

Owen Sound Field Naturalists

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OUTDOOR PROGRAM

More details about OSFN's Outdoor Programs can be found in the Hart's Tongue Herald and/or visit

Fri. Aug. 31, 10AM -12 Noon (rain date - Sat) Join Butterfly Gardens of Saugeen Shores on their Community Tagging Day at foot of High Street, Southampton at big flag. Sturdy footwear. Nets welcome. kerryjarvis@kerryjarvis.com

Tues., Sept. 4, 10AM Botany and more with Barbara Palmer. See the changes at Singing Sands and walk the shoreline trail. (Parking fee of \$11.40/car) Also stop at Petrel Point if time permits. Reg. 519-372-0355 or barbara_p@rogers.com

Wed. Sept. 5, 1:30 to 3:30PM Nature Reserve Easy Ramble with Marg Gaviller. Observing transition of habitat and species from farmland to reforestation project to nature reserve, on this special property near Irish Lake. Limit 8. Register at mgaviller@bmts.com or 519-371-5149

Sat. Sept. 8, 10am-Noon Jenna McGuire - Métis Plant Use at Lindsay Tract Trails Learn about the Métis perspective of our relatives with roots, medicinal, dye and fibre plants plus the indigenous perspective on plant ecology. Max. 15 Register: euphemiamcguire@gmail.com

Sunday September 16 9:00- 2:00PM Bruce Peninsula Bird Observatory Open House at Cabot Head Research Station (map). Light refreshments, bird banding demonstrations, casual bird walks and a fantastic view. <http://bpbo.ca/>

Sun. Sep. 23, 2018 1:30 to 4:30 PM with Bob Gray. A geomorphology tour near the Robson Lakes, on a glacial moraine with impressive examples of deep kettles & kettle lakes. Reg: at kemblemt1@gmail.com or 519-371-9128

Wed. Oct. 3, 2018 10:30AM to 2-2:30PM with John Burton Interpretive 5KM Hike at Hoggs Falls on the Boyne River Learn ecology of the upper Beaver Valley, the Bruce Trail, and more. Reg. at jburtonesp@yahoo.ca 519-379-4823

Mon. Oct.8, 10am -12PM All Things Woody with Bill Moses at the Inglis Falls Arboretum Learn about woody plants, seed collecting. Reg: bill.mosesos@gmail.com Limit: 12

Sat. Oct.13, 9:30AM-1PM Bob Knapp Old Growth Forest Hike, 6KM, in the Marshall Woods. Bring water and snack Reg: rmknapp@yahoo.com or 519-371-1255 Limit:16

Sun.Oct.21 1PM-3:30PM Fall Ramble with Ron Gatis. Tour his wondrous Colpoys Bay trails. Reg: jwdickso@gmail.com

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CALENDAR 2018 - 2019

Sun. Nov. 4, 2018 10AM – 2PM Around the Bay with Fred - Waterfowl ID: Tips and Techniques with Fred Jazvac. Be part of this birding tradition! Meet at front of Bayshore Com. Ctr, OS. Reg: Fred Jazvac fredjazvac@gmail.com 519-379-2323

Christmas Bird Counts – Dec. 2018 All OSFN members are invited to participate and assist with Counts in Grey & Bruce. Watch Hart's Tongue Herald and e-Herald for dates and contacts for the local Counts. lynnrichardson@rogers.com 519-599-3618

Sun. Feb 10th 1PM-3/3:30PM with Dick Bentham & John Burton Snowshoe outing, exploring the Bentham heritage farm natural features and the developed trails of the Flesherton Hills. Register at jburtonesp@yahoo.ca 519-379-4823

Saturday, March 2, 1PM – 4 PM Jeff Kinchen Who Made Those Tracks and Why? An Interpretive Late Winter Tracking Hike Learn how to observe, and recognize Nature's clues. Register: bognors.finest@gmail.com 519-374-4246 Limit: 12

Saturday April 13, 2019 9:00am-12:30pm. Bob Knapp A Follow-up Outing for: Rocks and Rock Formations See for yourself fascinating formations from Thursday's talk. Uneven ground. Max.15 Reg: rmknapp@yahoo.com 519 371 1255

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

Saturday, April 27, 1PM to 3PM Bill Moses at the Inglis Falls Arboretum and Propagation Area Tour See what's happening at the Arboretum Register: bill.mosesos@gmail.com Limit: 12

Mon.May 20 9 to 11:30AM Spring Saunter at Bentham Farm & Flesherton Hills with Dick Bentham & John Burton. Flora, fauna, ponds & more.Reg: jburtonesp@yahoo.ca 519-379-4823 Max.20

Tuesday, May 21, 6PM – 8:30 PM Grassland Birding across Farmer's Fields in former Sarawak Twp (Church Rd & Grey Rd 1) Max 10 Reg: bethannecurrie@sympatico.ca 519-376-7237

Sunday, June 9, 8AM Birding with Mark at Bayview Escarpment Reg: Mark.Wiercinski@forces.gc.ca or 519-379-0437 Limit: 20

Thurs., June 20, 1 p.m. Charismatic Piping Plovers. A shoreline visit to learn about dune / beach habitat and see little cotton balls on toothpicks (PP chicks)Max.15 Reg: lynnrichardson@rogers.com

Mid-June 2019 TBA 10AM-2PM Barbara Palmer & Botany on the lower Bruce Peninsula. We'll check out some well known botany hotspots, including Petrel Point and the Oliphant Fen. Limit 12. Reg: 519-372-0355 or barbara_p@rogers.com

Mid to Late June TBA Butterflies and more with Chris Rickard All ages. Register:crickard@sympatico.ca, (705)444-6671



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2018-2019

PROGRAM LISTINGS

The Owen Sound Field Naturalists (OSFN) was formed in 1988-89 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: (LEAF) a Local, Educational, and Action Fund, including our Young Naturalists Club, to: (LBCF) the Lorraine Brown Conservation Fund, which is primarily for acquisition, and support of Nature Reserves within the Grey-Bruce region, as well as to: NeighbourWoods North (NN), with its focus on urban tree planting.

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.

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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 at 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 to LEAF - Local, Educational, Action Fund

\$ Donation LBCF - Lorraine Brown Conservation Fund

\$ Donation to NN - NeighbourWoods North - Urban Trees

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)

"If we do not help nature restore itself - and get creative in doing so - species will decline one by one, and be gone." John L. Riley

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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. 13, 2018 "Wings along a Cliff" with Bruce Mackenzie of the Hamilton Naturalists' Club. This presentation features the diversity of nesting birds and the plant ecology on the iconic cliff face at Bon Echo Provincial Park. Bruce will take us on a trip through time and through the species living there in his exploration of cliff life.

Oct. 11, 2018 The Cultural History of the Historic Saugeen Métis with Jenna McGuire. For over two centuries, the Historic Saugeen Métis have lived along the waters of Lake Huron. Join us to learn about their story featuring the local fur trade, maritime heritage, special local places and recent research into community artifacts as part of the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Piche Wampum Exchange. Jenna will bring examples of traditional Métis arts and crafts, historic artifact replicas and some traditional foods to try.

Nov.8, 2018 Forest Health with Susan McGowan(MNRF) This presentation will include an annual update on Forest Health in Ontario with a Forest Health Technical Specialist. Learn first hand about the report card on Ontario Forests.

Dec.13 - John Reaume: Spiders of Eastern North America Spiders have a bad reputation but in reality these fascinating creatures are very valuable to us and have an amazing life history. Understanding more about spiders will make you appreciate them more - its true!

Jan. 10, 2019 Audrey Armstrong and Willy Waterton Bruce Trail: 856 kms of Discovery "This talk is based on our end to end hike, with references to science, geology and history all along the Niagara Escarpment with a healthy emphasis on our area. (i.e. black bears, rattlesnakes, ferns and a plane crash!)."

Feb.14, 2019 Brian Robin presents: Nature Photography. Armed with a camera, a desire to learn, and the ability to enjoy the underappreciated, Brian will take you on a lighthearted photographic tour of his favourite nature observations.

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Mar. 14, 2019 Prairie Ecosystems with Nikki May Nikki May will speak about the different kinds of prairie in North America and Ontario in particular, their extent, history and ecology. The talk will feature iconic fauna and flora and their role in the prairie ecology. Learn about species you can grow in your own back yard to attract butterflies and bees.

Thurs. April 11, Bob Knapp: Rocks and Rock Formations in the Owen Sound Area An illustrated talk on the rich variety of rock formations in our own backyard. Looking at cliffs, crevices, erratics and a variety of features that make up the Niagara Escarpment. A chance to appreciate and learn more about these amazing structures.

Sat April 20, 2PM Celebrate Earth Day with Doug Larson's Songs and Stories of Nature and Ecology Aboard the Chi Cheemaun. For more info visit www.osfn.ca

May 9, 2019 MEMBERS' NIGHT: Brian Robin Coordinating A potpourri of OSFN members' slides, displays, collections, art and compositions focusing on the natural world. A limit of 10 minutes of presentation time preferred. Register your entry with Brian at robin.brian@gmail.com or 519 363 3204

June 13, 2019 @ 6PM SHARP Final meeting of the season. ANNUAL POTLUCK SUPPER & PRESENTATION St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 865 1st Ave. W, Owen Sound Bring your own plates, cutlery and cup or mug, and bring a food dish to share, along with serving utensils.

Followed by:
June 13, 7PM – Robert Bowles: Damsels and Dragons A former Grey County farm boy, Bob Bowles shares his in-depth knowledge and passion about damselflies and dragonflies plus the Ontario Master Naturalist Program.

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