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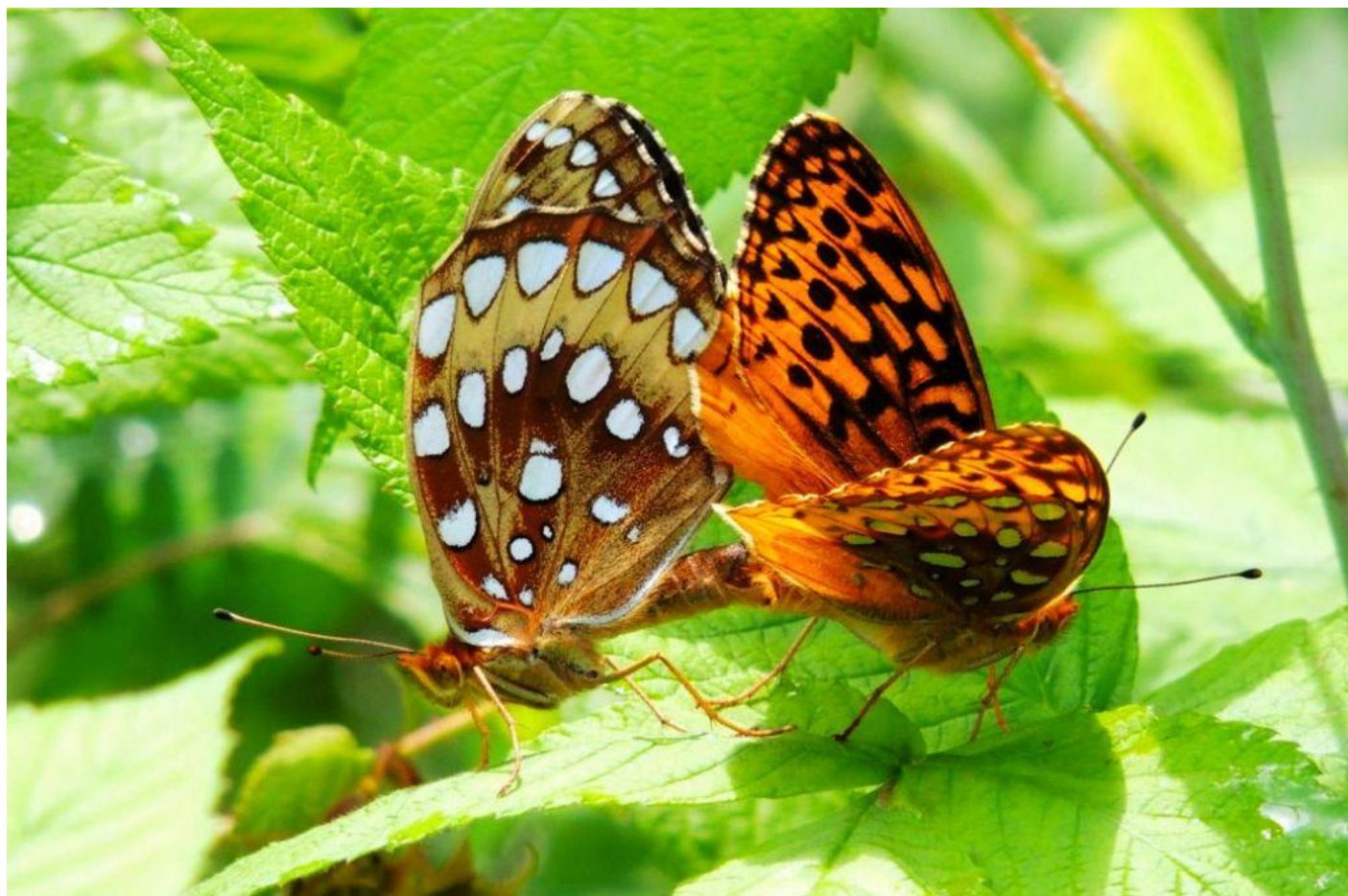
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Great-Spangled Fritillary, Rail Trail south of Peterborough, July 8 ~ Submitted by Luke Berg

INSIDE: A Gathering of Gulls Outing  
Cooperative Butterflies  
The Orchid Diary Returns  
What's in Your Shorts?



Great Blue Heron, Indian River at Warsaw Caves,  
August 24  
~ Submitted by Marla Williams

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**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

**Murray Palmer**

## Coming Events

<p style="text-align: center;">Sundays until October 26</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8:00am</p> <p>Peterborough Zoo North Parking Lot</p>	<p><b>Sunday Morning Wildlife Outings</b></p> <p>Our autumnal season of Sunday morning wildlife outings continues through to the last weekend of October. Most outings will last about 3 hours.</p> <p>Outings will begin at Peterborough Zoo parking lot on Water Street at 8:00 am. From the zoo participants will carpool to local sites for bird watching and other wildlife encounters. Try to bring binoculars and pay attention to the weather forecast when deciding what to wear.</p> <p>The walks are suitable for novices and experienced naturalists alike. We welcome newcomers!</p> <p>Outings will be led by the following:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 40%;">5<sup>th</sup> October</td><td>Martin Parker</td></tr> <tr> <td>12<sup>th</sup> October</td><td>Walter Wehtje</td></tr> <tr> <td>19<sup>th</sup> October</td><td>Mike McMurtry</td></tr> <tr> <td>26<sup>th</sup> October</td><td>Jerry Ball</td></tr> </table>	5 <sup>th</sup> October	Martin Parker	12 <sup>th</sup> October	Walter Wehtje	19 <sup>th</sup> October	Mike McMurtry	26 <sup>th</sup> October	Jerry Ball
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<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday October 8</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:30 pm</p> <p>Peterborough Public Library</p>	<p><b>Monthly Meeting: Dragonflies and Damselflies of Ontario</b></p> <p>Dragonflies and damselflies are beautiful and truly fascinating creatures! From the Ebony Jewelwing to the Stygian Shadowdragon, these insects are not only an important part of our ecosystem, they are also exciting to watch. Colin Jones, author of the "Field Guide to the Dragonflies and Damselflies of Algonquin Provincial Park and the Surrounding Area" will be presenting a talk, complete with photographs, on "The Dragonflies and Damselflies of Ontario" during which he will highlight their fascinating life cycle, their conservation, the habitats they are found in and how you can learn more about them yourselves by getting out there and watching them first-hand. Colin will have copies available for purchase of both the Algonquin field guide and the new "ROM Field Guide to Butterflies of Ontario".</p>								



## Coming Events continued

<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday November 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8:00 am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Country Style at Old Keene Road/ Highway 7</p>	<p><b>Birding at Presqu'ile Provincial Park</b></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 8:00 am at the Country Style at the junction of Old Keene Road and Highway 7, east of Peterborough. We will likely carpool, so bring a contribution for gas and the entry fee to the park.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday November 12</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:30 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Peterborough Public Library</p>	<p><b>Monthly Meeting</b></p> <p>Guest Speaker will be Dr. Chris Kyle of Trent University and the Natural Resources DNA Profiling and Forensic Centre. Dr. Kyle will discuss how DNA is being used to answer questions about the movement and habitat preferences of the American Badger, which is endangered in Ontario.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday November 30</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1:00pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Meet at Tim Horton's at the Sobey's/ Canadian Tire Plaza, Lansdowne Street West, Peterborough</p>	<p><b>Wave Riders of Rice Lake</b></p> <p>This is becoming a tradition! Join Martin Parker and Luke Berg 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. 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 promises that CFL fans will be home in time for the Grey Cup final!</p>

## Coming Events continued

<p>Saturday December 6</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7:00 am</p> <p>Meet at Tim Horton's at the Sobey's/Canadian Tire Plaza, Lansdowne Street West, Peterborough</p>	<p><b>World's Greatest Concentration of Gulls</b></p> <p>This day trip will be to the Niagara River, the gathering place for the world's greatest concentration of gulls. Each fall thousands of gulls representing up to twelve species gather to feed along the river. This concentration also attracts bird watchers from across the continent. On this outing we will visit the best locations along the river to look for the birds reported this fall. Beside the gulls there will be a variety of waterfowl and other late departing migrants. The leaders for this outing are Martin Parker and Matthew Tobey.</p> <p>Meet at Tim Horton's in the Canadian Tire/Sobey's Plaza at 7:00 a.m. to carpool for the trip to the Niagara River. The secondary meeting location will be the Adam Beck Generating Station Lookout at Queenston. If you are planning to meet the group at that location please phone Martin (705-745-4750) in advance.</p> <p>Bring a packed lunch, binoculars and clothes forecast for the weather forecast for the Niagara Region. If you have a telescope and/or camera bring it as well. The trip will end in the Niagara area in the late afternoon.</p>
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Above: Glaucous Gull, Adult    Right: Iceland Gull, Kumliens Race  
Parry Sound District, December 2012 and December 2008  
Submitted by Stephen O'Donnel

## Coming Events continued

Sunday  
December 14

### **Peterborough Christmas Bird Count**

Anyone can help with this long-standing annual winter bird census. Newcomers to the area, and newcomers to birding, are welcome to participate. They will be partnered with more experienced local birders. More eyes result in more birds seen!

The 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. The compilation of species seen will be made at Kelsey's, opposite the Canadian Tire Plaza on Lansdowne Street at 5:00 pm.

Participants should let Tony Bigg know as soon as possible if they are available for this count. Contact Tony at [tanddbigg@sympatico.ca](mailto:tanddbigg@sympatico.ca) or phone 705-652-7541.



Grey Bird's Nest Fungi  
August 17

~ Submitted by Tony Bigg

### **PFN Junior Field Naturalists (ages 5-12)**

After more than 10 years, Neil Fortin is stepping down as the coordinator of the Junior Field Naturalists due to several other commitments. Thank you so much for your dedication to young naturalists and nature appreciation, Neil!

Do you enjoy children and nature? The PFN is looking for one or two interested persons to organize activities and outings for the Juniors each month. Your creativity, enthusiasm, and appreciation for the natural environment will be most welcome by the Juniors! The Camp Kawartha Environment Centre on Pioneer Road is available for the activities throughout the year. If interested, please contact Martin Parker at 705-745-4750 or [mparker19@cogeco.ca](mailto:mparker19@cogeco.ca).

## Other Events of Interest

	<p><b>Peterborough Horticultural Society Monthly Meetings</b></p> <p>The Peterborough Horticultural Society meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month at the Peterborough Public Library, 345 Aylmer Street, 7:30 pm meeting start, doors open at 7:00 pm for socializing. Annual membership rates are \$15 individual, \$20 family. All are welcome and you don't have to be an experienced gardener. For more information please visit <a href="http://www.peterboroughgardens.ca">www.peterboroughgardens.ca</a>. Upcoming meeting topics:  October 22nd - Dan Clost, "Alternative Choices for Trees"  November 26th - Rachel Burrows, "Indoor Christmas Arrangements"</p>
<p>Sunday October 12 10:00am to 12:00pm</p>	<p><b>GreenUP Ecology Park Autumn "Little Tree" Sale</b></p> <p>Visit the Ecology Park on Ashburnham Road in Peterborough to browse their trees for sale, before the park closes for the season on October 30<sup>th</sup>.</p>
<p>Saturday November 1  9:00 am to 4:00 pm  Douro Community Centre</p>	<p><b>Pollinator Day in Peterborough County</b></p> <p>Led by Pollination Biologist, Susan Chan (M.Sc.), this full-day workshop is designed to inform farmers, landowners and concerned citizens of the major issues faced by pollinators and beneficial insects, and to motivate the public to adopt conservation strategies across rural and urban landscapes throughout Peterborough County (and beyond!) to help mitigate the threats facing these vital species.  For more information visit <a href="http://www.pollinatordayptbo.eventbrite.ca">www.pollinatordayptbo.eventbrite.ca</a>.</p>

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## ORCHID SUBMISSIONS WANTED!

Deadline for submissions for the November 2014 issue is **Friday, October 24**

Send submissions to Marla Williams via email: [orchid@peterboroughnature.org](mailto:orchid@peterboroughnature.org)  
or post mail to: PFN, PO Box 1532, Peterborough ON K9J 7H7

**Correction Notice: The butterfly on page 10 of the September Orchid was incorrectly identified as an Appalachian Brown. In fact it is a Northern Pearly-Eye. We apologize for any confusion.**

## Orchid Mailing Volunteer Found!

A big thank you is extended to Mary Thomas, who has kindly stepped forward to be the Orchid's new mailing volunteer! We appreciate Mary's generosity.

## What's In Your Shorts?

**Article and photos submitted by Lynn Smith**

After a long cold winter my husband, Larry, and I arrived at the family cottage in May to open it up for the upcoming summer season. The weekend was soon shrouded in mystery.

Mystery #1 was jumpstarted with my husband's question, "Do you know where my bathing suit is?" Fortunately it wasn't too many minutes of searching before the shed was opened and there, hanging on a nail, abandoned and forgotten all winter long, hung the missing bathing suit. Mystery #1 solved.

Mystery #2 started to unfold when Larry reached for his swim trunks but then jumped back with "What's in my bathing suit?!" Cautiously he approached his bathing suit, which was still hanging innocently on the nail. I saw him carefully peer **down into** his bathing suit. There, nestled in the crotch of his bathing suit was a most elaborate nest of twigs, moss and bark.

Yes, the plot thickened as we looked at each other and asked, "Whose nest does this belong to?" Unfortunately we had to leave the cottage before the owner of the nest came back.

Our son, after spending the following weekend at the cottage was able to enlighten us with his fine detailed description of what he saw. "A little brown bird flew in and out of the shed."

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The following weekend, lo and behold, three eggs were in the nest but no adult in sight. After that we kept our distance. No one was allowed in the shed, not even to retrieve fishing equipment, skis, floatie water toys....all off limits until Momma Bird fledged her young'uns.

During this time the bird that was singing nonstop from dawn until dusk, from every tree all around us, was the winter wren.



We resorted to Google to investigate further and yes, we found it. A picture of a nest nestled in the crotch of someone's jeans, looking exactly like ours. Owner of the nest...a winter wren.

Unfortunately our spring visits to the cottage were sporadic, so we missed an absolute ID. However, our ID conclusion was the winter wren.

Both mysteries solved! What fun!

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## Reminder: PFN's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The PFN was founded on May 18, 1949. In order to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our founding, Camp Kawartha has been booked for Monday May 18, 2015 for a special club event. Planning is underway and further details will be available soon. Reserve this date to celebrate the history and the accomplishments of the Peterborough Field Naturalists, originally called the Peterborough Nature Club!

Mark Monday, May 18, 2015 on your calendar!

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## From the Archives – Centennial Marsh

Submitted by Martin Parker

On September 19, 1985, the Peterborough Field Naturalists assisted with the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the establishment of the first national park in Canada. Since 1885 the federal government has developed a system of national parks across the country. The Trent - Severn Waterway is now administered by Parks Canada. As part of the Centennial Celebrations a wetland was designated as 'Centennial Marsh' near the Douro Lock Station (Lock 24). The President of the Peterborough Field Naturalists, Jack Evans, assisted in the dedication of this wetland.

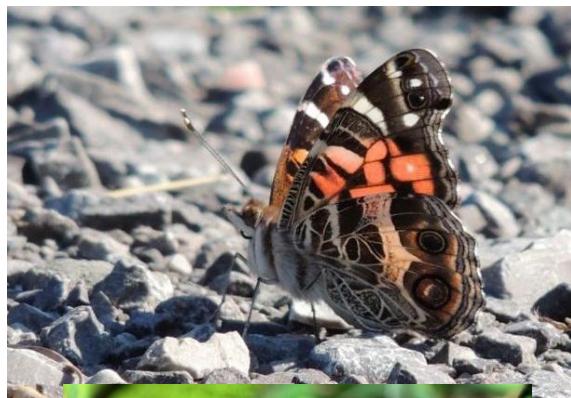
From the Peterborough Examiner, September 19, 1985:





## Cooperative Butterflies

Talented and patient PFN members Luke Berg (LB) and Dave Milsom (DM) were busy this past summer, capturing beautiful photos of some of the area's spectacular butterflies. Here is a sample of their well-timed efforts:



Clockwise  
from  
top left:

Acadian Hairstreak, Rail Trail south of Ptbo, July 8, LB;  
American Lady, Sandy Lake Rd, July 11, LB; Appalachian Brown,  
July 15, DM; Pink Edged Sulphur, Sandy Lake Rd, July 11, LB;  
Baltimore Checkerspot, Rail Trail south of Ptbo, July 8, LB;  
Monarch, August 22, DM.

## Urban Predator

Submitted by Murray Palmer

Does its blood run cold when its prey is embattled with a Cooper's hawk?  
 Does empathy for other kinds unsettle our minds when we stop and gawk?  
 Or do we feel alienation from others' adaptation to a niche we left behind?  
 The act may be chilling, but also fulfilling to see predation as Nature designed:  
 The accipiter has been waiting in ambush within a hemlock's cover,  
 Quickly glancing here and there, for something above her.  
 She knows this backyard well for its bird seed and nut feeders,  
 Which cater to juncos, cardinals, chickadees and other avid eaters.  
 For the most part she ignores them, and continues to wait  
 For a larger bird or mammal, her hearty winter appetite to sate.  
 Sometimes she flies fast around obstacles to catch prey off guard ...  
 Her kind learned to exploit urban places where hunting is not so hard.  
 Today a mourning dove flies towards a nestbox on which she'd often preen,  
 But the hen doesn't see the blood-red eyes behind the hemlock's screen.  
 The hawk launches her attack - squeezing her talons - they both drop to the ground.  
 Now the hawk herself is vulnerable to crows and other dangers that abound.  
 She watches continually as she consumes the dove with her sharp, hooked bill,  
 Leaving scarcely anything but scattered feathers at the site of the kill.  
 She must eat the equivalent amount of a mourning dove every day or two  
 To remain a finely tuned predator performing what accipiters evolved to do.

~ Murray Palmer, 2014

Variable Darner, Peterborough, July 11  
 ~ Submitted by Luke Berg







# The Orchid Diary



Compiled by Tony Bigg 705-652-7541 [tanddbigg@sympatico.ca](mailto:tanddbigg@sympatico.ca)

## ORCHID DIARY - June 1 to September 24, 2014

With the overwhelming number of bird reports now on the eBird site I have had to limit the number of reports to certain good daily reports by one particular person, and to rare sightings. First sightings only are reported for butterflies. It was good to note that the Monarch made a good comeback after a dismal 2013. A new butterfly for Peterborough County was seen and photographed by Sandy Lockwood on Horseshoe Island in Stony Lake - a Juniper Hairstreak. Of note is the unprecedented number of sightings of Black-crowned Night-Herons this summer.

- Jun 01 A **Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** was reported by Chris Risley and Walter Wehtje at the east end of Mervin Line. The bird stayed around until at least June 13th when it was reported by Luke Berg and Chris Risley.
- Jun 02 Tony Bigg (TB) saw a **Common Ringlet** on the Trans Canada Trail (TCT) between Base and David Fife Lines.
- Jun 04 A **Red-bellied Snake** was found by Ron Mackay on his farm on Settlers Line.
- Jun 05 On Deer Bay Reach S Travis Cameron heard a **Cerulean Warbler** calling at driveways #108/111. Jerry Ball (JB) saw a **Viceroy** on the TCT between Cameron Line and Cty Rd 38.
- Jun 06 In the gravel pits on Jack Lake Rd TB & JB found an **American Copper**.
- Jun 07 In a bog on Beaver Lake Rd JB saw **Bog Fritillaries**. A **White Admiral** was seen by TB on Cameron Line south of the TCT.
- Jun 09 A **Cougar** sighting was made by Christie Ferguson. She and her husband live on an island on Stony Lake and as she was about to turn off of Fire Route 5 onto their rustic road leading to the back of their island. It "slinked" across the road...low to the ground and moving quickly right in front of her. It was about five feet long. On Hubble Rd an **Indian Skipper** and a **Tawny Crescent** were found by Luke Berg and TB. They also found a **Least Skipper** on the TCT between Villiers and Blezard Lines. JB also had a **Least Skipper** on the TCT between Blezard and Cameron Lines.
- Jun 10 TB and Robert Di Fruscia found **Silver-bordered Fritillaries** in a bog on Beaver Lake Rd. They also had a **Silvery Checkerspot** on Charlie Allen Rd.
- Jun 12 A **Northern Mockingbird** was seen by Drew Hollinsworth at the Kawartha Golf & Country Club.
- Jun 13 What we believe is a new butterfly for Peterborough County was seen and photographed by Sandy Lockwood on Horseshoe Island in Stony Lake - a **Juniper Hairstreak**. On the TCT between Cameron Line and Cty Rd 38, TB saw his first **Monarch** of the year. On Charlie Allen Rd JB found **Harris's Checkerspot**, and a **Long Dash**.

- Jun 16 A search of Charlie Allen Rd by TB produced **European Skippers** and a **Crossline Skipper**.
- Jun 17 TB had a **Giant Swallowtail** in his garden in Lakefield and another (also seen by JB) on Base Line south of Nelson Rd.
- Jun 18 Off Cty Rd 46 just north of the junction with Sandy Lake Rd, TB & JB found a **Two-spotted Skipper** and an **American Lady**. They also saw a **Moose** on Cty Rd 46 north of the Unumin turn-off.
- Jun 19 JB found an **Orange Sulphur** in the Trent Wildlife Sanctuary.
- Jun 20 A **Red-headed Woodpecker** was recorded by Iain Rayner on the Bellmere Winds Golf Club at the south end of Villiers Line.
- Jun 22 On the TCT between Blezard and Cameron Lines JB saw a **Summer Azure**.
- Jun 23 An amazing summer sighting of a **Snowy Owl** was seen by Nancy Cafik, swooping across Chemong Lake. It landed on her seawall and sat patiently for some time while she snapped away.
- Jun 26 **Northern Pearly-eyes** and **Great Spangled Fritillaries** were seen by TB on the TCT between Cameron Rd and Cty Rd 38. JB found a **Bronze Copper** on the TCT between Base and David Fife Lines, a **Milbert's Tortoiseshell** between David Fife and Settlers Lines, and a **Peck's Skipper** on Mervin Line.
- Jun 27 A **Black-crowned Night-Heron** was reported by Catherine Selinger on Big Bald Lake near Buckhorn. Visiting the northeast of the County JB and TB added **Eyed Brown** on Devil's 4 Mile Rd, **Banded Hairstreak** on FR68, and **Pink-edged Sulphur** on Sandy Lake Rd.
- Jun 28 A **Baltimore Checkerspot** was found on Scrivens Rd, by JB, TB, and Robert Di Fruscia. Blair Hamilton saw a **Luna Moth** at Horling's Garden Centre, south of Lakefield. Nice to see while shopping for plants!
- Jul 03 On the TCT between Cameron Line and Cty Rd 38 JB saw an **Acadian Hairstreak** and a **Common Wood Nymph**.
- Jul 04 Exploring the northeast of the County JB found **Striped Hairstreaks**, **Dun Skippers**, **Dion Skippers**, **Delaware Skippers**, **Mulberry Wings** and **Edward's Hairstreaks** on Sandy Lake Rd, and a **Little Glassywing** on FR 68.



Baby Barn Swallows,  
Carden Alvar, July 28

~ Submitted by Dave Milsom

- Jul 05 In the northwest of the County JB and TB found a **Compton's Tortoiseshell** on the Galway Cavendish Forest Access Rd, and a **Northern Broken-Dash** on Salmon Lake Rd. They also saw a **River Otter** crossing the GCFA Rd, and a **Hognose Snake** on White Lake Rd.
- Jul 11 On Cty Rd 46 south of Twin Lakes JB, TB and Luke Berg saw **Broad-winged Skippers**, and on Sandy Lake Rd they found **Aphrodite Fritillaries**, **Coral Hairstreaks**, and **Bog Coppers**.
- Jul 13 Christie Ferguson reported a second sighting of a **Cougar**. This one was closer to the end of their road leading to the back of the island. They have a couple of utility trailers parked on the road. It went right across beside one of them. Her husband spotted this one and gave a similar description.
- Jul 16 On Sandy Lake Rd, JB, Martin Parker and Cathy Parker found **Columbine Duskywings** and a **Hickory Hairstreak**.
- Jul 17 TB and JB found an **Atlantis Fritillary** on West Kosh Rd.
- Jul 19 The Petroglyphs Butterfly Count organised by Jerry Ball and reported in detail in the previous issue. New butterflies for the year seen on the count were **Common Buckeye** (Martin Parker, Cathy Parker, King Baker and Matthew Tobey), and **Appalachian Brown** (JB, Dave Milsom).
- Jul 24 A **Peregrine Falcon** was seen by Iain Rayner, flying over Victoria Park in downtown Peterborough.
- Jul 26 A **Painted Lady** was found by JB near the west end of the TCT between Base and Davd Fife Lines.
- Aug 09 A rare **Western Kingbird** was seen by Stephanie Armstrong on her property on Sawmill Rd near Warsaw.
- Aug 10 Scott Gibson initially scared an adult and juvenile **Black-crowned Night-Herons** from half submerged log at edge of water ~50m downstream of the Silver Bean Cafe (Millenium Park) at 6:55 am, then notice a second adult bit further down shoreline. He was able to get his boat within 20m of the bird and was able to get close enough to see the red eye and white crown plumes. All three birds flew to an island out from Silver Bean and remained perched in trees for the next 20 minutes until he left. Ian Sturdee saw a **Yellow-throated Vireo** near Cordova Lake in the east of the county.
- Aug 11 The final and 87th butterfly species for the year was found by JB and TB - the **Leonard's Skipper**, off Cty Rd 46 just north of the junction with Sandy Lake Rd.
- Aug 18 A **Yellow-bellied Flycatcher** was seen by Hugh Currie on the 9th Line Rd N. Dummer.
- Aug 20 Scott Gibson counted 38 **Common Nighthawks** over St Anne's School and 44 around stormwater ponds behind Walmart, both in the north end of Peterborough. Iain Rayner flushed a **Black-crowned Night-Heron** from the west bank of the Otonabee River in downtown Peterborough.
- Aug 21 At his home on Maple Crescent in Peterborough Drew Monkman heard his first **Snow Tree Cricket** of the summer. It started calling at about 8:30 p.m. Also known as the "thermometer cricket" you can use the cricket's chirping rate to estimate air temperature. For degrees Celsius, count the number of chirps in 8 seconds and add 5.

- Aug 22 A rare summer appearance of an adult **Red-necked Grebe** was noted by Scott Gibson in the Lakefield Sewage Lagoons.
- Aug 24 A **Great Egret** was seen by Don Sutherland on the west bank of the Otonabee River just north of Champlain College. Don noted that it was tagged but he could not read the number.
- Aug 25 Don Sutherland exploring the Havelock Sewage Lagoons sighted a number of shorebirds - 4 **Semipalmated Plover**, 43 **Killdeer**, 1 **Solitary Sandpiper**, 6 **Greater Yellowlegs**, 52 **Lesser Yellowlegs**, 2 **Stilt Sandpiper**, 3 **Baird's Sandpiper**, 6 **Least Sandpiper**, 5 **Pectoral Sandpiper**, 10 **Semipalmated Sandpiper**, 1 **Short-billed Dowitcher** & 1 **Wilson's Phalarope**. Other birds of interest seen were **Gadwall**, **Green-winged Teal**, **Northern Shoveller**, **American Black Duck** & **Red-shouldered Hawk**. An Eastern **Whip-poor-will** was heard calling by Tianna Burke by Shark Lake in the Kawartha Highlands.
- Aug 31 In a plowed field on Scriven Line Iain Rayner saw three **American Golden-Plovers**.
- Sep 08 A **Snow Goose** was seen by Paul Frost with a flock of Canada Geese over the Otonabee River.
- Sep 12 Chris Risley watched a **Peregrine Falcon** perched on top of the clock tower of the Market Hall. Barb Evett, in Woodland's Campsite, Allen's Rd. Lakehurst saw a **Trumpeter Swan** in the marsh in front of her trailer. He remained there feeding on the bottom until 12 noon when a kayaker unintentionally came around the corner and scared him off. He did not have any tags on him and the front side of his neck had a faint brownish discoloration.
- Sep 13 A **Gray-cheeked Thrush** was seen by Luke Berg in his backyard.
- Sep 14 A **Carolina Wren** was singing in Luke Berg's backyard. In a flight of **Broad-winged Hawks** passing over Matthew Tobey's backyard he counted 53 birds.
- Sep 15 Colin Jones watched a **Black-crowned Night-Heron** fly by Millenium Park in downtown Peterborough.
- Sep 17 Checking out the Lakefield Sewage Lagoons Luke Berg found **Wood Ducks**, **Northern Shovellers**, **Northern Pintails**, **Redheads**, **Lesser Scaup**, **Hooded Mergansers**, **Common Tern** and **Savannah Sparrow**. A **Lincoln's Sparrow** was found by Chris Risley east of the Trent Campus. Tim Dyson at Cordova Lake watched an adult **Golden Eagle** migrating south.

Virginia Creeper Sphinx Moth,  
Lakefield, June 14  
~ Submitted by Tony Bigg





- Sep 18 JB Jaboor saw a **Great Egret** flying out of a ditch at Campbelltown Rd/Cty Rd 2. Listening to night flight calls Luke Berg counted 180 **Swainson's Thrushes** and 3 **Gray-cheeked Thrushes** before he stopped counting.
- Sep 19 Jane Bremner spotted an **Eastern Hog-nosed Snake** on her property on Sawmill Rd in Douro-Dummer. "A visiting dog alerted us to something of interest under a parked truck, and upon investigation, we found an adult Eastern Hog-nosed Snake. The top was dark in colour with definite black blotches behind the eyes, and the belly was yellow. It had the unmistakable "nose" and used its protection techniques of coiling and hissing loudly at us. It attempted to strike out when prodded with a broom handle (it wasn't hurt in any way, by the dog or us!). It had a very thick body, and although coiled for most of our observation, it appeared to be 3-4 feet in length. Our interactions with it were captured in video on a cell phone. Our property includes the shore of the Indian River and a marsh". The latest report todate of a **Ruby-throated Hummingbird** was by Bill Snowden at his feeder in Ennismore.
- Sep 20 A **Common Gallinule** was seen by Iain Rayner in the marsh at the north end of Fairbairn St. A **Bonaparte's Gull** was seen in the Lakefield Sewage Lagoons by Chris Risley.
- Sep 21 Iain Rayner, visiting the Lakefield Sewage Lagoons, saw **American Black Ducks, Blue-winged Teal, Green-winged Teal, Northern Shoveler, Lesser Scaup, Hooded Merganser, Double-crested Cormorant, Eastern Phoebe, and Marsh Wren.**
- Sep 21 Jeff Keller saw four **American Coots** in the marsh at the north end of Fairbairn St.



Another wonderful PFN Volunteer!

Thanks to Jim Cashmore (left photo), as well as Jim Young and other helpers who did such a great job maintaining the trails at the Miller Creek Wildlife Area this season.



# PETERBOROUGH FIELD NATURALISTS

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## 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"/> Field Trips
<input type="radio"/> Hiking	<input type="radio"/> Conservation	<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: \_\_\_\_\_