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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

Wed, Sept, 14<sup>th</sup>  
7:30 p.m.

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### **Monthly PFN Meeting: Tropical Biodiversity**

Join Rodney Fuentes as he discusses the amazing diversity of the tropics. Why are there so many species of flora and fauna in the tropics? Why are tropical birds so colorful? How do the tropics differ from the temperate zone? Rodney will answer these questions and discuss the importance of tropical ecosystems, threats to ecosystem integrity, and conservation efforts.

Tues, Sept 20<sup>th</sup>  
7:30 p.m.

Ptbo Public  
Library

### **History of the Peterborough Field Naturalists**

The Peterborough Historical Society is hosting a talk by PFN member Drew Monkman. Drew will discuss the history of the Peterborough Field Naturalists Club and talk about his book, "Nature's Year in the Kawarthas".

Wed, Sept 21<sup>st</sup>  
9:00 – 4:00

### **Future of the Carden Alvar Natural Heritage Conference**

More information about this event can be found on page 2.

Sun, Sept 25<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 a.m.

Keene  
Public  
Boat Launch

### **Celebrate World Rivers Day with the PFN**

Join us for a paddle down the Indian River. We will enjoy a leisurely paddle down the lower part of the river that takes us through a marshy area where we may see turtles, snakes, frogs and early migrants. We'll meet at the public boat launch in Keene (just by the bridge) at 10 am. Bring your canoe, paddles, lifejackets, safety kit, sunscreen, water and a snack. Please call Heather at 749-0304 if you want to come out so we can keep track of numbers. If you have an extra canoe, need a paddling partner or need to be with someone in a boat, call Heather at the above number to arrange. Hope to see you out on the water!

Sun, Sept 25<sup>th</sup>  
2:00 p.m.

### **PFN Annual Family Potluck Picnic at Camp Kawartha**

This year's potluck will once again be held at Camp Kawartha, just north of Lakefield. The camp is situated on Clear Lake, offering beautiful vistas and inspiring nature trails. Camp Kawartha is a long-time supporter of the PFN and has generously hosted countless Junior Field Naturalist outings over the years. Please bring a potluck item, a lawn chair, a plate and utensils.

## FUTURE OF THE CARDEN ALVAR NATURAL HERITAGE CONFERENCE

The Couchiching Conservancy, the Carden Field Naturalists and the Carden Plain Important Bird Area Committee invite all naturalists to attend the "Future of the Carden Alvar Natural Heritage" Conference on Wednesday, **September 21 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm**. We promise you a full and informative day, featuring a number of dynamic speakers from various organizations.

As naturalists, we know you recognize the importance of alvar habitats and are concerned about protecting biodiversity on the Carden alvar. Come and learn more about this unique and fascinating habitat, and how you can help to conserve it. Your attendance is important - collectively we can make a difference!

Our preliminary agenda includes presentations on alvar habitats and associate flora (Wasył Bakowsky, Natural Heritage Information Centre), the decline of grassland birds (Mike Cadman, Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas), loggerhead shrike recovery (Elaine Williams, Wildlife Preservation Trust) and reconciling aggregate demand with natural heritage protection (Brian Hollingsworth, Ministry of Natural Resources), as well as many other exciting topics. The conference will take place at the Carden Recreation Centre in Lake Dalrymple and is sponsored by the Victoria Land and Water Stewardship Council.

To register, send a \$20 cheque and contact information (address, phone, email) to: The Couchiching Conservancy, PO Box 704, Orillia, ON L3V 6K7 or phone (705) 326-1620 by September 9.

### Preliminary Agenda:

- 9:00 Opening Remarks - Mayor Barb Kelly, City of Kawartha Lakes
- 9:15 Alvar habitats and associated flora - Wasył Bakowsky, Natural Heritage Information Centre
- 9:40 Decline of Grassland Birds - Mike Cadman, Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas
- 9:55 Loggerhead Shrike Recovery - Elaine Williams, Wildlife Preservation Trust
- 10:30 Invertebrates on the Carden Plain - Bob Bowles, Carden Field Naturalists
- 10:55 Hydrology/wetlands - David Sawiki, Ontario Groundwater Association
- 11:20 Ecotourism potential - Marg Cunningham, City of Kawartha Lakes
- 11:40 Intro to fossil display - Giovanni Pari
- 1:00 Panel on Aggregates: Needs and Plans - Carol Hochu, Aggregate Producers of Ontario; Sarah Lowe, Dufferin Aggregates; Chris McGuckin, Lafarge Canada
- 2:15 Conservation Site Planning and Parks - Dan Kraus, Nature Conservancy of Canada; Hank Van Luit, Ontario Parks
- 2:40 Official Plan and the Carden Plain - Richard Danziger, City of Kawartha Lakes
- 3:05 Provincial Policy: Reconciling Aggregate Demand and Natural Heritage - Brian Hollingsworth, Ministry of Natural Resources



## **WORLD RIVERS DAY – SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2005**

The United Nations is launching the "Water for Life Decade" this year, to bring a higher profile to global water issues. As part of this, river enthusiasts from around the world are coming together to participate in the inaugural "World Rivers Day" on September 25th, 2005.

In future, this event will take place annually on the last Sunday in September and is intended to be a celebration of the world's waterways. This will be patterned after the highly successful BC Rivers Day in western Canada, which is already one of the biggest events of its kind in the world, attracting up to 75,000 people annually.

World Rivers Day will highlight the many values of our waterways. It will also strive to increase public awareness, and hopefully, encourage the improved stewardship of rivers around the world. Rivers in every country face an array of threats and the better caring of our rivers and streams is an essential component of any effort to be better water stewards.

There are lots of ways that groups and communities can get involved in Rivers Day. Consider planning a local event which can range from stream cleanups and fish enhancement projects to educational outings and community riverside celebrations.

Plans for World Rivers Day on September 25th are progressing well. This will be a global celebration of our rivers -- and It's hoped that World Rivers Day will create a greater awareness of the importance of our waterways as well as the need to better care for them.

A sampling of the festivities scheduled throughout the world to date include:

- \* Stream clean-ups (in British Columbia alone, more than 75,000 people are expected to participate in an array of events).
- \* Festivals (close to 6,000 paddlers will gather for the Gauley River Festival in West Virginia).
- \* Educational activities (a river education initiative is being launched in Athens, Greece that will reach many thousands of students).
- \* Ceremonial and cultural events (in Mongolia as an example, there will be a special community blessing of the Uur River and its Taimen stocks at the site of a soon-to-be-restored riverside monastery).
- \* Community riverside celebrations (many are being planned along waterways ranging from the American River to the Fraser River).
- \* Other activities will range from public presentations, to school art projects, to riverside planting initiatives.

Join the Celebration!

To find out more about water issues, and how to get involved with World Rivers Day, visit the Web sites below for more information.

United Nations "Water For Life Decade" Web Site: <http://www.un.org/waterforlifedecade/>

Wonder Of Water Web Site: <http://www.wonderofwater.ca/>

## COMMITTEE BUSINESS - PFN Board of Directors Meeting – 1 June 2005

**Orchid:** Suggested that we put two issues of the Orchid on the PFN website to give potential new interested members an idea of what the club is about. The Orchid will be sent in pdf format to any member requesting it electronically.

**Junior Naturalist:** Ontario Nature is looking into the criteria needed to formalize insurance for Junior outings and activities.

**Financial:** Everything seems to be on budget.

**Membership:** We have 132 members, an increase of 8 over last month. We have 6 new members and 2 who have rejoined.

**Program:** Rodney has asked that someone take over the outings portion of the PFN programming.

### Projects:

*LWCC:* Dave said there has been a fair amount of contact with the woodlot owners. There are 600 woodlot owners who have been contacted by mail with response from 100 owners. The May Forest Hike they had was well attended.

*Restoration Projects:* Fifty volunteers took part in a restoration project along a stretch of the Jackson Creek shoreline that is part of Dr. Bill Belch's Buffalo Farm on Sherbrooke St. (coordinated by Cathy Dueck and Mike Barker). Mike took part in the Orono Creek Restoration event. There may be PFN volunteer opportunities during a Moor Lake conservation project. Volunteers who might like to help with these type of projects should contact Mike.

*Monitoring:* In the Fall, we will look into the possibility of carrying out a long-term monitoring project in the Peterborough area using EMAN protocols. Anyone interested should contact Rebecca.

**Publicity:** Don has talked to Peterborough Greenup about giving a PFN membership to their award winners. We will need to follow up on this a little further. The Library display case is ours the first two weeks of July.

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### *Message from the Editor*

*As always, I am interested in hearing your thoughts and suggestions on the newsletter content and I would encourage anyone 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.*

*Deadline for submissions for the October issue:  
Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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



## LARGE WOODLAND CONSERVATION COOPERATIVE – MAY FOREST HIKE

- by Danielle Tassie, LWCC Coordinator

The Peterborough Field Naturalists are one of the key organizations involved with the Large Woodlands Conservation Cooperative (LWCC); a volunteer based group, dedicated to the conservation and enhancement of large, unfragmented tracts of forest in the Kawarthas.

The LWCC is in the first year of a 3 year outreach program, aimed at providing forest conservation assistance and information to local woodlot owners.

One of the events hosted recently by the LWCC, was a hike on Saturday May 28th. Approximately 20 local woodlot owners met at the Long Sault Conservation Area, for a guided forest walk.

Ernie Silhanek, instructor at Sir Sanford Fleming College, and manager of "Nature Trails Unlimited", and Martha Allen, a biologist and graduate student at Trent University, led the hike, pointing out common tree species, signs of tree disease, and the sounds and nests of forest birds.

The Long Sault trails led us through excellent examples of large, unfragmented forest, with a variety of species to see. We were treated to the sounds of many birds typically found in forest interior habitats. A list of some of the species encountered is provided below.

The event was inspired by landowners requesting opportunities to learn more about the wildlife and vegetation on their properties. The informal nature of the hike gave people a chance to get to know other local woodlot owners, and chat with hike leaders.

May's hike was the second event of the year. The first was a workshop on Forest Management and Planning, held on March 5, near Port Hope.



Topics covered that day included; the ecological importance of large woodlands, stewardship planning for landowners, tax incentive programs and long term options for private landowners.

The LWCC is pleased to announce an upcoming workshop on Seed Collection, to be held Saturday October 1, 2005, organized in partnership with the Forest Gene Conservation Association, and the Northumberland Stewardship Council.

For more information on these events, or on other ways you can get involved with the LWCC, please give us a call at (705) 748-1011 ext: 5068, or e-mail [lwcc@trentu.ca](mailto:lwcc@trentu.ca).



A list of some of the species encountered during the LWCC's May Forest Hike in the Long Sault area:

### BIRDS

Great-crested Flycatcher  
Eastern Wood-Pewee  
Red-eyed Vireo  
Brown Creeper  
Pileated Woodpecker  
Hairy Woodpecker  
White-breasted Nuthatch  
Black-throated Green Warbler  
Ovenbird  
Scarlet Tanager  
Rose-breasted Grosbeak  
American Robin  
Wood Thrush  
Veery  
Blue Jay  
American Crow

### TREES

Eastern White pine (*Pinus strobus*)  
Red pine (*Pinus resinosa*)  
Large Tooth Aspen (*Populus grandidentata*)  
Ironwood (*Ostrya virginiana*)  
White Spruce (*Picea glauca*)  
Eastern Hemlock (*Tsuga canadensis*)  
Balsam Fir (*Abies balsamea*)  
European Buckthorn  
White Ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*)  
American Beech (*Fagus grandifolia*)  
White Birch (*Betula papyrifera*)  
Yellow Birch (*Betula alleghaniensis*)  
Black Cherry (*Prunus serotina*)  
Sugar Maple (*Acer saccharum*)  
Basswood (*Tilia americana*)  
Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*)

### PLANTS

Solomon's Seal  
False Solomon's Seal  
Poison Ivy  
White Trillium  
Canada Bloodroot (*Sanguinaria canadensis*)  
Foam flower  
Barren-ground strawberry



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## ONTARIO BREEDING BIRD ATLAS

by Angela Darwin (Ontario Nature Network News - August 15, 2005)

Thanks to almost 2,000 birders, the fifth and final season for the Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas is just about wrapped up. The province has been thoroughly covered from the Hudson Bay shore to Middle Island in Lake Erie. More than 133,000 field hours have been reported and more than 60,000 point counts completed with data continuing to arrive regularly. If you still have atlas data to submit, or have observations that should be part of the database, please get them in right away. The deadline for getting data into the database will be January 2006.

We are currently working on the early aspects of publishing the book. Authors have been lined up for all but 25 of the 300 species accounts and we hope to start writing in April 2006. We are still accepting submissions for photos – in addition to a photo of each species, we'll be including photos of nests of each species on the species account page. If you have publication quality photos you'd like to submit for the book, please see: [www.birdsontario.org/atlas/atlasphoto.html](http://www.birdsontario.org/atlas/atlasphoto.html)

For up to date information on the project, visit:  
[www.birdsontario.org/atlas/atlasmain.html](http://www.birdsontario.org/atlas/atlasmain.html)

## INFORMATION NOTICE REGARDING MONITORING PROJECTS IN THE OAK RIDGES MORAINÉ

In the upcoming months, you will be hearing about a new project called **Monitoring the Moraine (MTM)**. This is a citizen-led project that will support your efforts to preserve the Oak Ridges Moraine. In fact, your efforts are what the project needs to be successful!

As you may already know, the provincial government passed Oak Ridges Moraine legislation in 2001 and established the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (ORMCP) in 2002 to help protect the Moraine from future development. However, the Oak Ridges Moraine is still vulnerable to existing development and environmentally irresponsible activities and management practices. Therefore, it is necessary to monitor the current and future implementation of the ORMCP to protect the health of the Oak Ridges Moraine.

Water systems are an important Moraine feature that needs protection. Described as "southern Ontario's rain barrel", the Moraine's permeable sands and gravel gradually absorb precipitation and slowly replenish the deep aquifers. Many watersheds originate in the Moraine and provide drinking water to over 250,000 people! Our health depends on the safekeeping of this process. It is our responsibility to make sure that the Oak Ridges Moraine stays as vigorous and beautiful as it is now for future generations.

This is where you, the concerned citizens of the moraine, can get involved. The MTM project will train volunteers to understand, monitor and assess the biological health of the Oak Ridges Moraine and the rules and regulations surrounding it. This information will be publicly accessible through an innovative online common map forum. It will become a living library as volunteers continually feed it with new and updated information. The data will let us know if the ORMCP is being implemented properly. Combining environmental and policy monitoring will give you the tools to make informed recommendations for the ORMCP review in 2014.

Monitoring the Moraine is a collaborative partnership between STORM, Citizens' Environment Watch, and the Centre for Community Mapping. Our most important partnership however, is with you – the citizens of the Oak Ridges Moraine. We hope to work with you to carry out this project. To learn about monitoring your Moraine, please come to our public workshops in the fall. We would love to see you there! Please visit [www.MonitoringTheMoraine.ca](http://www.MonitoringTheMoraine.ca) for more information.

This project has been generously supported by the Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation, the George Cedric Metcalf Charitable Foundation, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and the Ecological Monitoring and Assessment Network (Environment Canada).





The **ORCHID DIARY** for **September 2005**  
Compiled by Tony Bigg, 652-7541, [TandDBigg@aol.com](mailto:TandDBigg@aol.com)

NOTE: Most of the work conducted in relation to the Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas has been excluded from this report.

- May 23 From Dick's Hill west of Stewart Hall Dan Mansell reports: since May 7 **Baltimore Orioles** have been feeding heavily at hummingbird feeders - first time he has had this behaviour in 10 years; up to 6 male and 5 female **Rose-breasted Grosbeaks** have been feeding regularly since May 7; a pair of **Eastern Bluebirds** inspected two nest structures between May 7 and May 12 but since left; a **House Wren** occupied a house on May 10; **Ruby-throated Hummingbirds** returned on May 14; **Wood Ducks** started pioneering for cavities on April 10 and continued through May 21; A **Sandhill Crane** was heard overhead on May 15 and another was seen along the west shore of Pigeon Lake south of Victoria Place on May 17; their **Red-bellied Woodpecker** returned May 22 and had not been seen since April 8; **Great-crested Flycatchers** were nest building in a bluebird box on April 20 for the third year..
- May 24 Giles Dagenais observed a **Rough-legged Hawk** and a **Northern Harrier** soaring and hovering over an abandoned field near Bethany. He also saw a **Solitary Sandpiper** feeding in brush wetland by the rail trail near Bethany. The staff of the Peterborough Centennial Museum reported a **Coyote** on Armour Hill.
- May 25 Carrie Sadowski had a late-lingering **White-throated Sparrow** in her yard, and also saw two **Black Terns** flying over the Otonabee River just north of Lock 25, Sawyer's Creek.
- May 28 A very significant sighting was made by Drew Monkman, leading a small group, when he noted that the **Bald Eagle** on Lake Katchewanooka was with young, the first known breeding of the eagle in Peterborough County in well over a hundred years. Drew Monkman also heard a **Common Nighthawk** calling the west end of Peterborough
- May 29 More sightings by Drew Monkman were five **Blackpoll Warblers**, and several **Alder Flycatchers** at Herkimer Point near Hiawatha, and a **Black-billed Cuckoo** on the old Young's Point Rd. at Miller Creek. Giles Dagenais in Bethany reports regular sightings of a group of eight tom **Wild Turkeys** opposite his house and a single female being seen alone over several weeks suggesting she is nesting nearby.
- May 31 Joe Knauer noted another **Bald Eagle** on an old Osprey nest on Buckhorn Lake. Breeding of these eagles was also confirmed later in the season.
- Jun 1 Martha Allen had both **Willow and Alder Flycatchers** singing just west of Lily Lake. A **Great Egret** was seen by Enid and Gord Mallory beside Lily Lake
- Jun 16 Anne Anthony had a **Red-headed Woodpecker** at Cottesloe where she works, her first sighting since September of 2003 prior to which they were regular breeders.
- Jul 20 John Cavanagh saw a Red-headed Woodpecker with young one kilometer north of the lights in Fowler's Corners. Michael Ecob had a very good look at a **Green Heron** by the 'turtle pond' just north of Lock 25 near Lakefield. Jerry Ball saw a **Solitary Sandpiper** in the Petroglyphs PP, probably an early returning migrant.
- Jul 23 A half a dozen **Common Nighthawks** were seen flying in daylight over Tony Bigg's garden in Lakefield.
- Jul 24 Ken Rumble counted seven soaring **Ospreys** at Emily Provincial Park.
- Aug 7 Tony Bigg photographed a **Silver-haired Bat** outside the PaulMac pet store in Lakefield It was there, or close by, for two days.
- Aug 8 Doug Sadler saw several **Chimney Swifts** flying low around Rubidge Retirement Centre and All Saints Church on Rubidge Street. In reply to Don Sutherland's later e-mail, Ed Czerwinski made a late report of a **Northern True Katydid** visiting the porch light at his house in Stewart Hall on this date.
- Aug 14 Angela Coxon watched three **Sandhill Cranes**, probably one of which was a juvenile, in a large field on Campbelltown Rd. near the corner with Cty Rd. 2. She has had several sightings of these birds over recently. She also notes that **blackbirds** are starting to flock, the **Blue Jays** are becoming more evident, and **Canada Geese** are starting to arrive back on the river, all somewhat earlier than normal. Chris risley noted the return of both **Red-breasted and White-breasted Nuthatches** to his feeder.

- Aug 15 Chris Risley took part in a continental survey of **Chimney Swift** roosts. He counted 158 swifts entering a large chimney to the east of Wild Rock Outfitters on Charlotte St. between 8:09 and 8:40 p.m.
- Aug 17 Don Sutherland heard one or possibly two **Northern True Katydid**s calling from trees on Monaghan Rd. between King St. and Bolivar Ave.
- Aug 21 A notable dragonfly sighting was made by Colin Jones, with rare immigrants to the County, two **Black Saddlebags** flying around at the corner of Albert St. and the bicycle trail in Lakefield. A more common **Common Whitetail** was reported by Rick Stankiewicz at his house in Keene.
- Aug 27 Don Sutherland watched a **Merlin** of undetermined age chasing a **Chimney Swift** above Charlotte Street just west of George. The chase lasted for several minutes with the Merlin trying repeatedly to intercept the swift, seemingly by anticipating the swift's next turn, but in each instance with the swift eluding capture. The swift and the Merlin finally disappeared behind some buildings to the south and didn't reappear so I don't know the outcome of the chase. The scene seemed somehow ironic with the once abundant but now declining Chimney Swift being chased by the rapidly expanding and increasingly urban Merlin.



### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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## 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

### MEMBERSHIP

Memberships may be obtained at the monthly meeting from George Maynard or by mailing a copy of the application form below to **George Maynard – 20 Elgeti Dr., RR#11 Ptbo, K9J 6Y3**

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

- 1. ( ) Single (1 adult or 1 child\*) \$25  
\*Membership in the PFN automatically includes membership in the Junior Naturalists
- 2. ( ) 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 \_\_\_\_\_