



COMING EVENTS

•**Friday, February 28, 2003, 7:30 pm** HKPR District Health Unit office, Rose Glen Rd., Port Hope. **Annual General Meeting. Draw:** The draw for the Curlew print will be held at this meeting. **SPEAKER: Ted Cheskey**, FON, IBA Committee. Ted Cheskey is the Ontario Provincial Coordinator of the Important Bird Area program of the Federation of Ontario Naturalists. Mr. Cheskey works part time for the FON in this capacity, and operates an outdoor education centre for the Waterloo Region District School Board. Mr. Cheskey holds a Masters Degree in Regional Planning and Resource Management from the University of Waterloo. He has been an active field ornithologist and conservation advocate for birds for many years in Ontario. **TOPIC: Ontario's Important Bird Area Program** - Past, present and future. Ted will review the International, national and provincial Important Bird Areas programs. Specific sites that will be reviewed include: Presqu'ile, Napanee Plains and James Bay.

•**Friday, March 28, 2003, 7:30 pm.** Location: Cobourg Public Library. Speaker: Kevin Callan, **Misadventures in a Canoe.** Using slides and video, Kevin will give an entertaining talk on paddling destinations throughout Ontario, enlightening for seasoned and novice paddlers.

•**Saturday, April 12, 2003: Outing - Birding along the Darlington Waterfront.** Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Port Hope Arby's commuter lot. Bring a lunch. Call Alison Elliott at (905) 797-2584 for more information.

TRUMPETER SWANS IN COBOURG

by Elizabeth Kellogg

On January 10, 2003, the WBFN Bird Hot Line reported 5 Trumpeter Swans in Lake Ontario in Monk's Cove off the foot of Burnham Street in Cobourg. All were wearing yellow wing tags with black numbers, an indication that these were captive raised birds which had been released back into the wild by the Ontario Trumpeter Swan Restoration Program. With a spotting scope, John Geale, Geoff Dale and Ted McDonald were able to read the numbers, 654, 658, 664, 666 and 675. A phone call to Harry Lumsden, the coordinator of the Restoration Program, provided the following information about these birds. All five were hatched in 2000 and raised in captivity for two years. #654, 658, 664 and 666 were released on Rice Lake in April 2002; #675 was released at a private pond near Bethany in May 2002. Probably, these birds had flown south to Lake Ontario in search of open water when Rice Lake froze over.

There is some debate about the breeding range of Trumpeter Swans in Ontario prior to European settlement. Mr. Lumsden theorizes that Trumpeters, since they were large, white and therefore, very conspicuous birds, were hunted to extinction in Ontario very soon after Europeans arrived here, before scientists were taking notes. He has spent 21 years trying to re-establish a breeding population of Trumpeter Swans in Ontario. Since Trumpeters are three to four years old before they breed, it has not been easy to have two unmated birds of the opposite sex in the same place at the right time. Initially there were problems in getting breeding stock and eggs. Each year there are losses of birds to lead poisoning, accidental death and hunters. Although the population of Trumpeters is increasing, it is doubtful whether there are yet enough of them to maintain a viable wild breeding population.

If you should see any of these wing-tagged birds, try to record the numbers. Mr. Lumsden is always happy to hear about sightings of these birds. He can be contacted directly at 905-727-6492.

PETER'S WOODS REPORT, 2002

Thirty-eight volunteers from WBFN spent approximately 90 hours regularly checking, cleaning, providing supplies, cutting grass, etc. at Peter's Woods. Between the official opening on May 11 and the closing on November 2, 1,160 visitors signed the register at the trailhead. This was up 100 people from 2001. Of these visitors, 768 were local visitors within 1 hour's drive of the Woods, 280 were from other Ontario locations, 41 were from other parts of Canada, 38 from the U.S.A. and 33 from other countries. Group visitors were from a Collegiate Institute Environment Club, Nature Conservancy & WBFN, and Loyalist College Environment Group. Peter's Woods was surveyed by the WBFN Summer Bird Census and the Forest Bird Monitoring Program.

Many thanks to all our volunteers. 2003 opening is scheduled for May 3. Russell Lake (905-372-3636) would be pleased to hear from you if you wish to assist in this project.

Prepared from information in the report prepared by Russell Lake for the Ministry of Natural Resources.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - 2002

Undoubtedly the Club's most important action this year was the setting up of the Northumberland Land Trust, sponsored by, but separate from, WBFN. After it is constituted, the Land Trust will have the ability to purchase land, to work with landowners to set up conservation easements, and to accept gifts of land, all with the aim of protecting and preserving habitat and endangered environments.

Building on work begun by Audrey Stacey, Bob Short and Russell Lake, the Land Trust committee, under the chairmanship of Bryan Baxter, interviewed Christopher Baines, the land procurement officer of the Ontario Land Trust Alliance, as well as members of local land trusts, to determine how best to proceed. Paul Peterson, a lawyer with OLTA, helped to broaden the initial mandate of the committee to include the whole county and to add cultural and historical properties to its frame of reference. Paul came from Toronto three times to explain how a Land Trust works. He has generously offered his time to help us set up the Land Trust and is currently working with Bryan. We appreciate his participation in the project very much. On November 29, 2002, Bryan brought forward his committee's report to the General meeting where it was unanimously endorsed by the membership.

It is clear that we are at a crossroads in Northumberland County. Urban sprawl to the east of Toronto seems increasingly inevitable. I believe we still have time to make decisions about protection of valuable land, but we need to pay attention and be prepared to act quickly. An example of the pressure of development is the recent Tucker Creek proposal at the west end of the Municipality of Port Hope to build a destination golf course and a 1700 unit housing development

for 4000 people. The Municipality turned down this particular proposal on the basis of planning and servicing issues, although there is likely to be an alternate proposal.

Willow Beach's interest in the Tucker Creek proposal lies in the effect development would have on the adjacent ANSI protected Wesleyville Ravines. These ravines run south from the service centre west of the 401 Wesleyville exit easterly through the Cameco and Hydro One property to the railway tracks. The ravines and the tableland are quite remarkable. The ravines have huge hemlock stands, blue beech, and rare ferns. Their delicate ecosystem supports brook trout and salamanders. The tableland has evidence of prairie remnant. If it remains undisturbed it will continue to support the streams in the ravines.

As your president, I represented WBFN's concerns at a public meeting on December 12 in Port Hope. Putting a community of 4000 people at the head of these ravines would have put far too much pressure on this sensitive system. Taking five million litres of water a day out of the ground and putting in a stew of herbicides and pesticides to maintain the greens was too high a price to pay for development. About the time we were preparing background papers for Tucker Creek, we entered into tentative discussions with Cameco about ways to protect their portion of the ravines, and hope to begin to talk to Hydro One this spring. Many thanks to Bill Newell, Rick Beaver and Paul Peterson, as well as your Executive for the hard work all have put into preparing for these discussions.

Also in the area of land preservation, last February we presented Margaret Bain with a \$5,000 cheque from the FON toward

the purchase of the Meadow at Thickson's woods. This amount matched money WBFN had given to Thickson's Woods last year. This January we donated \$5,000 from our Property Fund to the Nature Conservancy of Canada towards the purchase of the Burnley Carmel property ("The Oak Tree Farm") near Peter's Woods.

Outings and Activities

The grinning Bill Newell would have no doubt that the highlight of our activities this year was the Peregrine Falcon release at the OPG Wesleyville site. Three one day old chicks that had been abandoned and then rescued from the top of the Champlain bridge in Montreal during roadworks, were brought by Mark Nash of the Canadian Peregrine Foundation to Wesleyville with the cooperation of Ontario Power Generation. Moving an endangered species across a provincial boundary required the coordination and cooperation of the Ministries of Natural Resources in the Province of Ontario (MNR) and the Province of Quebec (MRN). I had the privilege of being one of the seven Willow Beachers to see the banding of these amazing birds. Over the next few weeks several volunteers from the club, as well as other interested members of the community, fed and watched the chicks and eventually, on August 31, the three birds were released from the roof of OPG. Word was received that one male did not survive, probably because he had not learned to hunt. There is no word on the others. Money has been found to repeat the project this year with new birds.

The change in direction that was begun in 2001 regarding our young naturalists bore fruit in 2002. WBFN gave \$250 each to St Mary's School in Port Hope for an outing to the Ganaraska Forest Centre, and to Dale Road School in Cobourg for a butterfly garden. That programme will continue next year. Many thanks to Bruce Parker for

making this happen. Elizabeth Kellogg has spoken to the Eco-Kids Club at C.R. Gummow in November on bird banding.

Alison Elliott has again organized a number of successful outings. These includes owling to Amherst Island; Carden Plain Alvar to see the Loggerhead Shrike; the Rice Lake Conservation Area and Trent University Wildlife Sanctuary; an astronomy night; Thickson's Woods; and a special trip arranged by Gordon Moir of the Nature Conservancy of Canada to the Burnley Carmel property. As well, Alison organized the popular weekly May evening walks. We once more enjoyed our annual Willow Beach walk and Bluebird walk with Hazel Bird. Thank you Alison!

In a continuing partnership with Alderville First Nation, several members of WBFN planted lupines this spring, with the goal of enticing the Karner Blue butterfly back to the Rice Lake Plains. We helped with seed collection in the fall. Our members helped Ed Heuval cut trees in the Red Cloud Cemetery in an ongoing programme of prairie restoration. WBFN continues to support the efforts to protect the Russ Creek Cemetery.

With number of visitors up by over a hundred compared to last year, Peter's Woods continued to attract visitors from 34 countries (other than Canada). Thanks especially to Russell Lake and the volunteers who maintain trail guides, trails and washrooms.

This year Elizabeth Kellogg and Roger Frost applied for and received a permit to band birds under the name of the Willow Beach Bird Banding Group. Elizabeth continues to do bird sightings at our General Meetings. Roger continues to be responsible for Summer and Winter Bird Counts and the Mid Winter Waterfowl Inventory. Both are on the Executive and, of course Elizabeth, along with Norma Wallace, is responsible for producing the Curlew. What would we do

without you? Many thanks.

WBFN hosted the fall regional meeting of the FON in Port Hope on October 19, 2002. It was an extremely interesting meeting and a broad range of issues was addressed. I quickly discovered why Joan Norris has been so excited to report on FON matters! Joan is resigning as our FON Rep and we will miss her enthusiasm and hard work. Thank you Joan for bringing us information about the spring bear hunt, wolves and coyotes, the Species at Risk Legislation and Kyoto. We will miss your input.

Your Executive, in cooperation with Gary O'Dwyer of St Mary's School in Cobourg, tried very hard to put together a public meeting on Kyoto before the end of the year to look at all sides of the issue, but time ran out. We invited our MP, Paul Macklin to our November meeting, to address us briefly, and to receive a petition encouraging Prime Minister Chretien to ratify Kyoto.

Jack Goering has kept your Executive informed about issues of concern to WBFN in Port Hope. Norma Wallace has agreed to be our representative on the Port Hope Environmental Advisory Committee. Terry Stopps, Russell Lake and Clive Goodwin continue to have input into issues of environmental concern in Cobourg, relating to parks, cleanup, waterfront and development.

Simone and Tom Mérey, Anne Tesluck and I visited The Owl Foundation at Vineland in October, just after the West Nile Virus had decimated Kay McKeever's population of northern owls. The trip is an annual opportunity for four members of the club to see a fabulous facility and to see how our annual donation contributes to the protection and rehabilitation of these birds.

WBFN also donated money to FLAP,

Long Point Bird Observatory, Avian Care and Research Foundation, the Port Hope and Cobourg Ecology Gardens and the Port Hope Fair, as well as the above mentioned donation to the Nature Conservancy of Canada.

Bob Short and Joan Norris have kept us informed on the Kawartha Highlands Signature Site and remind us to continue to be diligent in trying to protect this area. Bob also wants to remind us that after October 31, 2002 and a four year battle, there is no more Dombind on our roads. Bob did a tremendous amount of work on that issue.

Attendance at our general meetings has grown steadily over the last year. From an average of about 70 people, our last speaker brought out 109 people to the Cobourg library. This success is due to three factors. Our programme coordinators Bill Crowley, followed by Louise Schmidt, have done an extraordinary job of bringing us absolutely outstanding speakers who have brought both expertise and passion to their subjects. They have ensured that we have had good publicity. The purchase of a high quality sound system in March has added to peoples' enjoyment. We were delighted to split the cost of this sound system with the University Women's Club. Thanks to Marilyn Harris, a member of both clubs, who has seen that the system is ready for each club at their monthly meetings.

Our Annual Meeting will see the draw for the Terry Shortt print of the Eskimo Curlew donated by Ed Heuvel's father. Many thanks to Simone Mérey for organizing the raffle and to all who bought and sold tickets.

Thanks to club members who have folded and mailed the Curlew, and who have volunteered to look after name tags, who have clipped newspapers, who have set up and taken down. Thanks to Sharon for doing the raffle. I was very nervous about taking over

the presidency of WBFN, especially after the super job done by Terry Stopps and Bob Short. But I am really having fun! It is the best "job" I have ever had and would recommend it to anyone who likes to learn a lot in a hurry and loves to work hard on worthwhile issues. The people who make it possible for me to look good when I stand in front of you are the members of your Executive. Bob continues to be a mentor. Bryan sees that I do things properly and pulls on the reins when I tilt at too many windmills. Simone takes me birdwatching and provides jelly donuts. Jeanette pays the bills, does the banking and keeps the membership list up to date. Petra has done a great job at ensuring minutes are done accurately and promptly and we are going to miss her cheery smile at our meetings. Thanks Petra and good luck. Bill Newell spent hours working with me on our background paper to Cameco regarding the Wesleyville Ravines. Jack Goering is leaving the Executive after many years of service. We will miss his wry wit and his thoughtful and informed presentation of issues. Thanks Jack. Joan Norris was also a director as well as our FON rep and very supportive of the club's initiatives. I'll miss your passion at our meetings. Russell keeps me smiling when I get too serious. John Geale has gone to extraordinary lengths to deliver documents to my house very early in the morning. Norma has entertained me endlessly about the history of the Club and Port Hope. Elizabeth and Roger help me keep things in perspective. Alison teaches me wonderful things every

time I go on an outing. I am grateful to Bruce for the work he has done on the Young Naturalist programme. I am most grateful for Louise Schmidt, who is the most organized person I know, and who walked into the job of programme coordinator without any hesitation and learned how to organize speakers at the drop of a hat. When I recently celebrated my 60th birthday, I invited all my "best friends." Sixty of them showed up, and among them were almost all of the above. It is a remarkable team and the club is in good shape as far as its leadership. Thanks everyone.

Of course the one on the list who is and will be the most missed is AK Sculthorpe. Her spirit informs our interests, as she was interested in everything. Her eagerness to teach and to learn, her generosity of spirit, her passion for the natural world, her love of all the people in her world - these are things we hold onto as we seek to continue and expand the work of the WBFN. This year we will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of Willow Beach Field Naturalists. As we go forward we will recall our past and take stock of where we are. Thank you all for your generosity of spirit and your kindness.

Respectfully submitted
Carole Payne, President

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

David & Micheline Beevis, Port Hope
William & Rohaise Nicholls Corbett &
Emony Nicholls, R.R. #1, Port Hope

Welcome back to:

Ron & Mary Ann Cooper, R.R. #4, Cobourg
Isobel Kirkpatrick, Port Hope

At the September 2002 General Meeting, WBFN recognized Hazel Bird for over thirty years of work on her Eastern Bluebird project. Following is the text of the tribute prepared by Lori Wensley for that occasion.

TRIBUTE TO HAZEL BIRD

by Lori Wensley

What a treat for me to be introducing Hazel Bird, someone whom I have admired and regarded very fondly for so many years. So many of us have walked up hill and down dale, scrambling over fences or crawling under – carrying ladders – and all the time trying to keep up with this diminutive but mighty woman who was always eager – always interested in everything in nature and everyone with her. Every plant she lovingly introduced us to, every bluebird she showed us – was as if she was seeing it herself with fresh senses.

Hazel probably began walking with a purpose when Gerry, 7 years younger than the youngest of her 6 other children, was old enough to trudge along with his mother. When Gerry was only 3 months, Hazel's husband died in an accident. So we have to realize what a positive, strong young woman she was to raise 7 children to productive and happy adults – and they are adults who are very caring of their mother. She can be very proud of them – and I know she is.

Hazel was an early member of WBFN and early in the club history, she and Audrey Wilson worked with young naturalists often on Saturday mornings at the Forest Centre. Hazel's children and their friends were often involved. There was also, for a time, a group of Young Senior Botanists. A local artist, Audrey Dagleish, taught them to sketch plants. Hazel began sketching too, and developing her own very real talent. She put together portfolios of sketches, and gave sketches to friends as gifts. The portfolios were helpful in her work at the Forest centres, and they are still available to enjoy.

Audrey remembers that the Centres were operating on a shoestring budget in

those early years, and Hazel had many creative ideas. Once, she picked up cardboard boxes that Macdonald's used for hamburgers and the children used tempura paint, pipecleaners, etc. to make Lady Beetles. The Rope Maze, remnants of which might still be found at the Centre on Telephone Road was Hazel's creation. Later on, when Audrey became Co-ordinator of the Board of Education Outdoor Centres, Hazel was the Naturalist teaching at the Laurie Lawson Centre on Telephone Road.

And lastly – a word about the Bluebird Project which we all know is Hazel's passion. Tree Swallows are tolerated but woe betide any House Sparrow who mistakes a bluebird nesting box for a sparrow nesting box!

In 1968, Hazel's interest in bluebirds, and her walks in the countryside around her home, led her to the realization that nesting holes were becoming scarcer. She decided to provide a few boxes for bluebirds. So, in Hazel fashion, she did some research, and also after her fashion, she enticed some friends, family, and Audrey's class at Burnham School. Together, they managed to construct (sometimes using lumber from old barns) and to erect 19 nesting boxes. That was almost 35 years ago. Hazel has contacted and dealt with a lot of landowners, and seen more changes than she might like in her area of Northumberland Hills since 1968. She tells me the peak year for numbers of nesting boxes was 1987 when she was monitoring 425 boxes. Some of us helped somewhat sporadically in those years, always benefiting more from our walks than we could possibly benefit Hazel (as long as we didn't follow her through the poison ivy which she blithely pays no heed to). In recent years, volunteers

are driving (and WBFN has provided some funding)...but there is absolutely no doubt that this has been Hazel's project from the beginning and throughout the years. She has never faltered, she has adjusted to challenges with her creativity and very positive attitude. She has been interviewed and written and talked about. She has met and walked with and helped some very learned and famous scientists and countless others over the years – and this Sunday, she just might be in a clip on a C.B.C. special.

She is still teaching and sharing her

knowledge and wisdom with larger groups such as WBFN on the Annual Bluebird Walk and Whip-poor-will Watch – or even with one person who wants to walk with her and her wonderful little companion dog, Sparkle – or “Spark”.

Hazel, we honour you tonight. We admire you. We love you. We are so proud that you are one of us.

Will you join me in showing Hazel just how much we love her.

The work continues!

BLUEBIRD ALERT

by Hazel Bird

In just a few weeks, the Eastern Bluebirds should be returning to their nesting grounds in the Harwood area, home of the Willow Beach Field Naturalists' Bluebird Project, so it is not too early to begin preparations for the routine box checking for another year so that the system runs smoothly.

Last year, the support from volunteers was unbelievably positive: helpers came from Cobourg, Port Hope and surrounding areas (one even from Peterborough!) and made each field trip enjoyable. We thank them all, club members and others, for their good work and welcome any 2002 veterans, as well as newcomers, who would like to spend some time in bluebird country this year.

Depending on the weather, box-checking should begin toward the end of March and continue through July. For more information, please contact Hazel Bird at 905-342-5218.

DEER CULL IN PRESQU'ILE PROVINCIAL PARK

A cull of the White-tailed Deer in Presqu'ile Provincial Park was carried out in January 2003. On behalf of WBFN, Bob Short contacted Don Tyerman, Biologist in the park, for more details. Prior to the cull, the estimated deer population was 275.

The MNR has a protocol for culling deer in Provincial Parks. It has been used successfully in Rondeau and Pinery. The protocol calls for the culling of 30% each winter until the population reaches the park's carrying capacity. In the case of Presqu'ile, this is in the 30 to 35 range. The formula is 6 to 7 deer per square kilometer and Presqu'ile is 5 square kilometers. Don wasn't sure how many annual culls it would take to reach the target number because of the potential effect of severe winters and the fact that, if the proportion of does to bucks gets out of line, the does may give birth to twins as opposed to a single. However, based on experience at Rondeau, fawns that had not been seen in the past 25 years started appearing after the third cull.

Prepared from e-mail correspondence from Bob Short.

Lake Ontario Mid-winter Waterfowl Inventory

by Roger Frost

On January 12, 2003, 8 Willow Beach Field Naturalist members participated in the Lake Ontario Mid-winter Waterfowl Inventory. Participants were Roger Frost, Elizabeth Kellogg, Alison Elliott, Bob Short, Rod Lee, Maureen Campeau, Clive Goodwin and Lori Wensley. This is the 13th year that the entire Canadian shoreline of Lake Ontario has been covered.

As usual, our group was responsible for covering the Lake Ontario shoreline from Wicklow Beach to Wesleyville. Deep snow limited us to areas that had road access down to the lake, so much of the lakeshore had little or no coverage. The species totals are listed below.

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| Double-crested Cormorant | 8 (off Chubb Pt.) |
| Trumpeter Swan | 5 (Cobourg Harbour-part of reintroduction project.) |
| Mute Swan | 4 |
| Greater White-fronted Goose | 2 (Cobourg Harbour. Only ones on entire count!) |
| Canada Goose | 2600 |
| American Black Duck | 65 |
| Mallard | 1753 |
| Northern Pintail | 1 (Peace Park in Cobourg) |
| Redhead | 40 |
| Greater Scaup | 168 |
| Lesser Scaup | 5 (Cobourg Harbour) |
| Long-tailed Duck | 204 |
| White-winged Scoter | 15 |
| Common Goldeneye | 1270 |
| Bufflehead | 218 |
| Hooded Merganser | 1 (off Lake St., PH) |
| Common Merganser | 46 |
| Red-breasted Merganser | 21 |
| Mallard X Black Duck Hybrid | 2 |

MEMBERSHIP DUES

This is a reminder that the Membership Dues in Willow Beach Field Naturalists are payable on an annual basis, and are due at the beginning of the calendar year. Please remit your dues at your earliest convenience, or bring your payment to the February meeting.

2003 marks the 50th year in which Ted McDonald has compiled the area sightings for WBFN. Thank you,

RECENT SIGHTINGS

compiled by Ted McDonald

| | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|
| Horned Grebe | Jan. 1 | 6 | Lucas Point | MB |
| | Jan. 9/14-15 | 2 | off Lakeshore Rd., Cob. | LW |
| Great Blue Heron | Jan. 6/8 | 1 | off Lakeshore Rd., Cob. | LW |
| Greater White-fronted Goose | Jan. 1-19 | 2 | Cobourg waterfront | CEG |
| Canada Goose | Jan. 1 | 500 | off Lakeshore Rd., Cob. | LW |

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| Great Horned Owl | Jan 8/26 | 1/2 | Woodvale School Rd PH Ward 2 | LS |
| | Jan 28 | 1 | downtown Cob (mobbed by crows) | MB |
| Short-eared Owl | Jan 4 | 1 | Cobourg Harbour on ice | CEG, M.Obs. |
| Belted Kingfisher | Jan 6 | 1 | foot of Brook Rd | BL |
| | Jan 7 | 1 | off Lakeshore Rd Cob | LW |
| | Jan 19 | 1 | Cobourg Harbour area | CEG |
| Red-bellied Woodpecker | Jan 17-31 | 1 | Victoria St S PH | MM |
| Hairy Woodpecker | Jan 31 | 1 | Ontario St N Cob | AEW |
| Northern Flicker | Jan 5 | 1 | n. of Colborne | JF, KB |
| | Jan 15 | 1 | Victoria St S PH | SP |
| | Jan 20 | 2 | Ganarask Forest | BW |
| | Jan 23 | 1 | Cobourg Harbour area | CEG |
| Northern Shrike | Jan 1 | 2 | Lakenort | MB |
| | Jan 10 | 1 | Garden Hill area | DW |
| American Crow | Jan 31 | 250 | Telephone Rd | MB |
| Common Raven | Jan 1-31 | 1 | Campbellcroft area | RT |
| | Jan 15 | 1 | Garden Hill area | DW |
| | Jan 27 | 2 | Northumberland Forest trail | AEW |
| Horned Lark | Jan 30 | 250 | Telephone Rd E | CEG |
| | Jan 31 | 24 | Telephone Rd E | AEW |
| Carolina Wren | Jan 1 | 1 | Chubb Point area | CEG |
| Winter Wren | Jan 29/Feb 3 | 1 | 6 th Line, Hamilton Twp. | JGe |
| Eastern Bluebird | Jan 9 | 10 | Jamieson Rd & 7 th PH Ward 2 | LS |
| | Jan 15 | 10 | Knoxville Rd & 6 th PH Ward 2 | SS |
| | Jan 18-27 | 5-8 | Jamieson Rd & 7 th PH Ward 2 | LS |
| | Jan 31 | 4 | Baltimore area | CEG |
| Hermit Thrush | Jan 2 | 1 | Haskill Rd PH Ward 2 | MB |
| | Jan 3-7 | 1 | Brook St S Cob | AB |
| American Robin | Jan 18/26 | 38/42 | Woodvale School Rd PH Ward 2 | LS |
| | Jan 21-31 | 100 | small scattered flocks | M.Obs., DW, AEW |
| | Jan 29 | 19 | Campbellcroft area | RT |
| | Jan 31 | 200+ | many flocks on Lakeshore Rd W | MB |
| Song Sparrow | Jan 1-31 | 1 | Colborne area feeder | JF |
| | Jan 2-27 | 1 | 6 th Line, Hamilton Twp | JGe |
| White-throated Sparrow | Jan 1-31 | 1 | Cobourg backyard | MB |
| | Jan 22 | 1 | feeder on Baulch Rd PH | MB |
| White-crowned Sparrow | Jan 18/19 | 1 | Jamieson Rd & 7 th PH Ward 2 | LS |
| Dark-eyed Junco | Feb 1 | 10 | Centennial Dr PH | ERM |
| Lanland Longspur | Jan 30/31 | 5/3 | Telephone Rd E | CEG |
| Snow Bunting | Jan 18 | 80 | Woodvale School Rd PH Ward 2 | LS |
| | Jan 25 | 125 | Garden Hill area | DW |
| | Jan 30 | 25 | Telephone Rd E | CEG |
| Common Grackle | Jan 1 | 1 | Densmore Rd Cob | CEG |
| | Jan 30 | 2 | Young St PH | NW |
| House Finch | Jan 1-14 | 12 | Lakeshore Rd Cob | LW |
| Brown-headed Cowbird | Jan 26 | 1 | Garden Hill area | DW |
| Common Redpoll | Jan 16 | 1 | n. of Colborne | JF |
| American Goldfinch | Jan 4-31 | 36 | Ontario St N Cob | AEW |
| Covote | Jan 25 | 2 | County Rd 10 s. of Perrytown | DW |
| Red Squirrel | Feb 1 | 1 | Young St PH | NW |
| Porcupine | Jan 24 | 1 | Northumberland Forest trail | AEW |
| Pvomy Shrew | Jan 25 | 1 | Northumberland Forest trail | AEW |
| Moose (cow) | Feb 3 | 1 | Port Hope north end, near Hwy #401 | M.Obs |

Observers: RA=Ruth Andrus; MB=Margaret Bain; BB=Bryan Baxter; LB=Louise Baxter; AB=Al Boisvert; KB=Kim Braat; AC=Alice Chenevert; GMCD=Geoff Dale; GD=Geoffrey DeLisle; JF=Jo Foster; RF=Roger Frost; JGe=John Geale; CEG=Clive Goodwin; EK=Elizabeth Kellogg; ; BL=Bill Logan; ERM=Ted McDonald; MM=Marlene Minaker; M.Obs.=Many Observers; BN=Bill Newell; SP=Sharon Pickering; LS=Louise Schmidt; TS=Ted Schmidt; SS=Sandy Segal; BS=Bob Short; PS=Paavo Siitam; VS=Viive Siitam; RT=Ruth Taylor; NW=Norma Wallace; BW=Ben Walters; DW=Dave Watkins; MW=Marie Watkins; LW=Lori Wensley; AEW=Audrey Wilson.

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The editor is most grateful to those who have contributed to this issue of the Curlew. Copy for the March 2003 issue should be received by February 28, 2003. Rare or interesting sightings should be reported to Ted McDonald (885-4764) or Norma Wallace (885-5552) for the March Curlew. Correspondence for WBFN should be addressed to: "The Willow Beach Field Naturalists, P.O. Box 421, Port Hope, ON L1A 3W4."



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