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- Marnie Benson
- Connor Hawey
- Alf Bowser & Moira Gale
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COMING EVENTS

Wednesday
December 11
7:30 p.m. Ptbo
Library

PFN Monthly Meeting: Members' Slide Night

The December members' 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"?

Please contact Gina (gina.varrin at gmail.com, or 705-761-7787) in advance.

Sunday
December 15

Peterborough Christmas Bird Count

Participants should let Tony Bigg know as soon as possible if they are available for this count. The compilation will be at Kelsey's, opposite the Canadian Tire plaza on Lansdowne St. at 5:00 p.m. Contact Tony at tanddbigg@sympatico.ca or phone 705-652-7541.

Newcomers to the area, and newcomers to birding, are welcome to participate. They would be partnered with more experienced local birders. More eyes result in more birds seen! This count is an all-day affair starting at daylight, or preferably earlier if you wish to add owls to the day's list and finishing in time to make the compilation.

Wednesday
January 1st
8:30 a.m. Ptbo
Zoo Parking Lot

Ontario Field Ornithologists Peterborough Birding

Peterborough Field Naturalists members and Ontario Field Ornithologists Trips Coordinator, Dave Milsom, will be leading a joint PFN and OFO outing in the Peterborough area for owls, hawks, falcons, ducks, Bohemian Waxwings, and winter finches.

Wear warm footwear and clothes, bring packed lunch and binoculars.

Thursday
January 2nd

28TH Petroglyphs Christmas Bird Count

This annual count in the northern section of Peterborough County will be held Thursday, January 2, 2014. If you are interested in participating in this count please contact the compiler, Colin Jones, in advance so the field parties can be assembled.

Anyone interested in birds can participate. The count is a full day event with all participants gathering for supper and compiling the final results at the end of the day.

Please contact Colin Jones at colin.jones@ontario.ca or 705-652-5004.

Friday
January 24
5:30 p.m.
McDonnell St.
Activity Cnt.

74th PFN Annual General Meeting

The special guest speaker is Rick Stankiewicz who will be giving an illustrated presentation on 'The Wonders Above Us' There are many atmospheric and astronomical wonders above you in the day and night sky, you just need to keep looking up to notice them and discover what it is you are looking at.

Come see the wonders that await you at this year's AGM of the PFN. Full details on page 6.

Book your tickets now.

COMING EVENTS CONTINUED

Wednesday
February 12

7:30 p.m. Ptbo
Library

Richtersveldt National Park, South Africa

PFN Member Roger Jones, will be giving an illustrated presentation on his trip to Richtersveldt National Park in South Africa. Located in South Africa's northern Namaqualand, this arid area represents a harsh landscape where water is a great scarcity and only the hardiest of lifeforms survive. Despite this, the Richtersveldt is regarded as the only Arid Biodiversity Hotspot on Earth, with an astonishing variety of plant, bird and animal life (much of which is endemic).

Sunday
February 23

1:00 p.m. Ptbo
Zoo Parking Lot

Winter Birds Along the Otonabee

This half day outing, led by Martin Parker will focus on the waterfowl which overwinter on the open waters of the Otonabee River and Little Lake during the winter months. The variety and number of birds depends on the amount of open water and ice. The outing will also visit the bird feeding stations operated by the Peterborough Field Naturalists at Beavermead Park.

Dress according to the weather forecast for the day of the outing. Bring your binoculars.

This outing is part of the Heritage Week activities coordinated by the Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee.

Wednesday
March 12

7:30 p.m. Ptbo
Library

Ontario's IBA program: Critical Sites for Birds and Biodiversity

The Important Bird Areas Program is a global initiative to identify, monitor, and conserve the world's most important sites for birds and biodiversity. Using scientific criteria, nearly 600 Canadian sites have been designated. IBAs are found throughout the country. Ontario's 70 IBAs cover more than 23,000 km², largely along the coasts of the Great Lakes and Hudson and James Bays. Most sites regularly host large concentrations of birds, or significant numbers of species at risk.

Join Ontario's IBA Coordinator, Mike Burrell of Bird Studies Canada to find out more about these amazing sites and learn how you can help make a difference.

Thursday
April 10

7:30 p.m. Ptbo
Library

April Meeting On Thursday

(The speaker has not been booked yet.)

Please note the regular monthly meeting will be on a different night: Thursday, April 10, instead of the usual Wednesday night due to previous Library booking.

PFN JUNIOR FIELD NATURALISTS

(ages 5-12)

Sunday
December 22
1:30 p.m. Camp
Kawartha Env.
Centre (Trent U)

A jam packed afternoon starting with a birding hike which will be the Junior contribution to the annual Christmas bird count for this area. We also add into the mix a Christmas type craft to take home. So don't go shopping, come to the Junior outing.

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

February and
March 2014

Planting our Fruiture

GreenUP Ecology Park is hosting two edible Tree Workshops. The February workshop will be Fruit Tree 101 with Andy Harjula and the March workshop will be Selecting the Right Fruit Tree and Planting Your Fruit Tree Right with Andy Harjula.

For dates, more information and to register contact Marcy Adzich, Manager of Landscape Programmes, GreenUP at 705-745-3238 or marcy.adzich@greenup.on.ca

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Orchid Mailouts	TBD	
Jr. Naturalists	Neil Fortin	292-6185
Local Planning Committees	Jim Cashmore	



Winter Birds, from Nature in the Kawarthas, by Martha Allan

Orchid Editor Required

The Board of the PFN is searching for a new Editor(s) for 'The Orchid'. The editor prepares nine issues of the club's newsletter a year. They take the material submitted by members and others and lay it out into an informative and pleasing newsletter. The newsletter is then forwarded to Trent University where it is copied. The membership Secretary, Jim Young, e-mails the newsletter to all members who wish to receive an e-mail copy. The printed copies are packaged and mailed by Emily and Michelle Young.

One of the other roles of the Editor is to request submissions for the newsletter although all members are encouraged to submit articles and information. A major monthly contribution is 'The Orchid Diary' which is prepared by Tony Bigg from the observations of members and others.

If you are interested in being the editor of 'The Orchid' please contact Martin Parker at mparker19@cogeco.ca.



Partridge in a pear tree? by Martin Parker



Neighbourhood Auroras, Rick Stankiewicz

Notice to Members: Nominations for Directors

The affairs of the Peterborough Field Naturalists are managed by 12 members who comprise the Board of Directors. The Nomination Committee annually prepares a slate of Directors for approval at the Annual General Meeting. It is anticipated there will be several vacancies on the Board which the Nominations Committee has to fill. The normal term of a Director is three years.

If you are interesting in serving on the Board or would like to suggest a member who may be interested please advise the Chair of the Nominations Committee, Kelly Boadway at kjboadway@gmail.com or 705-775-0756.



ORCHID SUBMISSIONS WANTED

Deadline for submissions for the January 2014 issue:
DECEMBER 28th.

Please send all submissions to **Martin Parker** via email:
mparker19@cogeco.ca, or snail mail:
PFN, PO Box 1532, Peterborough, ON K9J 7H7

Annual General Meeting: The Wonders Above Us

Friday, January 24, 2014

5:30 p.m.

**577 McDonnell Street
McDonnell Street Activity Centre**

Join us for the PFN's Annual General Meeting, Friday, January 24, 2014 at the McDonnell Street Activity Centre (577 McDonnell Street). Keep up to date on club business, elect the next executive, enter the raffle for fabulous prizes, enjoy a delicious meal and stay for an entertaining presentation.

- Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
- Supper starts at 6:00 p.m.
- Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- Raffle at 7:30 p.m.
- Guest Speaker beginning at 8:00 p.m.
- Tickets are \$36.00.

To reserve your tickets, call Don & Emily Pettypiece at 750-1145, or purchase them at the December meeting. Please see menu below and note whether you have any special dietary requirements when reserving your tickets.

AGM Keynote Speaker:

Rick Stankiewicz

"The Wonders Above Us"

There are many atmospheric and astronomical wonders above you in the day and night sky, you just need to keep looking up to notice them and discover what it is you are looking at. Come see the wonders that await you at this years AGM of the PFN.



Sunburst, Rick Stankiewicz



Rainbow, Rick Stankiewicz

Falls Conservation Legacy Continued

By: Ian Attridge, Kawartha Land Trust

We stopped for a moment. “There it is again,” said Bruce, peering through the trees. Almost 90, he couldn’t hear its high pitched call anymore, but he certainly knew a Kinglet when he saw one.

We were visiting Ann and Bruce Falls’ property in northern Peterborough County, checking out the bird monitoring points on the trails that wind through the forest and up onto the ridge. Their land is likely the best biologically documented site in the Kawarthas. By hosting many field naturalists and other experts over the last 4 decades, they have amassed countless species records for 381 plants, 39 mosses, 20 reptiles and amphibians, 34 mammals, and 59 butterflies and dragonflies! Their forest bird monitoring route is in the top 5% for finding bird species (127) in Ontario.



Falls Property in North Eastern Peterborough County

This might be expected from a property in The Land Between transition zone. The diversity here includes an older hardwood forest clothing the high ridge plus cliffs with specialized plants. Streams wind their way through the marble rock, and cedar swamp and pines fill the lower areas near the Crowe River.

Bruce, a spry retired U of T biology professor, is renowned for his role in founding the Nature Conservancy of Canada, Bird Studies Canada and other leading conservation initiatives. Celebrated at KLT’s recent “Thanks.Giving.” event, Ann and Bruce have agreed to donate their 178 acre property to KLT, retaining the right for the family to use the property and cabin. With their donation, we will now be able to carry on their legacy of stewardship and research long into the future.

Thank You Rebecca!

Martin Parker, President

Rebecca Zeran has been the editor of ‘The Orchid’ since March 2005, and has produced 9 issues each year since that date—a total of 79 issues. It is with sadness that the Board of Directors received notification from Rebecca that she will no longer be the editor of ‘The Orchid’. Work and other commitments are the reasons behind this decision. Her efforts will be missed. On behalf of all the members of the Peterborough Field Naturalists I would like to thank Rebecca for a job well done.

The newsletter is the one programme of the club which all members receive. The newsletter keeps them informed of upcoming meetings and outings, information on the natural history of the region, observations of our members, special initiatives taken by the club and other events which would be of interest. It is glue which keeps the club together.

Layout of the December issue of ‘The Orchid’ was by Chris Gooderham with assembly and editing help from Lynn Smith.



Rebecca at 2013 AGM, by Chris Gooderham

Peterborough County Peregrine Falcons

Author requested their name be withheld to protect nesting site.

As announced by Drew Monkman on his website earlier this year, the wilds of Peterborough County are now playing host to a nesting pair of Peregrine Falcons, for the first time on record. Unlike the urban birds that frequent Mark St. United Church, the Clock Tower, the MNR building and other city 'cliffs' in Peterborough, these newlyweds chose to decline the pigeon buffet and eat wild, fly wild and breed wild.

In 2012, beginning in mid-May and throughout much of that summer, a pair of Peregrine Falcons frequented a cliff in the northern part of the county. Perhaps as part of their "engagement", they were seeking a place to start a family. By the end of May they had camped out in a stick-nest on a ledge. This nest had been built, maintained and occupied for many years by Common Ravens. A month later, the falcons abandoned the nest but were intermittently seen on the cliff and in flight in the area. The ravens never did return.

A year later, beginning in early May 2013, the two Peregrines were again spotted on the cliff and flying in the area. They had appropriated the same nest. In the first week of July, seen from below in the light of a ruddy sunset, a calling adult was observed approaching the nest. A small head popped up from the twigs. There was much eager screeching. The next day, two young birds were easily visible in the nest from below.



peregrine falcon on nest, May 2013

On July 8th two young birds were seen together on the cliff-top, while a parent perched in a tall pine tree, keeping watch. When one fledgling attempted to fly to another perch on the rock, it miscalculated its landing. It tried to grasp the rock, but missed, and actually appeared to bounce off the cliff. It dropped through the air 30 feet or so. The bird regained control a few feet above the water. A gut-wrenching experience for the observers, and quite probably for the bird as well. Perhaps for the watching adult also, although it seemed calm. This must have one of the bird's first flights—possibly only its second. Since Peregrines fledge approximately 45 days after hatching, we can infer from the observations that they hatched in late May. Since the eggs are normally incubated for around 30 days, they were likely laid in late April. At the time of the May 8 photographs, there were probably two eggs already in the nest.

By the second week of July both young birds were often seen practicing their flying skills close to the cliff. The entire family's presence was apparent throughout the summer, flying and calling over the lake, singly and in various groupings, occasionally all four together. Perhaps not coincidentally, the normally frequent fly-overs of a Broad-winged hawk were greatly reduced throughout this summer.

By the end of September only one adult could be seen, usually perched on one of the cliff-top pines. In the last week of October, the single adult was sighted near the cliff, and was visibly disturbed by the appearance of a boat. This was the final observation of the year. We would like to think that perhaps one or more of this family subsequently made a stop at our Lakefield Sewage Lagoons. There is certainly much hope that the pair will return to their nest in 2014, as is the custom with these birds.

Here is some historical context: By the mid 1960s, DDT poisoning had essentially wiped out populations of Peregrine falcons wherever the pesticide had been used. The accumulation of the chemicals in the fatty tissue of the birds reduced the calcium content of the eggshells, drastically reducing the number of hatchlings. By the end of the decade, there was not a single record of breeding falcons in all of Ontario. The same fate was shared by bald eagles.

Fortunately—perhaps awakened by Rachel Carson’s “Silent Spring”?—many governments around the world finally moved to ban or severely restrict legal use of DDT. In Canada, this policy was enacted in 1972. Internationally, captive breeding programs for Peregrines were gradually established by local organizations. In 1977, Ontario’s breeding and release program was initiated by the MNR, Environment Canada and CWS-Ontario. The first nesting pair of Peregrines was recorded in 1986.



peregrine falcon on cliff, May 2013

There have been many Peregrine sightings since, with numbers increasing yearly. However, virtually all Ontario’s nesting pairs are observed on urban buildings or bridges; nesting sites in the wild are still very rare. Perhaps the comfortable ledges and plump food morsels of the city are too tempting to miss. Many of the released pairs have been given names: “Hurricane”, O’Connor”, “Buffy”, “Legacy”. Some have their own webcams, their own fan base and fan clubs, and even their own facebook pages.

The provenance of Peterborough County’s new falcons is not yet clear; they are almost definitely part of the engineered Ontario recovery from virtually extinct (1970), to “endangered” (1978) to “threatened” (2006), to “special concern” (2013). Their wild nesting site is currently under observation and protection by the MNR.

Related information and sources:

Drew Monkman’s Peregrine article:

<http://www.drewmonkman.com/uncategorized/peregrine-falcons-nesting-once-again-in-peterborough-county/>

MNR Falcon Recovery Site:

<http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/stdprodconsume/groups/lr/@mnr/@species/documents/document/286970.pdf>

Project Peregrine (Thunder Bay, ON)

Between 1989 and 1996, 87 young peregrines were hacked at Sturgeon Bay, Ruby Lake, and Sleeping Giant Provincial Park. Each year since 1990, Peregrine Falcons have been observed on territory in Thunder Bay District and in 1993, successful nesting peregrines were recorded for the first time in the last quarter century. Their return as a breeding species has been credited to active and intensive release programs both in Canada and the United States.

<http://www.tbfn.net/project-peregrine>

http://www.muskokawatershed.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/Peregrine_Falcon_SAR1.pdf

2010 local sighting at St. Mark’s United Church:

<http://www.thepeterboroughexaminer.com/2010/09/24/peregrine-falcon-sighting-20100924>

Peregrine webcams and facebook:

<http://falcons.hamiltonnature.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/SLCPeregrines>

<https://www.facebook.com/rcperegrines>

A 2007 note about peregrines of a different Peterborough:

“The first ever breeding record of Peregrine Falcon in Cambridgeshire has been confirmed from Peterborough with a pair successfully rearing a single chick at Centrica’s Peterborough Power Station.”

Peterborough (UK) Bird Club

http://pbc.codehog.co.uk/peregrines_2007.htm

Peterborough Declaration on Climate Change

Why is the Declaration necessary?

For the foreseeable future, relentless climate change will threaten the health, prosperity, and environment of the Greater Peterborough Area and its citizens, as well as those people in the rest of Canada.

As described by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, people and governments at all levels of society and in every culture will be called upon to bear the rising costs of climate chaos coming through extreme storms, floods and drought. The abundance of carbon-based fuels in Canada no longer guarantees us economic security. On the contrary, our continued burning of these fuels, here and abroad, increases the greenhouse gases that are causing climate problems. The world’s fossil-fuel reserves, if burned, would produce between 3 and 5 times the amount of CO₂ required to push the world over the 2-degree temperature rise at which “dangerous climate change” will occur. Most carbon fuels must remain in the ground. One necessary policy change would institute a carbon tax across Canada leading to higher prices and decreased consumption of energy. A carbon tax must be made part of a global agreement similar to that forged in the 1980’s by which HFC’s were reduced to save atmospheric ozone which shields us from ultraviolet radiation.

This will require significant changes in lifestyle, including a rapid move to renewable energy. In addition to its being a survival strategy, such a move would result in better health, more green space, more jobs, modified transportation systems and better food.

In a forward-looking move, the Greater Peterborough Area – the County, City, eight Townships and two First Nations — approved a regional Sustainability Plan in 2012. Integrating economic, social, cultural and environmental aspects of our common life, the Plan will guide our communities as they build prosperity, human well-being and a sound environmental future while mitigating climate change. (<http://sustainablepeterborough.ca>)

Following the guidance and wisdom from the First Peoples, we seek to ensure Peterborough’s and Canada’s well-being for the next 7 generations.

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The Declaration

Therefore we call on:

Individuals, organizations, businesses and governments to move vigorously towards long-term, integrated sustainability in all their actions, plans and policies

Politicians and staff to integrate the existing and evolving Sustainability Plan into all municipal planning decisions

Citizens to require their politicians to change 'business as usual' thinking, and adopt a pro-active position including such changes as the imposition of a carbon tax

Local Organizations that endorse the Peterborough Declaration on Climate Change and offer support on Climate Change issues

PFN Endorsement

The Board of the PFN decided at its November meeting to be a signatory to this declaration along with the following groups:

Carbon Neutral Kawarthas, Council of Canadians, For Our Grandchildren, GreenUP, The HATCH, Kawartha World Issues Centre, Ontario Public Interest Group, Peterborough County-City Health Unit. Peterborough & District Labour Council, Peterborough Social Planning Council, Sacred Water Circle, Safe and Green Energy Peterborough, Sustainable Peterborough, Transition Town Peterborough, YWCA of Peterborough (Nourish Peterborough)

From the Archives: The First Ten Years

Summary extracted from publication '40th Anniversary of the Peterborough Field Naturalists 1940 to 1980' by John E. Fitzgerald.

- Pre-1940 For five years the men and women who formed the Peterborough Nature Club held field outings for the members of the Federation of Ontario Naturalists (now Ontario Nature) in the Peterborough area. It was known as Regional Field Gathering. There was not an organized club at that time
- Dr. MacKenzie of the Grove School (now Lakefield College) was invited to organize the outing in Peterborough area in 1937. In 1938 was assisted by F. J. A. Morris, co-author of 'Our Native Orchids'
- 1940 The 1940 outing was led by Frank Morris, H.H. Graham and John Hopper. The organizational meeting of the Peterborough Nature Club was held Saturday, May 18, 1940 after the outing and lunch. Thirty-two adults and four juniors were the original members. Membership fee was \$1.00
- The initial President was Mr. Graham and the new club joined the Federation of Ontario Naturalists
- 1940's This group was active with three or four outings a year. Distance travelled was limited due to gas rationing
- 1941 Mr. Graham remained as President
- 1942-43 Dr. D. J. Madill served as President
- 1944 V. R. Henry was President
- 1945 Miss Margaret Eastwood was President, our first female President.
- 1946 Alex Shearer was President
- 1947 V.R. Henry was elected President. Entertainment was part of the Annual Meeting and at this meeting Howard Vaughan, accompanied by Charles Allan sang. However a motion to have no musical entertainment was approved for the 1948 annual meeting.
- 1948 Morley Powell was elected President.
- 1949 J.L. McKeever, who certainly was a great asset to the club, became President in 1949. A junior club was still in evidence. The start of the Orchid was made in this year. It was then known as a news letter and two were issued.

Ontario Nature News

by Lynn Smith

The Ontario Nature Lake Ontario North Regional Meeting was held Nov 02, 2013

Representatives for Naturalist and Environmental Clubs from across the Region met and were updated on the issues facing Ontario Nature, had an opportunity to express their own Club issues, enjoyed a presentation on Second Marsh and hiked Second Marsh. We were busy!

Presentation

Our host, Friends of Second Marsh, <http://secondmarsh.outdoorontario.ca> gave a presentation on Second Marsh which is located in the southeast part of Oshawa. It is a designated Provincially Significant Wetland and is the largest remaining coastal marsh along the north shore of Lake Ontario between Presqu'ile and Niagara-on-the-Lake. A variety of habitats provide home to hundreds of plant and wildlife species.

Friends of Second Marsh is planning to build the 'Great Lakes Wetlands Centre' on a site near Second Marsh. The Centre will offer environmental, educational programming, specialty workshops and provide a valuable tourist attraction.

In 2008 Oshawa Port Authority approved construction of an ethanol refinery by FarmTech Energy Corporation. The site location approved is about 150 m west of, and upwind of, Second Marsh. In 2013, the ongoing fight to prevent this construction continues, with just a hint of optimism.

Club Highlights

- A common theme for many clubs is the hard work involved when trying to protect valuable greenspace from development.
- The 2014 bioblitz will be held in the Humber watershed area near Kleinburg. Everyone welcome.
- Harper Park Stewardship Initiative is a newly formed Peterborough group whose mission is to protect and restore Harper Park's habitat diversity. CHECK OUT their website www.harperpark.ca
- [Toronto Field Naturalists](#) celebrated their 90th anniversary. Check out YouTube TFN "[For All Seasons](#)" to see their own original production held at the Papermill Theatre.

Ontario Nature Highlights

- The 2013 **Youth Summit** was successful with 108 youth attending. PFN sponsored the Summit.
- Ontario Nature has **filed a lawsuit** against the Ontario government over the exemptions that were approved by the government concerning the Endangered Species Act.
- An **APP** is available to download that makes it very easy to report amphibians and reptiles for the Atlas

THE ORCHID DIARY

Compiled by Tony Bigg. 705-652-7541. tanddbigg@sympatico.ca

for October 31 to November 30, 2013

- Nov 02 A **Snow Bunting** was seen/heard by Don Sutherland flying over the Lakefield Sewage Lagoons (e-birds). An **American Woodcock** was seen by Laura Gardner in the Trent Wildlife Sanctuary. The bird was flushed from a meadow area and flew within a couple of feet of Laura as she walked the blue trail (southeast section) close to the entrance to the woods/marsh.
- Nov 05 While walking her dog on the Trans-Canada Trail (TCT) west of Ackison Rd near the Stockdale Rd intersection, Sherry Hambley saw a **Belted Kingfisher** in the swamp. She also saw several **Woolly Bear** caterpillars, and one black and yellow caterpillar.
- Nov 06 At about 10am Rick Stankiewicz saw an immature **Eagle** (possibly Golden E.) on Cty Rd 36 about 3km west of Flynn's Corners. It took off flying south over a marsh. Iain Rayner saw a **Peregrine Falcon** fly north over Water & Hunter St. Intersection (e-birds). Amelia Drobot saw a **Redhead** in the Lakefield Sewage Lagoons (e-birds).
- Nov 07 Mike Gillespie had an **Eastern Phoebe**, two **Eastern Bluebirds** and a **Cloudy Sulphur** butterfly enjoying the warmth around the south side of his barn at the south end of David Fife Line. Later in the afternoon, while kayaking on Rice Lake, south of MacGregor Bay Rd, Mike saw a **Bald Eagle** circling around one of the suspected nesting sites on one of the islands. Catharine Paradisi spotted a **Great Horned Owl** in Beavermead Park when she and her dog were walking through the campground. They walked under a large willow, spooked it, where it took to flight on silent wings, giving her a great view of it in flight. She then wandered to the area it had flown towards (on the other side of the creek) and observed it perched in a tall tree, driving all of the nearby chickadees and nuthatches into a frenzy of alarm calls. After perching there for about five minutes, he took to the air once again, returning to the original willow tree. He perched there for at least 15 minutes, allowing her, and the Ecology Park staff to have a nice look, before he flew off down the creek and out of sight.
- Nov10 A **Peregrine Falcon** was seen by Iain Rayner at the Lakefield Sewage Lagoons. It took a run, low across the pond, at a flock of **Bufflehead** but the ducks never took flight so the falcon aborted and wheeled up and away at the last second.
- Nov 11 Luke Berg found a very late **Bobolink** in with a mixed flock of **Red-winged Blackbirds** and **Rusty Blackbirds**, by the TCT where it crosses Villiers Line north of Villiers. Toni Sinclair reports that her 'Lonely **Common Loon**' was still on territory on Buckhorn Lake. He is always the last to leave each year and the first one back in the Spring (April 2nd this year). A **Northern Shrike** was seen on the Trent campus by Paul Frost (e-birds).
- Nov 13 A small flock of about forty **Bohemian Waxwings** was found by Luke Berg in the University Heights area. In the bay by Lock 23 on the Otonabee River Tony Bigg counted forty-five **Hooded Mergansers** in one flock. Brittany Milligan saw a **Red-breasted Merganser** on Little Lake by Beavermead Park (e-birds).

- Nov 14 Tony Bigg had a lone male **Purple Finch** on his feeder in Lakefield.
- Nov 15 A dozen **Bohemian Waxwings** were seen by Drew Monkman near the junction of Fairbairn St and McCrea Drive. He also saw a **Northern Shrike** on Towerhill Rd just west of Sobey's. Blair Hamilton saw a large but rather pale looking **Eastern Garter Snake** on a tree stump this afternoon basking in the sun.
- Nov 17 At 8:00am Sharon Simpkins saw a lone immature **Trumpeter Swan** glide past her place on the Otonabee River near Hiawatha, around an island and back towards Campbelltown.
- Nov 18 Three late **Chipping Sparrows** were seen by Tony Bigg, feeding on the ground by the ball park near the Lakefield Marsh.
- Nov 20 Jerry Ball found a late **Osprey** on the Otonabee River just south of Lock 25. He also saw a flock of Snow Buntings on the Centre Rd of Douro, and a **Great Horned Owl** on Hwy 28 south of Division Rd.
- Nov 21 In her Tudor Crescent yard, Catharine Paradisis had a flock of **Cedar Waxwings**, **American Goldfinches**, an **American Robin**, a female **Hairy Woodpecker**, and **Northern Flicker**. Also, while walking home, she saw a **Great Blue Heron** at Meade Creek, no doubt having trouble fishing through the few open spaces that remain on the icy creek.
- Nov 23 Scott McKinlay had a **Northern Shrike** in his yard on Cavan Wood Drive in Cavan.
- Nov 24 On a PFN outing, led by Martin Parker to the north shore of Rice Lake, the group saw a **Merlin**, a **Northern Harrier**, a **Sharp-shinned Hawk**, over a thousand **Common Mergansers** (on Rice Lake), **Great Black-backed Gulls** off Wood Duck and Scriven Rds. Three **Red-breasted Mergansers** were seen with one **Common Merganser** by the T-wharf on Lock St by Little Lake. Three **Cedar Waxwings** were seen in the Lakefield Park, by Tony Bigg, mixed with a flock of **American Goldfinches**. Martin Obbard found a **Red-breasted Merganser** at Gannon's Narrows (e-birds). A **Snowy Owl** was found by Don Sutherland 3km SSE of Mount Pleasant on Stewart Line (e-birds).
- Nov 28 By Little Lake, Jerry Ball saw two **Great Black-backed Gulls** sitting on the T-wharf on Lock St, and a **Belted Kingfisher** by the Cemetery. On Clear Lake near Young's Point he saw lots of **Common Goldeneyes** and **Hooded Mergansers**. Catharine Paradisis had another **Great Blue Heron** on Meade Creek at Beavernead Park.

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