

Owen Sound Field Naturalists

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OUTDOOR PROGRAMME

For more complete descriptions of these and additional Outdoor Programmes please consult the *Hart's Tongue Herald* or www.osfn.ca COVID-19 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.

Sat Sep 11(alt14) **9:30a-Noon Sarawak Saunter** with **David Morris** Explore the diverse flora near Indian Falls. The focus this year will be on goldenrods (six species) and asters (seven species).
Reg: David Morris davidtmorris@rogers.com or 519-376-1304

Sat Sep 11 (alt12) **1-4pm Wonderland of Rocks at Rural Rootz, Wiarton**, with **Tom & Dee Ashman** Highlights include Cliffscape Ecology with amazing formations of limestone, fossils and fungi, a Beaver Pond tour, and "check out our incredible crop of Hart's Tongue Ferns. They are astonishing!"
Register: jwdickso@gmail.com

Sat Sep 18 10a - 4p Trout Hollow Nature Reserve Grand Opening Generously donated by the Knight family to the Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy (EBC) earlier this year. Stewardship by OSFN. Themed hiking tours (Birding - Beth Anne Currie; Botany - Barbara Palmer; History - Robert Burcher) **Info & Reg. links:** <https://escarpment.ca/ebc-news/trout-hollow-opening-september-18th-2021>

Sat Sep 18(alt 21) **1-4:30pm Tyler Miller** will lead you on a mystery discovery & survey hike at Parks Canada's recently acquired Driftwood Cove property. Photos welcomed for documentation at inaturalist. Outing will likely venture off-trail, expect uneven terrain and possibly moderate difficulty. **Register** tyler.miller@canada.ca

Fri Sep 24(alt25) **9:30-Noon Crevices, Caves & Cambering** with **Carol Mullin** Learn of the amazing geology in the majestic formation at Boyd's Crevices. Moderate pace, brief difficult sections. Hiking poles, water and snack suggested. Directions/ to **Reg:** tcmullin@hotmail.com

Thurs Oct 7 (alt 8) **10:30a-2:30p Fall Colours with Lilla Fodor** A hilly, spectacular hike, long views over Beaver Valley, pack a lunch to enjoy by the Beaver River. Sturdy hiking footwear & poles suggested. Directions & to **Register:** lillaf@icloud.com or 1-519-942-5257

Sat Oct 16 9:30-Noon Water Birds & More, with **David Turner** Beaver Valley/Thornbury Area Birdlife on the shores, river banks, wetlands & more. **Reg:** fleshertonartgallery@gmail.com 519-924 3560

Sun Oct 17 2-5pm Algonquin Arch Geology Hike with Bob Gray. Examine landslide zones, slumping near Georgian Peaks, ancient Fossil Beds near Craighleith. **Reg:** kembemt1@gmail.com or 519-371-9128

Sat Oct 23 9:15a-1p Marshall Woods Magnificent Old Growth Forest Hike (near Walters Falls) with Bob Knapp Meet 9:15 am at Grey Roots to drive together or carpool. Hike 6 kilometres, terrain can be uneven in places. Hike only cancelled if there is heavy rain. Bring water and snack. **Reg:** rmknapp@yahoo.com or 519-371-1255

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CALENDAR 2021 - 2022

Sun Nov 14, 10am – 2pm Birding Around the Bay - Waterfowl and More - An OSFN Tradition with **Erik Van Den Kieboom**, & **Kiah Jasper**.
Register: erikkieboom@outlook.com and/or kiahjasper@gmail.com

Annual Christmas Bird Counts (CBCs) Dec 14, 2021 - Jan 5, 2022 OSFN members are invited to participate & assist with Counts in the area. Check HTH & E-Heralds for dates, contacts, or this link for a CBC near you. www.birdscanada.org/volunteer/cbc/index.jsp?argetpg=mapviewer&lang=EN

Thurs Feb 10 10am - 11:30am Nordic Ski with Beth Anne Currie and John Dickson We'll ski over parts of the Grasslands of Sarawak/Georgian Bluffs/Cobble Beach, weather permitting. Snowshoers welcome. For location & Register: bethannecurrie@sympatico.ca or TEXT @ 519-379-8231

Sat Feb 26 1p-4p Who Made Those Tracks & Why? Jeff Kinchen will lead you on this interpretive late winter tracking hike, you will learn how to observe and recognize Nature's clues. Snowshoes may be needed for this event. Register: bognors.finest@gmail.com or 519-374-4246

Wed Mar 23 10:30a-1:30p Hogg's Falls in Spring with Lilla Fodor Hike the Bruce and side trails, through Beaver Valley, to Hogg's Falls, with snacks/lunch along the Boyne River. See the awakening forest. Hiking poles & footwear. **Reg:** lillaf@icloud.com 1-519-942-5257

Sat Mar 26- 9:30a-12 Birding the Waters of the Beaver Valley with **David Turner**, during Spring Migration - Tundra Swans (300-plus in 2021) and more. **Reg:** fleshertonartgallery@gmail.com or **519-924-3560**

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

Wed Jun 22 1-3p Piping Plovers with **Lynne Richardson**. Visit Sauble Beach and learn about the valiant efforts of these super-cute & super-endangered birds to raise their wee golf-ball sized chicks on a busy public beach plus **Plover Lovers**. **Reg:** lynnerrichardson@rogers.com 519-599-3618

Thurs June 23 10a to 3p Saugeen Valley Lookout Visit Nels Maher's & John Weir's Fern Garden. See Orchids, Birds & more on this 40 Acre Naturalized Property near Durham. Bring lunch, & enjoy tours by Brian & Clare Maher. **Reg:** brianmaher599@hotmail.com or 705-728-1507

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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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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

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NOTE: **You may also register using PayPal online at www.owensoundfieldnaturalists.ca

Name:.....

Address:

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)

**"We owe the earth our all,
more than we can take in,
more than we can say.**

**We can never return anything but
our respect and thanksgiving."**

Basil Johnston

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

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. 9: Gitche-Name-wikwedong - Great Sturgeon Bay

Presented by:

Sidney Nadjiwon, Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Elder
Ryan Lauzon, Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Fisheries Assessment Biologist

Alexander Duncan, Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation PhD candidate at the University of British Columbia

Learn about the history of the Sturgeon in the Saugeen Ojibway Nation Territory, including their biology, their historic importance to the Saugeen Ojibway Nation and current status in Lake Huron/Georgian Bay.

We will also learn about the Saugeen Ojibway Nation fisheries assessment program, and related fisheries research projects.

Oct. 14: The Whisper on the Night Wind: The True History of a Wilderness Legend with Adam Shoalts Join professional explorer and #1 national best-selling author Adam Shoalts as he returns to tell us about his latest adventure and launch his brand new book, *The Whisper on the Night Wind: The True History of a Wilderness Legend*. It's the fascinating story of a century-old wilderness legend from the Labrador wild and Shoalts's attempt to unravel it, which involves lots of natural history content. Shoalts has a Ph.D. from McMaster University in History, is a National Champion of the Trans-Canada Trail, and the Westaway Explorer-in-Residence of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society.

Nov. 11: Exploring the Geology of the North Shore, Manitoulin and Lake Superior Jenna McGuire will share what she has learned exploring the geology to the north of Grey-Bruce and how it ties to local geological and cultural stories. (If in person, Jenna will bring a variety of local and northern specimens for viewing.)

Dec. 9: Monarchs: Concerns & Conservation - Audrey Armstrong's great passion is monarch butterflies. This illustrated talk, with photography by **Willy Wateron**, will include: an update on the status of the population; conservation strategies and recent scientific research concerning monarch butterflies; plus, descriptions of the monarch's lifecycle here in Bruce Grey, in California and at overwintering sites in Mexico. Learn how you can help with conservation efforts and habitat creation in your own back yard!

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C A L E N D A R 2 0 2 1 – 2 0 2 2

January 13, 2022 Regeneration through fire: The role of burns in alvar habitat. **Emma Horrigan**, Conservation Projects and Education Manager at **Ontario Nature**, will guide us through the prescribed burn process recently undertaken at Stone Road Alvar Nature Reserve, on Pelee Island, including the rationales, the risks, and the rewards along the way. Discover too, about an important local contribution to these activities.

February 10: Zanzibar: A World of Spices, with **Pamela Kinchen** Part II of A Dream Trip realized, to "See it All – Before it's Gone!" Three weeks of - "*Pinch me – I'm really Here!*"

March 10: 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 or 519 363 3204**

April 14: A New Quest for the Orchids of Bruce and Grey with Willy Waterton and Audrey Armstrong.

OSFN is reprinting their Canadian best seller, Orchids of Bruce and Grey. To update Dr. Donald Gunn's original analogue photos with digital imagery for this 5th edition, Audrey and Willy have, with help, located and photographed over thirty orchids in Bruce and Grey so far in 2021. Join Willy and Audrey on their continuing orchid quest.

Celebrate Earth Day (April 22) and Earth Week events TBA -

May 12: Ants of Ontario, incl. Grey Bruce, with Dr. Gary Umphrey.

Learn about Ants, their activities and behaviours, plus their relative status on the continent, and in the world. Dr. Umphrey, of the University of Guelph, will share his knowledge and enthusiasm for the Ants we know - and for those we have yet to meet.

June 9: Our Piping Plovers: Where are they at, and how are they doing? with **Andrea Gress**. Ontario's Piping Plover population has been declining in recent years. With the 16th breeding season well underway, join Andrea Gress, the Program Coordinator with Birds Canada, to refresh your general plover knowledge, learn if this season might have higher results, and find out how you can help.