



## COMING EVENTS

- **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. (*More details on page 3.*)
- **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.
- **Saturday, April 29, 2006 - Opening of Peter's Woods**. Contact Petra Kennedy, pkennedy@town.cobourg.on.ca or Chris Drew, 342-2904, drew@eagle.ca for more information.
- **Saturday, May 13, 7 a.m.** - Outing at **Lucas Point**, Cobourg to look for migrants. From King St., turn south at Willmott St. to the parking lot on south side, past Belden. Contact Ben Walters, 905-885-8586, benjaminwalters@trentu.ca for more information.
- **Sunday, May 21**- Outing to **Darlington Provincial Park**. Morning walk to look for migrants on trails and at beach area. Meet at 8 a.m. at Port Hope car pool lot at Hwy. 28 & 401, opposite Arby's. Contact Ben Walters, 905-885-8586, benjaminwalters@trentu.ca for more information.
- **Friday, May 26, 2006, 6-7 p.m.** - President's Walk at Willow Beach. Thanks to Bev Winn for allowing WBFN to hold this hike on her property. Directions: Take Lakeshore Rd. west from Port Hope to Willow Beach Road. Turn south on Willow Beach Rd. and park near the barn.
- **Saturday, May 27** - Outing to **Thickson's Woods** in Whitby. Morning walk to look for migrants and early spring wildflowers. Meet at 7 a.m. at the Port Hope car pool lot at Hwy. 28 & 401, opposite Arby's. Contact Ben Walters, 905-885-8586, benjaminwalters@trentu.ca for more information.

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

## April Fool's!

It seems that we unintentionally published an early April Fool's joke in the March Curlew, and only one reader caught it. In the list of Bucket Raffle prizes, donors and winners, the lists of the donors and prizes were mixed up, so that it appeared that Norma Wallace had won Bill Crowley in the raffle! Norma Wallace actually received one of Bill's wonderful photos. Most of the chart was similarly confused. Sorry for the confusion. Your Editors' faces are red.

## 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.

## New Edition of *To Know This Place*

Ruth Clarke and Rick Beaver have prepared a revised and expanded edition of *To Know This Place: The Black Oak Savanna/Tallgrass Prairie of Alderville First Nation*. They will unveil this edition at the April 29 WBFN meeting. Copies will be available for purchase. A portion of the sales at this meeting will be contributed to Willow Beach Field Naturalists. Take advantage of the opportunity to add this useful guide to your library and to support WBFN.

Thanks to Ruth and Rick for their generosity.

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*The editor is most grateful to those who have contributed to this issue of the Curlew. Copy for the May 2006 issue should be received by April 30, 2006. Rare or interesting sightings should be reported to Ted McDonald (885-4764) or Norma Wallace (885-5552) for the May Curlew. Correspondence for WBFN should be addressed to: "The Willow Beach Field Naturalists, P.O. Box 421, Port Hope, ON L1A 3Z3."*

*Below are more details about the guest speaker and his subject for the April general meeting.*

## **RED SKY AT NIGHT... The Scientific Basis of Weatherlore**

**David Phillips**, Senior Climatologist, Environment Canada

It used to be that reading the sky and watching the clouds was a useful, life-preserving skill. Now that skill is all but extinct. Instead of going outside and gazing at the western sky, sticking a wet finger into the wind, sniffing for rain, or feeling the dampness in the air, we are more likely to turn on the television or simply ask someone. Regrettably, nowadays most people take weather for granted; we have become oblivious to the sky.

Long before weather forecasting became a science and service, sky watching was a daily occurrence. Outdoors people were seasoned weather forecasters, judging for themselves present and approaching weather. Early peoples were much better observers than those today who sit in front of their television. These early people quickly connected changes in nature with rhythms or patterns of weather. They recalled what they saw in the form of short sayings, often embodied in rhyme for ease of memory. Soon, the beliefs of thousands of people were passed down from generation to generation. Weather proverbs became part of culture and education and came to the New World with the waves of migration.

Today, weatherlore is a waning subject. A few naturalists, native peoples and oldtimers still hold on to the behaviour of plants and animals for their weather forecasts, but, rightly so, people depend on the science and service of modern day meteorologists for their weather prognostications. Most meteorologists have a derogatory impression of weatherlore and scoff at those weather superstitions, especially those that foretell the coming season's weather.

Yes, most weather lore is silly and foolish. And, some deserve condemnation. On the other hand, many of these lighthearted rhyming weather ditties are fun to repeat and wonder about.

I will share with you some of my favourite weather sayings and explain why some have stood the test of scientific scrutiny over centuries, such as:

Red skies tonight - sailors' delight, red skies in the morning - sailors take warning;

while others are sheer nonsense such as:

A bad winter betide; if hair grows thick on bear's hide.

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*David Phillips has been employed with Environment Canada's weather service for 38 years. His work activities relate to the study of the climate of Canada and to promote awareness and understanding of weather and climate in Canada. He has published several books, papers and reports on the climate of Canada, including several essays in The Canadian Encyclopedia, a book on The Climates of Canada, and two bestsellers: The Day Niagara Falls Ran Dry and Blame It On The Weather. He is the originator and author of the Canadian Weather Trivia Calendar, the most popular calendar sold in Canada, and now in its 19th year. For nearly ten years, he wrote the Weather-wise column in the Canadian Geographic magazine. David frequently appears on national radio and television as a commentator on weather and climate matters. He is well-known as the expert on The Weather Network. David is a fellow of both the Royal Canadian Geographical Society and the Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society. He has been awarded the Patterson Medal for Distinguished Service to Meteorology in Canada, the Commemorative Medal for the 125th Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada, and has twice received the Public Service Merit Award. In June 2004 he received an honorary Doctor of Environmental Studies from the University of Waterloo. In 2001, David was named to the Order of Canada.*

## UPDATE OF THE NORTHUMBERLAND LAND TRUST

*To the Willow Beach Field Naturalists*

*March/06*

In late November, we acquired our first property known as the Laurie Lawson Outdoor Education Centre property which has been used by the Board of Education as an Outdoor Centre since the 60s. This property has been owned by Dr. Mary Bedford-Jones and her late husband Bill Goodwin since the early 80s. On December 7, 2005, we had a day with the media on the property and received excellent coverage. This was indeed the right property to start with and we are indeed indebted to both Dr. Mary Bedford-Jones and the Willow Beach Field Naturalists for their support.

Plans are in place to have a grand opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony on the property on May 3, 2006 and guided tours on the property on Saturday, May 6, with a rain date of May 7, 2006. We hope that many of your members will join us for a walk through the trails to observe the meandering Cobourg Creek, the spring wild flowers and areas such as the Goodwin Meadow.

On January 12, 2006 we had our first Annual Gala and Annual Meeting with over 80 people in attendance raising almost \$2,500.00. John Shaw-Rimmington was the keynote speaker for the evening and Audrey E. Wilson gave an impressive talk on the Laurie Lawson Property. Prior to the dinner, an eight minute video, featuring our land trust was shown. This video has been professionally developed by Dr. Brenda Beck of Soft Science.

The Gala for January 2007 will be chaired by Heidi Reid who has a committee in place and has plans to have at least 200 in attendance. We do hope that many of your members will join with us for another enjoyable evening.

On behalf of the Directors of the Northumberland Land Trust, I extend to you our appreciation for establishing our Land Trust and look forward to a synergistic relationship in the future.

Dr. Doug Galt,  
President,  
Northumberland Land Trust

### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

- Congratulations to **Allyson Parker** who has been awarded a \$5,000 Toyota Earth Day Entrance Scholarship. From all across Canada, Toyota awards only 15 scholarships to graduating high school students. Four of them are awarded in Ontario. These awards recognize students who have distinguished themselves in environmental activities. Allyson will be presented with the award in a special ceremony at her high school, CDCI East, on April 20.
- **Bill Crowley** is recuperating well after recent surgery.
- **Elinor Kelly** is convalescing after a fall. We send best wishes from WBFN.

## **WALLACE BIRDATHON - 2006**

Roger Frost's waiting is almost over! He is chomping at the bit! The 2006 Wallace Birdathon will soon take place!

Once again, Roger has agreed to be the official birder for WBFN's annual event. Last year, Roger and partner, Louise Schmidt, sighted 142 species in Northumberland County. In 2006, the target is 150 species and counting!

We are asking WBFN members to support Roger with their pledges. This can be done with a flat rate donation, or, so much for each species seen. Last year, the total amount raised for the Birdathon was \$1,096.00 - a record! The money raised goes into the club's Property Account and, in due course, will be directed toward the Northumberland Land Trust.

Charitable donation receipts will be issued for all pledges received. Norma Wallace (905-885-5552) is collecting pledges. Roger Frost (905-885-9615, [ekrf@eagle.ca](mailto:ekrf@eagle.ca)) will also be happy to hear from you. Better still, come to the WBFN April 28th meeting at the Health Unit to hear Dave Phillips. You can sign the pledge sheets, then and there!

*Norma Wallace*

## **BAILLIE BIRDATHON - 2006**

Two WBFN members have expressed their intention to do a Baillie Birdathon in 2006 in support of WBFN. This event asks participants to see as many species of birds as they can during a 24 hour period in the month of May. To support the Birdathon, pledges are collected. The Baillie Birdathon supports the work of Bird Studies Canada, but 25% of the funds raised can be designated to go to a group of the participant's choice. These two people have designated WBFN.

Ian Tate will be birding in this area and would welcome pledges from WBFN members - his phone number is 905-885-7475 - or see him at the April meeting.

John Geale has sent an e-mail from New Zealand where he has been living for the past few years. (He will be returning by September 2006.) He will do a Baillie Birdathon there and would welcome pledges at [johngeale@yahoo.com](mailto:johngeale@yahoo.com).

## **For members who missed the last meeting...**

Bill Wensley provided us with a few chuckles (or, in some cases, groans) at the last general meeting. I was reporting on the confused swans at the Lake Street Marsh in Port Hope. A Mute Swan seems to have paired up with a wing-tagged Trumpeter Swan. Bill suggested that if they bred successfully, their offspring might be called Mute Trumpeters.

Later in the sightings a large arrival of Song Sparrows was being reported - 45 were seen at seed at a feeder. Bill suggested a new collective name for such a big flock - a Choir of Song Sparrows.

*Elizabeth Kellogg*

*From March 6 to 13, 2006, WBFN member Don Davis traveled through Mexico to observe the migrating monarch butterflies and visit other points of interest.*

## **MIGRATING WITH THE MONARCHS TO MEXICO!**

Monarchs and monarch people were everywhere. I was accompanied by Dr. Lincoln Brower, Dr. Karen Oberhauser, Dr. Dick Vane-Wright (British Museum of Natural History) and Dr. Michael Boppre from Germany. During the visit to Mexico, we also spoke with Dr. Chip Taylor, Dr. Bill Calvert, Vico Gutierrez and Gregory Allan from Papalotzin, Carlos Galindo-Leal of WWF Mexico, and the famous Mexican writer and founder of the Group of 100, Homero Aridjis. Jose Luis Alvarez, of La Cruz Habitat Protection Project, was our knowledgeable and experienced trip leader. What an amazing gathering of monarch butterfly enthusiasts and researchers.

Weather conditions in the vicinity of the monarch overwintering sites remained exceptionally dry and warmer than usual in this the dry season. There is an extreme risk of forest fire, and we could smell smoke from one such fire burning on the mountain Sierra Chincua.

During the trip, 2 visits each were made to the mountains Sierra Chincua and Pelon. To reach these sites meant driving slowly up extremely rugged dirt roads. At one point, a ramp had to be built out of wood and flat stones in order to continue. The hiking trails went through jagged, steep, rock-filled paths, sometimes covered with inches of fine dust. Other times, the path doubled as a flowing stream. Walks were an hour and a half or more. Frequent stops were necessary to catch one's breath in the thin air at 9,900 feet.

The monarchs were moving down the mountains from the oyamel fir trees at higher elevations. The monarchs were now clustered on pines, cedars and oaks. When clusters warmed up, they would sometimes explode like fireworks and a mass of orange butter-

flies would flee in all directions. A great deal of mating behaviour was observed. There were various flowering shrubs and plants, including clusters of yellow senecios. The sanctuary guides, called "vigilantes", reminded us to speak in a quiet voice.

At the base of some mountains, we were greeted at mid-day by a river of monarchs, soaring effortlessly down the mountain ravines in search of moisture. In some locations, masses of monarchs were photographed foraging for water on the ground.

We saw evidence of illegal logging in the core zone, and we came upon one illegal logger trimming a fallen tree with a portable mill. He fled into the forest, leaving behind his equipment.

During the last trip to Pelon, we sat and reflected on the magnificence of the huge clusters of hundreds of thousands of monarchs that surrounded them, and the amazing voyage that the butterflies had traveled. For me, this was a special moment. Thirty years earlier, my mentor, the late Dr. Fred Urquhart and his wife, Norah, had also walked on this very mountain. (After the trip, I wrote to Mrs. Urquhart, who will be 88 years old this summer. She thanked me for the memories my letter brought back).

Of course, Mexico has a great deal to offer visitors. We visited the copper artisans at Santa Clara de Cobre and hiked through a mammoth lava field to view the volcano Paricutin, that emerged from a farmer's field in 1943, destroying a town except for the top of its huge church.

Two pages of photographs taken during this trip can be viewed at <http://www.learner.org/jnorth/tm/monarch/DavisDonMX031706.html>

*Don Davis*

## RECENT SIGHTINGS

*compiled by Ted McDonald*

Red-throated Loon	Mar. 27	6	Presqu'ile Provincial Park - off Beach 1	MB
Common Loon	Mar. 27	1	off Wicklow Beach	MB
	Mar. 30	1	off Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Pied-billed Grebe	Apr. 2	1	Willow Beach marsh, PH Ward 2	MB
Horned Grebe	Mar. 24	12	Chub Point, Haldimand Twp.	MB
	Mar. 27	64+	Chub Point, Haldimand Twp.	MB
Red-necked Grebe	Mar. 24/28	12/24	off Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Mar. 24	1	Chub Point, Haldimand Twp.	MB
	Mar. 27	11+	Chub Point, Haldimand Twp.	MB
Double-crested Cormorant	Mar. 30	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Mar. 30	36	off Cobourg Harbour	MB
Great Blue Heron	Mar. 8/30	1/2	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Mar. 26-31	1	Garden Hill area	DW
	Mar. 30	1	Colborne area	JF, KB
Turkey Vulture	Mar. 16	1	west Cobourg/Hwy. 2	MB
	Mar. 17	1	Welcome area	RH
	Mar. 17	1	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward	LS
	Mar. 24	1	Dale Rd. n. of Cobourg	MB
	Mar. 26-31	2	over Young St., PH	NW
	Mar. 28	1	Wicklow, Haldimand Twp.	AEW
	Mar. 28	1	Colborne	CEG
Snow Goose	Mar. 24	1	Garden Hill pond	LS
	Mar. 28	1	over Garden Hill	DW
Canada Goose	Mar. 11	350+	over Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Mar. 24	500+	over Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Mar. 25	~1000	Kellogg Rd. n. of Hwy. 2, PH Ward 2	EK, RF
	Mar. 26	~500	Garden Hill pond	EK, RF
	Mar. 26	~500	Fudge's Mill, Grist Mill Rd., PH Ward 2	EK, RF
Mute Swan	Mar. 8	4	Lake St. Marsh, PH	EK
	Mar. 9	2	Port Hope harbour	SW
	Mar. 11/14	2	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Mar. 24	2	Lake St. Marsh, PH	GMCD
Trumpeter Swan	Mar. 1-23	2	Cobourg Harbour, 1 ad wing tag #817, 1 imm	CEG, MB, MObs
	Mar. 24-31	1	Lake St. Marsh, PH	GMCD, MObs
	Mar. 28	1	Fudge's Mill, Grist Mill Rd., PH Ward 2	EK, RF
<b>Tundra Swan</b>	Mar. 11	<b>52</b>	flying w. over Cobourg Harbour	MB
	Mar. 14	<b>53</b>	flying w. over Welcome, PH Ward 2	SM
	Mar. 14	13	over Choate Rd., PH Ward 2	SM
	Mar. 14	4	Cty. Rd. 10 s. of Perrytown, PH Ward 2	EK, RF, GB
	Mar. 15	24	4th Line, Roseneath area	DS
	Mar. 15	2	Haskill Rd./Lakeshore, PH Ward 2	BW
	Mar. 17	5 (all juv.)	4th e. of Deer Park, D197 PH Ward 2	EK, RF
	Mar. 18	4	Garden Hill pond	MB, BW
	Mar. 24	10	Chub Point, Haldimand Twp.	MB
	Mar. 24	14	Garden Hill pond	LS
	Mar. 24	25	over Candlewick land, PH Ward 2	EK, MR
	Mar. 25	4	Kellogg Rd. n. of Hwy. 2, PH Ward 2	EK, RF
	Mar. 26-28	12	Garden Hill pond	LS, EK, RF
	Mar. 30	1	Garden Hill pond	GMCD
Wood Duck	Mar. 12	2	4th Line w. of Sylvan Glen Rd., PH Ward 2	EK, RF
	Mar. 27	2	Garden Hill pond	LS
	Mar. 31	2	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Gadwall	Mar. 10	2	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Mar. 15	2	Morrish Church Rd. & Hwy. 2, PH Ward 2	BW
	Mar. 30	1 pr.	Cobourg Harbour	MB

## Sightings - cont'd.

<b>Eurasian Wigeon</b>	Mar. 10	1m	Presqu'ile Provincial Park	DSh
American Wigeon	Mar. 10	1m	Cobourg Harbour	MB
	Mar. 12/22	2/1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Mar. 24/26	1/2	Garden Hill pond	LS/EK, RF+E2
	Mar. 30-Apr. 2	2m, 1f	Cobourg Harbour	MB
American Black Duck	Mar. 13	3	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
Northern Shoveler	Mar. 31	2	Lake St. Marsh, PH	EB
Northern Pintail	Mar. 8	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Mar.9/11	2	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Mar. 10	3	Cobourg Harbour	MB
	Mar. 15	1	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Mar. 17	13	Cty. Rd. 65 n. of 4th, PH Ward 2	EK, RF
	Mar. 27	12	Garden Hill pond	LS
	Mar. 29	2	Brighton wastewater polishing pond	AEW
Green-winged Teal	Mar. 10-15	2	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Mar. 14	2	Deer Park Rd. & Hwy. 2, PH Ward 2	EK, RF, GB
	Mar. 29	2	Brighton wastewater polishing pond	AEW
Redhead	Mar. 5	10	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Mar. 10	26	Cobourg Harbour	MB
	Mar. 25, 26	2	Lake St. pond, PH	EK
Ring-necked Duck	Mar. 10	26	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Mar. 14	3	Barrie Rd., PH Ward 2	SM
	Mar. 14	16	Fudge's Mill, Grist Mill Rd., PH Ward 2	EK, RF, GB
	Mar. 15/22, 23	2/3	Lake St. pond, PH	EK
	Mar. 25-26	9	Lake St. pond, PH	EK
	Mar. 26/27/28	19/10/16	Garden Hill pond	EK, RF/LS
	Mar.24/26/27	4/14/16	Fudge's Mill, Grist Mill Rd., PH Ward 2	LS
	Mar. 31	8	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Lesser Scaup	Mar. 8	7	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
White-winged Scoter	Mar. 8	11	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Mar. 24, 27	3m	Chub Point, Haldimand Twp.	MB
Long-tailed Duck	Mar. 15	2	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
Bufflehead	Mar. 22/25/26	15/16/25	Lake St. pond, PH	EK
Common Goldeneye	Mar. 15	3	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
Hooded Merganser	Mar. 3/8	3/2	Port Hope harbour	SW/EK
	Mar. 8	5	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Mar. 10	12 (high)	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Mar. 11, 18	8	Cobourg Harbour	MB
	Mar. 14	12	Barrie Rd., PH Ward 2	SM
	Mar. 14/15	10/8	Fudge's Mill, Grist Mill Rd., PH Ward 2	EK, RF, GB/BW
	Mar. 15	3	Lake St. pond, PH	EK
	Mar. 17/23	8/12	pond at The Mill Golf Course, Cob.	AEW
	Mar. 26	2	Fudge's Mill, Grist Mill Rd., PH Ward 2	LS
	Mar. 27/28	2 C29	Garden Hill pond	LS
	Mar. 28	10	Garden Hill pond	EK, RF
Common Merganser	Mar. 10	3	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Mar. 27	5	Garden Hill pond	LS
	Mar. 26	4	Fudge's Mill, Grist Mill Rd., PH Ward 2	LS
Red-breasted Merganser	Mar. 15	150	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
Northern Harrier	Mar.14	1	Brand Rd. & Lakeshore, PH Ward 2	BW
	Mar. 30	2	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Mar. 3,8	1 imm	Albert St., Cob.	MB
Cooper's Hawk	Mar. 2	1	University & D'Arcy, Cob.	BL
	Mar. 11/14	1	Roseneath Landing	DS
	Mar. 17/26	1/1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Mar. 23	1 imm	Cobourg Harbour	MB
	Mar. 23	1	Cobourg east end	BL



## Sightings - cont'd.

Northern Goshawk	Mar. 12	1	Roseneath Landing	DS
	Mar. 12	1	Theatre Rd., n. of Hwy. 2, Hamilton Twp.	EK, RF
Red-shouldered Hawk	Mar. 26	1	Garden Hill CA, PH Ward 2	EK, RF
Rough-legged Hawk	Mar. 16	2	Roseneath Landing	DS
	Mar. 18	1 dk. morph	Garden Hill, PH Ward 2	MB
<b>Golden Eagle</b>	Mar. 18	1 ad	over Cobourg, migrating east	MB
American Kestrel	Mar. 21	1	s. of Colborne	JF, KB
Merlin	Mar. 10	1	Barrett St., PH	SH
	Mar. 10	1	Martha & Ontario St., PH	MR
	Mar. 10-20	1	Young St., PH	NW
	Mar. 11/14	2	Bloomsgrove Ave., PH	SH
	Mar. 30	1	Waterfront Trail, PH	EK
Ruffed Grouse	Mar. 14	1	7th nr. Campbell Rd., PH Ward 2, in middle of road!	EK, RF, GB
Wild Turkey	Mar. 3	40	e. of Cold Springs	RH
	Mar. 5	40	Beagle Club Rd., Hamilton Twp.	HK
	Mar. 27	18	7th nr. Campbell Rd., PH Ward 2	LS
Sandhill Crane	Mar. 14	1	over Division & Elgin St., Cob.	LW
Killdeer	Mar. 6	1	Garden Hill area	DW, MW
	Mar. 11	1	Brand Rd. & Lakeshore, PH Ward 2	BW
	Mar. 12	1	Chub Point, Haldimand Twp.	HMcl
	Mar. 12	1	Garden Hill CA	EK
	Mar. 14	1	s. of Colborne	KB
	Mar. 22	1	Donegan Park, Cobourg	BL
	Mar. 25	2	Eagleson Rd., Cold Springs, Hamilton Twp.	SW
	Mar. 26	1	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
American Woodcock	Mar. 13	1	Brand Rd. & Lakeshore, PH Ward 2	BW
	Mar. 14	1	Lakeshore Rd. & Willow Beach Rd., PH Ward 2	DT
	Mar. 17	3m	Wicklow Beach - displaying at dusk	MB
	Mar. 24	2	Chub Point woods - flushed from trail	MB
Bonaparte's Gull	Mar. 31	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
<b>Thayer's Gull</b>	Mar. 6	1fw	Cobourg Harbour	MB
	Mar. 8, 9	1ad	Cobourg Harbour	MB
Iceland Gull	Mar. 1-10	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
<b>Lesser Black-backed Gull</b>	Mar. 1	1ad	Cobourg Harbour	MB
Glaucous Gull	Mar. 1	5	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Mar. 1-8	1-4	Cobourg Harbour	MB
Mourning Dove	Feb. 19	12	Ontario St. feeder, Cob.	AEW
Eastern Screech Owl	Mar. 20	1	Roseneath area (calling)	DS
Great Horned Owl	Mar. 20	1	Roseneath Landing (calling)	DS
	Mar. 21	1	Cobourg east end (D90calling)	BL
Northern Saw-whet Owl	Mar. 7	1	Lake St. Marsh Trail, PH	EK, RF, MR
	Mar. 20	1	Roseneath Landing (calling)	DS
<b>HUMMINGBIRD sp?</b>	Mar. 18	1	Bloomsgrove Ave., PH	RB
Belted Kingfisher	Mar. 18	2	Garden Hill area	DW, MW
	Mar. 28	1	Garden Hill CA	LS
	Mar. 30	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Mar. 3	1	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Mar. 28	1	Roseneath Landing	DS
Northern Flicker	Mar. 12	1	Garden Hill CA	EK, RF
	Mar. 24	1	Young St., PH	NW
Pileated Woodpecker	Mar. 4	1	Ridout/Toronto Rd., PH, excavating tree	MB
	Mar. 9	1f	Donaldson Rd., Hamilton Twp.	SW
	Mar. 11	1	Vimy Ridge Rd., Hamilton Twp.	BL
	Mar. 12	1	Chub Point, Haldimand Twp.	HMcl
	Mar. 12	1	Cold Springs e. of Cty. Rd. 18, Hamilton Twp.	SW
	Mar. 24	2	Knoxville Rd. & 6th, PH Ward 2	LS
	Mar. 24	1	Candlewick Woods, PH Ward 2	EK, MR
	Mar. 28	1	Cobourg Harbour area	CEG
	Mar. 30	1	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
	Mar. 30	1	Waterfront Trail, PH	EK

## Sightings - cont'd.

American Crow	Mar. 27	42	7th nr. Campbell Rd., PH Ward 2	LS
Common Raven	Mar. 6	1	Garden Hill area	DW
	Mar. 28	1	Garden Hill CA	EK, RF
	Mar. 30/31	2/1	Wesleyville area, PH Ward 2	PB
	Apr. 2	1	Willow Beach, calling in flight	MB
Horned Lark	Mar. 30	1	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
Northern Shrike	Mar. 7, 9	1	Lake St. Marsh Trail, PH	EK, RF, MR
	Mar. 12	1	Deer Park Rd. & 4th, PH Ward 2	EK, RF
	Mar. 12	1	Garden Hill CA	EK, RF
Eastern Phoebe	Mar. 27	1	Monk's Bay, Cobourg	MB
	Apr. 1	1	Lake St. Marsh, PH	MB
Eastern Bluebird	Mar. 12	1m	7th e. of Campbell Rd., PH Ward 2	EK, RF
	Mar. 26	1	Rice Lake CA, Hamilton Twp.	EK, RF
	Mar. 30	4	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
American Robin	Mar. 5	50+	Wesleyville Rd., PH Ward 2	MB
	Mar. 11	11	Cobourg Harbour area	CEG
Northern Mockingbird	Mar. 11	1	Brand Rd. & Lakeshore, PH Ward 2	BW
Cedar Waxwing	Mar. 12	10+	4th Line w. of Sylvan Glen Rd., PH Ward 2	EK, RF
Tree Swallow	Mar. 20	1	Marsh Rd., PH	PB
	Mar. 28	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Mar. 29/31	1/2	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Barn Swallow	Mar. 29	2	s. of Colborne	KB
Horned Lark	Mar. 15	2	Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
Brown Creeper	Mar. 31	1	Wesleyville area, PH Ward 2	PB
Golden-crowned Kinglet	Mar. 31	1	Waterfront Trail nr. Gage's Creek, PH	GMCD
American Tree Sparrow	Mar. 8	2	Waterfront Trail, PH	EK
	Mar. 12	8	Theatre Rd., n. of Hwy. 2, Hamilton Twp.	EK, RF
	Mar. 29	1	Ontario St. feeder, Cob.	AEW
Song Sparrow	Mar. 22	1	Waterfront Trail, PH	EK
Song Sparrow	Mar. 27	1	Garden Hill CA	LS
	Mar. 29	2	Deblaire St.N., PH	GMCD
	Mar. 30	15	Waterfront Trail, PH, Hope St.S. - Gage's Creek	EK
	Mar. 31	5+	Cobourg Harbour area	CEG
White-throated Sparrow	Mar. 1-31	3-4	Cobourg feeders	MB
	Mar. 28	1	Garden Hill CA, PH Ward 2	EK, RF
	Mar. 30	2	Deblaire St.N., PH	GMCD
White-crowned Sparrow	Mar. 1-31	1ad	Cobourg feeders (since Dec. 13)	MB
Fox Sparrow	Mar. 18	1	s. of Colborne	JF
	Mar. 31	1	Deblaire St.N., PH	GMCD
Dark-eyed Junco	Feb. 19	15	Ontario St., Cob.	AEW
	Mar. 2	11	Durham St., PH feeder	EK
	Mar. 25	12	Garden Hill area	DW
	Mar. 29	1	Centennial Dr., PH	ERM
Snow Bunting	Mar. 5	20	Turner Rd., Cold Springs	SW
Northern Cardinal	Mar. 10	2	Young St., PH	NW
Red-winged Blackbird	Mar. 7	6	s. of Colborne	JF, KB
	Mar. 10	10	Welcome feeder, PH Ward 2	KMcH
Eastern Meadowlark	Mar. 12	1	Bowmanton & Beaver Meadow+D141	KD
	Mar. 29	1	Port Britain area	DT
	Mar. 30	3	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
<b>Western Meadowlark</b>	Mar. 16	1m	Haskill Rd./Lakeshore - singing	MB
Common Grackle	Mar. 10	9	Welcome feeder, PH Ward 2	KMcH
	Mar. 12	2	Chub Point, Haldimand Twp.	HMCL
Brown-headed Cowbird	Mar. 10	1	Garden Hill area	DW
	Mar. 28	15	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS

Sightings - cont'd.

Common Redpoll	Mar. 12	60	Bowmanton & Beaver Meadow Rd.D200	KD
	Mar. 21	6	Roseneath Landing	DS
Pine Siskin	Feb. 19	95 max.	Ontario St., Cob.	AEW
	Mar. 2/9	11/27	Durham St., PH feeder	EK
	Mar. 6-10	2-4	Cobourg feeders	MB
	Mar. 12	30	Bowmanton & Beaver Meadow Rd.	KD
	Mar. 21	6	Roseneath Landing	DS
	Mar. 26	8	Lakeshore Rd., e. of Cobourg	MB
American Goldfinch	Mar. 1-24	20+	Cobourg feeders	MB
	Mar. 2	28	Durham St., PH feeder	EK
	Mar. 21	10	Roseneath Landing	DS
Evening Grosbeak	Mar. 3	3	Choate Rd., PH Ward 2	MH
	Mar. 5	3	Beaver Meadow Rd., Haldimand Twp.	EK, RF
Red Fox	Mar. 2	1	s. of Colborne	JF, KB
Coyote	Feb. 27	4	Garden Hill area	DW
	Mar. 10	1	Croft St., PH	ERM
	Mar. 20	3	Roseneath Landing - howling	DS
	Mar. 24	1	s. of Colborne	JF, KB
Porcupine	Mar. 5	1	Northumberland Forest Trail	HK
Groundhog	Mar. 24	1	D'Arcy St. e. of RR, Cob.	CC, JJ
	Mar. 30	1	Knoxville Rd. between 6th & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
Eastern Chipmunk	Mar. 2	1	s. of Colborne	JF, KB
	Mar. 30	4	s. of Colborne	JF, KB
Otters	Mar. 14/18	1/3	Garden Hill pond	SM/BW
Little Brown Bat	Mar. 27	1	Peace Park, Cob., flying about in broad daylight	MB
Spring Peepers	Mar. 31		calling @ Port Britain, PH Ward 2	DT
midges	Mar. 25	60	Garden Hill area	DW
Yellow Jacket wasp	Mar. 29	1	Young St., PH	NW
Mourning Cloak	Mar. 30	1	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS

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