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The Mourning Cloak Butterfly will very likely be the first species you'll see this spring. Mourning Cloaks overwinter as adults, which means they're the first ones out on warm, early spring days.

New Honorary Member of OSFN

At our AGM meeting in March an Honorary Life Membership in the Owen Sound Field Naturalists Club was bestowed on Lorraine Brown. While in past years, OSFN has bestowed this honour for outstanding contributions in nature research, education and conservation, Lorraine will be our first member to be recognized for her contribution to our Club itself.

Lorraine's life-long love of nature is written into everything she does. A record of the energy and talent that she brings to the table is stamped into the annals of our Club. From our beginnings as an expression of interest among a group of area birders in the Fall of 1988, Lorraine was the organizational kingpin and soon, first president, of the OSFN. By January, the Club had 70 members. Its first indoor meeting featured Dr. Doug

Larson's startling discovery of the ancient cedars of the Niagara Escarpment. In March, Lorraine hosted a bluebird box workshop led by Lorne Henderson. In May of 1989, Lorraine led a morel hunt in the Sauble Beach area. For her instrumental role in the early years of our Club, Lorraine became

known as the Mother of the Owen Sound Field Naturalists.

In the 23 intervening years, Lorraine has always held a seat at the board table. She has been president twice, past present twice, head of the programming committee and, from 1996 to 2006 and again from 2009 to the present, editor of the Club



Freeman Boyd and Peter Middleton present Lorraine Brown with an honorary life membership to OSFN (David Green)

newsletter, The Harts Tongue Herald. Her contribution to OSFN programming, not only as a frequent speaker and trip leader, but as a steady helper in the annual task of conceiving, consolidating and delivering our Indoor and Outdoor programs, is of particular value to the Club. This

programming, taken together with the excellent newsletter produced under Lorraine's editorship, propelled the Club's growth to 200 members by its 10th anniversary.

Having outlined her vital accomplishments, this record of Lorraine's contributions to our Club and its members would not be complete without mention of the many, many other tasks that she has happily and quietly completed. While such mention cannot strive to be complete, here is a sample: Lorraine has regularly contributed her professional design and interpretive skills to Club projects, the Oliphant Boardwalk signage being a fine example. She took the lead in assembling our Club archives and seeing them safely deposited in the Grey County Archives. And finally, as I want to personally attest, Lorraine has been a patient and selfless mentor for many budding naturalists that now count themselves as committed members of our club.

On behalf of the members of the Owen Sound Field Naturalists Club, we are pleased to award Lorraine Brown with an Honorary Life Membership. Thank you, Lorraine: we are privileged to have you as a member. And please, keep on doing what you are doing!!

Freeman Boyd

OSFN Conservation Award Winner - The Bluebird Man

Lorne Smith is an avid naturalist, sportsman and teacher with talents that have carried him throughout a satisfying life. Lorne followed his instincts to construct nesting boxes for bluebirds in 1948, before the species was in decline. Over the past 63 years Lorne has tirelessly designed, constructed and installed effective multi-species nesting boxes throughout Ontario. Lorne has written and received funding grants to protect habitat, engaged youth and adults in the outdoor and indoor classroom and faithfully helped

to restore bluebird nesting boxes (and by extension – the species!) throughout Grey and Bruce Counties.

Lorne has inspired and trained over 200 stewards who now monitor and collect data across Grey Bruce. He spends the winters building bat, ladybug, wood duck, toad and bumble bee shelters that are distributed during his spring run. We thank him profusely for sharing his gifts, his time and his passion with all of us!

Beth Anne Currie



Above -

Lorne Smith opens one of the bluebird boxes he designed. Lorne has worked for years to find a design that keeps raccoons and other predators out, and is acceptable to bluebirds. (Beth Anne Currie)

Left -

Lorne Smith receives the OSFN Conservation Award for his many years of work to foster the growth of bluebird populations. (Lorraine Brown)



Marg Gaviller Recognized

At the AGM on March 10, 2010, Marg Gaviller was recognized for long service to the club.

Marg steps down from the executive after fifteen years as the club Treasurer. Over that period of time she has worked with seven presidents and a number of executive members looking after the finances of the club. She retires from the position at this time in order to assume new responsibilities as Chair of the Bluewater Board of Education, a role which will engage her fully in new and different challenges.

The OSFN is grateful to Marg for her years of dedication and service to the club. A gift certificate was presented to her, as a token of the club's gratitude. The club wishes her well, as she moves on and assumes her new role.

Thank you Marg.

Peter Middleton

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Eagles, Eagles, Everywhere

There seems to be an unusual abundance of Bald Eagles in the Baie du Dore area on Lake Huron this year. At one of our executive meetings Peter Middleton mentioned that he saw 36 Bald Eagles (BAEG), with most of them being immatures - only 3 were in adult plumage. I smiled at his report because I would be going there on a trip with the Bruce Birding Club 2 days after Peter saw them.

The attraction of Baie du Dore to birders is that in the winter, when the Lake Huron Shoreline is frozen farther than the eye can see, Baie du Dore usually lies open with its waters heated by the adjacent nuclear reactor. With open water, one can see wintering ducks, gulls and Bald Eagles that prey upon them and any fish they can find.

When we arrived at Baie du Dore, it was a very windy day with 30 to 50 K winds, -8 degrees Celsius and the snow was falling horizontally. Visibility was zilch. We had only a limited range of

view with our optics and few birds could be seen through the wall of gray that challenged our binoculars. We expected to find Tundra Swans and Mute Swans, good-sized birds but they along with the Bald Eagles were not visible on that day.

We left for the refuge of our cars and headed towards the Bruce Power Visitor Centre. As we drove down the wintry roads,



Some of many Bald Eagles seen by club members in the Baie du Dore area in March
(Bonnie Patterson-Collins)

eagle paradise revealed itself. On Side Road E/F between concession 4 and 6 we saw 42 Bald Eagles huddled in the trees seeking refuge from the winds. Unlike Peter's sightings, about 2/3's of these

were mature birds. One tree held a first year, a second year and a mature Bald Eagle for a side-by-side comparison. Bald Eagles take four to five years to mature and these three comparisons loosely represented the entire ID features of the species.

The story does not end here. Two days later, the Middletons went to Baie du Dore again and this time they saw 43 Bald Eagles, of which only 8 were adults. This leads to the speculation of how many eagles were actually in the area and secondly why were they here. With the differences in numbers of mature eagles seen by the Bruce Birding Club and the Middletons, there may be possibly more than 60 birds of this species in the area.

For the second part of that speculation, why here? The open, relatively warm water was given earlier as a reason for the presence of waterfowl in the area but most birders see only two to three Bald Eagles earlier in the winter at this location. Is the open water of Baie du Dore a collection place for migratory Bald Eagles who are returning to their nesting sites? Were they being held back by the severe winter? The one thing we do not have to speculate about, is that to see this many Bald Eagles in close proximity is a wondrous sight and quite a remarkable occurrence for the province.

Fred Jazvac

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Meeting and Field Trip Reports

Outing to Beaverdale Bog

On Sunday March 20, 15 OSFN members gathered at the Rocklyn arena to spend a bright cool afternoon exploring the Beaverdale Marsh. Although this 1000 hectare wetland feeds the Beaver and the Rocky Saugeen Rivers - and possibly the Bighead too - it has no overland drainage. Instead, the area is catacombed with springs and sinks. We hiked into a large sinkhole where Wodehouse Creek disappears only to emerge a kilometer to the East on the floor of the Beaver Valley. As well as the interesting waterworks, the group was also greeted by the Spring awakening. Very warm weather a few days earlier brought the first big push of returning birds. First sightings of the year included turkey vulture, kestrel, woodcock and robin. Plants were also breaking their dormancy. We could see lilies and rushes pushing up from the stream bottoms. Buds were swelling on trees and bushes although the pussy willows were not out yet. A close inspection of the ditches finally yielded skunk cabbage in bloom – they were small, probably just emerged that day – but a queer and colourful highlight nevertheless. Our 30 kilometre loop through the marsh was rounded out with observations on the built environment, which offers a varied mix of old and new, large and small, traditional and modern.

With a lot of public land in the area – owned by the Grey Sauble CA, Saugeen Valley CA, the County of Grey and the Bruce Trail – we returned to Rocklyn with much left to be explored another day.

Freeman Boyd

Not receiving the e-Herald?

Please contact Jim Duncan at:
osfieldnaturalist@yahoo.ca



OSFN members pause for a photo during their trip to the Beaverdale Bog and other points in the Beaver Valley (all photos: Peter Middleton)



What is Freeman pointing out to Stew Hilts?

One of the first skunk cabbages of the season. Finally, it's spring!



Meeting and Field Trip Reports

In case of bad weather...

We had to cancel both an outdoor and an indoor program this past season because of bad weather.

Please take note of the new information regarding weather and programs where the program at a glance is presented on the last page of the Hart's Tongue Herald.

(Right)
OSFN member Jim Hastie came upon this pair of Harlequin Ducks on Telfer Creek near Leith in March.



OSFN members on a snowshoe hike through Harrison Park in January. (Craig Beaupré)

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Turtle Tally: A fun and easy turtle monitoring project

I became aware of the Turtle Tally during a day trip to the Toronto Zoo with my nieces about four years ago. I read the sign informing visitors that six of the eight turtle species in Ontario were listed as threatened.

I thought about this fact during my 45 minute drive from Owen Sound to Feversham where I work. I was seeing turtles nesting, crossing the road or worse, dead on the road, almost daily during June to September. I visited the Adopt a pond website when I got home, educated myself on local turtles and started submitting my sightings (and photos).

Even before I was involved in this program I was the driver pulled over helping a stranded turtle attempting to cross a busy highway (I started keeping a pair of work gloves in my car after realizing turtles did not smell very pleasant and that they can carry a form of salmonella). I realized I was doing a form of turtle conservation by doing this simple act and with the Turtle Tally I was able to learn about these creatures and help conservationists learn about them as well. I learned simple things like how to pick up a snapping turtle to reduce the risk of being snapped at, and that you should always move a turtle in the direction they are facing/moving (otherwise you risk them re-attempting to cross the road again – a turtle knows where it's going!).

I also learned that the majority of turtle mortalities on roads are female turtles on their way to their nesting sites, which means



A female snapping turtle laying eggs on a roadside. (Adopt-a-Pond)

that an entire family of turtles is being killed in one road fatality. These females often nest on the sides of roads as the gravel there is perfect to retain heat for incubation. There is enough water to ensure eggs do not dehydrate while providing enough drainage so that they do not rot.

If you encounter a turtle in the process of nesting you could either leave it and hope for the best or stand by until the turtle is done. This can be quite exciting to watch and a great opportunity for taking photos. They go into a sort of trance once the laying begins. Afterwards, you can help it across the road.

The Turtle Tally Program is a part of the **Adopt-A-Pond** Wetland Conservation Program at the Toronto Zoo. It is an online database where you can report your turtle sightings. Its purpose is to collect, record and store location and species information on Ontario turtles, including species at risk. The information

that is collected in this database is submitted to the Natural Heritage Information Centre and used to learn more about turtle distributions in Ontario.

To learn more about turtle conservation or to participate you can visit their website and submit your sightings on their online form or via email. If you aren't familiar with the species you found, no worries! The online form has a "turtle guide" with pictures to help you identify the turtle you spotted. There is also a frog watch page for anybody more interested in frog conservation.

Please visit today!
<http://>

www.torontozoo.com/AdoptAPond/TurtleTally.asp

Jacqueline Irvine
Turtle Tallier since 2007
OSFN member since 2010



Painted turtle - our most common turtle (Adopt-a-Pond)



What are they putting in the water in Thornbury? Last year it was a melanistic chipmunk - all black. Now it's an albino red squirrel! This photo was taken by Shirley Harrison, in whose back yard the squirrel lives.

A Message from Ontario Nature

The United Nations declared 2010 the International Year of Biodiversity. We are very concerned that when 2010 ended, the momentum and attention of this year gave way to other issues leaving the importance of biological diversity in the shadows once again.

Ontario Nature has been protecting and advocating for biodiversity for close to 80 years. We believe that the loss of biological diversity is one of the most important issues facing us today and in the future. That is why we ended 2010 with a special campaign, a 20/20 vision for biodiversity in Ontario.

On May 22, 2011, the International Day for Biological Diversity, we will submit this charter with your signature and thousands of others to the Premier of Ontario and the Ministers of Natural Resources, Environment and Northern Development, Mines and Forestry. We've outlined exactly what the Province needs to do to stop the loss of biodiversity by 2020.

Please sign the Ontario Nature Charter: http://www.ontarionature.org/protect/campaigns/biodiversity_2020_vision.php



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Prologue

A wise man once declared
So the adage goes
Spring frog songs too soon are
sung
For arctic's icy wind returns
Three times frozen silence will
reign
Before winter's absence is assured
And meadow voices blend with
rain

Pool-side at the frog pond

It's hell being a frog
Living in this damn swamp
I spend all year in this bog
A Florida tan would be nice
Instead I get covered in ice

They tell me it's spring
And I try to sing
But each time I do
The bog turns to ice
Three times too

It's cold and no kidding
My croak has gone tenor
I'm a great deal slimmer
There's no flies to eat
Not even a Junebug in heat

Finally spring is here
I sing in the amphibian chorus
The sound of the chords
Is beyond mere words but
The memory of ice is behind us

A splash here and there
As we doze in the sun
Last night it was fun
A generation was made
Soon tadpoles will swim free

The flies now are thick
And I'm fully sated
Yet I sit here and wait
And depend upon fate
That a fat Junebug will fly b--

Merle Gunby

The Spring Program

Sunday, April 10 **Ephemeral Ponds of Spring**

In early spring, ephemeral ponds appear on the forest floor as the ice and snow melt away. We'll join up with the young naturalists for this outing to Hibou

Conservation Area to look for the invertebrates found in ephemeral ponds. Dress warmly and wear rubber boots. Meet in the parking lot at the first Hibou entrance as you come from Owen Sound, on the right-hand (east) side of the road.

Limit: 20 adults, plus young nats. Please register with Andy 372-9480 or akoshan@yahoo.ca.

Indoor Program **Thursday, April 14**

On the Reefs in the Philippines

Local teachers Deane Atherton and Dawn Hollyer spent April/May 2010 in the Phillipines, where they worked as volunteers on a survey of reef life. The job involved two intensive weeks of training in which they learned to recognize 50 genera of fish, followed by six weeks of reef surveys around the Phillipines. Deane will tell us about this adventure, illustrating the talk with his photos.

Monday, May 2, 9, 16 & 30 **Birding at the Fidler's, 6 pm**

Join Dave Fidler or other leaders for nature hikes (with emphasis on birds) at Fidler's Green. We'll hike through mature woods that Dave has been managing for birds, and visit a wetland with species such as Common Moorhen, Virginia Rail and Sora. No registration required – just show up!

Directions to Fidler's Green from Owen Sound: Take Highway 21 to

Jackson and turn right. Go one block north and turn left at the T junction. Go one block west and turn right on Old School Road. Fidler's Green is about 1 km ahead, on your left.

Escarpment Rambles **Sunday, May 8th, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

This outing will begin with a hike to explore the cliffs and woodlands of the escarpment above the Bayview Estates. The trail was developed, and is maintained, by the residents of the sub-division with open access to the public. Following our exploration of this lovely trail, we will head to Irish Block Line and the site of the Bruce Trail Conservancy Beaver Meadow Wetlands property. The trail here provides a wonderful mix of woodland, old fields and beaver meadows. Enjoy this outing to two little known patches of the escarpment. Pack a lunch. Registration: Peter Middleton (519) 376-3242

Indoor Program **Thursday, May 12**

Birds, According to Mark

Rare birds, common birds, local birds, from the extremes to every day stuff. Mark Wiercinski will share his knowledge (and also no doubt, his keen sense of humour) and do his best not to talk longer than an hour.

Saturday, May 21, 8 am **Bird Watching with Alfred Raab**

Alfred, a veteran OFO hike leader, will take us to areas in Wiarton, Sky Lake, Isaac Lake, Oliphant

and North Sauble Beach searching for spring migrants. Meet at Tim Horton's at 8:00am in Wiarton. The tour will last about four hours. Limit – 15 people. Contact Fred Jazvac to register: 519-797-3332 or jazvacfb@bmts.com.

Sunday, June 12, **Photographing Wildflowers**

Now for something completely different. Join Doug Pedwell and view the Oliphant fens through your camera's viewfinder or LCD screen. Take this opportunity to enhance your photographic skills on some of the unique and provincially rare plants found in this area.

Limit 15. Reserve your spot by contacting Doug at 519-797-5564 or dougpedwell@gmail.com.

Indoor Program **Thursday, June 9**

Annual Pot luck supper, 6 pm

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 865 1st Ave. West NB. Bring a food dish to serve 8 to 10 and dishes and cutlery for yourself. **Please note: We are asking members to bring \$5 as a donation to the club.**

Flies!

Professor Steve Marshall of the University of Guelph will join us, once again, with a presentation on flies. A world-recognized entomologist, Professor Marshall will share some of the insights and observation he makes in his new book about flies and the biosphere.

The Spring Program

Saturday, June 4, 1 to 5 pm Visit to Scenic Caves

Andy Koshan will lead a trip to Scenic Caves near Collingwood, where we will take two easy to moderate hikes. The hike to the caves offers spectacular views over Collingwood and Georgian Bay. The crevice caves are impressive, very unlike the wave caves on Flowerpot Island or Bruce's Caves. The damp, jumbled rocks are covered in ferns. The second hike goes through mature deciduous forest to a suspension bridge that takes visitors right through the forest canopy.

Admission is \$23.50 for adults, \$20.75 for seniors, and \$19 for children aged 3 to 17.

Meet at the Bayshore Arena south parking lot at 1 pm sharp to carpool. If Saturday is rainy, we'll move this trip forward to Sunday June 5, same time. Bring your lunch and a drink, or you can purchase lunch on site. Wear sturdy footwear. Please register with Andy 372-9480 or akoshan@yahoo.ca.

Roadside Clean-up, Saturday April 23

Celebrate Earth Day by pitching in at OSFN's annual clean-up of Hwy 6 through the Malcolm Kirk Nature Reserve. Please consider donating a few hours of your time to help with this task. It's always interesting to see what people toss out their car windows!

Register with: Joan O'Reilly, 519-370-2177 or by e-mail: ashwood@bmts.com

Meet in the parking lot of the tourism office at Springmount, 10 am. Wear boots or hiking shoes, work gloves, and dress warmly. We will provide orange vests from the Ministry of Transportation. If it's raining steadily on April 23 we'll plan on a rain date of April 30.

Young Naturalist going to Nature Camp

Cailyn Perry, Age 9, is the winner this year of the competition to send a member of the Young Naturalists to the Nature Camp at Camp Kawartha. Cailyn's family have a family membership in OSFN.

Ontario Nature Celebrating its 80th Year

Ontario Nature is celebrating 8 decades of conservation at its 80th Annual General Meeting. The AGM takes place June 11-12 at the Ganaraska Forest Centre in the heart of the Oak Ridges Moraine, north of Port Hope.

You can register at www.ontarionature.org/wild or call Lauren Wright at 1-800-4440-2366, Ex. 271.

Welcome New Members

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Ross and Angelia Burkinshaw
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14th Annual Huron Fringe Birding Festival

The 2011 Huron Fringe Birding Festival takes place over two four day weekends this spring (Friday May 27 to Monday May 30 and Thursday June 2 to Sunday June 5) at MacGregor Point Provincial Park.

There are about 80 hikes and events featuring a bus tour geology event, wildflower events, photography events and of course lots of birding events led by experts from near and far, including members of the OSFN.

Our off-site banquet on Saturday May 28 in the hall at Piper's Glen Golf Club, just east of Port Elgin features a chicken buffet dinner by a local caterer, followed by a unique presentation featuring Ethan Meleg, John Haselmayer and Mark Wiercinski in an entertaining discussion of their Baillie Birdathon, where they recorded 174 species in 24 hours.

Complete Festival passes, weekend passes and single event tickets are available. Pre-registration is preferred and forms are available on the Friends of MacGregor Point Provincial Park website www.friendsofmacgregor.org.

For more information send e-mail to birdfest@rogers.com or fompp@bmts.com. Or call the park at 519-389-6231 or 519-389-6232. Write to HFBF, Box 290, 525 Highland Road West, Kitchener, ON, N2M 5P4. Brochures are available at each OSFN meeting.

The Festival is organized by a dedicated committee of the Friends of MacGregor Point Park. We look forward to seeing you at the Festival.

*Jim Duncan, co-chair,
HFBF*

Ten Reasons to Care about Biological Diversity

1. “Because it’s there”, or The Moral Argument

We did not create life on Earth and it is not our place to destroy it. We share this planet with millions of other species, and it violates all our civilized notions of respect and fairness to shove another species out of existence.

2. “Don’t pop rivets on the spaceship” or The Practical Argument

Nature and all its creatures are one complex, interrelated machine. Killing species is like randomly popping out rivets on the spaceship earth; one or two are not likely to be noticed, but at some point the whole thing is going to come apart. To survive we depend on the whole interdependent ecosystem.

3. “There’s gold in them thar hills” or The Economic Argument

We have not even begun to discover the economic potential of other species. A few dozen plants and animals provide the bulk of our food, clothing and building materials. Many, many species are being lost before anyone has given any thought to their economic potential.

4. “Isn’t nature beautiful?” or The Aesthetic Argument

Nature is beautiful and interesting too. Our lives are enriched by it. Our artists and writers are inspired by it. Our hearts are uplifted by the grandness of wild places. We all lose when such beauty is lost.

5. “Incest is for idiots” or The Genetic Strength Argument

In genetic diversity is the strength to adapt and survive. All plant and animal breeders know that a key to improving domesticated species is to replenish them with genes from wild stocks. With the loss of species we impoverish the future gene pool for agriculture and other natural resource-based industries.

6. “On no! Bread mould in my petri dish” or The Research Argument

Everyone knows that penicillin was derived from bread mould. But did you know that more than half of all modern medicines can be traced to wild organisms? Thousands of species are being thoughtlessly destroyed before they can be thoroughly researched.

7. “Inquiring minds want to know” or The Education Argument

Nature is fascinating. Behaviours and adaptations of plants and animals can be as mind-expanding as they are interesting. In each generation, discovering the marvels of nature can be the spark that ignites a lifelong quest for knowledge.

8. “It’s better than television” or The Recreational Argument

Outdoor recreation is a connection to nature that most of us feel is essential. Biodiversity supports numerous outdoor activities from hunting and fishing to bird watching and spelunking. In fact, outfitting for camping, canoeing, hiking and related nature study has emerged as one of our fastest growing industries.

9. “Consider the lilies of the fields” or The Philosophy Argument

Humans have always asked the universal questions: Who are we? Why are we here? An appreciation of nature may not give the final answers but it shapes our understanding that we are only a part of a much larger creation.

10. “Were there really elephants Mommy?” or The Legacy Argument

Can you honestly say you don’t care that the world we leave our children won’t have wild elephants or rhinoceroses? Or a million other species that were here when we came? Or vast prairies? Or rainforests? Or wilderness of any kind? If you can say you don’t care, then let’s hope the future children of the world don’t care either. They won’t have a choice.

Editor’s note: I found this piece in Trail & Landscape - the newsletter of the Ottawa Field Naturalists Club. It was originally part of an article by David Braun, formerly of The Nature Conservancy in Texas.

The Spring 2011 Program at a Glance

Indoor Programs

All indoor meetings take place in the auditorium of the Owen Sound and North Grey Union Public Library at 7:00 p.m. The speaker of the evening starts just after 7, followed by a social time, club business, sightings and announcements.

If an indoor program is cancelled due to weather, notice of cancellation will be posted on local radio stations, through the e-Herald, on our website, and on the library bulletin board.

Thursday, April 14 On the Reefs in the Philippines

Thursday, May, 12 Birds, According to Mark

Thursday, June 9 Annual Pot Luck Supper. Speaker: Steve Marshall, on "Flies!"

Outdoor Programs

The outdoor programs of the Owen Sound Field Naturalists are designed for OSFN members to discover new areas of natural interest, add to their knowledge of natural history, or simply enjoy a walk in the woods with like-minded people. Note that each trip has its own specific time and meeting place. Registration is required for most outings. Please call the contact person about a week before the outing. If an outdoor program is cancelled due to weather, the person with whom you registered for the program will contact you.

Sunday April 10 - Ephemeral Pond outing to Hibou Conservation Area with Young Naturalists

Monday, May 2, 9, 16, & 30 - Monday Evening Birding at Dave Fidler's

Sunday, May 8 - Escarpment Rambles with Peter Middleton

Saturday, May 21 - Birdwatching with Alfred Raab

Sunday, June 12 - Photographing Wildflowers with Doug Pedwell

Membership Application and Renewal Form

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