbo Library	PFN Monthly Meeting: Member's Slide Night The December member's' slideshow is an annual PFN tradition. Have some photos from a trip, natural event, or wildlife encounter that you'd like to "show and tell"? Contact Gina (gina.varrin at gmail.com , 705-761-7787).

Junior Field Naturalists

The Junior Naturalists are going to have their outing **Sunday October 27th at the Camp Kawartha Environment Centre** (Pioneer Rd., Trent U.) from **2:00 – 4:00 p.m.** Autumn will be in full force then so we will have some good old Fall fun, crafts, hiking and more. Looking forward to seeing new & old faces... 'til then, Neil.



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ORCHID SUBMISSIONS WANTED

Deadline for submissions for the November issue: Friday, October 25th, 2013

Please send all submissions to: **Rebecca Zeran, PFN, PO Box 1532, Peterborough, ON, K9J 7H7** or via e-mail to: rebecca.zeran@mail.mcgill.ca

2013 Bug Eye Photo Contest

The deadline to submit pictures for the 2013 BUG EYE photo contest presented by THE ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF ONTARIO has been extended to October 10th. The contest is open to all Ontario residents (you don't have to be a member of ESO to submit photos). There are 4 prize categories including one for junior entomologists under 13. For contest details, please visit:

http://www.entsocont.ca/files/files/1_bug_eye_2013poster2.pdf



Giant Swallowtail. Photo by Rick Stankiewicz, August 2013.



Circumpolar Bluets mating. Photo by Rick Stankiewicz, August 2013

Ron Pittaway's Winter Finch (and Others) Forecast 2013-2014

-by June Hitchcox, courtesy of the Apsley Voice

Food for the birds and lots of it – that is what sustains birds throughout the long, cold winter. Ron Pittaway of Minden has a network of friends across Ontario and more, who send him the status of the various crops of deciduous and cone seeds and berries and from this data + knowing which species eats what, Ron is able to forecast where those birds will likely spend the winter. This year, crops are above average (except for white pine cones), all over Ontario so many birds will decide to stay in the north and not use up all the energy that it takes to migrate south. Some birds will decide to fly south anyway, so we should be able to see them but not in the usual numbers. Bohemian Waxwings, if they come south, and Pine Grosbeaks will be happy with mountain-ash, crabapple and buckthorn berries. Purple Finch will likely stay in the north for the mountain-ash. Red Pine in Algonquin Park will entice Red Crossbills and in certain areas which have good spruce and pine crops. White-winged Crossbills will be seen there too, feeding on the seeds of White, Red, Black Spruce and Hemlock. Birch, alder and conifer seeds will keep most Common Redpolls and Hoary Redpolls in the north. Good conifer crops should keep Pine Siskins and Red-breasted Nuthatches in the north. Evening Grosbeaks will love the sunflower seeds at your feeders. Blue Jays should be seen along the shores of Lakes Erie and Ontario, seeking the excellent crops of acorns, beechnuts and hazelnuts. That is the prediction for the coming winter. Let's see how it goes!

Canadian Wildlife Federation Photo Contest is Open!

-from CWF e-news (visit www.cwf-fcf.org for more information)

It's that time of year, and we're happy to announce the launch of CWF's 2013 Reflections of Nature Photo Contest. This year we're doing something a bit different. We're hosting two Reflections of Nature Photo Contests! One will be for amateur photographers only, whereas the other is for professional photographers. The theme, categories and prizes are the same for both contests.

Inspire is this year's theme, and we hope you'll celebrate with us by sharing your amazing photography! Show us what inspires you. It could be that breathtaking view from the cottage, a close-up of a ladybug or a shot of a path in an enchanted-looking forest. Whatever it is, we would love to see what inspires you! Need some inspiration? Check out the photography challenges we've issued so far to our By Popular Vote participants. You have until October 31 to submit your photos. Winning photos will be selected in five categories: Flora, Fauna, Landscape, Urban Wildlife and overall Grand Prize winner.

For both the professional and amateur contests, the grand prize winner will receive a \$1,000 gift card to the retailer of their choice and a one-year subscription to *Canadian Wildlife* or *Biosphère* magazine. All winners will have their photos published in the January/February 2014 issue. They will also receive a poster of their photos courtesy of PosterJack.

So start snapping today and submit the winning shot!

Please note: the amateur contest opens August 1, the professional entries begin mid-August.

For more information on the contest visit: <http://www.cwf-fcf.org/en/discover-wildlife/photography/>

Birding the Shores of Pigeon Lake, Peterborough County

-submitted by Martin Parker, from an article by Donald A. Sutherland

Access to Pigeon Lake from the Peterborough County side is difficult, as most of the shoreline is in private ownership and or one must travel considerable distances between vantage points. This article will identify a number of locations one can visit to see the migrants on Pigeon Lake.

Kerry Line:

Drive north 4.5 km from Ennismore on County Rd 16 (Blackpool/Lakehurst Rd), then turn left (west) on Kerry Line. Continue west 1.8 km to where the road bends south. Continue bearing straight down the gravel access road to the municipal boat launch. Park such that you're not obstructing access to the boat launch.

This is a good vantage point, looking out on rice marsh all the way to the Kawartha Lakes shore and north to the Lakeview Estates Marina and Killabys Point. I have visited this location a number of times this fall and it was from this vantage that Colin Jones and I recently observed Dunlin, Black-bellied Plover, a variety of waterfowl and Bald Eagles. This spot is really only good first thing in the morning from first light until about 0900h.

Fothergill Isle:

From the intersection of Kerry Line and County Rd 16 drive 2.7 km north to Tara Rd. Turn left (west) on Tara Rd and continue 0.2 km north to Fothergill Rd. Turn left (W) on Fothergill and continue 0.5 km to the base of the causeway to Fothergill Isle. There is limited parking (room for one or two vehicles) at the south end of the base of the causeway. Do not stop your vehicle on the causeway as there is frequent traffic from the residential area on Fothergill Isle. Looking west offers a view of the open lake between Cardigan Point and Thorne Island.

Gannon Narrows

From the intersection of Tara Rd and County Rd 16 drive 1.8 km north across the Gannon Narrows causeway to the north side and the intersection with Anchor Bay Rd, where you can park a vehicle or two on the south side of the intersection. From here you can look southwest down Gannon Narrows between Jacob Island and Fothergill Isle toward the open lake. On the east side of the intersection (FR 70) you can view the east side of the narrows and a portion of Upper Buckhorn Lake.

Blind Channel/Sandy Point:

From the intersection with Anchor Bay Rd continue 4 km N to Elim Lodge Rd. Turn left (west) and continue 2.9 km to the intersection with Sandy Point Rd.

For Blind Channel, turn left (south) and continue 2.5 km to its end at Camp Ashtabula. From the boat launch you can view Blind Channel to the left (east) and a portion of Pigeon Lake to the west (right). Blind Channel is one of the first areas to become ice-free in spring and can harbour huge numbers of waterfowl species.

Returning north to the intersection with Sandy Point Rd., continue north 0.4 km to the turnaround and boat launch. From the vantage of the boat launch you have fairly unobstructed views west, northwest and north toward the Kawartha Lakes shore, Bobcaygeon, and the south end of Big Island, respectively. This is a good vantage from which to scan for open lake waterfowl (e.g. scoter species) and loons, which congregate here from mid-October to freeze-up. In 2011 there was a Red-throated Loon visible from this vantage. It is also a good place to see both Red-necked and Horned grebes.

Oliver's Point:

Travel north to Buckhorn, continuing north and west approximately 18 km from the intersection County Roads 23 and 36 all the way to Miller Line Rd. Turn left (south) and continue 2.5 km to the entrance to

the James M. Oliver Ecological Centre (on right, opposite FR 103). You probably need to arrange a visit prior to your arrival (olivercentre@trentu.ca). From the entrance follow the driveway west and then south past the manager's residence south to the lake. From the point you can scan south toward the north end of Big Island. Aside from Northern Saw-whet Owl banding which takes place nightly during the month of October, this seems to be an infrequently visited spot, particularly by birders. However, from the vantage of Oliver Point you can scan the lake to the south and should be able to see open lake waterfowl, loons and grebes.

Nogies Creek Bay:

Retracing your steps back to Hwy 36, turn left (west) and continue 0.6 km to Nogies Creek mouth and Bass Lake Rd. There are various places to park and from the vantage of the highway shoulder you can scan south down the bay. This is a good place for waterfowl, particularly in spring.



Common Goldeneye, Lake Nipissing, North Bay. Photo by Frank Peirce, March 2012.

James Bay Shorebird Report #6 dated 27 August 2013 from Hannah Bay

-submitted by Martin Parker, from a posting on Ontbirds

(At the Annual Meeting of the Peterborough Field Naturalists in January 2013 the guest speaker, Mark Peck of the Royal Ontario Museum, gave a talk on the monitoring of shorebirds on James and Hudson's Bay. The following report is just one of the reports posted on Ontbirds, the e-mail birding hotline, about this year's shorebird monitoring.)

This is the project's sixth report, for the period 13 August - 27 August 2013 from East Point on Hannah Bay, Ontario, on the south coast of James Bay. This camp is located in the heart of the East Point Important Bird Area (<http://ibacanada.ca/site.jsp?siteID=ON147&lang=EN>).

The Hannah Bay crew consists of Ross Wood (volunteer), Kevin Seymour (Royal Ontario Museum), Greg Stewart (volunteer), Shannon Page (MNR), Mark Isaac (volunteer, Moose Cree First Nations) and Thomas Cheena (volunteer, Moose Cree First Nations).

The Hannah Bay camp is 68 km east of Moosonee, Cochrane District. High counts during the period are given below.

- Black-bellied Plover – 70 adults on August 18. All molting adults.
- American Golden Plover – 3 adults on August 18 and 20th.
- Semipalmated Plover - 53 on August 22; nearly all juveniles by August 27.
- Killdeer – 8 on August 18.
- Spotted Sandpiper – 1 on August 16. Only one juvenile observed during the period.
- Solitary Sandpiper – singles on 4 days.
- Greater Yellowlegs – 257 on August 22. Juveniles represented about 50% of the birds by the end.
- Lesser Yellowlegs – 435 on August 22. Juveniles represented about 80% of the birds by the end of the period.
- Whimbrel – 4 on August 19.
- Hudsonian Godwit – 2383 molting and migrating adults on August 22. East Point appears to be an important stopover site for this species, as the 2383 birds represents about 3.5% of the global population of this species. Flagged birds were seen on 12 occasions and represented at least 6 individuals. Based on flag colour, one of these flagged birds was banded in Canada and the other two were banded in Chile. On August 22 as the tide came in Ross Wood and Kevin Seymour watched several flocks totaling roughly 800 individuals gaining altitude and heading south. First Juvenile observed on August 23.
- Marbled Godwit – 17 on August 18. Small numbers daily.
- Ruddy Turnstone – 23 adults on August 19. By the end of the period on juveniles were being seen.
- Red Knot – 27 on August 22. This species was very uncommon at East Point, but in the last week or so we started to see very small numbers of juveniles more regularly.
- Semipalmated Sandpiper – 853 on August 22. Juveniles represented nearly 100% of the birds by the end of the period.
- Least Sandpiper – 58 on August 18. 100% juveniles by the end of the period.
- White-rumped Sandpiper – 2027 on August 22. One juvenile on the August 22.
- Pectoral Sandpiper – 196 on August 23. Approximately 50% juveniles by the end of the period.
- Dunlin – 3 adults on several dates. This species was very uncommon at East Point – only adults were observed and only on 15 days in the entire 6 week period.
- Stilt Sandpiper – 2 August 17. Always observed roosting at creek mouth at high tide with Short-billed Dowitchers and Hudsonian Godwits.
- Buff-breasted Sandpiper – 1 on August 18.

- Short-billed Dowitcher (*hendersoni*) – 9 adults on August 22. First juveniles seen August 17.
- Wilson's Snipe – 10 on August 16 and 21.
- Wilson's Phalarope – 1 juvenile on August 16.
- Red-necked Phalarope – 5 juveniles on August 16.

OTHER BIRDS: Snow Goose – first arrivals on August 17, high count of 104 August 22; Canada Goose 2912 on August 23; Horned Grebe; American White Pelican – 10 birds on August 22; Black Tern at least 2 juveniles August 18; Arctic Tern – adult on August 20; Tree, Bank and Cliff Swallows; Winter Wren; Pine Warbler – male feeding on mud flats; Le Conte's Sparrow; Nelson's Sparrow – birds had stopped singing by this period, but fledged young and adults were seen most days; Purple Finch; White-winged Crossbill; Common Redpoll – seen daily in small flocks moving south; Pine Siskin

MAMMALS: Gray Wolf (tracks), Woodchuck, Deer Mouse, Meadow Vole, Short-tailed Shrew (dead specimen collected) and Red Squirrel.

HERPTILES: Wood Frog, American Toad, Northern Leopard Frog, Spring Peeper, Eastern Garter Snake (common around camp).

Butterflies: Cabbage White, Mustard White, Bronze Copper, Silvery Blue, Spring Azure, Atlantis Fritillary, Bog Fritillary, Northern Crescent, Green Comma, White Admiral, Viceroy.

ODONATES: Northern Spreadwing, Emerald Spreadwing, Marsh Bluet, Variable "Lineate" Darner, Variable "Interrupted" Darner, Lake Darner, Zigzag Darner, Black Meadowhawk, Cherry-faced Meadowhawk.

Check out Alvan's blog (<http://alvanbuckley.blogspot.ca>) for photos and a map of the Hannah Bay camp location. Mike Burrell also has some photos on his blog (<http://mikeburrell.blogspot.ca>) and Jean Iron has photos from the first crew at this location (<http://www.jeaniron.ca/2013/JamesBay/p1.htm>).

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: The Western James Bay Shorebird Survey is a cooperative effort spearheaded by the Canadian Wildlife Service, Royal Ontario Museum, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (OMNR), Bird Studies Canada and Moose Cree First Nation. Additional support for the 2013 expedition was provided by TD Friends of the Environment Foundation. The OMNR also provides helicopter transport to and from field camps and accommodations in the staff house while crews are in Moosonee. Thanks to Ken Abraham, Rod Brook, Sarah Hagey and Kim Bennett of OMNR for logistical support. Lastly, without the many hours of dedicated volunteer support, this project would not be possible.

Ross Wood
Burlington, ON



Dunlin, Oregon Inlet Marsh,
Nags Head, North Carolina.
Photo submitted by Martin
Parker, November 2012.

From the Archives: 'Two Reports on Nature Observation by Elsie Green'

-submitted by Martin Parker

Upsetting The Balance – from 'The Orchid', September 1964, Volume 9, Number 8

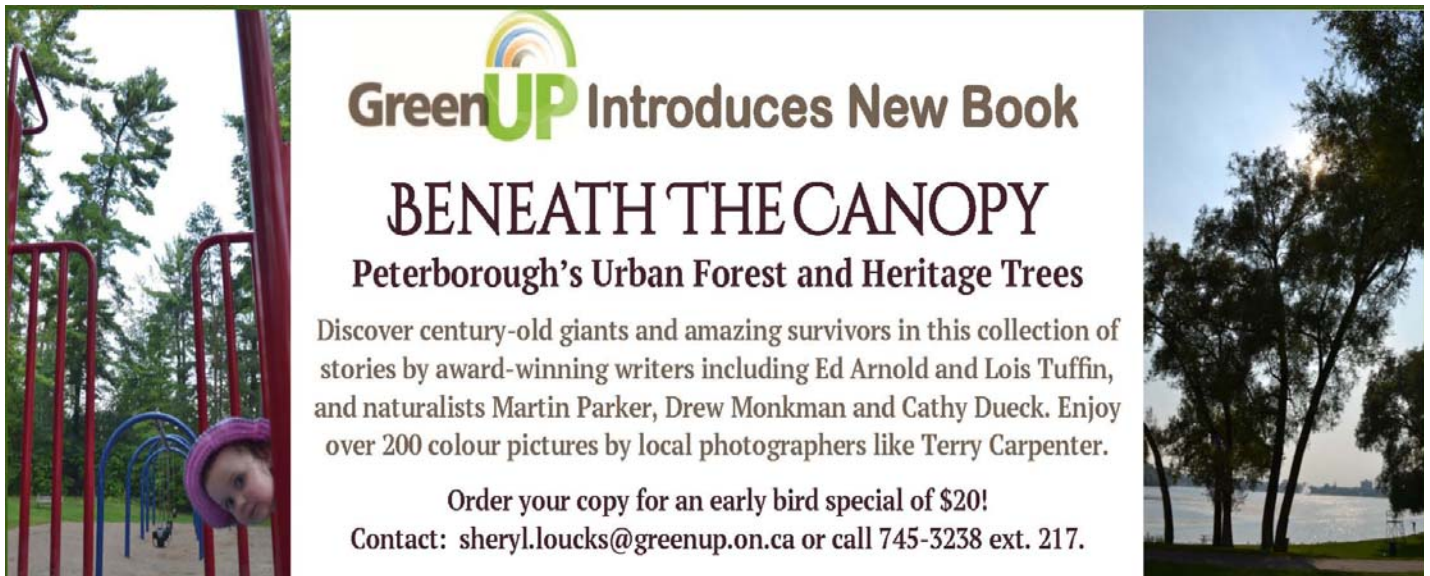
One day in July I upset the balance of Nature a wee bit.

I heard frantic screaming of a bird and when I looked out of the window I thought at first it was two sparrows fighting but a second look filled me with horror – a frog from our pool had a sparrow by the leg or the wing (I didn't take time to make sure) and was dragging the bird screaming and struggling to the edge of the pool. By the time I dashed out the frog had the sparrow into the water and dragged it under. I knelt down and beat the water with my hand and the sparrow came up still screaming and struggling. It managed to get onto a lily pad, but frog was after it again so I disturbed the water some more. The bird seemed to be just as terrified of me as of the frog and tried to get as far away from me as possible. It tried to get out of the pool on the other side so I ran around and managed to help the struggling bird out onto the grass, where it limped off and out of my sight. Nature is truly the survival of the fittest but I think I helped the underdog a bit.

Observations From My Window – from 'The Orchid', October 1964, Volume 9, Number 9

I have often wondered what a Kingfisher does with a large fish when he catches one and the other day I found out. From his high perch on our flag pole on the wharf I observed a Kingfisher dive and come up with, for him, a large perch! He sat there for a minute or so then he started to jerk his head, with a shipping motion, first on one side then on the other side. Through the binoculars I could see blood showing on the body of the fish around the gills. After a few more jerks the head fell off into the river. The Kingfisher kept on shaking the fish until the entrails fell out and then he swallowed the fish!

(Note: Short notes on observations of nature in the Peterborough area are still welcome in 'The Orchid'. They add to our knowledge of the plants and animals in our region.)



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Young Ornithologists Camp 2013

-submitted by Matthew Tobey

Every year in early August, 6 young birders from across Canada are selected to participate in a 9 day, all expenses paid for trip to Long Point, an excellent birding location on the north shore of Lake Erie and the birthplace of Bird Studies Canada. From August 3rd to the 11th this year, I had the unique opportunity to partake in this workshop.

Within 20 minutes of arriving at the Old Cut Field Station, I found myself putting up mist nets, which we would use the following morning to capture and band passerines. The next 9 days of my life were equally packed with novel learning experiences; from 5:45am when we opened the mist nets (5:15am on days where we were keen enough to catch American Woodcocks) to ~10:00pm when we compiled our estimated species totals, derived from our data collected throughout the day.

As well as banding birds ranging in size from woodcocks to Ruby-throated Hummingbirds, we also conducted daily bird censuses, witnessed a falconry demonstration, skinned and prepared dead birds (I prepared a male Baltimore Oriole), engaged in water balloon warfare and swam in “bathtub warm” Lake Erie water. On top of this, of course, we did a lot of birding. On August 5th we embarked on a 45 minute boat ride to the tip of Long Point, where we would stay for the next 2 days, encountering not only many birds but various interesting herps such as Eastern Foxsnakes, Dekay’s Brownsnakes, melanistic (black) Common Gartersnakes, innumerable Fowler’s Toads on the beach and a young Northern Map Turtle.

On August 8th after a shortened banding session in the morning, we piled into 2 trucks and commenced our “big day” during which we travelled to many excellent birding locations in Norfolk county. At the Port Rowan wetlands we managed to see nearly 15 species of shorebirds, however the highlights of the day were seeing the active nests of both Hooded Warblers and Acadian Flycatchers (1 of as few as 26 breeding pairs in all of Ontario); the exact locations of which I am not permitted to tell you about. At the day’s end we had amassed a total of 110 species, and by the end of the trip I personally saw 131 different species, 2 of which were lifers. I am sure the participants from British Columbia and Yukon had much higher totals in the latter category, however!

Many thanks to Chris Risley for informing me about this program, and to Martin Parker for writing me a letter of recommendation! I would highly recommend any keen birders ages 13-17 to consider applying, you will not regret it.



Common Loon (moulting),
Lake Bernard. Photo by
Stephen O'Donnell, August
2007.



The **ORCHID DIARY** for Aug 31- Sept 30, 2013

Compiled by Tony Bigg, 652-7541, tanddbigg@sympatico.ca

Songbirds and other migrants were on the move with more shorebirds than normal being seen, but most of the time warblers were scarce. The most interesting sighting was of a Varied Thrush near Springville. Good numbers of Giant Swallowtails were still being seen up to the 14th of the month.

- Aug 31 **Least Sandpiper, Baird's Sandpiper, and Pectoral Sandpiper** were reported by an unknown observer (e-birds) at the Lakefield Sewage Lagoons foraging on algae mats on the west side of north cell.
- Sept 01 A **Philadelphia Vireo** and a **Magnolia Warbler** were reported by an unknown observer (e-birds) in Beavermead Park in Peterborough. Walking in the Warsaw Caves CA Tony Bigg saw **Wilson's Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler, Pine Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Black-and-white Warbler, Brown Creeper, and Golden-crowned Kinglets**, among other more common birds.
- Sept 02 A **Semi-palmated Plover** was reported (e-birds) by Chris Risley on the sod-farm on Moncrief Line south of the Peterborough Airport. Simon Dodsworth saw a **Lesser Yellowlegs** at the Lakefield Sewage Lagoons. A **Bay-breasted Warbler** was reported by Don Sutherland (e-birds) in Beavermead Park in Peterborough.
- Sept 03 A **Cape May Warbler** were reported by an unknown observer (e-birds) on Carveth Drive in Millbrook. Don Sutherland reported (e-birds) a **Tennessee Warbler** and a **Lincoln's Sparrow** on the Peterborough-Trent Rotary Trail
- Sept 04 In the Trent Wildlife Sanctuary Tony Bigg saw **Magnolia Warbler, Black-and-white Warbler, Wilson's Warbler, Ovenbird, Nashville Warbler, House Wren, and Brown Creeper**. Butterfly sightings were reduced to **Orange Sulphur, Clouded Sulphur, Common Ringlet, Giant Swallowtail**, and a late **Bronze Copper**.
- Sept 05 Drew Monkman set up a new dripping water birdbath in his backyard. He didn't have to wait long before the first visitors arrived. A group of three **Black-capped Chickadees** showed up first, followed by an **American Goldfinch** and then two migrants, a **Chestnut-sided Warbler** and a **Nashville Warbler**.
- Sept 06 Drew Monkman had another **Chestnut-sided Warbler** visit his birdbath, as well as a **Magnolia Warbler**
- Sept 07 On the 7th Line of Selwyn Tsp Gary Aitken watched a family of three **Sandhill Cranes** arriving and departing by flight to a field behind their house. Normally they walk onto the field. This is the fourth year that they have been there. An **Orange-crowned Warbler** was reported (e-birds) by Luke Berg in the Harolddown CA on the Old Norwood Rd. On the Bridgenorth Rotary Trail, Tony Bigg reported **Eastern Wood-Pewee, Philadelphia Vireo, Palm Warbler, Nashville Warbler, American Redstart, Magnolia Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Gray Catbird**, and a **Ruby-throated Hummingbird**.
- Sept 08 A **Yellow-bellied Flycatcher** was seen by Luke Berg on Douro 9th Line south of Nassau Rd (e-birds). A **Least Flycatcher** and a **Great-crested Flycatcher** were seen by Don Sutherland on Bartlett Rd south of the Peterborough Airport (e-birds). He also saw a **Bobolink** at the east end of Moncrief Line. The PFN Sunday walk led by Tony Bigg were fortunate enough to get a good close-up look at an adult **Sandhill Crane** on Lynch's Rock Rd. They also had telescope views of a **Merlin** sitting quietly in a dead tree at Sawyers Creek on Douro 3rd Line. Also by the creek they saw **Belted Kingfisher, Eastern Phoebe, and Ruby-throated Hummingbird**. In the Lakefield Sewage Lagoons they saw **Common Loon, Wood Duck, Blue-winged Teal, Green Heron, female Hooded Merganser, and a Killdeer**. Elsewhere they saw many **Double-crested Cormorants** and **Cedar Waxwings**, a **Barn Swallow**, and an **Osprey** along the Otonabee River. Only one warbler was seen the whole morning - a **Common Yellowthroat**.
- Sept 11 A sighting of a **Peregrine Falcon** was reported (e-birds) by Greg Samson-Strecker over the Peterborough-Trent Rotary Trail. Jim Sackrider sighted (e-birds) a **Magnolia Warbler**, also by the Peterborough-Trent Rotary Trail

- Sept 13 Peter Mills sighted (e-birds) another **Magnolia Warbler** and a **Bay-breasted Warbler** by the Peterborough-Trent Rotary Trail. Today's cool, 13 C temperatures seem to have really stirred up bird migration and feeder activity. This morning Drew Monkman had two dozen **Common Grackles** at his feeder in the afternoon. These included several **Magnolia Warblers** and **American Redstarts**. Other birds of note along the trail included a **Northern Flicker**, several flocks of **Canada Geese** that were calling loudly as they flew, boisterous **Blue Jays**, **Cedar Waxwings** and numerous **Black-capped Chickadees**.
- Sept 14 An uncommon **Four-toed Salamander** was found near the large erratic on the "range" section of the Camp Kawartha property, east of Birchview Road. It was found by students from Lakefield College School and identified by Jake Fell. On the Douro 9th Line south of Nassau Rd, Luke Berg saw at least one and possibly two **Yellow-headed Blackbirds** flying over. He also saw **Warbling Vireo** and **Least Flycatcher** in the same area.
- Sept 16 A rare **Varied Thrush** was under the feeder and on the birch and mountain ashes in the backyard of Anne Corke on Cathcart Crescent near Springville.
- Sept 22 On a cold, damp morning a small group (3) on the PFN Sunday walk found the birding very slow, but they did see a **Rusty Blackbird**, a nice close (10m) look at a **Green Heron**, **Yellow-rumped Warblers**, **Common Yellowthroats**, a **Black-and-white Warbler**, an **American Redstart**, many **Swamp Sparrows**, a **Sharp-shinned Hawk**, a **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** and a **Pileated Woodpecker**, all on the TCT near Baseline east of Drummond Line. Tony Bigg watched two **Pied-billed Grebes** in the north end of Lakefield Marsh.
- Sept 25 In ideal weather Tony Bigg walked his dog along the TCT between Base and David Fife Lines. He found four species of butterfly still out - six **Clouded Sulphurs**, two **Cabbage Whites**, two **Mourning Cloaks** and an **Eastern Comma**. In contrast to three days earlier birds were everywhere, including **Palm Warbler**, **Common Yellowthroat**, **Magnolia Warbler**, **Nashville Warbler**, **Wilson's Warbler**, **Yellow-rumped Warbler**, **House Wren**, **Gray Catbird**, many **Ruby-crowned** and **Golden-crowned Kinglets**, fifty-odd **Song Sparrows** and **White-crowned Sparrows**, one **White-throated Sparrow**, a **Merlin**, an **American Kestrel**, a **Northern Harrier**, **Eastern Phoebe**, **Blue-headed Vireo**, **Common Ravens**, and best of all an **American Woodcock**.



A rare shrub in Ontario, *Symphoricarpos occidentalis*. Photo by Tony Bigg, August 28, 2013.



Eastern Milk Snake, (juvenile), Warsaw Caves CA. Photo by Tony Bigg, September 1, 2013.



Early instars of the Baltimore Checkerspot on Turtlehead. Photo by Tony Bigg, August 30, 2013.



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