



## COMING EVENTS

- **Sunday, February 19, 2006, 8:30 a.m. - Outing to Kendal Crown Land.** A winter outing to look for birds, mammals and owls in a parcel of crown land just north of Port Hope. Meet at 8 a.m. at the commuter parking at Hwy. 28 and Hwy. 401, opposite Arby's. Contact Ben Walters at 905-885-8586 for more information.
- **Friday, February 24, 2006, 7:00 p.m. - District Health Unit, Rose Glen Rd., Port Hope Annual General Meeting and Social.** *Please note earlier start time. More information on page 3.*
- **Saturday, March 18, 2006,** leave Port Hope at 8 a.m. **Hamilton Harbour.** Outing to look for waterfowl in Hamilton Harbour and area as well as stopping at other areas on the way for other birds of interest that may be in the area. *This will be a carpool only event as we will not be meeting at a specific time in Hamilton.* Contact Ben Walters at 905-885-8586 for more information.
- **Friday, March 31, 2006, 7:30 p.m. - Terry Fox School, Cobourg**  
Speaker: **Michael Mesure.** Topic: **Fatal Light Awareness Program.** The founder of FLAP will talk about his efforts to reduce the number of bird collisions with Toronto's lit-up sky-scrapers.
- **Sunday, April 8, 2006,** leave Cobourg at 8 a.m. - **Petroglyphs Provincial Park.** Late winter outing to look for winter finches, woodpeckers and kinglets. Contact Ben Walters at 905-885-8586 for more information.

*Watch future editions for more details of meetings and outings.*

## 2006 Membership Dues

Willow Beach Field Naturalists memberships are for one calendar year. Please note that the 2006 membership dues are now payable. The fee schedule is: Family - \$25; Single - \$23. Payment will be accepted at the February meeting, or you can mail your renewal to WBFN, P.O. Box 421, Port Hope, ON L1A 3Z3.

Thank you to all our members for their continuing support.

## Welcome to New Members

Melody, Roseneath  
Brian Hedney, Port Hope

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*The editor is most grateful to those who have contributed to this issue of the Curlew. Copy for the March 2006 issue should be received by February 28, 2006. 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 3Z3."*

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

KHPR Health Unit, Rose Glen Road, Port Hope

February 24, 2006

## AGENDA

- 7:00 p.m. Refreshments and Bucket Raffle Viewing with Ticket Sales
- 7:30 p.m. Reports by Chairs of Activity Committees
- 8:00 p.m. Annual General Meeting - Election
- 8:30 p.m. Bucket Raffle  
Draw for Saul Williams Print and framed photographs by Bill Crowley

## DISPLAYS

During the social time at this meeting, there will be an opportunity to peruse displays on various environmental topics created by the Environment Club at Port Hope High School. Kelsi Prince, the dynamic speaker at our November meeting, has agreed to organize her fellow students to make these excellent displays available to us.

## BUCKET RAFFLE

Barry Walker has again this year agreed to coordinate a bucket raffle as a fundraiser for the club. If you have an item or a service to donate, please contact Barry in advance of the meeting at 905-885-8250

## FUNDRAISING DRAW

WBFN has been selling tickets throughout the fall as a fundraiser. The prizes are:

- 1st Prize: Limited Edition Framed Print by Saul Williams  
Baby Thunderbirds - 49/125  
(donated by Minnie Pennell)
- 2nd Prize: Framed Photograph - Owl Butterfly - by Bill Crowley
- 3rd Prize: Framed Photograph - Orchid - by Bill Crowley
- 4th Prize - Framed Photograph - Mushrooms - by Bill Crowley  
(all photographs donated by Bill Crowley)

Tickets, \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00, are still available from Michael Biggar, 905-372-7407

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

There are some openings on the Executive Board. If you might be interested in serving the club in this way, please contact the Chair of the nominating committee, Carole Payne at 905-885-6135

## WBFN President's Report - 2005-06

Members of the Executive Board conduct monthly meetings to manage the affairs of our club and on your behalf; appreciation is extended to the following members of the Board for the many hours of time they have devoted to the Board's activities and deliberations:

<b>Officers:</b>	Past President	Carole Payne
	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Simone Mérey
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Michael Biggar
	Secretary	Karen Drew
	Treasurer	Janette Johnston

<b>Directors:</b>	Alison Elliott
	Roger Frost
	Russell Lake
	Bill Newell
	Louise Schmidt
	Audrey Wilson

<b>Activity Co-Ordinators:</b>	Bird Counts	Roger Frost
	Education	Bruce Parker
	Meeting Programs	Susanne Williams
	Outings	Ben Walters

Special thanks are extended to retiring Director, Past President and Peter's Woods Overseer Russell Lake for his knowledge and untiring volunteer service to WBFN throughout the past ten years.

During this past twelve months, the Executive Board addressed many issues, most of which are summarized as follows, although there maybe duplication from last year's reports as some are annual or ongoing:

- Completed most of the tasks contained in our work plan with a few items remaining outstanding.
- Successfully nominated Sharon Dey Pickering, Janette Johnston and Carole Payne for Ontario Volunteer Service Awards.
- Participated in the Cobourg Pitch-in Week
- Conducted the Northumberland Bird Count in June, the Christmas Bird Count in December and the Mid-Winter Waterfowl Survey in January
- Sponsored an environmental award program for local elementary and secondary schools
- Sponsored a Youth Photography competition for the Port Hope Fall Fair
- Submitted concerns to the Town of Port Hope regarding Sewage Plant Expansion
- Monitored preservation of Little Creek and participated in the Official Plan process for Port Hope
- Presented bound volumes of "The Curlew" to Cobourg and Port Hope libraries
- Supported the Federal Government's position on banning use of lead sinkers
- Continued participation in the development of a Restoration Strategy for the Oak Ridges Moraine with the Northumberland Stewardship Council, Ministry of Natural Resources and Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation
- Continued a consultative relationship with Presqu'ile Park Management staff including bird banding demonstrations, boardwalk restoration process and the Spring Waterfowl Festival
- Participation in Ontario Parks Ecological Survey, Monitoring and Stewardship report for Peter's Woods
- Participating in the land use planning process for North-east lands in Cobourg
- Participating in the development of a wooden walkway on the West Beach in Cobourg
- Undertook a review of distributing "The Curlew" to the membership
- Undertook a review of membership meeting accommodation in Cobourg
- Received a donation of a computer with gratitude for the editor of "The Curlew"
- Seeking funding for a J-trap for Willow Beach Banding Group
- Participated in a Canada Revenue workshop on donations and taxation
- Developed policy on the use of the audio system shared by WBFN and the University Women's Club

- Promoting our club in co-operation with Alderville First Nations Black Oak Savannah and with the Northumberland Rotary Club
- Approved a matching contribution of \$3,000 from the Property Account to Northumberland Land Trust as part of our commitment to preserve areas in the County with significant natural interests
- Approved a contribution of \$500 from the Property Account to Hamilton Naturalists Club for preservation of the Cartwright Nature Sanctuary
- Approved seven donations from the Operating Account to Fatal Light Awareness Program, Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory, Sandy Pines Wildlife Centre, Owl Rehabilitation Foundation, Turtle Trauma Centre, Cobourg Ecology Garden and Port Hope Ecology Garden
- Provided seven entertaining and informative programs for general membership meetings
- Provided ten entertaining and informative nature outings
- Provided eight entertaining and informative editions of *The Curlew*

The Executive Board depends on the contributions of many volunteers to carry out the mandate and programs of WBFN. The Board is pleased to acknowledge and thank the following members who willingly provide many services throughout the year:

Auditor:	Bill McCarthy
Cobourg Land Use:	Clive Goodwin, Russell Lake, Terry Stopps
<i>Curlew</i> Circulation:	Barry and Margaret Robinson
<i>Curlew</i> Publication:	Elizabeth Kellogg and Norma Wallace
Environmental Monitor:	Ben Walters
Kawartha Highlands:	Bob Short
Lone Pine Marsh:	Marilyn and Bob Harris
ON Representative:	Simone Meroy
Meeting Name Tags:	Barbara Evans, Emma & Jim Sandham
Peter's Woods:	Russ Lake
Port Hope Land Use:	Carole Payne, Barry Walker, Jack Goering, Bob Short
Raffles – Monthly Meetings:	Louise Baxter and Andy McLaughlin
Raffle – Annual Meeting:	Barry Walker

The Board also extends appreciation to Judy Grimshaw, General Manager of Victoria Retirement Living in Cobourg for generously donating accommodation and refreshments for our monthly Board meetings; and to John Geale, Ian Tate and Norma Wallace for the funds raised and contributed to us through the Baillie Birdathon and the Wallace Birdathon.

In conclusion, I extend best wishes to President-elect Simone Meroy and the new Board of Directors for a successful term in leading Willow Beach Field Naturalists. It has been a great pleasure and learning experience to service as your President during the past two years and to further appreciate the valuable program that this club provides to the membership and the communities in Northumberland County.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan Baxter, President.  
February 24, 2006.

**WILLOW BEACH FIELD NATURALISTS  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 25, 2005 - PORT HOPE**

**1. Call to Order:** Bryan Baxter called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Port Hope Health Unit. He welcomed everyone and reviewed the agenda. He introduced Past Presidents. Eighty-two people were present.

**2. Annual General Meeting:**

**a. Minutes:** Bryan Baxter reminded everyone that the AGM Minutes of February 27, 2004 were printed in the *Curlew*. Motion to adopt by Jack Goering, seconded by Lawrence Holmes. Carried.

**b. President's Report:** Bryan reminded everyone that this report was printed in the last *Curlew*. He advised Emma Sandham, Barbara Edwardes-Evans and Jim Sandham who are responsible for the name tags were omitted and thanked them. He advised Barry Walker who is responsible for the Bucket Draw was omitted and thanked him. He also asked the deliverers of the *Curlew* to stand and thanked them. Motion to confirm actions of the Executive Board since the last AGM (per Report) by Bill Crowley and seconded by Bob Short. Carried.

**c. Financial Report:** Janette Johnston reminded everyone that her report is in the *Curlew*. She reviewed it briefly and offered to answer any questions. Moved by Janette and seconded by Russell Lake. Carried.

**d. Election of Board Members:** Carole Payne, Past President and Chair of the Nominating Committee put forward the following names for two year terms: Directors: Bill Newell, Roger Frost, Louise Schmidt, Audrey Wilson; Secretary: Karen Drew. Nominations were called from the floor. None forthcoming. Moved by Jack Goering, seconded by Elizabeth Kellogg to close nominations. Carried.

**e. Appointment of Auditor:** Executive Board recommendation was put forth for Bill McCarthy, moved by Helen Hunt, seconded by Louise Schmidt. Carried.

**f. Membership Fee Increase:** Bryan reminded everyone that there were 2 draft budgets published in the *Curlew*. One revision is necessary - \$500 in revenue was omitted in Other Club Fees. Bryan described the financial situation and why a fee increase is necessary, namely that the Club is in a deficit situation for 2005. He provided the background that the Executive thought the last membership fee increase occurred 7-8 years ago, and he did check with other Naturalists Clubs. The Executive Board recommendation is \$25 for family, \$23 for single, effective Jan. 1, 2006. Bryan was asked the question why the fee increase was not put in place for 2005. He answered that the majority of fees were already collected, and a fee increase must be brought to and ratified by membership first. Motion to adopt fee schedule by Bill McCarthy, seconded by Peter Greathead. Carried.

**3. Announcements:**

**a.** Bryan introduced the New Executive Board and asked them to stand:

Immediate Past President	Carole Payne
1st Vice President	Simone Mérey
2nd Vice President	Michael Biggar
Secretary	Karen Drew
Treasurer	Janette Johnston
Directors	Allison Elliott
	Roger Frost
	Bill Newell
	Louise Schmidt
	Audrey Wilson

**b.** Bryan thanked retiring Secretary, Jean Wilson and retiring Director, Jim Tedford.

**c.** Bryan advised that the Executive Board is conducting a Raffle Lottery for four prizes. Volunteers to assist are Michael Biggar and Simone Mérey.

**d.** Bryan advised that Ben Walters is leading a Website Survey that will be distributed and collected at the next meeting. Please bring a pen.

**e.** Bryan advised that the *Curlew* will be distributed at the next meeting in an effort to reduce costs. It will be available on table during the monthly meetings. The balance will be mailed.



**Willow Beach Field Naturalists Property Account Statement 2005**

		Debit	Credit	Totals	04 Totals	03 Totals
Opening Balances	01-Jan-05			\$36,954.57	\$36,358.90	\$39,783.38
Cash			\$ 86.88			
Investments						
1. GIC maturing May	17, 2006		10,961.56			
2. GIC maturing May	25, 2006		10,609.72			
3. GIC maturing Nov	29, 2005		15,296.41			
Credit Transactions				2,996.04	1,595.67	1,575.52
Interest credit			0.04			
Donation from Wallace Birdathon			1,096.00			
Deposit from GIC maturing Nov 29, 2005			1,900.00			
Debit Transactions						
Northumberland Land Trust		\$3,000.00		3,000.00	1,000.00	5,000.00
Closing Balances	31-Dec-05			35,371.83	36,954.57	36,358.90
Cash			82.92			
Investments						
1. GIC maturing May	17, 2006		10,961.56			
2. GIC maturing May	25, 2006		10,609.72			
3. GIC maturing Dec	5, 2006		13,717.63	(includes interest 321.22)		

**WBFN TOTAL ASSETS, OPERATING AND PROPERTY \$44,599.31**

**Invasive Fish Species Discovered North of Toronto**

A specimen of rudd, an invasive baitfish originally from Europe, was recently found in Lake Wilcox near Richmond Hill. The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources states that this is the first time this species has been found in an Ontario inland lake. A member of the minnow family, rudd competes with native fish for food and destroys the spawning and nursery habitats of fish like northern pike, muskellunge and yellow perch. It is suspected that this specimen was dumped out of a bait bucket. It is unlawful to use rudd as baitfish in Ontario. Rudd grow to 38 cm and weigh up to 1.8 kg. They can also cross breed with the native golden shiner. They were first discovered in the St. Lawrence River in 1990, and have been found in western Lake Ontario and eastern Lake Erie. The Lake Wilcox specimen has been preserved at the Royal Ontario Museum for further study.

*Source: Toronto Star, January 25, 2006  
submitted by Don Davis*



## Report of the Nominating Committee

I am pleased to report that we have candidates for all the positions that are open on the Executive for the 2006-2008 term. Louise Schmidt has agreed to stand for second vice-president. John Geale, Doug Robertson and Barry Robinson have agreed to stand for directors. Jeanette Johnson has agreed to let her name stand for another two-year term as treasurer. Bryan Baxter will become immediate past president, Simone Mérey will be our new president, and Michael Biggar moves to first vice-president. Karen Drew, our secretary and Bill Newell, Roger Frost and Audrey Wilson, our other three directors, are all in mid-term. Anyone wishing to add any names to eligible Board positions, having the agreement of the person nominated, is asked to be in touch with me before the annual meeting and the name will be added and an election will take place at the AGM.

I would like to take the opportunity to give thanks to Russell Lake who has generously given his time, energy and sense of humour to our club over the past ten years, three of which he was president. He is also stepping down as coordinator of Peter's Woods. Russell is still maintaining his commitment to environmental issues in our community with his membership on the Board of the Northumberland Land Trust. Thank you so very much, Russell, from all of us. And thanks too, to Alison Elliott, who is also stepping down from the Board but not from her involvement in WBFN. Thank you for your time as outings' coordinator and as thoughtful member of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carole Payne  
Chair, Nominating Committee  
905 885 6135  
[bookbind@eagle.ca](mailto:bookbind@eagle.ca)  
January 27, 2006

### **Volunteers Needed for Presqu'ile Provincial Park Waterfowl Festival March 11, 12 and March 18, 19, 2006**

Could you volunteer for a half day shift (either morning or afternoon) on one or more of these days? If you know your ducks and would be willing to spend some time answering questions from park visitors and helping them identify the ducks on the bay or the lake, contact:

David Bree  
Natural Heritage Education (NHE) Leader  
R.R. #4, Brighton, ON K0K 1H0  
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[david.bree@mnr.gov.on.ca](mailto:david.bree@mnr.gov.on.ca)

## Do you like to write? Do you love nature?

We bet you've had a great experience with some part of nature in the last little while. Perhaps it was collecting and studying frogs at the lake this summer. Perhaps it was climbing your favourite tree in the park close to your home. Or perhaps you've had a memorable wilderness encounter this year. See any wildlife? Nature is everywhere, miles away from nowhere, and right in your own backyard!

We'd like to hear about what you think about nature – Submit an essay to:

### Ontario Nature's Youth Challenge Writing Contest

You can win cool prizes, and even get your essay published in *ON Nature* magazine!

Write in and tell us why you think we need nature and a healthy environment in Ontario. The topic is:

## Why Do We Need Nature?

What you need to know:

- You must be a grade 7 or 8 student attending school in Ontario.
- Your submission can be an essay, a story, or a piece of creative writing, with a maximum count of 700 words, typed and double-spaced. A panel consisting of a journalist, teacher and environment specialist will judge all the entries.
- The top 3 entries will be published in *ON Nature* magazine, an award-winning nature and environment magazine in Ontario.
- Three winners will receive cool prizes for their work, and be honoured for their achievement at Ontario Nature's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary conference in Kitchener-Waterloo, in June 2006.
- The top 3 entries will have their work sent to Ontario's Premier, Dalton McGuinty.

Send your original entries by April 15, 2006 to:

Chair, Youth Challenge Essay Contest Committee  
Ontario Nature  
355 Lesmill Road  
Toronto, ON M3B 2W8  
or send an email to [info@ontarionature.org](mailto:info@ontarionature.org)



Make sure you have a title page telling us the title of your essay, your name, address, phone number, email address, your parent's name, what grade you're in, and the name of your school. Learn more about Ontario Nature at [www.ontarionature.org](http://www.ontarionature.org).

## Good Luck! And remember, have fun!

## OWL BANDING AT CANDLEWICK WOODS - 2005

This was the ninth year of owl banding at Candlewick Woods. The 40 Northern Saw-whet Owls banded were even fewer than last year and the lowest total since 1998.

Candlewick Woods is a small woodlot on the north shore of Lake Ontario about 4 km west of Port Hope. On 10 nights between October 8 and October 29, banding attempts were made, resulting in 34.75 hours of effort. This was even less than last year's totals of 45 hours over 12 nights.

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 a white cedar tree, which was surrounded by a triangle of 3 2 3/8" mesh 40' mist nets.

This season's low total was due to generally poor weather, with many rainy/windy nights, as well as a general lack of effort of the bander.

This year's saw-whet flight was rather a late one. Candlewick didn't catch its first owl until October 8. This late arrival of saw-whets was observed at most owl banding stations in north-eastern North America. At Prince Edward Point, the migration was about 2 weeks later than it had been in 2004.

The peak night at Candlewick occurred on October 19/20 when 15 Northern Saw-whet Owls were banded.

Like last year, a higher than usual number of adult birds were moving. This year, 48% of the owls captured were After-hatch-year (54% in 2004). Most other Ontario stations reported a similar age ratio. However, many east coast stations reported a much higher percentage of hatch-year birds, indicating better breeding success in the Maritimes and northern New England.

The sex ratio was also similar to last year, with 63% females, 10% males, and 27% unknown. Last season's ratio was 65% fe-

male, 7% male, and 28% unknown.

This year, one Candlewick banded bird was recovered elsewhere. NSWO #1204-27371 was banded on October 23, 2003 and was recaptured at Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory on October 20, 2005. The following night, it was recaptured at Elmbrook, Ontario north of Picton! This is the second time a Candlewick banded bird has been recaptured twice.

No other species of owls were banded this year. Great Horned Owls were heard only a few times during the season. On the night of October 8, the banders were treated to a fantastic view of a Long-eared Owl sitting in the laneway. This bird would not move until the car's horn was sounded! On another evening, a visitor was also treated to a Short-eared owl in the laneway.

Thanks to Graydon Bowman for help in erecting the nets at the beginning of the season. Thanks to Graydon and Elizabeth Kellogg for taking the nets down at the end of the season.

And finally, thanks to Bob Sculthorpe for the use of Candlewick Woods for this project.

- Roger Frost

### Can I Plant Milkweed in My Garden?

As long as the population of milkweed planted doesn't negatively affect agricultural or horticultural land by spreading seed and new vegetative plant material (i.e. root stock) into fields, nurseries or greenhouses then it is acceptable to plant milkweed in your garden. It is recommended that you consult with your local weed inspector and/or neighbours so that all parties involved are comfortable that the impact to agriculture or horticulture is negligible.

*Source: an Ontario government web site  
submitted by Don Davis*

## Mid-Winter Waterfowl Inventory, 2006

On January 8, 2006, six members of Willow Beach Field Naturalists participated in the Lake Ontario Mid-Winter Waterfowl Inventory. Participants were Roger Frost, Ben Walters, Elizabeth Kellogg, Kyle Horner, Clive Goodwin and Lori Wensley.

This count is an inventory of waterfowl seen from the Ontario shore of Lake Ontario. Our group was responsible to cover the lake-shore from Wicklow Beach in the east to Wesleyville in the west.

The weather was mild with little wind, which made counting ducks on the lake easy. In total, 3,946 birds of 14 species were counted. As well, 122 unidentified ducks were counted.

Low totals of Canada Goose and Mallard are probably the result of the open conditions on count day. Many of these two species were probably inland foraging in grain fields. The lower than usual number of Common Goldeneye and Long-tailed Duck are harder to explain, with such good counting weather.

Thanks to all who participated.

- Roger Frost

Mute Swan	2
Canada Goose	1682
American Black Duck	31
Mallard	518
Redhead	7
Greater Scaup	334
Lesser Scaup	2
Long-tailed Duck	226
White-winged Scoter	2
Common Goldeneye	683
Bufflehead	131
Hooded Merganser	2
Common Merganser	64
Red-breasted Merganser	262
Duck sp.	122

### New Field Guide

Those who want to study up on waterfowl before the Presqu'ile Waterfowl Festival may be interested in a fairly new identification guide, *Waterfowl of North America* by Chris Early, published by Firefly Books. This is the fourth in a series of photographic guides, each focusing on a particular group of birds. The first was on wood warblers, the next on sparrows and the third on birds of prey. They are available in local book stores. More information is also available at [www.fireflybooks.com](http://www.fireflybooks.com).

*submitted by Don Davis*

## RECENT SIGHTINGS

*compiled by Ted McDonald*

Great Blue Heron	Jan. 6	1	McEwen Rd. n. of Hwy. 2, Hamilton Twp.	MJ
<b>Greater White-fronted Goose</b>	Jan. 11, 13	5	Cobourg Harbour	MB
Bald Eagle (1ad, 1imm)	Jan. 26	2	Roseneath Landing	DS
American Wigeon	Jan. 4	2	Cobourg Harbour - last date	CEG
Redhead	all Jan.	9	high count+D33 - Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Northern Harrier	Jan. 16, 27	1ad.m	Deer Park Rd., PH Ward 2	MB
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Jan. 1	1	Kellogg farm, Welcome, PH Ward 2	RF, EK, GB, BW
	Jan. 2	1	Wesleyville Rd., PH Ward 2	MB
	Jan. 7	1	Durham St., PH	EK
Cooper's Hawk	Jan. 8	1 imm	Haskill Rd., PH Ward 2	MB
	Jan. 12	1	Westwood area, Cob.	BF
	Jan. 15	1	Durham St., PH	RF
	Jan. 16	1ad	Albert St., Cob.	MB
	Jan. 23	1	east end Cob.	BL
	Jan. 27	1	Deblaire St.N., PH	GMCD
Northern Goshawk	Jan. 8	1	Cobourg Harbour	RF, EK, BW
Red-tailed Hawk	Jan. 15	1	Choate Rd., PH Ward 2	MH
	Jan. 16	2	Wicklow	CEG
Rough-legged Hawk	Jan. 3	1	5th Line & Runnal's Rd., PH Ward 2	BN
	Jan. 6	1	Wesleyville, PH Ward 2	MB
American Kestrel	Jan. 17	1	McEwen n. of Hwy. 2, Hamilton Twp.	MJ
	Jan. 28	1	Colborne	CEG
Merlin	Jan. 1	1	Kellogg farm, Welcome, PH Ward 2	RF, EK, GB
	Jan. 8	1	Port Britain, PH Ward 2	MB
	all Jan.	1	Cobourg Harbour area	CEG
	Jan. 19	1	downtown Cobourg	MB
	Jan. 31	1	Choate Rd., PH Ward 2	RF
Wild Turkey	Jan. 8	60	Cty. Rd. 9 & White's Rd., Hamilton Twp.	ERM
	Jan. 8	49	Woodvale School Rd., PH Ward 2	LS
American Coot	Jan. 6	1	Cobourg Harbour	MP, DP
Killdeer	Jan. 28	1	Hwy. 2 & Fox Rd., PH	GL
Bonaparte's Gull	Jan. 11	1	Cobourg Harbour	MB, CEG
	Jan. 12	11	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
<b>Thayer's Gull</b>	Jan. 11	1ad	Cobourg Harbour	MB
Iceland Gull	Jan. 25	2	Cobourg Harbour (high for month)	CEG
Lesser Black-backed Gull	Jan. 8	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Glaucous Gull	Jan. 2,3	1ad.f.	Cobourg Harbour	MB
	Jan. 7	1	Cobourg Harbour	RL, MC
	all Jan.	3	high count - Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Mourning Dove	Jan. 7	200	McGlennon Rd., Lakeport area	RL, MC
Great Horned Owl	Jan. 7	1	Brighton area	RL, MC
	Jan. 14	1	Westwood area, Cob.	BF
Northern Saw-whet Owl	Dec. 24	1	Peacock Blvd., PH	KA
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Jan. 22/27	1	Sherbourne St., PH	AMcL
Northern Flicker	Jan. 12	1	Lakeshore Rd., w. of Port Hope	MB
	Jan. 19	1	Kennedy Rd., Camborne	BE-E
Hairy Woodpecker	Jan. 19	3	Kennedy Rd., Camborne	BE-E
Pileated Woodpecker	Jan. 2, 8	1	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
	Jan. 8	1	Wesleyville Rd., PH Ward 2	MB
	Jan. 19	1	McEwen Rd. n. of Hwy. 2, Hamilton Twp.	MJ
Northern Shrike	Jan. 1	1juv	Durham St., PH feeder	EK
	Jan. 10	1	Telephone Rd., Haldimand Twp.	CEG
Common Raven	Jan. 25	1	Garden Hill area, PH Ward 2	DW, MW
Horned Lark	Jan. 1	49 banded	Kellogg farm, Welcome, PH Ward 2	EK, RF, GB, BW
	Jan. 7	50	McEwen Rd. n. of Hwy. 2, Hamilton Twp.	MJ
	Jan. 8	40	Dickinson Rd., PH Ward 2	MB

## Sightings - cont'd.

White-breasted Nuthatch	Jan. 22	1	Sherbourne St., PH	AMcL
Golden-crowned Kinglet	Jan. 10	3	OPG area, Wesleyville, PH Ward 2	GL
Eastern Bluebird	Jan. 2	5	Haskill Rd., PH Ward 2	PB
	Jan. 18	4	Choate Rd. & Sleeman Rd., PH Ward 2	GL
American Robin	Jan. 16	6	Wesleyville, PH Ward 2	MB
	Jan. 19	2	McEwen Rd. n. of Hwy. 2, Hamilton Twp.	MJ
(singing)	Jan. 20	1	John & Augusta St., PH	MH
Bohemian Waxwing	Jan. 10	200	Roseneath Landing	DS
	Jan. 17	15	Colborne area	JF, KB
	Jan. 19	100	McEwan Rd., n. of Hwy. 2, Hamilton Twp	KA, MJ+E7
	Jan. 23	25	s. of Colborne	JF, KB
Cedar Waxwing	Jan. 28	20	Workman Rd., Hamilton Twp.	CEG
Fox Sparrow	Jan. 9	1	Welcome, PH Ward 2	KMcH
White-throated Sparrow	Jan. 1-29	4-5	Cobourg feeder	MB
	Jan. 12/18	2/1	Durham St., PH feeder	EK
	Jan. 22	3	McEwen Rd. n. of Hwy. 2, Hamilton Twp.	MJ
	Jan. 28	3	Deblaquire St.N., PH	GMCD
White-crowned Sparrow	Jan. 1-29	1	Cobourg feeder	MB
Dark-eyed Junco	Jan. 1	11	Ontario St.N., Cob.	AEW
Lapland Longspur	Jan. 1	4 banded	Kellogg farm, Welcome, PH Ward 2	EK, RF, GB, BW
	Jan. 2	12	Lakeshore & Dickoson Rd., PH Ward 2	MB
Snow Bunting	Jan. 6	50	McEwen Rd. n. of Hwy. 2, Hamilton Twp.	MH
	Jan. 7	60	McGlennon Rd., Lakeport area	RL, MC
	Jan. 7	150+	Cty. Rd. 10 n. of 5th, PH Ward 2	KMcH
	Jan. 10	15	Wicklow	CEG
Northern Cardinal	Jan. 7	2	Colborne area	RL, MC
Pine Grosbeak	Jan. 8	18	Wesleyville, PH Ward 2	MB
	Jan. 10	15	OPG Wesleyville property, PH Ward 2	GL
Purple Finch	Jan. 7	10	McEwen Rd. n. of Hwy. 2, Hamilton Twp.	MJ
Common Redpoll	Jan. 1	12	Deblaquire St.N., PH	GMCD
	Jan. 1	13	Ontario St.N., Cob.	AEW
	Jan. 1	2	Roseneath Landing	DS
	Jan. 3	20	Town Line Rd., PH Ward 2	CEG
	Jan. 2, 4, 5	30	Durham St., PH feeder	EK
	Jan. 7, 8	5	Cobourg feeder	MB
	Jan. 9	20	Peacock Blvd., PH	KA
Hoary Redpoll	Jan. 7	1	Brighton area	RL, MC
	Jan. 9	1	Peacock Blvd., PH	KA
Pine Siskin	Jan. 1	36	Ontario St.N., Cob.	AEW
	Jan. 1	2	Roseneath Landing	DS
	Jan. 1-2	6	Deblaquire St.N., PH	GMCD
	Jan. 7	20	McEwen Rd. n. of Hwy. 2, Hamilton Twp.	MJ
	Jan. 7, 8	2	Cobourg feeder	MB
	Jan. 10	5	Telephone Rd., Haldimand Twp.	CEG
American Goldfinch	Jan. 1	20	Ontario St.N., Cob.	AEW
	Jan. 14	22	Cobourg feeder - high count	MB
Evening Grosbeak	Jan. 21	1	McEwen Rd. n. of Hwy. 2, Hamilton Twp.	MJ
	Jan. 29	30	Newtonville Rd., s. of Kendall	PA
	Jan. 31	10+	Northumberland Cty. Forest	CEG
Coyote	Jan. 6	1	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
	Jan. 15	2	Harwood area	RH
Raccoon	Jan. 10	1	OPG Wesleyville area, PH Ward 2	GL
Red Fox (copulating)	Jan. 30	2	Hwy. 2, Cob. east end	BT
Dew worms	Jan. 9	2	Waterfront Trail, PH	GL
Snowdrops in bloom	Jan. 28		Blooms Grove Ave., PH	NW

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