



# The Orchid

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

## COMING EVENTS

<p>Wednesday          February 14<sup>th</sup>          7:30 pm            Ptbo          Public          Library</p>	<p><b>Monthly Meeting: "The effects of partial harvesting on cavity-nesting birds in southwestern Ontario"</b>          Cavity-nesting birds consist of two groups: primary and secondary cavity-nesters. Primary cavity-nesters construct their own nests (e.g., Hairy Woodpecker) while secondary cavity-nesters rely on natural and old woodpecker cavities for nesting (e.g. White-breasted Nuthatch). Trent University is involved with a project examining the impacts of partial-harvesting on these species in London, Ontario. Melissa Straus, a graduate student at Trent University, will discuss her thesis work on nest monitoring, cavity reuse, prey densities, and habitat assessment.</p>
<p>Sunday          February 18<sup>th</sup>          8:00 am            Tim Horton's          parking lot          (Lansdowne          West)</p>	<p><b>Birds of the Lakeshore</b>          Join Tony Bigg on a day of winter birding along the Lake Ontario shore, beginning around Cobourg and heading towards Ajax. There is usually a good variety of birds to be found in those areas, often winter rarities not seen in the Peterborough area. Bring a lunch and binoculars, and meet in the Tim Horton's parking lot in the Canadian Tire/Sobey's shopping complex on Lansdowne St. W. at 8 am. We will carpool from there. Call Tony at 652-7541 for more information. The alternate date for this outing is February 25<sup>th</sup></p>
<p>Wednesday          March 14<sup>th</sup>          7:30 pm            Ptbo Public          Library</p>	<p><b>Monthly Meeting: " Migrating Birds and Climate Change"</b>          Tree swallows (<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>) are migrating passerines that readily nest in nest boxes provided by people. This makes the tree swallow a bird that is suitable for studies of breeding passerines. Elinor Schindel will discuss some recent developments in tree swallow research, with a focus on the effects of climate change on migrating birds.</p>

## COMING EVENTS continued

Sunday  
March 18<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 am

### The Return of Waterfowl at Presqu'île Provincial Park

Jerry Ball will lead us on a trip to Presqu'île for some early spring birding, which will surely include opportunities for viewing the 1000's of ducks, geese and swans that use Presqu'île as a resting spot on their return to their breeding grounds. Bring a lunch, binoculars and scope if you have one. Meet at the Country Style at the junction of Old Keene Road and Highway 7.

## PLIGHT OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC RIGHT WHALE

Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007

Gzowski College (Rm. 114), Trent University

Open to the general public / RVSP requested

The North Atlantic right whale is hovering on the brink of extinction with only 350 individuals remaining

- Meet Dr. Scott Kraus, who founded North Atlantic right whale research over 25 years ago and is the driving force behind research and conservation initiatives for this species.
- Also introducing the new book, *The Urban Whale*, a comprehensive review of the biology and plight of right whales.
- Learn how the genetic analyses conducted at Trent University play a key role in these initiatives

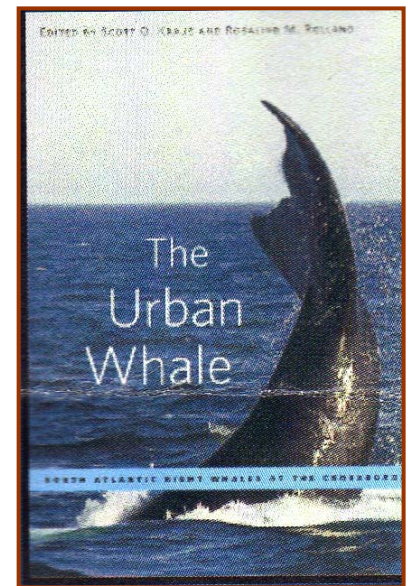
For all events: Rendezvous at Gzowski College (Rm. 114)

**6:15 - 7:15 pm:** Tour Trent's DNA genomics/robotics facility (optional)

**7:30 - 9:00 pm:** Speakers Drs. Brad White, Scott Kraus and Moira Brown

**9:00 pm:** Reception and book signing

For more information and to RSVP: [rightwhale@nrdpfc.ca](mailto:rightwhale@nrdpfc.ca)



# JUNIOR FIELD NATURALISTS

Friday February 16 <sup>th</sup> 6:45 p.m.	<b>NIGHT HIKE</b> We will attempt another "night hike" where we will check out how our senses work under the cover of the dark and in fields and woods. With any luck there will be some stars for gazing and owls hooting. Dress warmly, bring a flashlight if you want, however we will want to limit artificial light so that our night vision can kick in. Meet in the parking lot of Camp Kawartha at 6:45 p.m.
Sunday March 18 <sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m.	<b>MAPLE TREE TAPING</b> It's tapping time! March's program will see the JFN's setting up some maple sap buckets at Camp Kawartha given the proper weather and if there is any snow maybe some snow-shoeing and/or nordic skiing. Come prepared for an exciting variety! Meet Neil in the Camp Kawartha parking lot at 2:00 p.m.



## ONTARIO NATURE'S 2nd ANNUAL YOUTH WRITING CONTEST

We bet you've had a great experience with some part of nature. We'd like to hear about what *you* think about nature.

Your topic is: **What will the environment be like in 2050?**



What you need to know:

- You must be an Ontario grade 7 or 8 student
- It can be an essay, a story, or a piece of creative writing, with a maximum count of 700 words, typed and double-spaced
- The top three entries will be published in ON Nature magazine, the award-winning nature and environment magazine in Ontario
- The winners will receive cool prizes for their work, and will be honoured for their achievement at Ontario Nature's Annual General Meeting & Conference in Peterborough (June 8-10, 2007).

Send your original entries by April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007 to:

Youth Writing Contest  
Ontario Nature  
366 Adelaide Street West, Suite 201  
Toronto, ON, M5V 1R9



Make sure you have a title page telling us the **title of your essay, your name, address, phone number, email address, your parent's or guardian's name, what grade you're in, and the name of your school.** Learn more about Ontario Nature at [www.ontarionature.org](http://www.ontarionature.org)

## ONTARIO NATURE AGM UPDATE – **CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS**

Planning for the Ontario Nature (ON) Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Conference being hosted by the PFN at Trent University from June 8 to 10th, 2007 is proceeding well. Visitors will stay in Peter Gzowski College or Otonabee College. The indoor program, workshops and field trips have been completed. Speakers and trip leaders have been confirmed.

The program and registration form will be included in the March issue of the magazine Ontario Nature. PFN members who are not members of Ontario Nature can request a program brochure and registration form from Jim Cashmore (742 8644) or pick one up at an indoor PFN meeting.

Now that the main organizing for the ON AGM is finished we are in need of volunteers to assist with the nitty-gritty issues such as with sign making, session conveners, advertising, fund raising, greeters and so on. We are seeking volunteers from the general PFN membership to assist. Please call Roger Jones at 748 0132 if you are willing to help.

## Caribou the Untold Story

Thursday April 19, 2007, 7:00 p.m.  
Canadian Canoe Museum, Peterborough

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

Presented by CPAWS Wildlands League

*Watch for more information in the April issue of the Orchid!*



### New Members

Gerard Sullivan

Pam Pilkington

Jim Schaefer

**Welcome!**

## Peterborough Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show

The Kawartha Rock & Fossil Club's 14th Annual Show  
Saturday, March 3rd and Sunday, March 4th 2007  
10:00 AM to 5:00 PM each day

Evinrude Centre, 911 Monaghan Road, Peterborough,  
Ontario

Admission is \$3.00

For more information call: 705 639 2406



## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 2006**

*- presented at the 67th AGM by Heather Smith, PFN President*

Welcome everyone to the 67th Annual General Meeting of the Peterborough Field Naturalists. Thank you for attending and supporting this event and our fund-raising opportunities with our bucket draw and silent auction items and any other donations received.

I am pleased to report that once again this year, the Peterborough Field Naturalists has presented a program of speakers, field trips, two projects, a Junior Field Naturalist program and our newsletter. The club has also been involved with a number of outside activities and local environmental issues.

As I briefly outline the highlights of the year, I begin the long list of "Thank you" to everyone that has been involved with club in some way to make it the successful organization it is today. I sincerely hope that no one is over-looked and my apologies if this occurs – know that your time and effort are appreciated.

We've been fortunate to have so many people involved in presenting such fascinating and varied talks in our nine indoor meetings. Jim Buttle gave a very informative talk about the soils of Peterborough County; Dr. Chris Wilson enlightened us to the prevalence and significance of hybridization in nature; Michael Fox demonstrated the fascinating life history of the pumpkinseed sunfish; our own board member Laura Kucey presented an enthralling slide show of dilemmas faced by the Steller sea lion; John Bottomley discussed the habitat preferred by the Rosella parrots of Australia; another board member, Mike McMurtry outlined how we can conserve our natural areas; Greg Jenish informed us about Ontario's Environmental Bill of Rights and natural heritage conservation; Drew Monkman prepared us for what we are to expect during a winter in the Kawarthas as part of a series

presented by Ontario Nature to celebrate their 75th Anniversary entitled "Doors Open to Ontario Nature"; and finally at our member's slide show night, John Etches gave a thrilling and riveting talk his experiences as a consultant to advise the Egyptian government on how to manage the rare fossil area they wish to turn into a park, Don Pettypiece shared his stories and beautiful images on his and Emily's travels in Scotland and also gave us a rare glimpse into some unusually loon displays and I gave a short presentation on a trip to Agawa Park. Thank you to all these people for keeping us informed about the natural world around us.

Our activities over the year included a winter birding trip along the shore of Lake Ontario with Tony Bigg; a winter birding outing to Apsley with Jerry Ball to look for finches and eagles; an early spring outing with Jerry Ball to look for ducks, geese and swans at Presqu'île Provincial Park; a spring evening nature walk lead by Carrie Sadowski; an interesting and informative trip to Peter's Woods with Bill McCord; birds and butterflies of the Carden Plain with Jerry Ball; a Kawartha Highlands hiking excursion via pontoon boat with Terry Hunter; an autumn walk with Roger Jones; Saw-whet Owl banding at the Oliver Property lead by Chris Risley and the Junior night lead by Neil Fortin; late fall birding at Presqu'île with Jerry Ball; and a waterfowl and gull trip to Niagara with Tony Bigg. This was in addition to our regular Sunday morning bird-walks lead by Jerry Ball, Drew Monkman, Tony Bigg, Chris Risley, Bill Crins, Simon Dodsworth, Andrew Jobs, Sue Prentice and Mike McMurtry. Our other outdoor event was the annual potluck picnic held at the Ecology Park. Many thanks all our leaders and to the countless people behind the scenes this year that have made our club events a success.

There are several people outside of our executive that also contribute in some way to our club. Rhea Bringeman is our club

representative to Ontario Nature; Bob and Noreen Quinn stuff and mail the Orchid out to the members every month; Anne Storey is in charge of book sales; David Swales is the club representative on the local Stewardship Council; Del Burke and Bob Quinn along with George Maynard continue to maintain the bird feeders at the Ecology Park by Beavermead. Neil Fortan continues as our Junior Field Naturalist leader and has done a fantastic job of creating and organizing our Junior Program and outings.

In June, Danielle Tassie the coordinator of the Large Woodlot Conservation Cooperative (LWCC) project left for another job. Dave Pridham has replaced her as coordinator and has done an excellent job getting the LWCC on track with its commitments to the Trillium funding guidelines and deliverables. We welcome all the hard work and experience Dave has put into the job thus far and hope to have him give us a presentation some time this year about the LWCC.

Peterborough Field

Naturalists members also participated in a volunteer planting event along the Parkway organized by Peterborough Green-up with the native plant material from the Ecology Park, with funding provided by the Trillium Foundation. We hope to continue to make more opportunities like this available to club members in 2007. These projects are a good example of what we can do when environmental organizations combine their efforts and resources.

Some other events held this year include the Petroglyphs Butterfly Count organized by Jerry Ball; the Petroglyphs Christmas Bird Count organized by Drew Monkman and the Peterborough Christmas Bird Count organized by Tony Bigg. Although these are not specifically club events, they are run by club members and many members participated.

As many of you know, last year we decided to host the Ontario Nature AGM for 2007. This is a large event and as I stressed last year, we as a board cannot do alone and will need help from you, the members. The AGM date is fast approaching and this is a critical time to complete some tasks but also move on to others.

Again, this is a plea to you to come out and volunteer a little of your time for a very worthwhile and fun event. Particularly now it will be a relatively short time commitment and there is a good sense of satisfaction associated with accomplishing the variety of tasks involved. There is a sign-up sheet

here for those of you who are interested right here right now or you can contact Roger Jones. We'd really like to see some new faces and your help is most appreciated.

This concludes my report on the club's activities over the past year and one can see that it has been another busy, successful year. Please join me in thanking all those involved that have contributed in some way to our club in the past year.



*February 2<sup>nd</sup> is ground hog day! Photo by R. Zeran*

## 2006 AGM RAFFLE AND SILENT AUCTION

A big **thank you** to all the donors, the member soliciting donations and all the members who purchased raffle tickets or bid on silent auction items. Your support and generosity is greatly appreciated. The following items were donated by local businesses or individual members:

- Framed, original gouache painting by artist Kelly Dodge – “Intention” .....**Kelly Dodge**  
4 hours Professional Arborist Service.....**Hyland Tree Care**  
“Ripple” recreational kayak & paddle.....**Paluski Boats**  
Brazilian Double Hammock.....**Wildrock Outfitters** (on Charlotte St)  
\$40 gift certificate.....**Showplace Performance Centre**  
\$50 gift certificate.....**The Wine Shoppe** (on Charlotte St.)  
\$25 gift certificate.....**TSC Stores**  
Dinner for 2.....**Winston’s Fine Dining**  
Gift Basket (Roy’s Studio merchandise)..... **Ptbo Centennial Museum & Archives**  
Book: “Robert Service: Under the Spell of the Yukon” by Enid Mallory.....**Enid & Gord Mallory**  
2 bags of Bolivian Fresh Roasted Fair Trade Organic Shade Grown Coffee.....**Chris Gooderham**  
Birdhouse Windchime, Handmade Journal, Vegetable Oil Candle.....**Tribal Voices** (on Charlotte St)  
17.5 lb Organic Locally Grown Turkey.....**The Country Corner** (Lakefield Hwy)  
Wooden Candle Sticks.....**Barb Pearce**  
Hasty Note Cards.....**Nan Sidler**  
Royal Worcester Fine Porcelain Casserole Dish.....**Laura Arnot Kucey & Jon Arnot**  
Wild Bird Seed.....**Roger Jones**  
Video: “The World’s Smallest Penguin”.....**Heather Smith**  
3 Beeswax Candles.....**Terry & Ruth Hunter**  
Collector Series Trivet.....**Rhea Bringeman**  
North American Wildflower Coaster Set, Small Hanging Bird Plates.....**Heather Smith**  
5 books.....**Peterborough Field Naturalists** (donated by an anonymous donor)

### NOTICE:

PFN Financial Reports are now available for viewing on our website  
([www.peterboroughnature.org](http://www.peterboroughnature.org))



## Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the Year ended 2006 December 31 with comparison shown for 2005

	2006	2005
<b>Cash on Hand January 1</b>	2.00	0.00
chequing account	3,146.69	3,598.17
bonds, gic	19,672.05	19,382.53
post office deposit account	31.31	196.31
<b>TOTAL CASH AT YEAR START</b>	<b>22852.05</b>	<b>23177.01</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
agm income	2,070.00	2,835.00
agm raffle	510.80	290.00
birdathon	0.00	0.00
books,card, & t-shirt sales	142.00	66.85
donations, charitable <sup>1</sup>	395.00	560.15
interest income	200.00	289.92
membership	3,605.00	3,610.00
refunds	200.00	
Loan repayment	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>	<b>7,122.80</b>	<b>7,651.92</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
agm expenses	2,945.00	2,480.91
advertising	110.00	
awards	0.00	0.00
bank charges	10.75	42.99
donations to other projects <sup>2</sup>	100.00	1,000.00
insurance	937.86	1,110.56
jfn activities	0.00	0.00
memberships - FON	225.00	450.00
office	284.68	407.45
orchid printing, postage, envelopes	1,186.95	1,289.55
pfn meetings & hall rental	1,035.18	650.09
project - bird feeders & walks	206.54	164.33
project - Miller Creek tower repairs	0.00	0.00
project - Ecology Park sightings boards	0.00	0.00
project - large woodland operating exp. <sup>3</sup>	0.00	0.00
program expenses	161.97	20.00
Repayable Loan	2,000.00	0.00
purchase books, cards, t-shirts	0.00	361.00
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>9,203.93</b>	<b>7,976.88</b>
<b>INFLOW - OUTFLOW</b>	<b>-2,081.13</b>	<b>-324.96</b>
<b>Cash on Hand December 31</b>	<b>17.77</b>	<b>2.00</b>
chequing account	732.95	3,146.69
bonds, gic	19,872.05	19,672.05
post office deposit account	148.32	31.31
<b>TOTAL CASH AT YEAR END</b>	<b>20,771.09</b>	<b>22,852.05</b>

**NOTES:**

1. Charitable donations received  
 Member's donations (460.12)  
 Other donations (100.00)

**Total Donations Received**

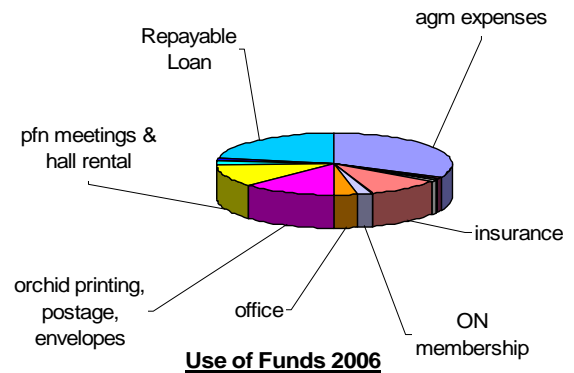
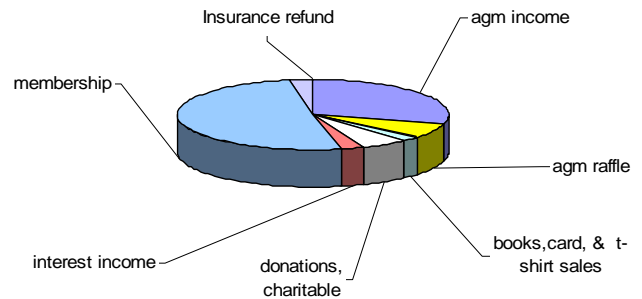
2. Donations made to other projects  
 Saw-Whet Owl Banding Program (150.00)  
 Science Fair (50.00)  
 Peterborough Public Library (100.00)  
 Otonabee Region Conservation Foundation (100.00)  
 Couchiching Conservancy re Windmill Ranch (500.00)  
 Kawartha Turtle Trauma Centre (100.00)

**Total Donations Made (1,000.00).**

3. LWCC operating expenses

Now funded by Ontario Trillium Found'n Grant

**Source of Funds 2006**





## PETROGLYPHS CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT RESULTS

- compiled by Drew Monkman

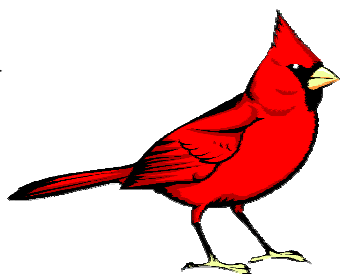
The 21st annual Petroglyph CBC took place on January 2, 2007. 31 birders in six parties scoured the area between Apsley and Lasswade in the north and Stoney Lake in the south. A total of 39 species - two short of the record - were recorded. Two new species for the count, a northern saw-whet owl and a northern harrier, were welcome finds. The number of individual birds was 2624 which is slightly above average.

Six species either tied or surpassed record numbers this year, namely Canada goose (20), American black duck (4), common merganser (60), red-tailed hawk (8), ruffed grouse (77), pileated woodpecker (26), and northern cardinal (1). The five most common birds of the day were black-capped chickadee (928), American goldfinch (537), red-breasted nuthatch (162), blue jay (161) and pine siskin (130).

Several species were conspicuous by their absence. No redpolls, waxwings or evening grosbeaks were found. The absence of grosbeaks is somewhat troublesome since this was one of the most common species on the Petroglyph count throughout the 80's and 90's. This highly nomadic species has been declining in number, however, possibly as a result of fewer spruce budworm outbreaks in the boreal forest. Budworms are an important source of food for evening grosbeaks.

Here are the full results. Once again, the first number is the number counted this year, while the number in parenthesis is the average number over the past 10 years. CW stands for a bird seen during the count week.

Canada goose 20 (0), American black duck 4 (0), common merganser 60 (3), bald eagle 3 (6), northern harrier 1 (0), red-tailed hawk 8 (1), rough-legged hawk CW (0), ruffed grouse 77 (25), herring gull 2 (1), rock pigeon 51 (26), mourning dove 21 (7), great horned owl 1 (0), northern saw-whet owl 1 (0), barred owl 6 (2), downy woodpecker 24 (25), hairy woodpecker 16 (46), black-backed woodpecker 1 (2), pileated woodpecker 26 (11), gray jay 4 (6), blue jay 161 (219), American crow 8 (5), common raven 81 (105), black-capped chickadee 846 (918), red-breasted nuthatch 162 (118), white-breasted nuthatch 88 (58), brown creeper 14 (19), golden-crowned kinglet 32 (37), northern shrike 1 (2), European starling 59 (31), American tree sparrow 80 (58), dark-eyed junco 19 (21), snow bunting 58 (56), northern cardinal 1 (0), pine grosbeak 1 (24), purple finch 59 (39), red crossbill 64 (13), white-winged crossbill 36 (61), pine siskin 130 (110), American goldfinch 537 (141), house sparrow 25 (10) Total birds 2791 (2591) Total species 39 (33).



# PETERBOROUGH CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT RESULTS

- compiled by Tony Biggs

Species	2006 Number Recorded	Record Number Recorded	10 year Average	Year(s) Recorded
American Crow	465*	403	291.6	01
American Goldfinch	941*	780	274.1	94
American Kestrel	3	14	2.9	79
American Robin	97	495	151.0	02
American Tree Sparrow	175	589	259.9	74
Baltimore Oriole	1**	0	0.0	
Barred Owl	1	2	0.4	83
Black-backed Woodpecker	1	4	0.0	56
Black-capped Chickadee	1759*	1567	1043.3	92
Blue Jay	201	434	231.0	02
Bonaparte's Gull	1**	0	0.0	
Brown Creeper	18	21	4.5	82
Brown-headed Cowbird	1	12	0.4	66
Canada Goose	1277	2244	738.2	99
Carolina Wren	1	1	0.0	89, 95
Cedar Waxwing	18	417	129.4	02
Common Goldeneye	64	292	57.1	01
Common Grackle	2	4	0.1	73
Common Loon	1	2	0.3	01
Common Merganser	57	71	22.3	03
Common Raven	3*	2	0.5	95, 99
Common Redpoll	8	1736	218.3	93
Common Starling	2553*	2430	1260.5	98
Cooper's Hawk	4*	4	1.6	89, 91, 01, 05
Dark-eyed Junco	257	267	126.7	05
Downy Woodpecker	45	119	36.5	74
Eastern Screech Owl	1	2	0.4	70
Glaucous Gull	3	5	2.0	94, 04
Golden-crowned Kinglet	21	47	5.9	82
Goshawk	1	4	0.9	83
Great Blue Heron	2	4	0.8	73
Great Horned Owl	5	40	4.7	92
Greater Black-backed Gull	6	32	11.8	94

<b>Total Birds</b>	<b>11802</b>	<b>12477</b>	<b>8855</b>	<b>99</b>
<b>No. of Species</b>	<b>63*</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>51.1</b>	<b>97</b>

Species	2006 Number Recorded	Record Number Recorded	10 year Average	Year(s) Recorded
Hairy Woodpecker	32	84	29.1	75
Hermit Thrush	1*	1	0.0	89, 95
Herring Gull	493	1302	506.1	98
Hooded Merganser	4	9	2.2	62
House Finch	136	1197	163.6	91
House Sparrow	664	2209	262.9	81
Lesser Black-backed Gull	1*	1	0.1	87, 03
Mallard	668	1124	572.6	05
Merlin	2*	2	0.4	54, 03
Mourning Dove	363	791	444.1	02
Northern Cardinal	80	120	58.8	93
Northern Flicker	2	5	0.9	02
Northern Harrier	6*	3	0.5	93
Northern Pintail	CP	1	0.1	55, 56, 04
Northern Shrike	6	29	5.9	86
Pileated Woodpecker	8	14	5.3	92
Purple Finch	25	52	5.5	92
Red-breasted Nuthatch	24*	21	7.6	05
Red-tailed Hawk	46	62	28.2	93
Ring-billed Gull	284*	231	124.4	02
Rock Pigeon	655	1538	880.3	01
Rough-legged Hawk	1	5	0.5	63
Ruffed Grouse	13	82	10.2	79
Sharp-shinned Hawk	3	5	2.8	96, 00
Snow Bunting	51	1683	401.7	89
Snowy Owl	CP	1	25.9	64, 67, 74, 86
Song Sparrow	4	27	0.4	82
Swamp Sparrow	2	5	0.4	82
White-breasted Nuthatch	58	92	45.7	05
White-throated Sparrow	9	11	1.3	02
White-winged Crossbill	CP	50	2.8	60
Wild Turkey	67*	63	16.1	03
Winter Wren	6	3	0.2	73, 74

\*New Record/Equals Record

\*\*New Species for Count



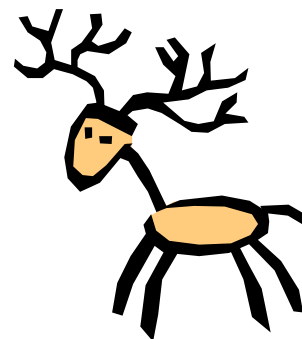
## ORCHID SUBMISSIONS WANTED!

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, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007**

Please send all submissions to:

**Rebecca Zeran, P.O. Box 345, Bridgenorth, ON, K0L 1H0**  
or via e-mail to: [rebecca.zeran@mail.mcgill.ca](mailto:rebecca.zeran@mail.mcgill.ca)



## FIVE WAYS TO MAKE WINTER A WONDERLAND FOR WILDLIFE:

- from Canadian Wildlife Federation - Wildlife Update, Decemeber 2006 ([www.cwf-fcf.org](http://www.cwf-fcf.org))

1. Create winter homes for all kinds of creatures by building a brush pile.
2. It's always best to provide natural sources of food and shelter for birds by planting flowers, shrubs and trees that produce seeds and berries. But birds can often use the extra help a feeder provides.
3. If you do put out seed and suet, don't forget that in winter, birds will come to depend on your offerings, so don't let them down halfway through the season. Keep your feeding station full all winter long.
4. Choose cross-country skiing over snowmobiling. It's quieter and increases your chances of seeing wildlife. Loud noises in winter can disturb animals at a time when they need to conserve energy.
5. Take part in a Christmas bird count. Many agencies rely on volunteers to perform these essential studies.

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS (will be updated to reflect new board in next issue)

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## MEMBERSHIP

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Don Pettypiece, 18 Parkview Dr, Peterborough, Ontario, K9H 5M6

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Tel. Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Membership and Fee Schedule (2007) – 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 \_\_\_\_\_