

## Owen Sound Field Naturalists

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### OUTDOOR PROGRAM

To learn more about Outdoor Programs of the Owen Sound Field Naturalists please refer to: Hart's Tongue Herald or [www.osfn.ca](http://www.osfn.ca)

Tue. Aug 29, 2017 10AM -12 Noon & Sat. Sep. 2, 1-3PM (rain date Sept.3) Join Kerry and Melitta tagging Monarch Butterflies at Butterfly Gardens of Saugeen Shores at foot of High Street, Southampton, near big flag. Sturdy footwear. Nets welcome. Reg:[kerryjarvis@kerryjarvis.com](mailto:kerryjarvis@kerryjarvis.com)

Wed. Sep.13, 2017 9AM to 12 Noon with Peter Middleton. Rock Stars of the West Rocks: Ferns in abundance Fern HikeA Explore the rich diversity of fern species and habitats, that make the West Rocks one of Owen Sound's natural gems. Hike B (different locale) a week later - see below. Register at [letham.middleton@icloud.com](mailto:letham.middleton@icloud.com) or **519- 376 – 3242** Limit: 8

Sun. Sep. 17, 2017 1:30 to 4:30 PM with Bob Gray "A Look at the Mysteries of Colpoys Creek - a Disappearing and Re-Appearing Stream". A fascinating tour of discovery in our own back yard. Meet at Colpoys Bay dock. Register with Bob at [kemblemt@xplornet.ca](mailto:kemblemt@xplornet.ca) or 519-371-9128

Wed. Sept. 20, 9AM to 12 Noon with Peter Middleton Rock Stars of the West Rocks: Ferns in abundance Hike B, (unlike A) see above for details. Limit: 8 register [letham.middleton@icloud.com](mailto:letham.middleton@icloud.com) **519- 376 – 3242**

Sat. Sep. 30,2017 10AM to 1PM Trout Hollow Saunter - with Robert Burcher. Following in the footsteps of John Muir - to complement Robert's superb talk to the club this past April. Held in conjunction with the Meaford Museum.

Sat. Oct.7, 2017 9:30AM-1PM Bob Knapp Old Growth Forest Hike, in the Marshall Woods. Register: [rmknapp@yahoo.com](mailto:rmknapp@yahoo.com) or **519-371-1255** Limit:16

Mon. Oct. 9, 10AM to 12Noon All Things Woody with Bill Moses at the Inglis Falls Arboretum (by GSCA HQ) Learn about woody plants, seed collecting. Each participant is to bring along at least one sample of a woody plant that they want identified. (Bill will have several.) ID books welcome. Register: Bill Moses [bill.mosesos@gmail.com](mailto:bill.mosesos@gmail.com) Limit: 12

Sun. Nov. 12th, 2017 10AM – 2PM Around the Bay Waterfowl ID: Tips and Techniques with Fred Jazvac. Be part of this delightful birding expedition! Meet at front of Bayshore Community Centre, Owen Sound. Register: Fred Jazvac [jazvacfb@bmts.com](mailto:jazvacfb@bmts.com) 519-379-2323 Limit: none

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### CALENDAR 2017 - 2018

Annual Christmas Bird Counts – December 2017 All OSFN members are invited to participate and assist with observations across Grey & Bruce. Watch the Hart's Tongue Herald and e-Herald for the dates and count contacts for Owen Sound, Meaford, Port Elgin, Saugeen Shores, and Wiarton. For more info: Lynne Richardson [lynnerrichardson@rogers.com](mailto:lynnerrichardson@rogers.com) **519-599-3618**

Saturday, March 3, 2018 - 1PM – 4 PM  
Who Made Those Tracks and Why? An Interpretive Late Winter Tracking Hike with Jeff Kinchen  
Register: Jeff Kinchen [bognors.finest@gmail.com](mailto:bognors.finest@gmail.com) 519-374-4246  
Limit: 12 participants

APRIL 22 is EARTH DAY Special Events TBA, during Earth Weeks

Saturday, April 28, 2018 1PM to 3PM with Bill Moses at the Inglis Falls Aboretum and Propagation Area Tour with Bill Moses A perfect opportunity to see what's happening at the Arboretum  
Register: Bill Moses [bill.mosesos@gmail.com](mailto:bill.mosesos@gmail.com)  
Limit: 12 participants

Tuesday May 15, 2018 10AM to 12 Noon  
Wildflower Walk at Old Baldy with Stew Hilts  
Discover what is in bloom here, on the crest of the Beaver Valley.  
Register: Stew Hilts [shilts@uoguelph.ca](mailto:shilts@uoguelph.ca) 519-986-1475

Tuesday, May 22, 2018 6PM – 8:30 PM Grassland Birding across Farmer's Fields in former Sarawak Township (Church Road and Grey Road 1) Maximum 10 people Register: with Beth Anne Currie [bethannecurrie@sympatico.ca](mailto:bethannecurrie@sympatico.ca) **519-376-7237**

Sunday, June 10, 2018 10AM to 1PM  
Field & Forest Birds of the Blue Mountains, with Lynne Richardson  
Discover the birds of the mixed habitat of Loree Forest.  
Register: Lynne Richardson 519 599 3618 Limit: 15

Wed. June 13, 2018 10AM - 2PM All Ages.  
Botany on the lower Bruce Peninsula, with Barbara Palmer  
we'll check out some well known botany hotspots, including Petrel Point and the Oliphant Fen.  
Limit 12. Register: Barbara Palmer, 519-372-0355  
[barbara\\_p@rogers.com](mailto:barbara_p@rogers.com)

Sat. June 23, 1:30-4:30PM Butterflies of Bognor Marsh. All ages.  
Register: Chris Rickard, [crickard@sympatico.ca](mailto:crickard@sympatico.ca), (705)444-6671

All events and times are subject to change – visit [www.osfn.ca](http://www.osfn.ca)



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### PROGRAM LISTINGS

The Owen Sound Field Naturalists (OSFN) was created in 1989 to provide Owen Sound and area naturalists with the opportunity to share activities that would allow them to increase their understanding of natural history and conservation.

OSFN is also a registered charity, welcoming donations to its Local, Educational, and Action Fund (LEAF) and its Lorraine Brown Conservation Fund (LBCF) which is primarily for acquisition, and support of Nature Reserves, within the Grey-Bruce region.

Indoor meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month, September to June, in the auditorium of the Owen Sound and North Grey Union Public Library at 7PM. Guest presenters are chosen to provide a wide range of topics. Their expertise covers natural history subjects that may be local, provincial, national, or international in scope. Indoor meetings are open to the public.

The OSFN also provides a full schedule of outdoor activities throughout the year. On these outings members learn and share knowledge about the flora, fauna and geography of this region.

WWW.OSFN.CA

## Membership Application / Renewal

Please complete and detach this section of the brochure  
& submit with cheque to:

OWEN SOUND FIELD NATURALISTS

P.O. Box #401, Owen Sound, ON, N4K 5P7

NOTE: \*\*You may also register using PayPal online  
@[www.owensoundfieldnaturalists.ca](http://www.owensoundfieldnaturalists.ca)

Name:.....

Address: .....

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Telephone: .....

Email:.....

(For OSFN e-Herald & program change notifications)

### Membership Fees:

Please check the appropriate categories:

New  Renewal

Single (\$25)  Family (\$40)

Student (\$15)

\$  Donation LEAF - Local, Educational, Action Fund

\$  Donation LBCF - Lorraine Brown Conservation Fund

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

In signing this form, I agree to allow only the OSFN to contact me by phone or e-mail regarding upcoming programs or program changes & cancellations.

(The OSFN Privacy Policy is found on the club's website)

*"Two forces shape the world – nature and human nature"*  
Paul Aird

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### I N D O O R P R O G R A M

Indoor meetings are at 7PM, the 2nd Thursday of the month September to June at the Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library, 824 1st Ave. W. Owen Sound

**Sept 14, 2017 Fantastic Pollinators & Where to Find Them**  
Join Kerry Jarvis as he shares the plight of the Monarchs and what one community is doing to attract them and other pollinators. Discover how you too can lead the way to finding fantastic pollinators!

**Oct.12, 2017 Paul Aird: Canadian Nature Fables and Thoreau MacDonald's Art: Telling Stories with MacDonald's Pen and Ink Treasures.** Paul reads from Loon Laughter, his bestselling book of nature fables. coupled with Thoreau's exquisite line drawings. All ages welcome.

**Nov.9, 2017 Nature Conservancy Canada - NCC President and CEO John Lounds, and Esme Batten,** Coordinator, Conservation Biology, Saugeen Bruce Peninsula will team up to share with you NCC's history, accomplishments, current projects and future visions, nationally and locally. Learn about Canada's pre-eminent Conservation organization first hand.

**Dec. 14, 2017 Angie Littlefield- Tom Thomson: Naturalist and Artist** Commemorating Thomson's Nature Art and the contemporary Naturalists who influenced him. Angie Littlefield will illustrate the in-depth "nature" knowledge of Tom Thomson, enhanced by his personal connections with four prominent Naturalists of his time.

**Jan. 11 Peter Middleton - Ancient Plants of Grey and Bruce.** "The two counties we call home are also the place where a number of remarkable plants that have occupied the earth for aeons find a place to live. From the escarpment face to the forests and fens, mosses, liverworts, ferns and trees thrive. This program will introduce a few of them and their remarkable histories."

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### C A L E N D A R 2 0 1 7 – 2 0 1 8

**Feb.8, 2018 The Northwest Passage - in Franklin's Wake.** Willy Waterton and Audrey Armstrong will present an illustrated talk about their travels from Cambridge Bay to Iqaluit. Come and learn about a local connection to the search for Franklin.

**Mar.8 Dr.Sonja Ostertag: Belugas 'Qilalugaq' in the Arctic** The annual migration of beluga whales, called *qilalugaq* in Inuvialuktun, presents an important opportunity for subsistence harvesting by the Inuvialuit of the western Canadian Arctic, and for collaborative study on how environmental change may impact this species, plus unique insight for research and co-management.

**Apr. 12, 2018 Barry Kent MacKay, Artist and Naturalist Bird art: the challenges to bird art and illustration, now and in the past.** A respected ornithologist, an acclaimed artist, columnist, and author, McKay brings his expertise and passion to share with OSFN.  
**Sunday April 22, 2018, EARTH DAY SPECIAL EVENTS TBA**

**May 10, 2018 MEMBERS' NIGHT Bob Rice Coordinating** A potpourri of OSFN members' slides, displays, art, collections and compositions focusing on the natural world. A limit of 10 slides and 10 minutes of presentation time is preferred. Register your presentation with Bob Rice at: [bob@ningwakwe.ca](mailto:bob@ningwakwe.ca) 519 477 1728

**June 14, 2018 @ 6PM SHARP Last meeting of the year.**  
**ANNUAL POTLUCK SUPPER & PRESENTATION**  
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 865 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. W, Owen Sound  
Bring your own plates, cutlery and cup or mug, and bring a food dish to share, along with serving utensils.

**7PM - Ted Armstrong Thunder Bay Wildlife Biologist**  
**"Where are they now? Why Woodland Caribou no longer roam much of Ontario"** A former Grey County farm boy, Armstrong has worked extensively on developing species at risk recovery programs and policies, with a special focus on the iconic Woodland Caribou, and more.