

*Knowing Nature Better!*

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Outdoor Programs of the Owen Sound Field Naturalists are designed to help members discover new areas of natural interest, add to their knowledge of natural history, or to simply enjoy a walk in the woods with like-minded people. For more information for the outings, please refer to: *Hart's Tongue Herald* or [www.osfn.ca](http://www.osfn.ca)

**PLEASE NOTE – Pre Registration is required** Participation numbers are limited on most outings to ensure the quality of the experience and to reduce impact on the environments visited. Please call or email the listed contact to register.

**Saturday, September 3, 1PM – 3 PM (Rain Date September 4)**

**Tagging Monarchs at Butterfly Gardens of Saugeen Shores**

Join Kerry and Melitta near the big flag at the foot of High Street, Southampton. Sturdy footwear urged. Butterfly nets welcome, some available for use. Learn about this innovative project. **Register:** [kerryjarvis@kerryjarvis.com](mailto:kerryjarvis@kerryjarvis.com) <http://www.butterflygardensofss.ca/>

**Saturday, September 10th, 2016 9AM – 2PM**

**Open House at Bruce Peninsula Bird Observatory**

Light refreshments, bird banding demonstrations, casual bird walks and a fantastic view. There will be a van at the gate of the Research Station to shuttle people to the facilities. Weather dependent. Rain or wind will prevent the mist nets from being used. <http://bpbo.ca/>

**Sunday, September 18th, 2016 2PM - 4PM**

**ALUS Demonstration Site Tour**

Meet Keith Reid at the Desboro Arena parking lot. **Register:** [keith@greyagservices.ca](mailto:keith@greyagservices.ca). **Limit:** 20

**Sunday, October 9, 2016 1PM to 4PM**

**Robson Lakes Conservation Area: Ramble in a big forest.** Join Kate and Freeman in a 'just leaves down' exploration of life under the big trees. **Pace:** easy. **Length:** 3 miles. **Difficulty:** wide path and easy terrain, some large puddles. **Register & Directions:**

Kate, [mudtown@bmts.com](mailto:mudtown@bmts.com) or text 519 538 1897 OR Freeman, [boysdproduce@gmail.com](mailto:boysdproduce@gmail.com) or 519-538-4368. **Limit:** 20

**Sunday, November 13th, 2016 10AM – 2PM**

**Waterfowl Hike: Ducking Around the Sound**

Be part of this delightful birding expedition tradition with Fred Jazvac! Meet at the Bayshore Community Centre, Owen Sound. **Register:** Fred Jazvac, [jazvacfb@bmts.com](mailto:jazvacfb@bmts.com) or 519-379-2323.

**Annual Christmas Bird Counts – December 2016**

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, Saugeen Shores, and Wiarton. **For more information:** Lynne Richardson [lynnrichardson@rogers.com](mailto:lynnrichardson@rogers.com) or 519 599 3618

**Sunday, February 26, 2017 1 PM**

**Snowshoe Nature Hike on the Bruce Peninsula**

with Andy Koshan – Location TBA

**Register:** Andy Koshan [akoshan@yahoo.ca](mailto:akoshan@yahoo.ca) **Limit:** 12

**Saturday, March 4, 2017 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) 519.372.7499

**Limit:** 12

**Saturday, April 22nd, 2017**

**EARTH WEEK HIKES**

Updates about Earth Week Hikes will be sent out in e-Heralds.

**Saturday, April 29, 2017 1PM to 3PM**

**Inglis Falls Arboretum & Propagation Area**

This is a perfect opportunity to join Bill Moses and see what's happening at the Arboretum. **Register:** Bill Moses, [bill.mosesos@gmail.com](mailto:bill.mosesos@gmail.com) **Limit:** 12

**Mid May, 2017 Date & Time TBA**

**Wildflower Walk at Old Baldy with Stew Hilts**

**Register:** Stew Hilts, [shilts@uoguelph.ca](mailto:shilts@uoguelph.ca) or 519 986 1475 **Limit:** 12

**Wednesday, May 17, 2017 6 PM – 7:15 PM (Sunset at 19:59)**

**Grassland Birding across Farmer's Fields in former Sarawak Township**

**(Church Road and Grey Road 1) Register:** Beth Anne Currie, [bethannecurrie@sympatico.ca](mailto:bethannecurrie@sympatico.ca) or 519 376 7237 **Limit:** 10

**Sunday, June 11, 2017 10 AM to 1PM**

**Field & Forest Birds of the Blue Mountains**

**Location:** The mixed habitat of Loree Forest.

**Register:** Lynne Richardson, [lynnrichardson@rogers.com](mailto:lynnrichardson@rogers.com) 519 599 3618 **Limit:** 15

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## 2016-17 PROGRAM LISTINGS

### *KNOWING NATURE BETTER!*

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.

**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 7:00p.m.** 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**

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

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

Name:.....

Address: .....

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Telephone: .....

Email:.....

(Hart's Tongue Herald, e-Herald & program change notifications)

Membership Fees:

Please check the appropriate categories:

\_\_\_ New \_\_\_ Renewal

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

\_\_\_ Student (\$15)

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)

"The world is impressively resilient, given the chance." Brian Brett

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INDOOR PROGRAM CALENDAR 2016 - 2017

Indoor meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month September to June at 7:00 p.m. at the Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library, 824 1st Ave. W., Owen Sound

September 8th, 2016 Todd Morris Ontario's freshwater mussels: a vanishing treasure During his talk Dr. Morris will provide an overview of this fascinating yet often overlooked group. Through the use of underwater video footage we will dive into the world of one of North America's most endangered groups and learn about what makes them work, what role they play in aquatic ecosystems and why they are rapidly disappearing across the continent. Special emphasis will be placed on the complex reproductive strategies which they have evolved to facilitate their requisite parasitic life history.

October 13th, 2016 Adam Shoalts One Alone Against the North This celebrated Explorer, Author and Archaeologist, will share his expedition experiences, and inspire you to blaze your own trail.

November 10th, 2016 Janice M. Gilbert, Ph.D Phragmites australis at the crossroads: Why we cannot afford to ignore this invasion. This foremost Wetland Ecologist will present the history, challenges and options for control, and required initiative.

December 8th, 2016 Bob Rice MEMBERS' NIGHT Contribute to this 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

January 12th, 2017 Willy Waterton and Audrey Armstrong Antarctica, Falklands and South Georgia: A Photographic Expedition into Southern Spring. Willy and Audrey will make you feel you are there!

February 9th, 2017 Bob Gray BPBO Birding Trip to Nicaragua In December 2015, 8 residents of Grey and Bruce Counties toured Nicaragua for 10 days. It was a birding tour hosted by the Bruce Peninsula Bird Observatory. Come and experience some of the sights and stories of this grand adventure.

March 9th, 2017 Keith and Joni Reid Keith and Joni of Grey Bruce ALUS will present the history and development of the ALUS Program in Grey and Bruce. ALUS is a voluntary program that allows for community-led, farmer-delivered conservation initiatives. Farming, Habitat and Wildlife as Partners!

April 13th, 2017 Robert Burcher History of John Muir Celebrate the legacy of John Muir with Robert Burcher. He will share the stories of Muir's time here in Grey County and evaluate the impact of his visions and their implementation, here and beyond.

Saturday, April 22nd, 2017, 2PM Dr. Alan MacEachern EARTH DAY SPECIAL EVENT Celebrate Earth Day and 150 years in 2017 - Keynote address by Dr Alan MacEachern, Environmental Historian Location: Royal Canadian Legion 1450 2nd Ave W Owen Sound

May 11th, 2017 Lisa Grbinicek Niagara Escarpment Commission Developments Niagara Escarpment Biosphere Reserve designation and what it means to be a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve. Lisa will highlight some of the work going on in the Biosphere Reserve, including some research and monitoring projects.

June 8th, 2017 @ 6:00 PM SHARP \*\*\*\* Last meeting of the year ANNUAL POTLUCK SUPPER & PRESENTATION Please note location - not at Library: 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 - Dr. Larry Peterson - University of Guelph THE FASCINATING BIOLOGY OF ORCHIDS

There are over 800 genera and 25,000 species in the Orchidaceae. Dr. Larry Peterson will discuss features of orchid biology that have led to rapid speciation in the family. Topics will include pollination mechanisms, associations with beneficial fungi, adaptations to a wide range of terrestrial habitats and the success of this group as epiphytes. The amazing diversity in floral forms has led to a multi-million dollar horticultural industry but has also resulted in many orchid species being poached from the wild. Because of this, and destruction of habitats, over 300 species are listed as endangered or threatened.

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