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

COMING EVENTS

<p>Sunday December 4 6:00 am</p>	<p>Gulls and Waterfowl in Niagara Join Tony Bigg for another outing to the Niagara River in search of gulls. If time permits, we may stop in Hamilton in search of ducks. The group will depart from the Tim Horton's parking lot, beside Canadian Tire on Lansdowne Street, W. at 6:00am and will return around 4:00pm. To reserve your spot, call Tony at 652-7541 (tanddbigg@aol.com). Be sure to dress for the weather, bring a lunch and, of course, your binoculars and/or scopes.</p>
<p>Wednesday December 14 7:30 pm</p>	<p>Monthly Meeting: "Annual Members Slide Show" Be sure to join us for the December regular meeting. Once again we will have an opportunity to share the nature-related slides and stories of fellow club members. Participants in an exciting birding trip to Brazil in August will be sharing some of the sights from their amazing trip. Please bring along some holiday baking to enhance the festivities. If you are interested in making an informal slide presentation and/or talk, please contact Heather Smith at 749-0304. See you there...</p>
<p>Friday January 13 5:30 pm Peterborough Curling Club</p>	<p>66th Annual General Meeting Join us for the PFN's Annual General Meeting – a tradition you won't want to miss. 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. This year's speaker will be Michael Runtz! See page 3 for more information. This year, the event will take place at the Peterborough Curling Club, 2195 Lansdowne Street West. Social hour begins at 5:30, supper starts at 6:00, meeting at 7:00, raffle at 7:30 and speaker beginning at 8:00pm. Tickets are \$25 per person, which includes admission and large dinner (vegetarian option available). To reserve your tickets, call Don & Emily Pettypiece at 750-1145, or purchase them at the December meeting. Deadline to reserve tickets is January 3rd.</p>

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS

Come out and see why many naturalists consider the Christmas Bird Counts to be the highlight of the holiday season. After a day of hiking, skiing and/or driving around a defined area in search of as many birds as possible, we get together for a hearty meal and a compilation of the results. Beginners are welcome and will be paired up with more experienced birders. An extra pair of eyes is always useful – all you need are a pair of binoculars, warm clothing and an enthusiasm for bird-watching! To sign up, or for more information, contact the names below for the respective counts.



- o **Peterborough Christmas Bird Count**, Sunday December 18th - contact Tony Bigg at 652-7541 or tanddbigg@aol.com
- o **Petroglyphs Christmas Bird Count**, Wednesday December 28th - contact Drew Monkman at 743-0868 or dmonkman@cogeco.ca

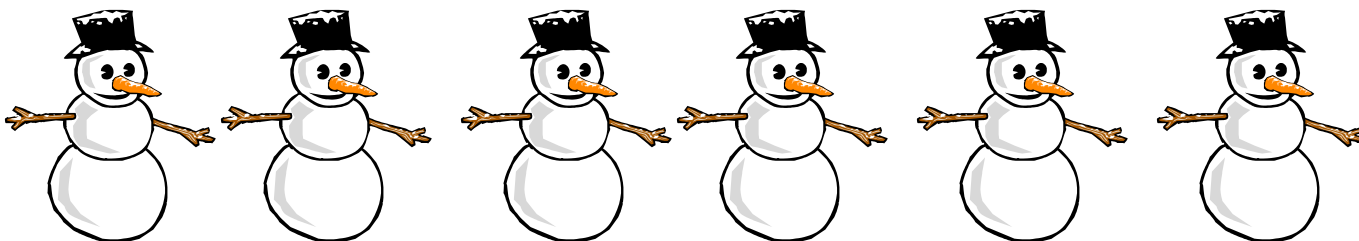
And for those not in the Peterborough Area on the 18th....



- o **Presqu'ile and Area Christmas Bird Count**, Sunday December 18th - contact Maureen Riggs (mriggs@sympatico.ca) or Doug McRae (rdmcrae@sympatico.ca)

INTRODUCTION TO MAKING MAPLE SYRUP WORKSHOP

Peterborough County Stewardship Council is holding an Introduction to Making Maple Syrup Workshop On **Saturday December 3, 2005** from 9-3pm in Millbrook. There is a fee of \$20/person (incl. lunch and info package) and pre registration is encouraged.



JUNIOR FIELD NATURALISTS:

Please note that due to the busy time of the year, there will be no JFN program outing in December. We will start up again in January with some snowshowing and animal tracking at Camp Karwartha. More details will follow in the January Orchid.

“Wishing all Junior Field Naturalists a good Christmas and fun holidays!” - Neil

Join us for our Annual General Meeting!

Open to both members and non-members alike, the AGM features a banquet, a keynote speaker and a raffle.

Friday, January 13th, 2006

Peterborough Curling Club, 2195 Lansdowne St W.

Tickets: \$25 per person (includes dinner)

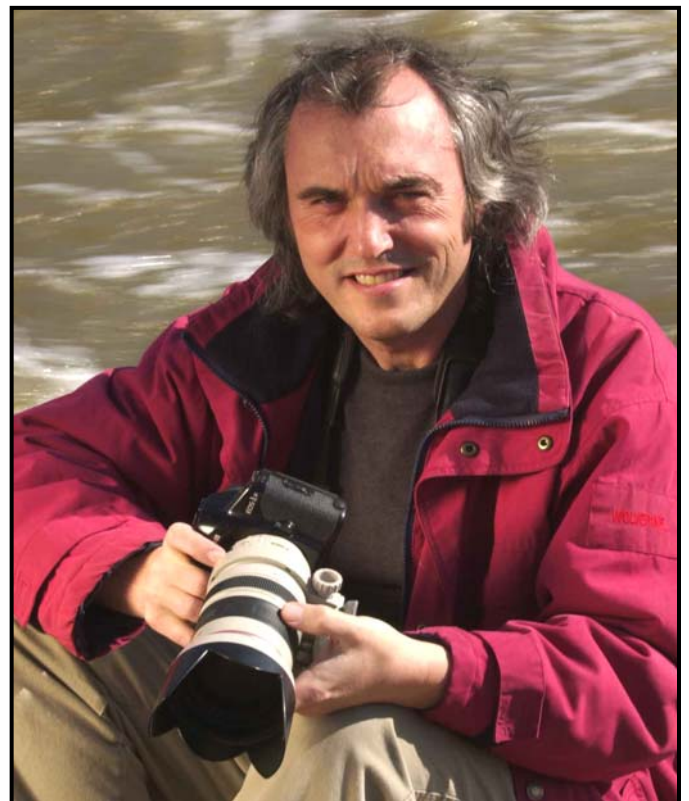
Meet & Greet begins at 5:30 p.m. Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m.

Keynote Speaker: **Michael Runtz**

Join renowned naturalist and wildlife photographer Michael Runtz as he delivers us on a photographic journey through Algonquin Park!

Michael Runtz is the author of several Canadian best-selling books and was the host for the international television series "*Wild By Nature*". An Instructor at Carleton University, his courses have set enrollment records, with as many as 2,800 students enrolled in his elective *Natural History* course in one year! Mike has received numerous awards, recognizing his skills as a naturalist, a teacher and a photographer.

Reservations are required and must be received by January 3rd, 2006. Please call (705) 750-1145 or e-mail: donem.pettypiece@sympatico.ca to reserve your tickets.



COMMITTEE BUSINESS - PFN Board of Directors Meeting – 2 Nov 2005

Financial: We have had more income and less expenses than expected by this time of the year. This should allow us to obtain a high caliber keynote speaker for the AGM.

Membership: We gained 7 new members in October (memberships will be good until the end of 2006). As of November 2nd, 2006, we have 199 actual members.

Junior Naturalist: The JFN Saw-whet owl banding night was a success, however, with over 25 participants this year, we will need to have a pre-registration number next year, to avoid undue stress on the birds.

Projects: The last LWCC workshop was a success. Mike will look at organizing a restoration project outing for the spring.

Program: The Sunday morning bird walks are finished for this year and they were a success. Jerry Ball provided summaries of the bird walks for the Orchid. December monthly meeting will be the annual members night slide show. We are looking into offering one of Ontario Nature's workshops to PFN members (possible topics include: community mapping or land use planning). Lengthy discussions regarding the AGM resulted in board members agreeing to host the meeting at the Peterborough Curling Club and invite Michael Runtz to be the keynote speaker.

New & Old Business: The PFN plaque at Millennium Park is broken and needs replacing – Carrie will look into it. Volunteer participation was discussed at the Ontario Nature regional meeting; somewhat lackluster member participation seems to be a common occurrence with many naturalist clubs.

New board members are needed to replace those that have left recently. In addition, we have 3 board members whose terms are over at the end of this year. We will address this over the next few months.

Anyone obtaining prizes for the AGM raffle should forward the information to Rebecca, who will keep a running list of donations, so that we can try to avoid having members visit organizations more than once.



New Members

*Rob, Anne & Paige West
Nan Sidler
Evelyn Formosa
Laura Kucey
Jon Arnot*

Welcome!

Are you interested in joining the PFN Executive?

Several positions are open on the Peterborough Field Naturalists' executive committee. We need volunteers to take on the position of Program Coordinator (outings) and/or Vice-President. If you are interested in finding out more about how you can become more actively involved in the club, please contact Heather at 749-0304

ATTENTION JUNIOR FIELD NATURALISTS!

Do you like to write? Do you love nature?

We bet you've had a great experience with some part of nature in the last little while. Perhaps it was collecting and studying frogs at the lake this summer. Perhaps it was climbing your favourite tree in the park close to your home. Or perhaps you've had a memorable wilderness encounter this year. See any wildlife? Nature is everywhere, miles away from nowhere, and right in your own backyard!

We'd like to hear about what you think about nature – Submit an essay to:

Ontario Nature's Youth Challenge Writing Contest

You can win cool prizes, and even get your essay published in *ON Nature* magazine!

Write in and tell us why you think we need nature and a healthy environment in Ontario. The topic is:

Why Do We Need Nature?



What you need to know:

- You must be a grade 7 or 8 student attending school in Ontario.
- Your submission can be an essay, a story, or a piece of creative writing, with a maximum count of 700 words, typed and double-spaced. A panel consisting of a journalist, teacher and environment specialist will judge all the entries.
- The top 3 entries will be published in *ON Nature* magazine, an award-winning nature and environment magazine in Ontario.
- Three winners will receive cool prizes for their work, and be honoured for their achievement at Ontario Nature's 75th Anniversary conference in Kitchener-Waterloo, in June 2006.
- The top 3 entries will have their work sent to Ontario's Premier, Dalton McGuinty.

Send your original entries by **April 15, 2006** to:
Chair, Youth Challenge Essay Contest Committee
Ontario Nature
355 Lesmill Road
Toronto, ON M3B 2W8
or send an email to info@ontarionature.org



Make sure you have a title page telling us the title of your essay, your name, address, phone number, email address, your parent's name, what grade you're in, and the name of your school. Learn more about Ontario Nature at www.ontarionature.org.

Good Luck! And remember, have fun!

LAKE ONTARIO NORTH AREA MEETING (ONTARIO NATURE)

- submitted by Rhea Bringeman, Area Representative

On October 22nd our Peterborough Field Naturalists Club hosted Ontario Nature's Lake Ontario North Area meeting. Participants included representatives from naturalist clubs from Lake Simcoe to Lake Ontario. It was held at Trent University. The meeting was chaired by Ontario Nature's Andrea Smith, who spoke of current initiatives and issues that the organization is involved in. The major concern of Ontario Nature at present is the Golden Horseshoe – the area around the shoreline from Toronto to Hamilton. They are hoping it remains as 'Green Space', but it's not an easy fight, since developers are eager for land. Hopefully a Greenbelt will soon extend across the whole of Ontario.

Each club gave a report on their activities and voiced any issues they might currently be facing. PFN President Heather Smith spoke about the Large Woodlot Conservation Cooperative workshops, seed collections and the restoration of streams and natural areas. She also mentioned the difficulty we are facing with getting volunteers to participate in and/or help organize club activities.

A few other highlights from various club reports include:

- The Oak Ridges Moraine has to be constantly monitored in order to keep it as it is. Someday, it is hoped that the trail will join up with the Bruce Trail.
- Money is being raised for Land Trusts such as the Thickson's Woods.
- There is a constant struggle to keep our agricultural land.
- The Rouge Valley is dealing with the threatening idea that a sewer pipe might be installed along the river, a potential catastrophe if the pipe ever leaked into the water.
- There is a campaign to improve water quality in Lake Simcoe.
- The Milton Quarry intends to drill deeper, which will lower the water table in the surrounding landscape.
- Bit of good news with the mention of young people getting involved with planting trees, etc.
- This is the fifth year of the Breeding Bird Atlas. The wind-up is the fall of 2007. It is hoped to have all of the data in from the 143 volunteers.

ORCHID SUBMISSIONS WANTED!

I would like to encourage members to send in stories, pictures, poetry, artwork, articles, reviews or PFN outing write-ups. Please remember that if the submission is not your own work, I need to receive original author and publication information in order to give proper credit for the piece. This is your newsletter and we need your help to make it great!

**Deadline for submissions for the January issue:
Friday, December 23rd, 2005**

Please send submissions to: Rebecca Zeran, 188 Parkhill Road East, Main Floor, Peterborough, ON, K9H 1R1, phone: 876-9399, rebecca.zeran@mail.mcgill.ca

LAST SUNDAY MORNING BIRD WALK OF THE SEASON

- submitted by Mike McMurtry

Mike McMurtry led a field trip in the Ennismore area on October 30, 2005. About 10 members joined the group for the last Sunday Bird Walk of the calendar year. It was nominally a bird walk, but most of the terrain was covered by vehicle.

We observed birds on Chemong, Pigeon and Buckhorn Lakes, and in the countryside in between. The birds seen, in no particular order, included:

- House Sparrow
- American Crow
- Black-capped Chickadee
- White-breasted Nuthatch
- Red-breasted Nuthatch
- Canada Goose
- Mallard
- Rock Pigeon
- Mourning Dove
- American Robin
- Dark-eyed Junco
- European Starling
- White-throated Sparrow
- Lesser Scaup
- Bufflehead
- Red-tailed Hawk
- Bluejay
- Common Loon
- Great Blue Heron
- American Tree Sparrow
- Red-winged Blackbird
- American Coot
- American Goldeneye
- Raven
- American Black Duck
- Northern Harrier
- Golden-crowned Kinglet

The most noteworthy birds were a Red-throated Loon, seen in Chemong Lake north of the causeway, a Merlin, seen near Frank Hill Road, and a flock of about 100 American Pipits on Mallard Bay Road. The Red-throated Loon can be distinguished from the Common Loon in winter plumage, by the overall smaller size and the upturned narrower bill.

Thanks to Jerry Ball, Tony Bigg and the rest of the group, whose knowledge of the area and good humour, made leading this trip easy.



Winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*), winter food for birds and a splash of orange-red colour in the winter landscape. Photo by M.J. McMurtry.

Feeding chickadees along a Kawartha cross-country ski trail. Photo by M.J. McMurtry.

CALLING ANY PFN MEMBER LIVING IN OR AROUND THE NORWOOD AREA

The Community Stream Steward Program (OFAH) is undertaking a restoration project at Mill pond. Currently there is a call for interested PFN members who live in the area and who might volunteer to undertake semi-regular goose count surveys around the Mill pond for the remainder of the 2005-06 season. The volunteer would be paired with a Trent student who would be performing field work around the pond. The data collected during these surveys will be used for the development of a long term goose management plan. If you are interested in helping out, please call Derrick Luetchford at (705) 748-6324 ext. 249 or via e-mail at d_luetchford@ofah.org.

EXOTIC MUTE SWANS ON THE RISE

11 October 2005 - In coordination with Atlantic Flyway biologists, the Long Point Waterfowl and Wetlands Research Fund (LPWWRF) and Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS) conducted a mid-summer Mute Swan survey in August 2005. LPWWRF and CWS survey the entire lower Great Lakes shoreline from the St. Lawrence River to the St. Clair River every third year. A total of 2737 Mute Swans were counted during the 2005 survey, which is more than twice the number counted during the 2002 survey when 1373 birds were counted. This rapid expansion is unfortunate as Mute Swans are a highly aggressive exotic species which tend to cause ecological problems when they occur at high densities.

Ode to a Cardinal



*I saw a cardinal today
The redness of his wing
Brings color to a world of gray
And makes a sad heart sing*

*Just one of many creatures
Sent down from up above
To fill this sleeping winter world
With joy and hope and love*

- Noreen Quinn, Peterborough



Tree Swallow at nesting cavity. Photo by Rebecca Zeran.

SCAUP MOVEMENTS ON TRACK

- *Bird Studies Canada Latest News, 11 November 2005*

8 November 2005 - This past spring, researchers with the Long Point Waterfowl and Wetlands Research Fund (LPWWRF) captured six female Lesser Scaup at Long Point, ON and implanted them with satellite transmitters to track their seasonal movements. Three of these birds, known as CB, Mussel Muncher, and Henrietta, have begun their fall migration and recently put hundreds of kilometres on their new flight feathers. CB departed from her last known location in northern Ontario sometime after 16 October and returned to Inner Long Point Bay on Lake Erie around 23 October. As of 6 November, CB is still floating on the choppy waters of the Inner Bay with about 30,000 other scaup. Mussel Muncher spent most of October on the north end of Lake Winnipeg in Manitoba, but on 5 November she was detected in the Bay of Quinte on Lake Ontario, in the same general area she used this past spring during migration. Henrietta also started to make her way back toward the lower Great Lakes during the month of October. Henrietta is now in the extreme southeastern corner of Saskatchewan patiently awaiting a cold front and favorable winds to carry her to the next stop on her annual journey. Be sure to check out the LPWWRF website for new information on upcoming plans to track scaup in 2006 and to learn how you can help with the study of migration ecology of Lesser and Greater scaup by becoming a Scaup Sponsor.

OBSERVATION OF GIANT SWALLOWTAIL AT MINESING SWAMP

- *by Bob Bowles (Carden Field Naturalists & Twin Lakes Conservation Club), posted in Ontario Nature Network News, October 17th, 2005*

The giant swallowtail butterfly, *Papilio cresphontes*, the largest butterfly found in Canada, is a common and widespread tropical species ranging from Central America northward through the eastern United States to the Canadian border. It is common in southwestern Ontario but in Canada it strays to Winnipeg, Montreal, and one specimen to southern Nova Scotia. In Ontario strays have been recorded as far north as Bruce County, London, Kitchener, Simcoe County and Ottawa. It is considered sporadic and rare in Canada except in southwestern Ontario around Point Pelee and Pelee Island. This summer during the Pelee Island butterfly count which I organize every year we counted 306 giant swallowtails on Pelee Island on July 30, 2005. Of these my team found 167 giant swallowtails along Curry Dyke Road nectaring on alfalfa. It flies in open woodlands with fields nearby and feeds as a caterpillar on hop trees and Northern prickly-ash. Prickly-ash also grows in Simcoe County in some locations like Minesing Swamp.

Giant swallowtail is a rare butterfly for Simcoe County but during a field trip by canoe into Minesing Swamp on August 17, 2005 along with employees of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority and volunteers we observed a giant swallowtail. It was feeding on spotted joe-pye-weed along the bank of the Nottawasaga River between Edenvale and the mouth of Willow Creek. An attempt to put the canoes to shore in order to obtain a photo failed. By the time we were able to safely disembark from the canoes the butterfly had departed. This was in a silver/Freeman maple swamp with open agriculture land to the north beyond the river levee. The giant swallowtail was not seen again during the trip but several other butterflies and dragonflies were recorded.





The **ORCHID DIARY** for **November 2005**

Compiled by Tony Bigg, 652-7541, TandDBigg@aol.com

A steady movement of northern bird species into our area was a feature of this month, with siskins, grosbeaks (both Pine and evening), and shrike arriving. Ducks were also showing in increasing numbers on the Otanabee river.

- Oct 24 A lone **Tree Swallow** was observed, by Bill Crins, flying outside his window in the MNR building in Peterborough
- Oct 26 Birding the Rice Lake area Jerry Ball (JB) found a **Greater Scaup** and a **Ring-necked Duck**.
- Oct 27 JB reported seven **American Pipits** at the Peterborough airport. Also Jeff Balsdon found three **Fox Sparrows** on the Trent University campus.
- Oct 28 Giles Dagenais had a number of sightings around his property in Bethany on this date or just prior, including a **Pine Siskin, Fox Sparrow, Evening Grosbeak, Ruffed Grouse, White-throated Sparrows, Song Sparrow, and Purple Finches**. Kelly Dodge (KD) also had twenty **Evening Grosbeaks** at her feeder on the 12th Line of Smith.
- Oct 30 Highlights of the PFN walk lead by Mike McMurtry along the Pigeon Lake shore of Ennismore were **Merlin, Common Raven, Red-throated Loon, two Northern Harriers, one hundred American Pipits, and an American Coot**.
- Oct 31 Bill Stone watched two Jaegers, probably **Pomarine Jaegers**, flying above and behind a group of seven Bonaparte's Gulls over Rice Lake. According to his description the birds were 'bulky with deep powerful wingbeats. ... Overall impression was dark flanks, dark head with paler upper tail coverts. Wings were very thick at the body and there did appear to be flecked underwing pattern with the strong underwing white flash... definitely jaegers'.
- Nov 01 Peter Beales also reported a **Fox Sparrow** at his feeder by the river below Lock 19 in Peterborough.
- Nov 02 A late Yellow-rumped Warbler together with American Robins and Purple Finches were around KD's yard on the 12th Line of Smith.
- Nov 05 Carrie Sadowski added to the growing list of **Fox Sparrow** sightings this Fall with a visit of two birds to her feeder on the 7th Line of Smith. They were with a group of **Dark-eyed Juncos, and American Tree Sparrows**. Chris Risley had a very late **Gray Catbird** at his feeder in Peterborough, probably the latest ever recorded in the County. A pair of **Purple Finches** were also present.
- Nov 07 Barb MacDonald noted that the Trumpeter Swan #817 was still on Little Lake.
- Nov 09 King Baker found a dozen **Bohemian Waxwings** feeding along the shore of Vixen Lake south-west of Apsley, possibly on Winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*).
- Nov 11 Don Sutherland (DS) saw four **Pine Grosbeaks** on a fruiting shrub by a house on George Street between Hilliard and Argyle.
- Nov 12 DS also reports seeing/hearing several flocks of **Evening Grosbeaks** recently in the County including three birds on this date in the Avenues area of downtown Peterborough. KD had another **Evening Grosbeak** and a **Fox Sparrow** at her feeder.
- Nov 15 Cathy Darevic saw two male **Common Goldeneyes** on Little Lake, swimming near the **Trumpeter Swan #817** which has been hanging around for the last few weeks.
- Nov 18 KD had a flock of twelve **Evening Grosbeaks** in her yard on 12th Line of Smith
- Nov 19 A **Northern Shrike** visited KD's yard, sitting in a dogwood with four Black-capped Chickadees hopping around acting undisturbed. A flock of fifteen **Pine Siskins** also started visiting her feeder.
- Nov 20 DS found a flock of a dozen **Bohemian Waxwings** at Halls glen on the South Stony Lake Rd. (Cty. Rd. 6), and a flock of **Evening Grosbeaks** at the entrance to the Petroglyphs PP. A **Gadwall** was seen on Stony Lake by Mike Butler (MB) near Viamede (also seen on Nov 21). Mike also reports **Purple Finches, Evening Grosbeaks, and Pine Siskins** coming to his feeder there.

- Nov 21 Ben Walters found a pair of **Gadwall** in wetland off Beardsmore Road south of Hwy115, Peterborough. He also reports that a **Northern Shrike** has been present at the south end of Monaghan Road for about a week.
- Nov 22 Erica Nol and her group from Trent University found 35 Common Mergansers (3 females), 5 Common Goldeneye (1 male) on the Otonabee River just north of Lock 23, and 85 Bufflehead (about 50% of each sex), 3 Lesser Scaup, and 5 Greater Scaup at the Lakefield Sewage lagoons.
- Nov 23 MB watched a Black-capped Chickadee evading a **Northern Shrike** near the Viamede/Mt. Julian Road.
- Nov 24 Bryan Wyatt watched two **River Otters** fishing at Gannon Bay, Buckhorn Lake. As Bryan describes it 'Each time an otter dove into the water, only a few seconds elapsed before it returned to the surface clutching prey. They did not appear to have any difficulty capturing fish. After one dive an otter, that seemed a bit larger than the other, emerged with a good-sized sunfish and immediately gave it to the other otter which eagerly crunched it down. The animals repeatedly used the gap as a fishing hole, that spot in the lake being weedy and two or three meters in depth. At 9:30, both otters briefly looked around the hole, slid into the water, then reappeared closer to the far shore. After several more dives, their heads appearing in the slushy surface, they were gone.'. MB watched a Sharp-shinned Hawk catch a Blue jay at his feeder.
- Nov 25 A **Northern Shrike** visited Tony Bigg's feeder in Lakefield.



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Call for raffle prizes for the Annual General Meeting in January 2006

Every year at the PFN Annual General Meeting we raffle off prizes donated by members or businesses in Peterborough and surrounding area. This is our first call for folks to donate raffle prizes. Funds raised during the raffle go towards supporting club activities as well as to covering off some of the costs incurred by hosting the AGM. If you have anything you would like to donate, or would like to canvass a local business for support, please contact Heather at 749-0304.

MEMBERSHIP

Memberships may be obtained at the monthly meeting from George Maynard or by mailing a copy of the application form below to P.O. Box 1532, Peterborough, ON, K9J 7H7.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Tel. Home _____ Work _____ Email _____

Type of Membership and Fee Schedule (2005/06) – Please make cheques payable to: Peterborough Field Naturalists

- 1. () Student (September through to April) \$15
- 2. () Single (1 adult or 1 child*) \$25
- *Membership in the PFN automatically includes membership in the Junior Naturalists
- 3. () Family (couple or family with children) \$30

Please give the names and ages of the children you wish to be enrolled in PFN Junior Naturalists programs:

Name_____	age_____	Name_____	age_____
Name_____	age_____	Name_____	age_____

Main Interests (Tick only 3):

- (a) Birds_____ (b) Butterflies/Insects_____ (c) Wildflowers/Trees/ Shrubs_____ (d) Astronomy _____ (e) Aquatic Life_____
- (f) Geology_____ (g) Field Trips_____ (h) Hiking _____ (i) Conservation_____
- (j) Other (please specify)_____

I (name_____) am knowledgeable in the following area(s) _____ and would be prepared to: () lead an outdoor session, () give an indoor 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 groups

This information is optional but helps us to understand the needs of our membership. If yours is a family membership, please check for each adult. Under 20 (), 20-24 (), 25-29 (), 30-34 (), 35-39 (), 40-44 (), 45-49 (), 50-54 (), 55-59 (), 60-64 (), 65-69 (), 70-79 (), 80 & over ().

Comments

We are always looking for ways to improve the club. Please attach a separate sheet listing any ideas that you may have.

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 _____