

COMING EVENTS

•**January 30, 2004, 7:30 p.m. Cobourg Public Library**

SPEAKER: Clive Goodwin, WBFN

TOPIC: Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas

Clive will talk about birds and habitats in Northumberland County and hopes to give those participating in the Atlas some idea of the results so far.

•**Saturday, January 31, 2004, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Gulls and Waterfowl in Local Harbours.** Join other birders to view flocks of gulls and waterfowl on Port Hope and Cobourg Harbours. Meet by the Port Hope Yacht Club at 1 p.m. or join in on the east pier of Cobourg Harbour at 2 p.m. Wear extremely warm clothes and bring binoculars and/or scopes. Call Alison Elliott for information at (905) 797-2584.

•**Friday, February 27, 2004, 7:30 p.m. HKPR District Health Unit office, Rose Glen Rd., Port Hope**

SPEAKER: Ted Cheskey, Federation of Ontario Naturalists

Ted Cheskey is the Ontario Provincial Coordinator of the Important Bird Areas 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'île, Napanee Plains, James Bay.

ORDER YOUR MEMENTO OF WBFN'S 50TH

Brenda Beck of Soft Science has produced a video of Willow Beach Field Naturalists 50th Anniversary party. She has made it available on video or DVD format. To place your order, contact Carole Payne at 905-885-6135 or bookbind@eagle.ca by **February 1**. Cost is \$20.00. Thank you, Brenda, for volunteering your company's services for this project.

NORTHUMBERLAND BIRD RECORDS ON THE WEB

Clive Goodwin has, over the past several years, been creating a data base of bird sightings for Northumberland County. Those readers who attended the 50th Anniversary Celebration were able to see these records through a display of tables, photographs and text which he displayed at this event. Now, with the computer help of Steven Furino, this data base available on-line at: http://homepage.mac.com/wings_4d/bonc/bonc_index.html

This is an on-going project, which will be updated periodically.

Thank you Clive, Joy and Steven, for creating this valuable tool and making it available to anyone interested in the bird life of the area.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Welcome back to

Kathryn McHolm, Welcome

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The editor is most grateful to those who have contributed to this issue of the Curlew. Copy for the February 2004 issue should be received by January 31, 2004. Rare or interesting sightings should be reported to Ted McDonald (885-4764) or Norma Wallace (885-5552) for the February Curlew.

Correspondence for WBFN should be addressed to: "The Willow Beach Field Naturalists, P.O. Box 421, Port Hope, ON L1A 3W4."

PORT HOPE-COBOURG CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT 2003

The 2003 Port Hope-Cobourg Christmas Bird Count was held on Saturday, December 20th. The 41 participants and 5 feederwatchers recorded over 18,000 birds of 76 species. This was 4 species more than last year, but still less than the record 81 species in 2001. The only new species recorded was a Baltimore Oriole reported at a feeder in Port Hope. Other highlights were Double-crested Cormorant, Merlin, Common Snipe, Hermit Thrush, Bohemian Waxwing, Eastern Towhee and White-crowned Sparrow. Record high counts were Sharp-shinned Hawk (13), Mallard (3567), Red-bellied Woodpecker (3), Dark-eyed Junco (1245).

After the count, the participants enjoyed a pot luck dinner at Canton United Church.

Roger Frost, Compiler

Species	Total	Species	Total
Horned Grebe	2	Red-bellied Woodpecker	3
Double-crested Cormorant	1	Downy Woodpecker	83
Great Blue Heron	2	Hairy Woodpecker	52
Canada Goose	2160	Northern Flicker	2
American Black Duck	69	Pileated Woodpecker	6
Mallard	3567	Horned Lark	7
Northern Pintail	1	Blue Jay	401
Redhead	180	American Crow	1504
Greater Scaup	270	Black-capped Chickadee	1000
Lesser Scaup	20	Red-breasted Nuthatch	28
White-winged Scoter	CW	White-breasted Nuthatch	108
Oldsquaw	196	Brown Creeper	2
Common Goldeneye	370	Golden-crowned Kinglet	1
Bufflehead	147	Hermit Thrush	2
Common Merganser	6	American Robin	32
Red-breasted Merganser	115	Bohemian Waxwing	1
Northern Harrier	1	Cedar Waxwing	201
Sharp-shinned Hawk	13	Northern Shrike	9
Cooper's Hawk	7	European Starling	1740
Northern Goshawk	CW	Northern Cardinal	65
Red-tailed Hawk	56	Eastern Towhee	2
Rough-legged Hawk	5	American Tree Sparrow	528
American Kestrel	4	Chipping Sparrow	3
Merlin	1	Song Sparrow	14
Ruffed Grouse	10	White-throated Sparrow	8
Wild Turkey	20	White-crowned Sparrow	1
Common Snipe	1	Slate-colored Junco	1245
Bonaparte's Gull	CW	Snow Bunting	228
Ring-billed Gull	626	Red-winged Blackbird	14
Herring Gull	253	Rusty Blackbird	4
Iceland Gull	1	Brown-headed Cowbird	176
Glaucous Gull	2	Blackbird Sp.	100
Great Black-backed Gull	52	Baltimore Oriole	1
Rock Dove	756	Purple Finch	8
Mourning Dove	520	House Finch	164
Eastern Screech-Owl	1	Common Redpoll	116
Great Horned Owl	8	Pine Siskin	13
Barred Owl	1	American Goldfinch	438
Northern Saw-whet Owl	3	Evening Grosbeak	4
Belted Kingfisher	7	House Sparrow	621
		Total Species	76
		Total Individuals	18389

PETER'S WOODS MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONAL REPORT 2003

VISITORS

Registered visitors totalled 1420, up by 360 from last year, probably due to the new signage. The increase was primarily in local and Ontario visitors whose numbers increased by 250. Many people continued to visit the site after the official closing on November 1, when the gate was closed and locked.

MONTHLY DISTRIBUTION

May	209	July	247	September	221
June	172	August	144	October	427

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION

898 local visitors (within 1 hour drive)
437 other Ontario visitors
20 other Canadian visitors
21 United States visitors
44 visitors from other countries

GROUP VISITORS

Huronian Woodland Owners Association
2nd Stirling Guides
Club 39 Roseneath
Colborne Cub/Scouts

SCIENTIFIC STUDIES

WBFN Summer Bird Census
Forest Bird Monitoring

VOLUNTEER EFFORTS

Five people attended the opening on May 4: Walked trail clearing debris, placed dead branches at trail corners to keep walkers on the trail.
Three volunteers were at the closing on November 1. A chain saw was used to remove two trees that had fallen on the trail earlier in October.
Twenty-three volunteers totalled approximately 70 hours regularly checking, cleaning, providing supplies, cutting grass, etc.

COMMENTS

Willow Beach Field Naturalists provided \$65.00 for photocopies of 350 Trail Guides, which was similar to last year.
New "Visitor Register" will be required next year.
New trail guides are being prepared for next year.
It is expected that 500 guides per year will be required.
Opening is scheduled for May 1, 2004 and closing November 6, 2004.

submitted by Rusell Lake

OWL BANDING AT CANDLEWICK WOODS – 2003

by Roger Frost

This was the seventh season for owl banding at Candlewick Woods. It was also the most successful so far, with a total of 111 Northern Saw-whet Owls banded. Candlewick Woods is a small woodlot on the north shore of Lake Ontario about 4 km west of Port Hope. On 17 nights between September 30 and November 8, banding attempts were made, resulting in 96.5 hour of banding effort. Although this is only one more night than last year, it is 22 hours more effort than in 2002. This is because there were 6 all night attempts, as compared with only 2 in 2002.

As in previous years, the owls were attracted into the nets using a tape recording of Northern Saw-whet Owl calls. The calls were broadcast from a speaker hung about 6.5 feet up in a White Cedar tree, which was surrounded by a triangle of 3 – 2 3/8” mesh 40’ mist nets.

This was the first season where over 100 owls were banded. The previous high was 88 owls in 2001. It also took a record effort to band the 111 Saw-whets. The 96.5 hours was the largest in the seven years of this project. This produced a capture rate of 1.15 owls/hour, which was well above last year’s rate of 0.86 owls/hour. It however, was well below the record rate of 1.56 owls/hour in 2001.

Most Ontario owl banding stations experienced near record flights of Northern Saw-whet Owls in 2003. Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory banded well over 800 Saw-whets. Oddly, this big flight was not recorded by the stations to our south in the United States, where many stations reported below average numbers.

The record number of owls banded at Candlewick was due to several factors. Certainly the large amount of effort was the biggest reason. However, having many nights

with good migration conditions (north or north-west winds) and a lot of owls migrating, also helped.

On 5 nights, 10 or more owls were banded. All of these were on all night efforts. Two nights tied for the high, with 17 Saw-whets apiece. These were Oct. 22/23 and Nov. 1/2.

This year’s flight was at somewhat later dates than in previous years. Twenty-eight Saw-whets were banded in 3 nights in November, compared to 10 owls on 10 nights over the previous six years. This was probably due to a prolonged period of wet weather in the last week of October which probably delayed the migration.

Unlike last year, the 2003 flight was dominated by young birds. Seventy-three (65.8%) Saw-whets were hatch-year birds and 38 (34.2%) were after-hatch-year. Last year, 53% of the birds were HY and 47% were AHY. This probably is a reflection of a better breeding season in 2003.

The sex ratio was somewhat different this year. Females still made up the bulk of the flight, with 82 birds (73.9%). The 11 males captured made up only 9.9% and the 19 birds of unknown sex were 17.1% of the total. Both the percentage of females and males went up, compared to 2002 when 70% were female and 5% were male. The percentage of birds in which sex could not be determined as substantially less this year: 17% compared to 25% in 2002. The differences in sex ratios may be more a result of our ability to better age the owls than any actual change in the proportion of the sexes.

In addition to the Saw-whets banded, two others were recaptured with foreign bands. So far, we have information on only one of them. Northern Saw-whet Owl #0924-06564 was banded at Prince Edward Point on

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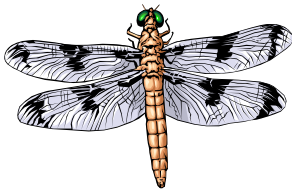
October 23, 2003 and was recaptured at Candlewick Woods on November 1, 2003. This was the opposite direction of movement than last year, when Prince Edward captured 4 Candlewick birds.

Two Candlewick banded birds were recaptured elsewhere. NSW0 #0614-19871 was banded October 13, 2002 at Candlewick and was recaptured in York County, Pennsylvania on November 10, 2003. This bird was also recaptured at Prince Edward Point in 2002! NSW0 #1253-89527 was banded on October 2, 2003 at Candlewick and was recaptured at Long Point Bird Observatory, Long Point, Ontario on October 23, 2003. With a new owl banding station starting up in Tommy Thompson Park in Toronto, it is likely that even more Candlewick birds will be recovered.

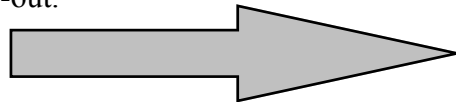
Two Long-eared Owls were also banded at Candlewick this season. These were the first Long-eared Owls captured since

a single bird in 1997, the very first year of the project. A boom in the local vole population probably played a part in attracting the Long-eareds to the netting area. Through the late fall and early winter, the old fields adjacent to Candlewick had numbers of Northern Harriers, Red-tailed Hawks, Rough-legged Hawks, Long-eared Owls, and Short-eared Owls hunting them. Great Horned Owls were heard on only a few nights this season, and an Eastern Screech Owl was heard on only one night.

Thanks to Bob Sculthorpe for again allowing the use of Candlewick Woods for this project. Also, a big thanks to Louise and Ted Schmidt and Graydon Bowman for helping clear net lanes and erect nets at the start of the season. Graydon also assisted in taking down the nets at the end of the season.



The guest speaker at the November General Meeting, Colin Jones, prepared a checklist of Odonata (dragonflies and damselflies) which might be expected to occur in Northumberland County. For the convenience of members who might be interested, we have published it on the next four pages as a pull-out.



RECENT RECOVERIES FOR THE WILLOW BEACH BANDING GROUP

American Kestrel #1373-05219, banded as a nestling on Jasper Martin Rd., Hamilton Twp. by Bill Newell on July 3, 2002. Found dead at Greens Fork, Indiana on October 8, 2002.

House Wren #2280-80513, banded as a nestling at Lakeshore Rd. near Brand Rd., Port Hope Ward 2 by Elizabeth Kellogg on June 25, 2002. Found dead by Louise Schmidt on 7th Line near Jamieson Rd., Port Hope Ward 2 on June 24, 2003.

The following incident was brought to the Editors' attentions from several sources. Since Elizabeth subscribes to the OntBirds mailing list, we are printing the text of the e-mail posted by Willie D'Anna of Niagara Falls, New York on January 3, 2004. A few days earlier, he had posted sightings from the U.S. side of the Niagara River because he didn't want to deal with the long line-ups at the border crossing. On their web page in an article dated January 4, 2004, Channel 7 News: (WKBW-TV) titled the incident:

Homeland Security Scare at the Peace Bridge

If you are planning to bird the Niagara River on the American side, then you need to read this.
NOTE: this is not a joke!

Today, Dean DiTommaso and I walked Bird Island Pier in Buffalo, in search of the recently reported Willet. Bird Island Pier starts at Squaw Island and runs south, parallel to the NY shore and 200 yards out. It crosses under the Peace Bridge (the bridge between the US and Canada) and continues for a total one-way length of about 1.5 to 2 miles. We were a little beyond the very end of the pier, studying the Willet for some five minutes, when three Buffalo Police Officers walked up to the end of the pier. One drew his gun and shouted to us, "Put your hands in the air and walk slowly toward us!" He then repeated his demand. We left our scopes where they were and did as ordered.

Apparently, someone reported that two people were filming the Peace Bridge. Obviously, we were not but is that a crime? (Rhetorical question.) We eased their concerns very quickly after providing ID and telling them what we were doing. Nevertheless, they told us that we had to go back to the beginning of the pier with them because there were people there who wanted to talk to us. Upon returning to the start of the pier, we noticed about 8 vehicles, mostly Buffalo P.D. but also the Border Patrol and perhaps some unmarked vehicles. Meanwhile, the Coast Guard was patrolling the water keeping an eye on us during the entire affair. All told, there were probably 15 law enforcement personnel involved. We were also told that the FBI was on the way.

After waiting some 45 more minutes, they requested to search my vehicle. Since I wanted to get out of there and continue birding on this fine weather day, I let them. Finally, they decided we could go. But first, we had to go through the TV interview - Channel 7.

The Border Patrol gave me a card, suggesting that birders phone them when they are going to be out on the pier or anywhere near one of the international bridges. Obviously, you don't have to do this since you have every right to bird but it could save you some hassle. (It's the scopes that make them nervous.) Here are the numbers:

Border Patrol:
Local - (716) 447-3942
Toll-free - (800) 331-0353
Email - BPBuffalo@dhs.gov

Good birding!

Willie

RECENT SIGHTINGS

compiled by Ted McDonald

Common Loon	Oct 24	92	off Lakeshore Rd. Cob	LW
	Nov 3	650+	Chubb Point	MB
	Nov 3	2000+	between Chubb Point & Monk's Bay	MB
	Nov 29	1	off Lakeshore Rd. Cob	LW
Horned Grebe	Nov 6	40+	Lucas Point. Cob	MB
	Nov 12	27	off Lakeshore Rd. Cob	LW
	Dec 10	10	Lucas Point. Cob	MB
	Dec 15	2	off Lakeshore Rd. Cob	LW
Red-necked Grebe	Nov 3	2	Chubb Point	MB
Double-crested Cormorant	Nov 7	1	off Lakeshore Rd. Cob	LW
	Dec 26-Jan 6	1	Port Hone vacht basin	M.Obs
Great Blue Heron	Nov 6	1	off Lakeshore Rd. Cob	LW
Black-crowned Night Heron	Dec 1	1	s. of Colborne	JF
Turkey Vulture	Dec 1	1 ad.	Lakenort. on frozen deer carcass	MB
Brant	Oct 28	7	off Lakeshore Rd. Cob	LW
	Nov 5	20	foot of D'Arcy St. Cob	MB
	Nov 6	4	Lucas Point	MB
	Nov 23	9	off Lakeshore Rd. Cob	LW
Snow Goose	Dec 1	1	Cobourg Harbour	RH
Mute Swan	Nov 12	1	off Lakeshore Rd. Cob	LW
	Dec 26	7	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Tundra Swan	Nov 6	26	flying east high over Cobourg Harbour	MB
	Nov 10	1	Cobourg Harbour	MB
Wood Duck	Nov 5	1f	foot of D'Arcy St. Cob	MB
Gadwall	Nov 15	5	Garden Hill Pond	RF
	Dec 6	2	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
American Wigeon	Nov 25	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Black Duck	Dec 9	9	off Lakeshore Rd. Cob	LW
Mallard	Nov 15	700	Garden Hill Pond	RF
	Dec 8	365	off Lakeshore Rd. Cob	LW
Northern Pintail	Nov 12	1f	Garden Hill Pond	MB
	Nov 15	14	Garden Hill Pond	RF
	Dec 17	2	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Dec 20	1m	Cobourg Harbour	MB
Green-winged Teal	Nov 4	10	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Nov 16	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Redhead	Nov 5	11	off Lakeshore Rd. Cob	LW
	Nov 23	87	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Dec 13	12	off Cobourg Creek	MB
	Dec 20	90	off Cobourg Creek	MB
Greater Scaup	Oct 29	5	off Lakeshore Rd. Cob	LW
Lesser Scaup	Dec 7	1	off Lakeshore Rd. Cob	LW
White-winged Scoter	Nov 14	68	off Lakeshore Rd. Cob	LW
	Dec 1	45	Lucas Point. flying west	MB
	Dec 9	26	off Lakeshore Rd. Cob	LW
Black Scoter	Nov 5	3	off Lakeshore Rd. Cob	LW
	Dec 17	3	off Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Long-tailed Duck	Nov 3-15	4-104	off Lakeshore Rd. Cob	LW
	Dec 4	25	off Lake St. PH	LS
	Dec 9	80	off Lakeshore Rd. Cob	LW
Bufflehead	Dec 4	50	off Lake St. PH	LS
	Dec 15	50	off Lakeshore Rd. Cob	LW
Common Goldeneye	Nov 5-6	29	off Lakeshore Rd. Cob	LW
Common Merganser	Oct 26	18	off Lakeshore Rd. Cob	LW
Red-breasted Merganser	Oct 27	3176	off Lakeshore Rd. Cob	LW
	Nov 15	300+	foot of D'Arcy St. Cob	BL
	Dec 7	68	off Lakeshore Rd. Cob	LW

Sightings - cont'd.

Bald Eagle	Jan 7	1	n of Garden Hill	DW
Northern Harrier	Dec 3	1	Sylvan Glen area	ERM
	Dec 7-27	1 juv	Jamieson Rd. & 7 th PH Ward 2	LS
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Dec 3	1	Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
Cooper's Hawk	Nov 10	1	Young St., PH	NW
	Nov 10	1	Jamieson Rd. & 7 th PH Ward 2	LS
	Nov 29	1	Deblaquire St. PH	GMCD
	Dec 13-30	1	Jamieson Rd. PH Ward 2	LS
Northern Goshawk	Nov 23	1	n of Garden Hill	DW
	Jan 1	1	Knoxville Rd. PH Ward 2	RF EK
Red-tailed Hawk	Dec 27	2	Jamieson Rd. & 7 th PH Ward 2	LS
Rough-legged Hawk	Nov 17	1	over Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Dec 13	1 light	Jamieson Rd. & 7 th PH Ward 2	LS
Golden Eagle	Oct 25	1	Cavan Rd., Hamilton Twp.	DSv
	Dec 2	1 sub-	soaring west, east of Grafton	MB
	Dec 4	1	over Hwy 28 & 401	GL
Merlin	Nov 27	2	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Ring-necked Pheasant	Dec 17	1f	Hwy 2 & Fitzhugh Shores	MB
Ruffed Grouse	Dec 11	1	Herbert Place. PH	DF
Wild Turkey	Nov 17	12	Brand Rd. PH Ward 2	GL
American Coot	Nov 1-18	2	Cobourg Harbour	MB
	Dec 6	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Black-bellied Plover	Nov 3	8	off Lakeshore Rd. Cob.	LW
	Nov 4	3	Cobourg Harbour	MB
Greater Yellowlegs	Nov 3	2	Cobourg Harbour	MB
	Nov 4	5	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Nov 12	2	Garden Hill Pond	MB
Sanderling	Nov 4	11	Lake St., PH	EK
	Nov 8	3	foot of D'Arcy St., Cob.	MB
	Nov 13	2	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Dunlin	Nov 3	16	foot of D'Arcy St. Cob.	MB
	Nov 4	8	Lake St. PH	EK
	Nov 5	12	off Lakeshore Rd. Cob.	LW
Purple Sandpiper	Nov 13	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Bonaparte's Gull	Nov 15	3	off D'Arcy St. Cob.	BL
	Nov 29	8	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Dec 11	15	D'Arcy St. Cob.	MB
	Dec 14	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Dec 23	1	D'Arcy St. Cob.	MB
	Jan 1	1	Gage's Creek mouth. PH	RF
Iceland Gull	Dec 11	1 imm	Cobourg Harbour	MB
	Dec 17-22	1 ad	Cobourg Harbour	CEG MB
Lesser Black-backed Gull	Dec 14/15	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Glaucous Gull	Nov 14	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Dec 19	2	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Dec 13 20	1 imm	Cobourg Harbour	MB
Great Horned Owl	Nov 8	1	Jamieson Rd. & 7 th PH Ward 2	LS
	Nov 16	1	n of Garden Hill calling	MW
Snowy Owl	Dec 2	1	Cobourg Harbour	MB, CEG,
Long-eared Owl	Dec 15	1	Baxter's backyard. Cob.	MB
Short-eared Owl	Nov 17	1	Haskill Rd. PH Ward 2	GL
Belted Kingfisher	Nov 15	1	Lake St. Marsh. PH	BL
	Dec 15	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Dec 30	1	n of Garden Hill	DW

Sightings - cont'd.

Red-bellied Woodpecker	Nov.15-Dec.31	1f	Durham St. PH	EK, RF
Downy Woodpecker	Nov.28/Dec.14	2/4	Jamieson Rd. & 7 th , PH Ward 2	LS
Hairy Woodpecker	Nov. 15	3	Durham St., PH	EK
	Nov. 28	1	Jamieson Rd. & 7 th , PH Ward 2	LS
Northern Flicker	Dec. 18/26	2/1	Roseneath Landing	DS

Sightings -

Common Redpoll	Nov. 28/ Dec. 14	1/5	Jamieson Rd. & 7 th , PH Ward 2	LS
	Nov. 30	1	Ward St. PH	IT
	Dec. 1	8	Brook Rd S. Cob	MB
	Dec. 16	4	Deblaquiere St. PH	GMCD
	Dec. 20	20	Monk's Bay. Cob	MB
American Goldfinch	Nov. 28/ Dec. 4	18/34	Jamieson Rd. & 7 th . PH Ward 2	LS
Evening Grosbeak	Nov. 12	1	Durham St. PH	EK
	Nov. 21	3	Ontario St.N. Cob.	AEW
	Nov. 23	15	Beagle Club Rd	AEW
	Nov. 27	18	7 th Line. PH Ward 2	JMc
	Dec. 1	1	Brook Rd S. Cob	MB
Eastern Garter Snake	Nov. 23	1	Northumberland Forest Trail	AEW
Striped Skunk	Nov. 19	1	Young St. PH	EB
Long Tailed Weasel	Dec. 5	1	College St. PH	GMCD
White-tailed Deer	Dec. 11	2	s. of Colborne	JF. KB
Woolly Bear Caterpillar	No. 21/23	2	Young St. PH	NW
Earwig	Dec. 13	1	Young St. PH	NW

Observers: EB=Erich Bahr; MB=Margaret Bain; KB=Kim Braat; LC=Lettie Clayton; GMCD=Geoff Dale; DF=Dan Farmer; BF=Brad Foster; JF=Jo Foster; RF=Roger Frost; CEG=Clive Goodwin; SH=Susan Hamilton; RH=Reese Hunt; EK=Elizabeth Kellogg; GL=Gary Little; BL=Bill Logan; JMc=Jane McCluskey; ERM=Ted McDonald; AMc=Andy McLaughlan; M.Obs=Many Observers; BM=Bob Mercer; CO=Cath Oberholzer; DS=Dave Shirley; LS=Louise Schmidt; BS=Bob Short; MS=Marg Short; IT=Ian Tate; NW=Norma Wallace; DW=Doug Watkins; MW=Marie Watkins; LW=Lori Wensley; AEW=Audrey Wilson

NEW BOOKS - COBOURG PUBLIC LIBRARY

In autumn, 2003, Don Davis reported the following new books in the Cobourg Public Library which could be of interest to WBFN members. Thanks, Don.

Birds of the Yukon Territory (Reference), 595 pages, UBC Press, 2003

Firefly Encyclopedia of Birds (Reference) 656 pages, Firefly Books, 2003

Firefly Encyclopedia of Insects and Spiders, 240 pages, Firefly Boods, 2002

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