

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

Wed, Sept 4, from 9pm to 11:15pm – **Moth Night Workshop with Alan Macnaughton** A come and go introduction to attracting and identifying moths. Meet at the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Pavilion. Register: John, jwdickso@gmail.com

Tue, Sept 17, Time TBA - **The Partial Lunar Eclipse with John Hlynialuk** A night viewing of the partial lunar eclipse (probably at Kiwanis Soccer Field Complex) Time and details when you Register with John, jhlyn2024@gmail.com

Thurs, Sept 19, 9:30am - Noon - **Sydenham North Nature Reserve Hike with Bob Knapp** Hike the new 114-acre Bruce Trail Conservancy Sydenham North Nature Reserve property. Terrain may be uneven. Pace moderate. Cancelled if significant rain. Limit: 15. Directions and **Register by Sept 12: Bob, rmknapp@yahoo.com or 519-371-1255**

Fri, Sept 20, 9am - 12 Noon - **Mushroom ID at Kinghurst with Joanne Anderson** Local mushroom enthusiast Joanne Anderson will guide us on a walk through Kinghurst old growth forest. Sept is mushroom month. Cool nights, warm days and rain mean that the mushrooms should be popping. Limit: 10. Directions and **Register: John, jwdickso@gmail.com**

Sun, Sept 22, 1:30 to 3:30pm Join **Don Sankey and Jake Bates**, to learn of the creation and history of the **Flesherton Hills Environmental Centre** and join the community to hike its trails. Join us at 1:30 and park in the Macphail School parking lot. Limit – 20. Registration via email to Don at donsankey1@gmail.com

Thu, Sept 26, 10am - 2pm - Luther Marsh Trails Hike with Kevin Predon A hike of up to 8km or so will introduce you to the Luther Marsh wetland which has great birding and nature observation opportunities. Directions and Register: Kevin, kapredon@lakeheadu.ca

Wed, Oct 9, 9:30am - 12:30pm - Beaver Valley Fall Colours Hike with Lilla Fodor 5-kms of spectacular views - Wodehouse Karst, Stone Foundation Side Trail, Bill's Creek and fossils. Terrain has some significant hills. Limit:15. Directions and Register: Lilla, lillaf@icloud.com or 1-519-942-5257

Sat, Oct 12, Time - TBA - International Astronomy Day with John Hlynialuk & Friends and OSFN Viewing from the Kiwanis Soccer Field Complex. Receive time and details when you Register with John: jhlyn2024@gmail.com

Sat, Oct 19, 9:15am - 1pm - Marshall Woods Magnificent Old Growth Forest Hike with Bob Knapp This spectacular, cathedral-like forest near Walter's Falls is home to many fungi, Rocklyn Creek, and a lovely, terraced waterway. The 6-km hike is uneven in places. Hike cancelled if heavy rain. Carpool to be organized at meet location. Register by Oct 12: Bob, rmknapp@yahoo.com or 519-371-1255

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CALENDAR 2024 - 2025

Sat, Oct 26, 9:30 am - Noon - Water Birds & More in the Beaver Valley Watershed with David Turner At various habitats and locations, discover what species have arrived, which will stay, and which ones will be winging southwards. Limit: 20. Register: David, 519-924-3560

Sun, Nov 17, 10am - 2pm - Birding Around the Bay – Waterfowl & More with Kiah Jasper & Erik Van Den Kieboom You won't want to miss checking the shorelines and the Sound on this OSFN tradition event. Migration is well underway. Meet in front of the Owen Sound Bayshore Community Centre. Limit: 40. Register: kiahjasper@gmail.com or erikkieboom@outlook.com
Annual Christmas Bird Counts (CBCs) Dec 14, 2024 – Jan 5, 2025.

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>

Feb Date & Time TBA - Nordic Ski with Beth Anne Currie & John Dickson Our route through the grasslands of Sarawak/Georgian Bluffs will depend on snow accumulation. Nature and history enriched by fellowship and gentle exercise in the great outdoors. Snowshoers can come along at your own pace. Registration details will be available when the snow is. Check e-heralds and website www.osfn.ca

Sat, Feb 22, 1pm - 4pm - Who Made Those Tracks & Why? with Jeff Kinchen This enriching tracking tutorial will teach you to observe and recognize nature's clues. Jeff will lead you on this interpretive late winter tracking hike. Snowshoes may be needed. Limit: 12. Directions and Register: Jeff, bognors.finest@gmail.com or 519-374-4246

Sat, Mar 22, 9:30am - Noon - Birding the Waters of Beaver Valley with David Turner Experience some early arrivals during Spring migration. Lake Eugenia forTundra Swans and the nearby Beaver River. Register: David, fleshertonartgallery@gmail.com or 519-924-3560

Fri, June 13, 10am - 3pm - Saugeen Valley Lookout with Brian and Clare Maher An outstanding opportunity to visit Nels Maher's and John Weir's Fern Garden. Orchids, birds and more on this 40-acre naturalized property by the Saugeen River near Durham. Bring lunch. Guided tours. Limit: 20. Register: Brian, brianmaher599@hotmail.com or 1-705-728-1507

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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. Soon afterwards, the Young Naturalists Club was added for ages 7 to 12. Visit <https://owensoundfieldnaturalists.ca/category/young-naturalists/>

OSFN is also a registered charity, welcoming donations to its Local, Educational, and Action Fund (LEAF) and to NeighbourWoods North (NN), enhancing urban forests.

Indoor meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month, September to June, at 7PM and often online via Zoom. 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. The Young Naturalists also meet monthly with similar goals, and fun too.

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

Indoor Meetings are at 7pm, (doors open by 6:30pm) on the 2nd Thursday of the month Sept. to June at the Bayshore Community Centre and often online via Zoom.

September 12 The Wonderful World of Bees with Janine McGowan, M.Sc, Environmental Scientist & Beekeeper, who will introduce us to many Bees of the World, World, plus Bee diversity in Canada and to honey bees in particular.

October 10 Chasing Lemurs: From Research to Conservation in Madagascar. Come Celebrate World Lemur Day with Drs. Keriann McGoogan & Travis Steffens. Learn about Madagascar, the plight of lemurs, Keriann's book *'Chasing Lemurs'* and how to help support lemur conservation.

November 14 "It's Just a F-Fabulous Trail." Meet Zane Davies, who believes the purpose of outdoor adventure is to create memorable experiences, the key facilitator of which is a trail. Learn why Zane is much sought after as a trail developer as he shares his passion for the "love of trails and their associated features."

December 12 Erik Van Den Kieboom presents Oaxaca: From Mountains to Coast. Erik will show us many highlights of Nature from his trip to Oaxaca.

January 9 Yukon and Northern British Columbia: Exploring Nature and History with Audrey Armstrong and Willy Waterton Join Audrey and Willy as they experience the wilds of Yukon and Northern BC, exploring the natural wonders and history by car, boat, foot, air and paddle during a 3 month overland trip.

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C A L E N D A R 2 0 2 4 - 2 0 2 5

February 13 Kevin Predon - Forestry Isn't Always An F Word: Kevin's goal is to cajole the Field Naturalists into an appreciation (or at least an understanding) of commercial forestry and its progressive environmental practices.

March 13 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 10 – John Bittorf - Water Forecasting & Monitoring As the Water Resources Coordinator and Flood Duty Officer for Grey Sauble Conservation, John will introduce us to their flood forecasting, weather monitoring and water quality monitoring programmes - some of which are unique in Ontario.

May 8 John Hlynialuk - The Incas: Naturalists of the Night. Inca culture was intimately tuned into the natural world, both terrestrial and in the heavens overhead. This talk will look at the astronomy of the Southern skies and how the Inca related it to the natural world around them.

June 12 Discover the Whales of Eastern Canada, with Sarah McComb-Turbitt, who will also share what Marine Biologists are learning via the Whale Watching industry and more

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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 at www.owensoundfieldnaturalists.ca

Name:.....

Address:

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Telephone:

Email:.....

(For OSFN e-Heralds & programme change notifications)

Membership Fees: Please check or circle appropriate categories

Single (\$35) Student (\$15) Family (\$55) X 1,2,3,4,5 yrs

= \$ _____ plus charitable donations for tax receipts

\$ _____ Donation to LEAF - Local, Educational, Action 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)

"Extinctions in the wild state are part of evolution and will always happen...But mankind is creating false extinctions caused by overpopulation. All species are being pushed to one side by the damage we are doing to their habitats."

Gerald Durrell

from Gerald Durrell, by Douglas Botting