

## Owen Sound Field Naturalists

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### OUTDOOR PROGRAM

To learn more about these and additional Outdoor Programs please see the Hart's Tongue Herald or [www.osfn.ca](http://www.osfn.ca)

Due to COVID-19, Public Health Safety Guidelines will be observed on all outings re: group sizes, social distancing and use of masks.

Thank you for your courteous understanding with these safety measures.

**Ongoing Campaign** to slow the advance of **Dog Strangling Vine** To help, contact team leaders **Bill Moses** [bill.mosesos@gmail.com](mailto:bill.mosesos@gmail.com) and/or **Nancy Brown** at [loneelm82@gmail.com](mailto:loneelm82@gmail.com)

**Sat Sep 12 1:30pm Trout Hollow: Robert Burcher** (Alternates **Sep 13**, and if there are enough, a repeat on **Sep 19 (20)** Robert will be leading an easy, two hour hike from the 7th concession of Meaford to the Trout Hollow site where **John Muir** lived for two years in the 1800's. History, nature, archaeology and discussion of the recent "Muir as a Racist" controversy, all in one afternoon!  
**Register:** [burcherphoto@gmail.com](mailto:burcherphoto@gmail.com) or **519-599-6195**

**Tues Sep 15, 1:30pm Sarawak Saunter 2.0 with David Morris** Explore the diverse flora near Indian Falls. The focus this year will be on goldenrods (six species) and asters (seven species). **Register:** [davidtmorris@rogers.com](mailto:davidtmorris@rogers.com) or 519-376-1304 (& **Sep 12, 9:30am-12**)

**Thur Sep 17 & 24 9:30 to 11:30am Two Autumn Rambles at Anglesea Nature Trails & Managed Forest, SW of Chatsworth.** Ferns, Trees, Erratic Boulders, and History, with Don Rawls in the Klondike Hills. Register: [rawfam46@gmail.com](mailto:rawfam46@gmail.com) or **519-794-0561**

**Sat Sep 26-10am Ferns, Mosses, Geology with Jenna McGuire** Approx. 2 hrs. medium difficulty trail, 3.6km. near Hope Bay "We will discuss the evolutionary history of ferns and mosses, their lifecycles, key identification features, their role in the ecosystem. and relating to the Peninsula's bedrock." **Register:** [mcguirejennae@gmail.com](mailto:mcguirejennae@gmail.com)

**Thur Oct 1, 10-11:30am Elaine Mason** answers "What is Stoney Orchard Trail and where is it?" East side walk (Rain date Oct 2nd). Enjoy easy terrain, shaded areas & open views; wear runners or hikers. **Register:** [masonfam@sympatico.ca](mailto:masonfam@sympatico.ca) or **519-372-0597**

**Wed Oct 7, 9:30 to 12 Noon - Lake Eugenia Water Birds with David Turner.** Discover the Avian Delights of this Birding Hot Spot. Register: [fleshertonartgallery@gmail.com](mailto:fleshertonartgallery@gmail.com) or **519-924-3560**

**Sat Oct 17, 9:30AM-1PM Bob Knapp Old Growth Forest Hike,** 6KM, in the Marshall Woods. Bring water and snack. Terrain can be uneven. Register: [rmknapp@yahoo.com](mailto:rmknapp@yahoo.com) or **519 371 1255**

**Mid Oct: TBA- John Burton to lead a 3hr Beaver Valley Nature Hike** that will include the recently developed **Stew Hilts Trail.**

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### CALENDAR 2020 - 2021

**Sun Nov 8, 10am – 2pm Birding Around the Bay - Waterfowl and More** with **Erik Van Den Kieboom**, and **Kiah Jasper**. **Register:** [erikkieboom@outlook.com](mailto:erikkieboom@outlook.com) and/or [kiahjasper@gmail.com](mailto:kiahjasper@gmail.com)

**Annual Christmas Bird Counts (CBCs) Dec 14, 2020 - Jan 5, 2021** OSFN members are invited to participate & assist with Counts across Grey-Bruce: in the Owen Sound, Meaford, Saugeen Shores, Kincardine, Hanover, Wiarton, Pike Bay, Cape Chin & Bruce National Park CBCs. Watch the HTH & e-Herald for dates and contacts or visit this link & zoom in to find a CBC near you. [www.birdscanada.org/volunteer/cbc/index.jsp?targetpg=mapviewer&lang=EN](http://www.birdscanada.org/volunteer/cbc/index.jsp?targetpg=mapviewer&lang=EN)

**Feb 2021 Day TBA 10-11:30am Nordic Ski with Beth Anne Currie and John Dickson** We'll ski over the Grasslands of Sarawak and along the Indian River. Meet at Beth Anne's -319197 Grey Rd 1 at: 9:45am, to convoy to ski site. **Register:** [bethannecurrie@sympatico.ca](mailto:bethannecurrie@sympatico.ca) or **519-376-7237**

**Sat Feb 27, 1-4pm Jeff Kinchen: Who Made Those Tracks and Why?** An Interpretive Late Winter Tracking Hike. Learn to observe, and recognize Nature's clues. **Register:** [bognors.finest@gmail.com](mailto:bognors.finest@gmail.com) or **519-374-4246**

**Sat Mar 27, 9:30 to Noon Birding the Waters of the Beaver Valley during Spring Migration with David Turner** - Tundra Swans and More. Register: [fleshertonartgallery@gmail.com](mailto:fleshertonartgallery@gmail.com) or **519-924-3560**

**APRIL 22 is EARTH DAY** - Special Events TBA during **Earth Week**

**Wed Jun 23, 1pm Piping Plovers with Lynne Richardson:** Visit **Sauble Beach** to learn about the valiant efforts of these super-cute and super-endangered birds to raise their wee golf-ball sized chicks on a busy public beach. **Reg:** [lynnrichardson@rogers.com](mailto:lynnrichardson@rogers.com) or **519-599-3618**

**Thur Jun 24, 10am-3pm Saugeen Valley Lookout** Visit Nels Maher's and John Weir's Fern Garden, plus Orchids, Birds and 40 Acre Naturalized Property near Durham. Bring lunch, & enjoy tours by Brian & Clare Maher. **Reg:** [brianmaher599@hotmail.com](mailto:brianmaher599@hotmail.com) or **705-728-1507 (25<sup>th</sup> Alt.)**

**Date & Site TBA Butterflies and more with Chris Rickard**  
All ages. Register: [crickard@sympatico.ca](mailto:crickard@sympatico.ca) or **(705)444-6671**

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## *KNOWING NATURE BETTER!* 2020 - 2021

### PROGRAMME LISTINGS

The Owen Sound Field Naturalists (OSFN) was created 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 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, and to NeighbourWoods North (NN) enhancing urban forests.

Indoor meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month, September to June, 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:

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**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 or circle appropriate categories**

Single (\$25)  Student (\$15)  Family (\$40) X 1,2,3,4,5 yrs

= \$ \_\_\_\_\_ plus charitable donations for tax receipts

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Donation to LEAF - Local, Educational, Action Fund

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Donation to LBCF Lorraine Brown Conservation Fund

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Donation to NeighbourWoods North - Urban Trees

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Total**

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 Niagara Escarpment is a living symbol of the immense scope of planetary time, and majesty, a gift to enjoy with respect and gratitude during our brief visit here on Turtle Island." Mark Zelinski**

From the book "Heart Of Turtle Island: The Niagara Escarpment"  
[www.MarkZelinski.com](http://www.MarkZelinski.com)

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

**Indoor Meetings are at 7PM**, on the 2nd Thursday of the month Sept. to June **at the Bayshore Community Centre. However, due to COVID-19**, it is **likely** that some, or all the meetings will be **Online** or **Virtual. Verify** at **www.osfn.ca**

**Sept. 10: Jenna McGuire presents: The Life of Fungi.** Let's take a closer look at fungi and their mushrooms: How they live, contribute to the ecosystem, lifecycles, and the basic ways they are divided in groups. We will dive deep into the soil of the forest floor to see this mysterious world!

**Oct. 8: David Morris presents: "Resident Aliens" : David** will focus on a selection of plants that have been here so long that we all take them for granted as being part of the landscape, except that they are all introduced species. Most are herbaceous but there are a few woody ones too, and alien plants are still being set loose into the environment, even today.

**Nov. 12: Resilience – Transforming our Community** - This uplifting film, with Scientist Dr. John Anderson's climate change research, and directed by Liz Zetlin, is designed to inspire action, and offers ways to build resilience in ourselves and our community by transforming the way we live.

**Dec. 10: Dr. Nick Eyles - Geology in the age of LiDAR: What new technology is telling us about Canada's last great ice sheets.** Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) technology is the key to autonomous driving and is also changing how the science of geology is done by allowing mapping of the earth's surface in unprecedented detail.

**Jan. 14, 2021: Exploring the Polar Regions: A Guide's Perspective** Bella Waterton and Paul Scriver have been working in the polar regions for the last decade, most recently along the Hudson Bay coastline guiding at, and managing a National Geographic Polar Bear Lodge. They will speak about their experiences, the wildlife of this area, plus tourism there and in the broader polar regions.

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### C A L E N D A R 2 0 2 0 – 2 0 2 1

**Feb. 4:** IF at the Bayshore Comm. Ctre **OR Feb.11:** IF Online **Pamela Kinchen** and **Tanzania: Cultures of Maasai and Lions;** and **Zanzibar: A World of Spices.** A Dream Trip realized to see it All - Before it's Gone! Three weeks of "Pinch me - I'm really Here!"

**March 11: Members' Night - Brian Robin Coordinating** A potpourri of OSFN members' slides, displays, art, collections and compositions focusing on the natural world. A limit of 10 minutes for each presentation is preferred. **Register yours with Brian at [robin.brian@gmail.com](mailto:robin.brian@gmail.com) or 519 363 3204**

**April 8: Foraging for Edible and Medicinal Plants: Alexis Burnett** This presentation will focus on learning how to ethically harvest plants for food and medicine from the wild. We will talk about both native and non-native plants and explore what it means to work with these groups of plants in a way that helps to sustain and regenerate local populations.

**Sat April 17: 2pm Celebrate EARTH WEEK - Beth Gilhespy Reflections on Wildlife and Wild Space Conservation** Keynote Speaker **Beth Gilhespy** shares her experiences and insights. Sponsored by **Caframo**. Watch for details [www.osfn.ca](http://www.osfn.ca)

**May 13: Marg Gaviller - The Horses of Sable Island.. Plus the journey "back to Newfoundland"** The Sable Island horses, originally domestic animals, are now the main occupants of the island. They roam freely in the natural environment, comfortably in the temperate summers but battered by high winds and ferocious storms in the winter, and without human interference. These feral horses are, indeed, a joy to behold.

**June 10: "Birding different habitats in the Beaver Valley" with David Turner:** Explore and discover where in the Valley, and why, so many birds call it home, or at least a nice place to visit. Enjoy David's exquisite photographic images, and his contagious passion for Nature.

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