

Owen Sound Field Naturalists

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OUTDOOR PROGRAMME

For complete descriptions of these and *additional* Outdoor Programmes please refer to the Hart's Tongue Herald or visit www.osfn.ca

Sat Sept 9, 9:30am-12:30pm Hike with Kevin Predon at Bruce County's Amabel Tract, Sauble Beach, into spectacular hardwood and conifer County and Crown forests, adjacent to the "Hell Hole" Wetland complex and the Sauble River. Bring snack and water. Reg: kpredon@brucecounty.on.ca or 226-909-2840

Sat Sept 16, 9:30am to Noon – Hike with Bob Knapp at the Lindenwood Pond Nature Reserve, a significant recent acquisition of Bruce Trail Conservancy. We will investigate forest flora and around the pond. This is a 4 - 5 km hike. Some uneven terrain. Cancelled if significant rain. Reg: rmknapp@yahoo.com or 519-371-1255 by Sept 13. Limit: 15

Sun Sept 24, 10am – 1pm - Geology Hike with Beth Gilhespy This exploratory hike in the Kemble area will be 4.5km in length and up to 3 hours. Along the way will be fossils, cliff features, erratics and other geological features. Reg: beth.gilhespy@gmail.com for details including meeting location. Limit: 20

Wed Sep 27, 9:30am - 12:30pm - Fall Colours Nature Hike with Lilla Fodor A 7.5km hike from Webwood Falls northward features stunning views, forested areas, large erratics, crevices and a bench at Grey Road 7 with views north towards the Bay. (some shuttling) Reg: lillaf@icloud.com or 1-519-942-5257

Sat Oct 14, 9:30am – Noon - Water Birds & More with David Turner As you visit lakes, shores, ponds, riverbanks and wetlands David will explain what species have just flown in, which are planning to stay, and which ones will be winging southwards soon. This popular event begins in Eugenia and works its way north. Register: fleshertonartgallery@gmail.com or 519 924-3560

Sat Oct 21, 9:15am - 1pm – with Bob Knapp - Marshall Woods Magnificent Old Growth Forest Hike (near Walters Falls) This magnificent, cathedral-like forest is home to the pretty Rocklyn Creek, a lovely, terraced waterway and many fungi. A 6 km hike over sometimes uneven terrain. Cancelled for heavy rain. Register: rmknapp@yahoo.com or 519-371-1255

Sun Oct 29, 1-4pm- Aquatic Invertebrate ID with Rosie Martin at Harrison Park A stream sampling demonstration will be followed by microscopic study (masks required) where Rosie will show you tips for larval aquatic insect (such as dragonfly, damselfly, mayfly) identification. This is a kid friendly drop in/drop out event. The Young Naturalists have been invited to join us from 2-4 pm. Register: rosemary.martin00@gmail.com Limit: 25 people at any one time.

Sun Nov 12, 10am - 2pm – Birding Around the Bay – Waterfowl & More with Erik Van Den Kieboom and Kiah Jasper Join Erik and Kiah for this OSFN fall tradition. Ducks, grebes, loons, rarities – you can search for them all and more too. To Register email to: kiahjasper@gmail.com or erikkieboom@outlook.com

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CALENDAR 2023 - 2024

Annual Christmas Bird Counts (CBCs) Dec 14, 2023 – Jan 5, 2024.

OSFN members are invited to participate in CBCs across Grey-Bruce. Counts are held on different dates throughout the CBC period. Owen Sound (compiler) Erik Van Den Kieboom; Meaford– Lynne Richardson; Saugeen Shores– Kiah Jasper; Kincardine – James Turland; Hanover– Gerard Macnaughton; Wiarton- Jarmo Jalava; Pike Bay & Cape Chin– Andrew Keaveney; Bruce National Park–Tyler Miller. OSFN's Winter/December Hart's Tongue Herald and e-Heralds will have dates and contact information, or visit this link to find a CBC near you.
<https://naturecounts.ca/apps/cbc/mapviewer.jsp>

Sat Jan 20, 2024, 10:30am - 1:30pm - Snowshoe Hike at the Osprey Wetlands with Kevin Predon The Osprey Wetlands are one of the highest elevations in Southern Ontario - they are essentially a 'raised bog' that rest in a depression of bedrock. They are an Area of Natural & Scientific Interest (ANSI). A diverse array of habitats is found here. Register: KPredon@brucecounty.on.ca or 226-909-2840

Thurs Feb 8, 10am - 11:30am - Nordic Ski with Beth Anne Currie & John Dickson We'll ski the grasslands of Sarawak/Georgian Bluffs/and/or Cobble Beach...depending on snow accumulation. Nature and history enrichment with fellowship and gentle exercise in the great outdoors. Snowshoers are also welcome to come along at your own pace. Register: bethannecurrie@sympatico.ca or TEXT @ 519-379-8231

Sat Feb 24, 1pm - 4pm - Who Made Those Tracks & Why? with Jeff Kinchen Learn to observe and recognize Nature's clues during a tracking tutorial in the great outdoors. Jeff will lead you on this late winter interpretive tracking hike. Always a popular outing and a special time. Snowshoes may be needed. Register: bognors.finest@gmail.com or 519-374-4246

Sat Mar 23, 9:30am - Noon - Birding the Waters of Beaver Valley with David Turner During the early spring migration, visit Lake Eugenia and areas nearby for Tundra Swans and more. Register: fleshertonartgallery@gmail.com or 519-924-3560

Thurs June 20, 10am - 3pm - Saugeen Valley Lookout with Brian & Clare Maher This is an outstanding opportunity to visit Nels Maher's and John Weir's Fern Garden. Orchids, birds, trees and more are highlights found on this 40-acre naturalized property by the Saugeen River near Durham. Bring lunch. Tours by Brian & Clare. Register: brianmaher599@hotmail.com or 705-728-1507

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All events & times subject to change: visit www.osfn.ca to confirm



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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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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 at www.owensoundfieldnaturalists.ca

Name:.....

Address:

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Telephone:

Email:.....

(For OSFN e-Herald & programme 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 programmes or programme changes & cancellations.

(The OSFN Privacy Policy is found on the club's website)

"During the past eight or ten years, I have seen attractive little alder swamps filled in, delightful woodland ponds ... obliterated ... and any number of gorgeous bird havens destroyed, for example, ... one of the nicest woodland retreats I ever knew. Can nothing be done to halt this appalling destruction?"

Jim Baillie, in 1937

from *Birder Extraordinaire*, by Lise Anglin

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Indoor Meetings are at 7pm, on the 2nd Thursday of the month Sept. to June at the Bayshore Community Centre.

September 14, Beth Gilhespy - Building Sydenham: The Making of *Walking Through Time* Beth will discuss how she approached her Beaver Valley and Sydenham geology books. These sections of the Bruce Trail have lots of great geology to discuss. Her Beaver Valley *Walking Through Time* book will be available for purchase and signing.

7pm Thursday September 28, (Zoom only) with Natasha Barlow of Bird Studies Canada Conserving Aerial Insectivores "It's a bird! It's a plane! It's.. actually a bird?" Ever wondered what those little birds swooping in and out of chimneys are? How about those using barns and other structures? These, along with many other species, belong to a group of birds called Aerial Insectivores, a fantastic group of birds that eat insects and are amazing aerial acrobats. Join Birds Canada biologists to learn more about this group experiencing rapid population declines, what Birds Canada is doing, and ways we can all work together for their protection. Zoom info will be sent out prior to the event and posted at www.osfn.ca

October 12, Part One - Thorsten Arnold of Eat Local Grey Bruce with the Canadian Premiere of "Regenerating Life" by filmmaker John Feldman This film identifies new pathways for climate action that can be done at a community level - how to stop killing the biosphere and changing our food system toward "farming in partnership with nature" (Bonus Indoor Meeting Two Weeks Later)

Thursday, October 26, Part Two - Thorsten Arnold - A follow up discussion of the film, "Regenerating Life"(also at Bayshore Community Centre) What is a landscape narrative of hope? Building a Grey Bruce community of practice: celebrating leaders, supporting learners, building interdependence.

November 9 - John Hlynialuk – Galapagos The Galapagos is one of the most unique environments on the planet - its ecology, geology and scientific value cannot be understated. John's talk will explore some aspects of the most unique place on planet Earth.

December 14 - Adam Shoalts - *Where the Falcon Flies* Professional explorer and adventurer Adam Shoalts returns to tell us about his latest adventure and his new book *Where the Falcon Flies*: a 3,400 km solo canoe journey from Lake Erie to the Arctic. *Where the Falcon Flies* will also be available for purchase, and signing.

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January 11, 2024 Susan McGowan - An update on the use of parasitic wasps in control of Emerald Ash Borer in Ontario A retired Provincial Forest Health Specialist, Susan will talk about the parasitic wasp programme's efforts to control Emerald Ash Borer in Ontario; including our own local site at the West Rocks Management Area in Owen Sound.

7pm Jan 25, (Zoom only) Tick Talk – Lyme Disease 101 with Dr. Anne Uings Important information for you to get first hand here: Absolute numbers of ticks are increasing; the percentage of ticks carrying Lyme is increasing in new areas; Ticks carrying serious co-infections are increasing. Learn more here. **Via Zoom only.** Access details at www.osfn.ca

February 8, Arunas Liskaukas - Predicting the future state of fish communities The Lake Huron aquatic ecosystem has experienced profound changes over the last few decades, primarily driven by the effects of invasive species. Arunas will provide an overview of management and research efforts that try to understand these changes.

March 14, Members' Night - Brian Robin Coordinating A potpourri of OSFN members' photos, 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

April 11, 2024 - To Be Announced

Sunday, April 21, 2024, 2pm - Celebrate Earth Day with Keynote Speaker Robert Bowles, Bob is an award-winning writer, artist, photographer and naturalist who has spent a lifetime in nature education, research, and community engagement. Sponsored by Caframo. Location - to be announced

May 9, 2024 Jenna McGuire - A Turtle Talk Learn about our local turtles: their vulnerabilities and their resiliency.

June 13, 2024 - Scott Parent and his daughter Acadia, present Three Waters This documentary film, Three Waters, is based on their 2019 paddling expedition which retraced their ancestral migration route of the Georgian Bay Métis Community of 1828. We will learn about their journey and their plastic pollution clean up initiative.