



## COMING EVENTS

•**Friday, March 28, 2003, 7:30 pm.** Location: Cobourg Public Library. **Speaker: Kevin Callan; Topic - Misadventures in a Canoe.** Kevin will be presenting, by way of slide and film, a number of paddling destinations throughout Ontario - ranging from a weekend on Charleston Lake to a ten day journey down the remote Steel River. His enthusiastic talk will surely enlighten and entertain both the seasoned paddler and the first-time lily dipper.

Kevin Callan is the author of several canoe guides, including Cottage Country Canoe Routes, Up The Creek, Gone Canoeing and Ontario's Lost Canoe Routes. His writing also appears on a regular basis in Explore, Seasons, Kanawa, Rapid and Bushwacker Magazine. Callan is a well-traveled guide, a popular speaker on canoeing topics, a frequent guest on radio and television, and his latest film work won in "the best of" category for the Bill Mason's Waterwalker Film Festival. When he's not out paddling, the author works as a part-time Environmental Issues Instructor at Sir Sandford Fleming College. He lives in Peterborough - the birthplace of the modern day canoe.

•**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.

•**Friday, April 25, 2003, 7:30 pm.** Location: District Health Unit, Rose Glen Road, Port Hope. **Speaker: Rick Beaver. Topic: Tallgrass Prairie Restoration**

**AND THE WINNER IS.....**

**Carol Lawless of Cobourg**

The draw for the framed Carling Curlew Print was held at the AGM on February 28, 2003. With much ado, including a piper, Graydon Bowman, who piped the picture into the hall and Brent Bowman who gave a satisfying drum roll to heighten tension as the ticket was selected, our guest speaker, Bill McIlveen drew the winning ticket. Since Carol Lawless was not present at the meeting, Simone Mérey phoned her on her cell phone to tell her of her good fortune. The print was delivered by Bryan Baxter.

After expenses, this event realized a profit of \$2,112.92! This will be used to bind three complete sets of the Curlew, one for Port Hope Library, one for Cobourg Library and one for the WBFN Archives (to correct information published previously).

Remaining funds will be placed in the property fund and will eventually become part of the seed money for the Land Trust.

Many thanks to all who purchased tickets and made this event a great success. Thanks are due also to Simone Mérey who organized the raffle, to Andy McLauchlan who borrowed a drum from which to draw the ticket and to Graydon and Brent for adding excitement to the draw.

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

Susanne Williams, Cobourg

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## 2002 BLUEBIRD REPORT - UPDATE #27

*by Hazel Bird*

The year 2002 will be remembered in Bluebird annals, for widespread weather-related record making and breaking. Also, on a smaller scale, the Village of Harwood and vicinity, home of the Willow Beach Field Naturalists' Bluebird project - made several new, impressive records.

Even before the first month had ended, "the warmest and least snowy January 27th on record" had been claimed, followed on January 29th by "warmest January since records began 153 years ago." Then, to top these two - on March 8th, it was "officially" announced that the 2001-2002 winter had been the warmest ever for Ontario and now - to break the warm spell - we can look ahead to the period between May 15th and 20th - for the coldest Victoria Day week since 1924!

The earliest bluebird sighting in the project territory was made on March 18th by C. and M. Comerford, followed by a slower than usual spring migrant return (from my notes: "April 24th - Bluebird nesting much behind the previous year - 2001 - to April 23 - 8 nests with eggs; 2002 - none.")

On March 25th the first round of box-checking began - a visual one to determine if all were up and in good condition. On April 10th, Tree Swallows arrived in large numbers and spread quickly throughout the farms, claiming most of the sites so that, by April 30th, few boxes could be found for the outnumbered bluebirds. Still they carried on into the summer as boxes became available - until a period of unseasonably cold, wet weather put all nesting activities on hold.

This was hardly the setting for a productive second brood but the weather improved and, as soon as the swallows had fledged (or had been unsuccessful) bluebirds came back in strong numbers from adjoining localities - with plenty of clean boxes in an extended season (lasting through August). The success rate was high and losses minimal.

Again this year, a large share of the field work was done by volunteers: taking care of transportation, walking the box trails (by choice) and - a welcome break for me - carrying the ladder. Our sincere thanks go to them as well as those WBFN members and others who made generous donations

to our nestbox fund. I am most grateful to the landowners who, since 1968, have permitted our groups to walk their fields freely and erect boxes. Without them, of course, there could be no viable project.

Through the season 13 participants made 68 checking trips from March 25th to the end of August: Colin Jones - 15, Marilyn Taylor - 14, Bill Henricks - 8, Louise Sofka - 7, Anna Erenst - 5, Alan Croxall (Peterborough) - 5 - including digging a post hole, Arlene and Don Willcock (Peterborough) - 4, Kelley Bird - 3, Sandy Mate - 3, Janice Street - 2, Steve Street - 1, Rae Waring - 1. (As usual, Spark, my faithful canine friend, enjoyed them all - to complete her 12th season of volunteering). Later, several members stayed on to take part in post-season "Bluebird Search" walks that lasted through the fall migration. Visitors accompanying drivers on checking trips: Barb Pellow, Marg. Bird, Anna Erenst, Richelle and Kristy Bird.

The weather was ideal - clear and warm - for the annual Bluebird Walk scheduled to take place on a new, bird-friendly farm near Harwood - but an inaccurate report in a local newspaper, giving the date as June 11th instead of the 10th, resulted in the lowest ever attendance - 12 (non-readers of that particular paper). However, we did have quality if not quantity and, within minutes of leaving the parking lot, bird sightings were already being called out and check-lists begun. I knew instinctively that this walk was going to be "for the birds". The group proceeded down a short lane, past active nestboxes and up a gradual slope to our first stop on a small "plateau". From this vantage point a large expanse of territory lay open in all directions for our viewing and along the southern boundary was an old wire fence - which proved to be the focal point for the rest of the outing.

Our timing was perfect for the last feeding of the day. Activity was at its peak and several birds had taken hunting positions on posts or along the upper wires. Bluebird males from two visible, active boxes began early, perching on the post tops to watch the ground below, dropping down suddenly to capture moving insects - then back to the boxes to feed their hungry young. The process

was repeated many times and, while this was taking place, for almost an hour, numerous sightings of other birds were being announced by enthusiastic birders. There was great co-operation in the group as experienced members spotted and identified the birds as they flew in to perch on posts or choice positions along the wires. At times every post had an occupant. Some birds, flying over and around us, kept the group busy trying to track and identify each one as it came into range.

When the pre-planned time came for moving on to the next stop the consensus was "Where could we find anything better than this? Let's stay here." - and we did - birding until the time was up - and leaving with a gratifying count of 20 bird species: Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Eastern Meadowlark, Cedar Waxwing, Eastern Phoebe, Mourning Dove, American Robin, Eastern Kingbird, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Common Nighthawk, Savannah Sparrow, Barn Swallow, Song Sparrow, American Crow, Eastern Bluebird, Bobolink, Red-winged Blackbird, Common Grackle, European Starling, Tree Swallow and Chipping Sparrow. Then we were off to the usual Whip-poor-will stop for the final entertainment of the evening - birding while the daylight lasted - adding 3 species - and enjoying a casual, ongoing buffet from the back of a van. In the dusk, the first Whip-poor-will called at 9:10; the last was seen at 9:45, in the middle of the road in front of the last departing vehicle. Check-list: Veery, Hermit Thrush and Whip-poor-will.

**Side Interests:** *by Louise Sofka*

It was a hot, humid Saturday in July last summer - one of those days when you are forced to take it easy. I was just admiring a beautiful potted, yellow rose with my husband when we noticed what appeared to be a snake lying motionless at the edge of the lane, about two feet from our toes. Our young dog was with us and hadn't even become excited by it.

As we stood around trying to decide whether it was dead or alive, my husband gently turned the snake over with a stick; it seemed to be dead. We walked away and I kept an eye on it. After about half a minute it slowly - very slowly - slithered back into the long grass near the woodpile and the daylilies.

We quite often see garter snakes in the field sloping down to the stream, on the grassy pathways and sometime in the moist gravel in the glass

'greenhouse', but this snake didn't look or behave like a garter snake. They usually slither away quickly and gracefully. Our sleepy friend had blurred brown, round rings or blotches, on a lighter brown, 'fat' body. I did not see the whole snake at first as it was lying partly on the lawn and partly in the long grass. I did see its head but could not say whether or not it had a 'hog' nose. The body did not seem long.

We decided that it must have been enjoying the extra moisture in the grass near the potted rose bush. This area was in the lacy, semi-shade of locust trees through most of the afternoon - a good place to be! Hazel Bird said that the 'playing dead' behaviour is typical of the Eastern Hognose Snake.

**Side Interests** - *cont'd. by Hazel*

On June 13th an interesting notation in my daily records stated simply: "Southeast of Box 39, four little foxes were playing quite close to us as we walked along the trail. Fortunately, neither Spark nor the young family was aware of the other because of the thick growth of vegetation around them." On a later check, July 16, Marilyn Taylor and I approached the same location, idly wondering whether those little fox pups would still be there or, being older, may have moved away. The answer was soon to come. On the way to #39 we saw, 50 or 60 feet in front of us, the head of a large animal stretching up from behind the tall grass, with his sharp eyes fixed intently on us. After a few minutes he began circling around the area, in plain sight, disappearing briefly to mount a higher observation post - to stare at us again before resuming the patrol. We could not be certain if we were seeing more than one adult but at this point we did know that our "foxes" were coyotes! As the adult came in our direction, Spark, as is her habit, wagged her tail and advanced to meet and inspect this new 'dog' - only to be met by a snarl and a snap of his teeth in her face. Immediately a deafening uproar broke out as coyotes young and old burst into a bone-chilling chorus of yips, yaps, barks and howls - but Spark had already left the scene - retreating at full speed to her human friends and the reassuring security of her leash. We did complete the checking round - but very quietly, by making a wide detour - with Spark walking contentedly between us.

**NOTE:** The pronoun "he" has been used because of the male behavior of the adult.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2002**

Balance forward from December 31, 2002 \$1,385.86

**Receipts:**

Donations: C. Jones	\$27.00	
A. Johnstone	\$25.00	
K. & S. Bebee	\$25.00	
A. Erenst	\$25.00	
A. & I. Crutzen	\$20.00	
A. Johnstone	\$25.00	
N. Wallace	\$30.00	
Life Membership - H.B.	<u>\$18.00</u>	
Total Receipts		\$195.00

**Expenses:**

Labout - digging, moving, box repair		
numerous catch-up checks, gas	<u>\$326.00</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>\$326.00</u>
Excess expenses over receipts		<u>\$ 131.00</u>
<b>Balance on hand December 31, 2002</b>		<b>\$1,254.86</b>

**STATISTICS:**

	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>
First bluebird sighting - C. & M. Comerford		Mar. 18
	Apr. 7	
My first bluebird sighting	Mar. 29	
First egg found	Apr. 30	Apr. 19
First young found - C. & M. Comerford	May 22	May 10
First nest fledged	June 17 (4)	May 30
Number of nesting starts	54	63
Non-successes	6	14
Number of nests fledged	48	49
Number of boxes in use	114	115
Number of checking rounds	7+	8+
Nests with 6 eggs	0	1
Nests with white eggs	1	1
Presumed egg or young losses: 6 - House Sparrow - 3; weather - 1 (3 large feathered young dead); House Wren - 1; Tree Swallow - 1.		
<u>Tree Swallows:</u> 1st sighting - April 10; 1st egg - May 20; No. of nests fledged - 54.		

**Bluebird Observations:**

Late summer and fall: all in Harwood area - Sept. 15th to 23rd - flocks of 15, 12-15, 8, seen by A. Erenst, P. Shaw, A. Willcock, M. Taylor, H. Bird. Oct. 23 to 30th - 9, 3, 3 - seen by C. Jones, J. Nielsen. Nov. 12 - 10 - A. Taylor, R. Webb, E. Warburton, B. MacRae, A. Erenst, P. Shaw.

**Bluebird Sightings reported from outlying areas:**

(Several observers) - Castleton, Baltimore, Garden Hill.

Nests fledged - Larry Bird - 1; Wayne Curtis - (4-5E); Doug Watkins - 2; Unsuccessful nestings - 1.

In 2002, beginning in early autumn frequent bluebird sightings were made by many observers around a secluded, sheltered location south of Harwood, tucked away among dense growths of sumac, buckthorn and hawthorn bushes, wild apple trees and tangles of wild grapevines - habitat providing both security and an ample food supply. Randy Bird, whose property adjoins this natural wildlife haven, reports regularly on bluebird activities. These observations peaked in December - from his house, garden and pond areas - with the highest single count of 10 bluebirds, also 30-40 robins, on Christmas Day - a record for overwinterers. Very soon new sightings were being reported in or near the village, indicating that the population was spreading in many directions and it became impracticable to try to record individual sightings because of the real possibility of duplication.

However, some interesting observations were made from a few activity centres: During January, 2003, at a house not far away, at least 16 bluebirds were seen regularly on the roof and dropping down to feed in the window well. At a village home on County Road 18 on January 20 at least 11 were feeding from flat rocks along the edge of an artesian well stream and in shrubs outside the house window. On January 21, at the nearby Fish Culture Station, 8 or more were observed frequently, with hordes of robins, around the sunny, south side of the building where crab-apple trees, still heavily laden with fruit, were the main attraction. On the same day (a cold one) a brightly-coloured male came to look through my kitchen window from a nearby tree. NOTE: Further bluebird news will be followed up for inclusion in the 2003 Bulletin #28.

**September 30, 2002 - 9 a.m.:** As the cool weather of early morning gave way to bright, warm, sunshine, Colin Jones and I started out on our Bluebird Search - a patrol of the open fields where for years the annual Bluebird Walks had taken place. After only a few minutes of walking we stopped abruptly, hardly believing what we were seeing. The sky and fields around us were suddenly alive with bluebird activity in pairs, small groups and larger flocks, numbering from 3 to 28 - all restlessly moving about flying low overhead, feeding from the ground, on old mullein stalks, alighting on posts and low bushes, on and in a bluebird nestbox - all the while keeping in touch by sweet, musical notes of the migration calls - heard from all directions. Our challenge then was not only to count bluebirds but to arrive at a reasonably accurate assessment (and we believe we did) while methodically covering each open field. About an hour later we left for home - with a total of 73 - a new Project record. In all the years of bluebirding on that farm, this was by far the highest count made at any stop - and in a very short time period.



**Willow Beach Field Naturalists  
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**A NOTE FROM THE EDITORS:**

You will have noticed that the last issue of the *Curlew* had a slightly different format and no envelope. After many conversations with Canada Post, our President, Carole Payne, was able to determine that WBFN could qualify for bulk mailing rates, provided we sorted each mailing by postal code before taking it to the post office. Since we were already sorting each mailing anyway because of a certain number of hand-delivered copies, this did not seem to be a major problem.

The new rate allows us to mail the *Curlew* without an envelope. It also allows us to make each issue a little longer, without increased postage costs. This now allows us to publish a little more information for you without making the print size so small that you have to read it with a magnifying glass.

Thank you to Carole for dealing with this issue for us.

If anyone would be able to help with folding, taping, runs to the post office or hand-deliveries around your neighbourhood, please contact Carole at 905-885-6135.

*Elizabeth Kellogg  
and  
Norma Wallace  
Co-editors*

**Doug Tarry Young Ornithologist's Workshop**

The 2003 Young Ornithologist's Workshop will be held at Long Point Bird Observatory from 1 August to 8 August. This intensely-packed week of activities focuses on field ornithology and includes bird banding, censusing, field identification, birding field trips, guest lectures, and much more!

Come make new friends from across the country with similar interests in the world of birds. Six lucky applicants (ages 13-17) will be selected for the Doug Tarry Bird Study Awards and recipients will have all expenses (except travel costs) paid.

Applications are due by 1 May 2003. For additional information and an application form, contact: Landbirds Programs Coordinator at Bird Studies Canada (e-mail: [lpbo@bsc-eoc.org](mailto:lpbo@bsc-eoc.org)), or visit the BSC web site ([www.bsc-eoc.org/lpbo/yow.html](http://www.bsc-eoc.org/lpbo/yow.html)).



## EVENTS OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

**Wednesday, March 26, 7 p.m.**, Trinity United Church, Cobourg, corner of Division of Chapel Streets. **A Pesticide By-law Forum. Should Cobourg have a Pesticide Ban By-Law?** Speakers are from the City of Guelph, Canadian Environmental Law Association, Physicians for a pesticide free Ontario. Alternatives to pesticides. Sponsored by Cobourg Environmental Advisory Committee.

**April 10-14: Burning for a Butterfly.** Learn about traditional Anishnabek values by assisting with prairie and savanna restoration. The age old prescribed burn technique will be applied, weather permitting, on April 12th. For more information, contact Rick Beaver at 905-352-2402, or [sweetg@eagle.ca](mailto:sweetg@eagle.ca).

**Saturday, April 26: Pitch In Cobourg Day.** Come to Victoria Hall, 9 a.m. and be assigned an area in Cobourg to help clean up by picking up garbage left by the winds of winter. Or decide on your own Pitch In project and just let the town know at 905-372-4555. The town will provide free garbage pickup from designated areas. Sponsored by Cobourg Environmental Advisory Committee.

Throughout the year at Presqu'ile Provincial Park. **NatureWorks Workshops.** Check the **Friends of Presqu'ile** web site, [www.friendsofpresquile.on.ca](http://www.friendsofpresquile.on.ca) for full descriptions of the new and continuing workshops. Fee is charged, which includes entry into the park.

### Monarch Butterfly Population Recovering

Researchers have found that North America's Monarch Butterflies have at least partially recovered from last year's devastating mass die-off in their overwintering sites. The findings were announced jointly on Feb. 13/03 by the Mexican Government, WWF and the Monarch Butterfly Sanctuary Foundation, and reported in the New York Times on Feb. 14/03. Data collected show that the colonies occupy an area of about 8 hectares, or nearly 20 acres. The average area occupied from 1993-2001 has been 9.6 hectares. Sadly, researchers witnessed illegal logging activities in the core zone of the reserve, in addition to heavy cutting in parts of the buffer zone.

*e-mail from Don Davis*

### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

- Russell Lake** created a display about Peter's Woods and took it to the re-opening of the re-furbished Alwick/Haldimand Municipal Building on Feb. 15/03.
- At this same event, **Barry King** was presented with an Ontario Heritage Foundation award for his "continuing quest to highlight our heritage buildings for the public at large."
- Congratulations to new grandparents, **Bill McCarthy and Nicole Corbeil**.
- Our sympathy goes out to **Jim Hamilton**, whose wife, Jean, passed away on Monday, March 17, 2003.

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

## RECENT SIGHTINGS

*compiled by Ted McDonald*

Trumpeter Swan	Feb. 21	5	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Redhead	Feb. 8	250 (high)	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Feb. 9	30+	Cobourg Harbour	MB
Ring-necked Duck	Feb. 1	2	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
White-winged scoter	Feb. 9-23	4	Cobourg Harbour	MB
	Feb. 21	12	Cobourg Harbour	MB
Bald Eagle	Feb. 18	1	over Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Sharp-shinned Hawk	all month	1 ad.	Cobourg backyard	MB
	Feb. 12	1 ad.	Cobourg Harbour area	CEG
	Feb. 15	1	Jamieson Rd. & 7 <sup>th</sup> , PH	LS
Cooper's Hawk	all month	1 imm.	Cobourg backyard &	MB
	Feb. 14	1	Hamilton Rd. PH	ERM
	Feb. 15/17	1 imm.	Cobourg Harbour area	CEG
	Feb. 15	1	Jamieson Rd. & 7 <sup>th</sup> , PH	LS
Ruffed Grouse	Feb. 15	1	Northumberland Forest	AEW
	Feb. 21	2	Jamieson Rd. & 6 <sup>th</sup> , PH	LS
Wild Turkey	Feb. 15	31	Woodvale School Rd., PH	LS
Glaucous Gull	Feb. 1	7 (high)	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Feb. 22	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Short-eared Owl	Feb. 13	1	Lakeshore Rd. &	MB
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Feb. 16	1	Sherbourne St., PH	AM
Downy Woodpecker	Feb. 8	1	Lakeshore Rd W. PH	JGo
Northern Shrike	Feb. 24	1	Jamieson Rd. & 7 <sup>th</sup> , PH	LS
Blue Jay	Feb. 7	2	Lakeshore Rd W. PH	JGo
	Feb. 19	40	Baltimore/	JL
Common Raven	Feb. 6/18	2/1	Northumberland Forest	AEW
	Feb. 27	2	Dartford	CEG
Black-capped Chickadee	Feb. 1-13	4	Lakeshore Rd.W., PH	JGo
Red-breasted Nuthatch	Jan. 1-28	1	Lakeshore Rd W. PH	JGo
White-breasted Nuthatch	Jan.1-Feb. 4	1	Lakeshore Rd.W., PH	JGo
	Feb. 16	3	Cobourg backyard	MB

Sightings - cont'd.

Eastern Bluebird	Feb. 19	2	Baltimore/	JL
	Feb. 22	2	Jamieson Rd. & 7 <sup>th</sup> , PH	LS
	throughout Jan.	15	Harwood	RB
Hermit Thrush	Feb. 21	1	Cunningham Rd.	CEG
American Robin	Feb. 9	8	Cobourg	GD
	Feb. 21	6	Dunegan Park, Cob.	BL
Cedar Waxwings	March 7	24	Short St. & Lakeshore	SP
Horned Lark	Feb. 16	50+	Roadside flocks –	MB
	Feb. 23/24	21	Woodvale School Rd. &	LS
American Tree Sparrow	Feb. 11	40	Jamieson Rd. & 7 <sup>th</sup> , PH	LS
	Feb. 1-17	20	Kennedy Rd. Camborne	BE
	Feb. 22	58	Jamieson Rd. & 7 <sup>th</sup> , PH	LS
<b>Savannah Sparrow</b>	Feb. 27, 28	1	Cobourg Harbour	MB
Song Sparrow	Jan. 1-Feb. 13	1	Lakeshore Rd W. PH	JGo
	Feb. 27	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
White-throated Sparrow	Feb. 1-8	1	Cobourg backyard since	MB
Dark-eyed Junco	Jan. 1-Feb. 13	10	Lakeshore Rd W. PH	JGo
Snow Bunting	Feb. 23/24	100	Woodvale School Rd. &	LS
Northern Cardinal	Feb. 1-13	2	Lakeshore Rd W. PH	JGo
	Feb. 20	2	Ontario St., Cob.	AEW
Purple Finch	Feb. 18	25+	n. of Colborne	JF, KB
American Goldfinch	Feb. 1-28	36 max.	Ontario St., Cob.	AEW
	Feb. 9	8	Cobourg	GD
Common Redpoll	Feb. 1	2	n. of Colborne	JF
Red Fox	Feb. 13	1	Lakeshore Rd W. PH	JGo
	Feb. 17	1	Kennedy Rd., Camborne	BE
Coyote	Feb. 15	1 – eyeing the Wild	Woodvale School Rd., PH	LS

**Observers:** MB=Margaret Bain; RB=Randy Bird; KB=Kim Braat; GD=Geoffrey DeLisle; BE=Barbara Evans; JF=Jo Foster; CEG=Clive Goodwin; JGo=Jack Goering; BL=Bill Logan; JL=John Lyons; AM=Andy McLauchlan; ERM=Ted McDonald; SP=Sharon Pickering; LS=Louise Schmidt; AEW=Audrey Wilson.

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