



## COMING EVENTS

- **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 skyscrapers.
- **Sunday, April 9, 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.
- **Saturday, April 22 - Earth Day** - Watch local papers for events to mark the occasion.
- **Saturday, April 29** - For the third year in a row WBFN will take part in **Cobourg Pitch-in Day** in recognition of Earth Week. Meet at 9 a.m. at Cobourg harbour's west beach. We will clean that area and potentially spread out depending on the site's condition. We will also do a little birding. Please dress appropriately and bring work gloves if available. Bags and extra gloves will be provided by sponsors. Contact Ben Walters at 905-885-8586 or [benjaminwalters@trentu.ca](mailto:benjaminwalters@trentu.ca).
- **Friday, April 28, 2006, 7:30 p.m.** - District Health Unit, Rose Glen Rd., Port Hope  
Speaker: **Dave Phillips**. Topic: **Weatherlore**. Dave Phillips, Senior Climatologist with Environment Canada will share some of his favourite weather sayings and explain why some have stood the test of scientific scrutiny over centuries.
- **Saturday, April 29, 2006 - Opening of Peter's Woods**. Contact Petra Kennedy, 377-0208 or Chris Drew, 342-2904 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 March 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 Crowe, Roseneath

*(Melody's surname was omitted in the February Curlew.*

*We apologize for this.)*

Mr. and Mrs. David Broughton, Port Hope

Canute and Laura Haferkorn, Brighton

Richard and Cathie Smith, Baltimore

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*The editor is most grateful to those who have contributed to this issue of the Curlew. Copy for the April 2006 issue should be received by March 31, 2006. Rare or interesting sightings should be reported to Ted McDonald (885-4764) or Norma Wallace (885-5552) for the April Curlew. Correspondence for WBFN should be addressed to: "The Willow Beach Field Naturalists, P.O. Box 421, Port Hope, ON L1A 3Z3."*

## BRAND CREEK BANDING - FALL 2005

This was the second fall for this project of the Willow Beach Banding Group. Again, 3 mist nets were set up in the brush along Brand Creek behind the home of Alison Elliott and Ben Walters, just west of Port Hope.

In order to catch some of the early fall migrants, the nets were erected on August 1st, but not run until August 6. The first bird of the season was an American Robin. This was only one of 6 birds banded that day. August was rather slow banding, with only 84 birds banded in 12 days of coverage. The "peak" was 11 birds on August 16. Most of the birds banded in August were likely local breeders with only a few migrant warblers and flycatchers banded.

By early September, banding had picked up as more migrant birds began to arrive. Banding totals continued to improve through September to a high of 64 birds on September 27. This big increase in banding totals through the month was due to the arrival of migrant sparrows. Principally, these were White-throated Sparrows, but included good numbers of White-crowned and Song Sparrows as well.

Greatly aiding this increase in banding totals was the addition of a fourth net in a weed patch next to the soybean field, adjacent to Alison and Ben's house. We had noticed that many of the sparrows that were feeding in the field would take cover in this patch of weeds along the fence. The rest of the season, this net was to prove very productive. On some days it caught well over half of the birds!

September produced a total of 353 birds banded, in the 17 days that were covered. This total included many highlights:

- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - the station's first
- 12 Rose-breasted Grosbeak - none last fall!
- 5 Indigo Bunting - the station's first
- 1 Scarlet Tanager - the station's first

- 1 Blue-headed Vireo
- 1 Tennessee Warbler
- 2 Northern Parula - the station's first
- 3 Mourning Warblers - the station's first

The most unusual bird captured was a hatch year female on Hooded Warbler, caught by Elizabeth Kellogg September 16. Because of new provincial legislation regarding endangered species, this bird could not be banded. The Bird Banding Office of CWS is working with the province to get this ruling changed to recognize incidental catch of Ontario listed endangered species of birds and to permit banding if they happen to be caught. We hope that rule changes before we catch another unusual species.

Banding totals continued to be good throughout October. Again, they were dominated by sparrows, but included a fair number of both Golden- and Ruby-crowned Kinglets, "Myrtle" Warblers and Black-capped Chickadees. The peak occurred on October 21 when 70 birds of 14 species were banded. Half of this total was White-throated Sparrows! However, the total also included 2 Eastern Phoebes, 1 Hermit Thrush, 2 Field Sparrows, 12 White-crowned Sparrows, 1 Northern Cardinal and 1 Clay-colored Sparrow.

Banding continued until November 2, with good numbers of birds being caught right to the end of the season. On the last day, 25 birds of 10 species, including 2 Purple Finches, were banded.

Overall, 767 birds of 55 species were banded. In addition about 130 species were observed at the banding station during the season. Highlights included Purple Martin, Cliff Swallow, Blackbilled Cuckoo, Wild Turkey, Merlin, Peregrine Falcon, Grasshopper Sparrow, Yellow Throated Vireo, Northern Shrike and Pine Warbler.

Thanks to Ben Walters, Graydon Bow-

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man, Kyle Horner, Pam Lancaster, and Chris Gallant for assisting. Thanks to Lynn and Tony Prower for arranging permission from the property-owner, Winky Thomas, for this project to take place.

*- Roger Frost and Elizabeth Kellogg*

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## **TEXAS BIRDING JUNKET**

(+ bobcats, armadillos, dolphins, alligators, wild hogs, etc.)

Texas in February. Two weeks. Birds! Birds! FANTASTIC.

I WENT ALONG. Flew to Houston, then drove, stopping often, down the Gulf Coast to the Rio Grande.

Following a trail of birding hotspots in a book "Exploring The Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail" (Open Air Books, Toronto Street, Toronto).

Saw 176 species including 14 raptors, 21 of the possible 26 shorebirds, 7 woodpeckers, 3 orioles, 3 thrashers, 2 robins, etc. Orange-crowned Warblers and Loggerhead Shrikes are ubiquitous. Saw many lifers at feeders and bird blinds (wonderful invention!) in places like Bentsen State Park, the De Swim feeders at Salineno (don't miss it) - Bewick's Wren, Brown Jays, Clay-colored Robins, etc!, and Santa Ana State Park, etc.

Special Highlights - the Whooping Cranes at Aransas Wildlife Refuge. Take the \$30 half day boat tour out of Fulton (the Molly Anna is best). It will get you within 100 yards of these beauties.

The best water birds I've ever seen including Cinnamon Teal, Black-bellied Whistling Ducks, Black-necked Stilts, avocets, Clapper Rails, 4 egrets, willets, dowitchers, herons, ibis's, etc, etc. at the Port Aransas Birding Centre.

Texas road signs are atrocious! Buy good maps and expect to have to stop for directions sometimes. And, buy a map of Brownsville + Harlingen. Some good birds here but very easy to get lost. Lots of highway construction.

Texas is fields. And in them watch for Sprague's Pipit, Sandhill Cranes (many), Snow and Ross's Goose, bobwhites, Long-billed Curlew (many), hawks galore, etc.

Gas and food and motels are cheap in February (\$30 at Days Inn on Sable Island for example. Best Western on the Rio Grande \$55). Fill the tank for \$20. Eat like a pig at Taco Belle for \$7. And most parks charge \$3.

Watch out for cowboys and chuckwagons on the highways.

If you go, the web has lots. Google on Great Texan Coastal Birding Trail.

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Below is a list of the donors and winners prizes which were raffled at the Annual General Meeting. Thanks you very much to all the donors. Funds raised through this raffle will support the ongoing work of Willow Beach Field Naturalists.

2006 BUCKET RAFFLE - FEB. 23, 2006		
DONOR	PRIZE	WINNER
Chris Lyons & Gilmer's Home Hardware	Bluebird house and gift certificate	Kathryn McHolm
Backpack/seat	Marg & Bob Short	Maureen Riggs
CD holder and CDs	Marg & Bob Short	Karen Drew
Two pictures	Donald Davis	Margurite Doritty
Ont. Prov. Park pass - 1 year	Presqu'ile Provincial Park	Bob Short
Framed photograph	Bill Crowley	Norma Wallace
Bluebird house & 1 yr. membership in North American Bluebird Society	Elizabeth Kellogg & Roger Frost	Ron Cooper
Bird Banding outing <i>Bird's of Canada</i> (Godfrey)	E. Kellogg & R. Frost Donald Davis	Barry Walker
Note cards	Kathryn McHolm	Ulla Elliott
2 bottles of wine package of wild rice Rambles - Kelly <i>Atlas of the Breeding Birds of Ontario</i>	Bryan Baxter  WBFN Theresa Smith	Jim Sandham
gift certificate for Tilley hat	Canyon Mountain	Canute Haferkorn
Folk Art picture		Norma Wallace
Lamp		Louise Baxter
Bird Watchers library (2 books, cassette)	Theresa Smith	Barb Loucks
<i>The Art of Robert Bateman</i>	Theresa Smith	Marguerite Dorrrity
<i>Audobon Society Encyclopaedia of North American Birds</i>	Theresa Smith	Ron Cole
Raggedy Ann, Raggedy Andy dolls	Marg Short	Sheila Goering
Sibley <i>Field Guide to Birds</i> Phot - Cape May Warbler Teapot	Margaret Bain Margaret Bain Margaret Bain	Michael Biggar

## ...AND THE WINNERS WERE

1st Prize - Limited Edition Framed Print by Saul Williams "Baby Thunderbirds" donated by  
Minnie Pennell

James McKenzie, Oakwood, Ontario

2nd Prize - Framed Photograph - Owl Butterfly by Bill Crowley  
David C. Baker, Cobourg

3rd Prize - Framed Photograph - Orchid by Bill Crowley  
Debbie Haig, Hastings, Ontario

4th Prize - Framed Photograph - Mushrooms by Bill Crowley  
Sue Stickley, Port Hope

Thank you to the prize donors and to all who bought tickets in this raffle. The net proceeds for WBFN were \$968.96 which will go towards to work of the club.

Thanks to Michael Biggar who organized the event.

### Membership News

● Two WBFN members were honoured with Civic Awards in their respective municipalities. The presentations were made in February. In Port Hope, **Geoff Dale** was recognized for his work with Fare Share Food Bank.

**Allyson Parker** was recognized by Cobourg for her environmental activities. Congratulations!

● **Muriel Braham**, the founder of the Lone Pine Marsh Sanctuary, is moving from this area. Muriel worked tirelessly to create a Land Trust so that the marsh would have long term protection. She is a Life Member of Willow Beach Field Naturalists. Thank you, Muriel, for your wonderful gift to the Northumberland naturalist community.

● **Norma Wallace** was honoured at the WBFN Annual General Meeting with a life membership. She has worked (and continues to work) as co-editor of the *Curlew* for many years. She is the telephone contact for WBFN.

### Fisher Tracks Discovered at Presqu'ile Provincial Park

The Fisher (*Martes pennanti*) is the second largest member of the weasel family found in Ontario. Fishers are nocturnal, very secretive and rarely seen by humans. They are famous for their ability to successfully hunt and kill porcupines.

This species has expanded from its historical range. Eight years ago, one was found in Prince Edward County. A number of sightings have been made at Presqu'ile Provincial Park, but these reports were not substantiated by photographs or other evidence. On February 15/06, Park staff, arriving for work, discovered very definitive tracks of a Fisher in the parking lot, garbage area and forest edge. As Fishers require a large territory, there may not be a resident Fisher in the park.

Sightings of Fishers or their tracks should be reported to David Bree, NHE Leader, Presqu'ile Provincial Park,  
david.bree@mnr.on.ca

- from *The Beacon*, Vol. 18, No. 1

The following was received from Ontario Nature on February 27, 2006

## **KEEP MOTORS OUT OF ONTARIO'S WILDERNESS PARKS**

### **Draft Parks and Conservation Reserves Act for Ontario opens wilderness parks to motorized uses.**

Ontario's Bill 11 2005, *An Act to enact the Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act* is opening the door to motorized uses in Ontario's wilderness parks! The draft Act received its first reading in the Legislature in the fall of 2005, with a second review expected later this spring.

Although there are important changes being made to improve the protection of Ontario's provincial parks from industrial activities, some amendments do not bode well for the future of wilderness in the province.

With a change to the definition of wilderness parks objectives, the new legislation will permit motorized uses (e.g. snowmobiles, ATVS, float planes, motorboats and personal watercraft) in Ontario's last, undeveloped wilderness areas.

If you have ever enjoyed the solitude of Ontario's beloved wilderness parks like Quetico, Wabikimi, Woodland Caribou, Temagami and others - now is the time to take action. You can make a difference!

### **LET THE MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES, DAVID RAMSAY, KNOW THAT MOTORIZED ACCESS SHOULD BE PROHIBITED IN ONTARIO'S WILDERNESS PARKS.**

Please write or e-mail the Minister today.

The Honourable David Ramsay  
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Please make sure to send a copy to your MPP and to Ontario Nature at [info@ontarionature.org](mailto:info@ontarionature.org).

#### ***Proposed Changes to Wilderness Provincial Park Objectives***

##### *Original Definition:*

*(Source: Ontario Provincial Parks - Planning and Management Policies, 1992 Update)*

*Wilderness parks are substantial areas where the forces of nature are permitted to function freely and where **visitors travel by non-mechanized means** and experience expansive solitude, challenge and personal integration with nature.*

##### *New Definition:*

*(Source: First Reading, Bill 11 2005)*

*The objective of wilderness class parks is to protect large areas where the forces of nature can exist freely and **visitors travel primarily by non-motorized means** while engaging in low-impact recreation to experience solitude, challenge and integration with nature.*



## RECENT SIGHTINGS

*compiled by Ted McDonald*

Red-throated Loon	Feb. 13-14	1	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
Turkey Vulture	Feb. 5	1	Port Britain, PH Ward 2	CSAM
Mute Swan	Feb. 23	2	AKS Marsh, PH - on the ice	EK
	Feb. 26	2	Yacht Basin, PH	EK
Trumpeter Swan	Feb. 27, 28	2 (1ad, 1 juv)	Cobourg Harbour & off east beach	CEG, MB
Black Duck	Feb. 13-14	3	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
Northern Pintail	Feb. 15	2 (pair)	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Redhead	Jan. 13	12	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Jan. 15	14	Cobourg Harbour	BW
	Feb. 9	9	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
Ring-necked Duck	Dec. 23	1	Corbett's Dam, PH	BW, KH
Scaup sp.	Feb. 2/26	4/5+C49	Yacht Basin, PH	EK
Long-tailed Duck	Feb. 15	41	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
Common Goldeneye	Feb. 15	8	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
Hooded Merganser	Feb. 19	2 (pair)	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Feb. 26	3	Cobourg Harbour	DS
Common Merganser	Feb. 6	24	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Red-breasted Merganser	Feb. 11	50	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Feb. 27	2000+	off Cobourg lakefront	MB
Bald Eagle	Jan. 5	1 imm	Brand Rd. & Lakeshore, PH Ward 2	BW
	Jan. 16	1	Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Feb. 12	1	over Lake St., PH	GL
Northern Harrier	Jan. 3	1	Fox Rd., PH	BW, RF
	Feb. 27	1m	Hwy. 2 west of Cobourg	MB
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Feb. 2	1	Cobourg Harbour boat launch	CEG
			chasing sparrows on foot	
	Feb. 10, 21	1	Albert St., Cob.	MB
Cooper's Hawk	all Feb.	1	Cobourg Harbour area	CEG
	Feb. 19	1	Telephone Rd., Hamilton Twp.	RL
Northern Goshawk	Dec. 21	1	Lakeshore & Brand Rd., PH Ward 2	BW, AE
Rough-legged Hawk	Jan. 6	1	Wesleyville Rd. & Lakeshore, PH Ward 2	BW, KH
	Jan. 27	1	Brand Rd. & Lakeshore, PH Ward 2	BW
American Kestrel	Dec. 22	1	Lakeshore & Dickinson Rd., PH Ward 2	BW, AE
	Jan. 5	1	4th Line Hydro Corridor, PH Ward 2	BW
	Jan. 5	1	Jamieson Rd. s. of 7th, PH Ward 2	BW
	Feb. 13-14	1	Colborne area	KB
Merlin	Dec. 14	1	Lakeshore & Brand Rd., PH Ward 2	BW
	Dec. 15	2	Lakeshore & Baulch Rd., PH Ward 2	BW
	Dec. 21	1	Hwy. 28 & Cty. Rd. 9	BW
	all Feb.	1	Cobourg Harbour area	CEG
	Feb. 12	1	Bramley & Bruton St., PH	EK, RF
Wild Turkey	Feb. 27	25+	Cty. Rd. 9 e. of Campbellcroft, PH Ward 2	BL
Thayer's Gull	Feb. 11/19	1 imm	Cobourg Harbour	MB/CEG
Iceland Gull	Feb. 1-28	2-4	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Lesser Black-backed Gull	Feb. 11	1 ad	Cobourg Harbour	MB
Glaucous Gull	Jan. 27	3	Cobourg Harbour	BW
	Feb. 1-28	3-5	Cobourg Harbour	CEG, MB
Great Black-backed Gull	Feb. 22	2	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
Great Horned Owl	Feb. 27	1	Harwood Rd. & Turk Rd.	RH
Barred Owl	Jan. 21	1	Cty. Rd. 10 n. of Massey Rd., PH Ward 2	BW, AE
	Feb. 8	1	Lakeport	CEG
Long-eared Owl	Dec. 28	1	Candlewick Woods	BW, AE
Northern Saw-whet Owl	Jan. 31-Feb. 2	1	Gage's Creek Trail, PH	RF, EK

## Sightings - cont'd.

Red-bellied Woodpecker	Feb. 26	1m	Art Lang Rd., n. of 6th, Hamilton Twp.	SW
Hairy Woodpecker	Feb. 4	2	Wesleyville Village, PH Ward 2	SM, KMCh, AT
Northern Flicker	Jan. 10	1	Brand Rd. & Lakeshore, PH Ward 2	BW
	Jan. 22	2	Lakeshore & Willow Beach Rd., PH Ward 2	BW
	Jan. 27	3	Brand Rd. & Lakeshore, PH Ward 2	BW
	Feb. 20	1	Ward St., PH	IT
Northern Shrike	Jan. 3	6	western portion of North. County	BW, RF
	Jan. 5	1	Jamieson Rd. s. of 7th, PH Ward 2	BW
	Jan. 5, 24, 27	1	Brand Rd. & Lakeshore, PH Ward 2	BW
	Jan. 8	1	Lakeshore nr. OPG plant, PH Ward 2	BW
	Jan. 8, 26	1	Lakeshore & Baulch Rd., PH Ward 2	BW
	Jan. 8	1	Lake St. Marsh, PH	BW
	Jan. 20	1	Kellogg Rd. & 4th, PH Ward 2	BW
	Jan. 22	1	Haskill Rd. & Lakeshore, PH Ward 2	BW
	Feb. 12	1	Lake St. Marsh, PH	ERM
	Feb. 12	2	Lakeshore Rd., PH Ward 2	ERM
Common Raven	Feb. 12	1	Deer Park Rd. & 4th Line, PH Ward 2	ERM
	Dec. 8	1	Hwy. 28 & 4th, PH Ward 2	BW
	Dec. 21, 22	2	Bewdley	BW
	Jan. 5, 21	1	7th Line w. of Jamieson, PH Ward 2	BW
	Feb. 8	2	Garden Hill area	DW
Horned Lark	Feb. 26	1	Canning Rd., n. of 6th, Hamilton Twp.	SW
	Feb. 27	30+	along Lakeshore Rd., PH Ward 2	MB
White-breasted Nuthatch	Feb. 11	1	Young St., PH	NW
	Feb. 26	1	Art Lang Rd., n. of 6th, Hamilton Twp.	SW
Brown Creeper	Jan. 6, 8	1	Wesleyville OPG property	BW, KH
	Feb. 3	1	Deblaire St.N., PH	GMCD
Golden-crowned Kinglet	Jan. 6	6	Wesleyville OPG property	BW, KH
	Jan. 8	7	Candlewick Woods, PH Ward 2	BW
	Jan. 15	35	Rice Lake Conservation ARea	BW
Eastern Bluebird	Jan. 3	11	Lakeshore (6), Haskill (5), PH Ward 2	BW
	Jan. 26	5	6th Line, w. of Hwy. 28, PH Ward 2	BW
	Feb. 2	4 (2 pr.)	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
	Feb. 2	3	5th Line/Knoxville Rd., PH Ward 2	MB
American Robin	Feb. 6	5	Centennial Dr., PH	ERM
	Feb. 23	2	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Bohemian Waxwing	Dec. 14	2	Jocelyn St., PH	BW
	Feb. 26	2	Roseneath Landing	DS
Cedar Waxwing	Feb. 26	40	Roseneath Landing	DS
Yellow-rumped Warbler	Feb. 18	1	D'Arcy St., Cob. - Anne & Tom Wilson	MB
American Tree Sparrow	Feb. 26	2	Lake St. trail, PH	EK
Field Sparrow	Dec. 10-26	1	Brand Rd. feeder, PH Ward 2	BW, AE
Fox Sparrow	Dec. 22	1	Cty. Rd. 10 n. of Cty Rd. 9, PH Ward 2	BW
Song Sparrow	Dec. 1-Jan. 31	2	Lakeshore Rd. & Brand Rd., PH Ward 2	BW, AE
	Jan. 4/8	1/3	PH Water treatment plant	BW
	Feb. 25	1	Colborne area	JF, KB
White-throated Sparrow	Dec. 1-Jan. 31	3	Brand Rd. feeder, PH Ward 2	BW, AE
	Feb. 1-28	3-5	Cobourg feeder	MB
	Feb. 2	2	Smith St. & Dorset St.W., PH	EK
	Feb. 3	2	Deblaire St.N., PH	GMCD
	Feb. 23	1	Catherine & Dorset St.W., PH	EK
White-crowned Sparrow	Feb. 1-28	1 ad	Cobourg feeder	MB
	Feb. 16	1	Colborne area	JF, KB
Dark-eyed Junco	Feb. 15	2	Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW

Sightings - cont'd.

Red-winged Blackbird	Jan. 20	1	singing at Brand Creek, PH Ward 2	BW
Eastern Meadowlark	Jan. 1	1	Haskill Rd. & Lakeshore, PH Ward 2	BW
Pine Grosbeak	Dec. 23	25	Hwy. 45 & Gore's Landing Rd.	BW, KH
	Jan. 10	6	Woodvale School Rd, PH Ward 2	BW
	Jan. 15-16	7	Hwy. 28 s. of Cty Rd. 9, PH Ward 2	BW
	Feb. 4	5	Wesleyville Village, PH Ward 2	SM, KMCh, AT
	Feb. 26	8	Roseneath Landing	DS
	Feb. 4	7	Wesleyville Village, PH Ward 2	SM, KMCh, AT
Purple Finch	Feb. 4	7	Wesleyville Village, PH Ward 2	SM, KMCh, AT
	Feb. 25	6	Colborne area	JF, KB
House Finch	all Feb.	max.31, 2/10	Durham St., PH feeder	EK
White-winged Crossbill	Jan. 8	5	Wesleyville OPG property	BW
	Jan. 10	2	Woodvale School Rd, PH Ward 2	BW
Pine Siskin	Feb. 1-28	18-23	Durham St., PH feeder	EK
	Feb. 11	1	Cobourg feeder	MB
Red Fox	Jan. 30	1	Cobourg Via station	CC, JJ
Coyote	Jan. 19	1	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	BW
Raccoon family	Feb. 25	2+	Beaver Meadow Rd., Cold Springs	SW
Black Ant (large)	Jan. 30	1	Young St., PH	NW
Sow Bug	Feb. 18	1	Young St., PH	NW
Lady Bug	Feb. 3	1	Young St., PH	NW

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## Two Opportunities for Young People

1. The **Ontario Nature Youth Challenge Writing Contest** is a writing contest for Ontario youth in grades 7 and 8 on the topic "Why do we need nature?" It is intended to increase awareness and stimulate creative thinking and action in nature conservation among Ontario's youth. Open to all Ontario students, the call is for a submission of a 700-word piece of writing in any style the student wishes. The deadline is **April 15, 2006**. For more information, please visit [www.ontarionature.org/events/challenge.html](http://www.ontarionature.org/events/challenge.html) or contact Jennifer Baker at 1-800-440-2366 ext. 224 or [jenniferb@ontarionature.org](mailto:jenniferb@ontarionature.org).

2. The **Doug Tarry Bird Young Ornithologists' Workshop (YOW)** occurs annually each summer at Long Point Bird Observatory (LPBO). The goal of the Doug Tarry Bird Study Award is to foster the interests and development of ornithology in Canadian teenagers. Recipients of the award attend a ten day ornithological workshop/natural history camp at LPBL, located along the north shore of Lake Erie, Ontario, in the Long Point World Biosphere Reserve. Space is limited to six participants, ranging in age from 13-17 years old. The Award covers all direct costs of the workshop. The application form is available at <http://www.bsc-eoc.org/lpbo/yow.html>. Deadline for applications is **April 30, 2006**.

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