



This is the last issue of the Curlew until September, so make a note of the outings you wish to attend.

COMING EVENTS

● **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.

● **Monday, June 5, 7 p.m.** - **Outing to Alderville Black Oak Savanna.** Alison Clark, the new Natural Heritage Coordinator for Alderville First Nation will lead us on a hike through this special habitat. Directions: Take Hwy. 45 north to Cty. Rd. 18. Turn west onto Cty. Rd. 18 to Sandercock Rd. Park along Sandercock. The entrance is to the Savanna is off Cty. 18 west of Sandercock. Take care along Cty. 18, as this is a very busy road.

● **June 10 and 11, 2006 - Northumberland Summer Bird Count** - For more information, contact Roger Frost at 905-885-9615, ekrf@eagle.ca. Post-count gathering will be hosted by Michael Biggar.

For more information about the outings listed below, contact Ben Walters, 905-885-8586, benjaminwalters@trentu.ca.

● **Sunday, June 18, 2006, 8:30 a.m.** - **Outing to Pigeon River Headwaters Conservation Area.** This is a 125 hs. site located south of Hwy. 35 just off Hwy. 7A. There are many forest types located in this conservation area as well as a marsh boardwalk going through a cattail marsh. As well, there is a coldwater stream restoration site and demonstration fences that are typical of this area. Meet at the Port Hope carpool lot at Hwy. 28 and 401 across from Arby's at 8 a.m.

● **Saturday, July 29, 2006, 9 a.m. Dragonflies and Butterflies of Lone Pine Marsh.** An outing for everyone and their families and friends. It is my hope that you will bring young ones out to explore the Lepidoptera and Odonata of Lone Pine Marsh. Bring your butterfly nets, boots and binoculars. Meet at Lone

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Pine Marsh at 9 a.m. Directions: Take Hwy. 401 to the Colborne exit, Cty. Rd. 25. Turn north on 25 to Cty. Rd. 21. Turn east (right) to Maple Grove Rd. Turn north (left) on Maple Grove until you come to a small parking lot on the right. Some cars may have to park along Maple Grove.

●**Saturday, August 26, 8:30 p.m. - Brand Rd.** This evening (night) outing will concentrate on insects of the night, in particular, moths. This would be an ideal outing for the whole family. Directions: Take Lakeshore Rd. west from Port Hope to Brand Rd. Park along Brand Rd.

●**Saturday, September 30, 2006, 10 a.m.** - Joint outing with the Oak Ridges Trail Association in the Northumberland Forest. Since the exact location of this outing has not been defined, we will meet at the Port Hope carpool lot across from Arby's at 9:15 a.m., then the Cobourg carpool lot north of Hwy. 401 at Division St at 9:30 a.m., continuing on the the trail from there . This is a great opportunity to meet other people who share similar interests and to create a relationship with other clubs, so mark this date on your calendar. The hike will be approximately 2 hours long and will include hiking with natural history stops.

**WELCOME TO
NEW MEMBERS**

Nikki Mitchell and family, Cobourg
Shelly Fredericks, Cobourg

PRESS SECRETARY APPOINTED

The Executive is pleased to announce the appointment of a Press Secretary for Willow Beach Field Naturalists. Gina McFarlane has agreed to take this position. It is hoped that by having a person responsible for contact with the local press, WBFN will become more widely known through the community. Despite the existence of the club for 53 years, an amazing number of people in Northumberland County have never heard of us!

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The editor is most grateful to those who have contributed to this issue of the Curlew. Copy for the September 2006 issue should be received by August 31, 2006. Rare or interesting sightings should be reported to Elizabeth Kellogg and Roger Frost at 905-885-9615, ekrf@eagle.ca, or Norma Wallace (885-5552) for the September Curlew. Correspondence for WBFN should be addressed to: "The Willow Beach Field Naturalists, P.O. Box 421, Port Hope, ON L1A 3Z3."

Sightings Compiler Retires

This is an historic issue of *The Curlew*. For the last time, it will carry the heading "Recent Sightings compiled by Ted McDonald." Ted has expressed his wish to retire from the job of keeper of the records, a job he has had since WBFN decided to keep records. He and his type-writer are tired.

Although not a founding member, Ted joined Willow Beach Field Naturalists in its early days. He has had two terms as editor of *The Curlew*, from 1965 to 1970 and again from 1975 to 1982. I have this information because Ted compiled a list of *Curlew* editors and Presidents of WBFN which was published in the February 1999 of *The Curlew*. After his second term as *Curlew* Editor, Ted continued to collect and compile the list of sightings for each issue.

Ted has passed to the club archives a set of binders which contain a wealth of information about the natural history of the area over the past 53 years. The Executive is planning to thank Ted more formally at the September meeting.

- Elizabeth Kellogg

BIRD WEBSITE UPDATED

Over the course of the past year, Steven Furino and I have updated the Northumberland County bird website, and have added some new features. In addition to the species accounts (accessible by clicking on 'Species' in the menu bar), we have added a summary of arrival and departure dates for the county. Click on 'The Data' on the menu bar, and then on 'Basic Summary - Split Year'. In addition, I prepared a down-loadable section on 'Birding in Northumberland' which you can reach by clicking on 'Habitats' in the menu bar.

For those of you who have yet to use the site, its address is:
homepage.mac.com/wings_4d/bonc/bonc_index.html

The species accounts and checklists (click on lists) are available for both the county as a whole and for Presqu'ile Provincial Park.

- Clive Goodwin

HELP WANTED!

WBFN has been invited to mount a display at the Living Green Fair which is being held on June 17 from 10 to 6 in Port Hope. If you are able to help in either building or manning the display at the show, please contact Carole Payne at 905-885-6135 or bookbind@eagle.ca.

We have also been invited to mount a display in a dedicated Environment Tent at Port Hope Fall Fair. Shifts will have to be covered on Saturday, Sept. 16 from 10 to 5 and Sunday, Sept. 17 from 10 to 4. If you can help here, please contact Simone Mérey at 905-885-8347 or smerey@nbh.com

A TRIBUTE TO KAY McKEEVER

by Audrey E. Wilson

Kay McKeever has devoted over 40 years of her life to caring for, rehabilitating and breeding injured owls at her Owl Foundation in Vineland, Ontario.

When an invitation was circulated at the April '06 WBFN Executive meeting from Elsa Canada announcing an evening to honour and celebrate Kay's achievements, my ears perked up immediately. Not only have I known Kay as a personal friend for over 50 years, but my first major environmental trip was to Kenya and Tanzania with Elsa Canada in 1974, when we visited Joy Adamson's, just prior to her untimely death.

Bob Bateman, who has supported both organizations for many years was in attendance and donated 15 original etchings of a barred owl in a raffle open to each ticket holder.

The evening was held in the West room at Black Creek Pioneer Village. Tributes to Kay were done by:

1. Nathalie Karvonen, Toronto Wildlife Centre
2. Dr. Bruce Hunter, University of Guelph
3. Robert Bateman

As Dr. Hunter noted, Kay is an exceptional conservationist, exemplifying how a non-trained amateur person can achieve ultimate heights in scientific research when there is a will and determination.

Jean and I thoroughly enjoyed the gourmet dinner, but like everyone present, felt the highlight of the evening was the keynote speech, illustrated with slides by Kay herself. Any presentation by Kay is always extremely educational and conducted in an uniquely humorous manner, an event not to be missed! All proceeds of the night went directly from Elsa Canada to support Kay's Owl Foundation which receives no government funding.

As members of WBFN, we support an owl each year. I felt you too might like to read the biographical sketch of this great Canadian, printed on the program for that evening.

Katherine McKeever, C.M., L.L.D

In the spring of 1965, Kay received her first wild owl. In the 41 years since that first owl, over 5000 injured or orphaned wild owls from across North America have been admitted at the Vineland Facility covering 4 acres, with 43 cage complexes of experimental design. Of the 16 Canadian species of owls, 14 have been successfully bred, the progeny raised by their parents, and after training, returned for release to an area where one of their parents originated.

Kay is the author of two books for children about owls, and a manual on owl care and rehabilitation sold in 27 countries around the world. In the past decade alone, she has spoken on some 200 to 300 occasions to international symposia, conferences, veterinary colleges, universities, zoological societies, naturalist groups, museums, and the Royal Canadian Institute. She has received many awards in recognition of her work, including an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Brock University and another from McMaster University. In 1985, she was appointed to the Order of Canada.

RECENT SIGHTINGS

compiled by Ted McDonald

Common Loon	Apr. 9	30	off Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Apr. 13	187	Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Apr. 23	17	off Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Horned Grebe	Apr. 5-15	24 (high)	Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
Red-necked Grebe	Apr. 2	110	Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Apr. 2	55	off Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Apr. 11	21	off Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Apr. 19	174	Chub Point - evening flight	MB
	Apr. 20	4 (last)	off Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Double-crested Cormorant	Mar. 28	50	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Apr. 7	30	Cobourg Harbour	MB
Great Egret	Apr. 8	1	Lake St. Marsh, PH	EB
	Apr. 15	1	over Roseneath Landing	KS
Great Blue Heron	Apr. 17	3	over Lakeshore Rd. Cob.	LW
	Apr. 20/24	2/1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Black-crowned Night Heron	Apr. 28	3	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Turkey Vulture	Apr. 2	2	Garden Hill area	DW, MW
Snow Goose	Apr. 1	4	Lakeshore Rd.W., PH	DT, MT
	Apr. 14	3	Cobourg Harbour	KB, AB
Mute Swan	Mar. 29	16	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Apr. 22	2	off Lakeshore @ Wesleyville Rd., PH Ward 2	JMc
Trumpeter Swan	Apr. 1-18	1, #817	Lake St. Marsh, PH	EK, MObs
	Apr. 2, 26	1, #817	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Apr. 16	1ad,2imm	Lake St. Marsh, PH, #817	MB
	Apr. 29	1, #817	Cobourg watertower pond	MB
Tundra Swan	Apr. 9	1	flying w. along Lake Ontario	BW
Wood Duck	Apr. 20	4	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Apr. 24	12	Lakeshore & Dickinson, PH Ward 2	EK, RF, GB
Gadwall	Apr. 2-3	2	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
American Wigeon	Apr. 2-20	1m, 1f	Cobourg Harbour	MB
American Black Duck	Apr. 3	14	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
Blue-winged Teal	Apr. 12/18	2	Lake St. Marsh, PH	EB/EK, RF
Northern Shoveler	Apr.1	2	Lake St. Marsh, PH	EK
Green-winged Teal	Apr. 2	5	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Apr. 17	2	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Redhead	Apr. 1	6	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
Ring-necked Duck	Mar. 30	3	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Apr. 1	3	Lake St., PH	EK
	Apr. 1/12	3/1(last)	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Great Scaup	Apr. 4/14	10	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
Lesser Scaup	Apr. 3	8	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
Surf Scoter	Apr. 5	2	Cobourg Harbour	DS
	Apr. 29	4	off Cobourg Harbour	CEG
White-winged Scoter	Apr. 11	16	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Apr. 23	21(high)	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Black Scoter	Apr. 3/7	1	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Apr. 2/23	4/1	off Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Long-tailed Duck	Apr. 11	108	passing Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
Bufflehead	Apr. 11	40	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Apr. 18/30	12/2	Lake St., PH	EK, RF
Common Goldeneye	Mar. 30	19	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
Hooded Merganser	Apr. 17	3m, 3f	Cobourg Harbour	MB
	Apr. 4/29	1/1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Common Merganser	May 2	6	off Lake St., PH	GMCD
Red-breasted Merganser	Apr. 3	241	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Apr. 23	125	Cobourg Harbour	CEG

Sightings - cont'd.

Ruddy Duck	Mar. 31	1	Lake St. Chemtron pond	BW
Osprey	Apr. 1-6	1	Garden Hill area	DW
	Apr. 13	2 on nest	Hwy. 28 & Cty. Rd. 9	PBa
	Apr. 23/28	2/1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Apr. 29	1	over Wesleyville area, PH Ward 2	PB
Eagle sp.	Apr. 27	1	Hwy. 45 near Baltimore	AB
Northern Harrier	Mar. 30	pair	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LW
	Apr. 6	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Apr. 22	2 (pair)	Lakeshore & Wesleyville Rd., PH Ward 2	JMc
	Apr. 26	2	Roseneath Landing	DS
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Apr. 16	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Apr. 27	1	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
Cooper's Hawk	Apr. 21	1	Roseneath Landing	DS
Northern Goshawk	Apr. 2	1	Lakeshore e. of Brand Rd., PH Ward 2	BW, AE
	Apr. 16/26	1	Roseneath Landing	DS
Red-shouldered Hawk	Apr. 9	1	Grafton area	MB
	Apr. 13	2	Mast Woods Rd., PH Ward 2	EK
Broad-winged Hawk	Apr. 13	2	Salem, Cramahe Twp.	CEG
Red-tailed Hawk	Mar. 31	1	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
	Apr. 22	3	Lakeshore & Wesleyville Rd., PH Ward 2	JMc
American Kestrel	Mar. 31	1	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
	Apr. 5	3	PH to Wesleyville, Lakeshore Rd.	PB
	Apr. 22	1m	Lakeshore & Wesleyville Rd., PH Ward 2	JMc
	Apr. 26	1	Brighton area	RL, MC
Merlin	Apr. 6	1	Westwood area, Cob.	BF
	Apr. 10	2	Bloomsgrove Ave., PH	SH
	Apr. 11	2	Pine St.N., PH	SH
	Apr. 11	1	Ontario & Martha St., PH	KB, AB
	Apr. 16	1	Roseneath Landing	DS
	Apr. 17-19	2	Hill & Bruton St., PH	GL
	Apr. 19	2	Young St., PH	EK
	Apr. 9	3	Trinity College Junior School, PH	BW
	Apr. 26	1	Brighton area	RL, MC
	all Apr.	1	Cobourg Harbour area	CEG
Peregrine Falcon	Apr. 29	1	Port Hope Harbour, flying east	MB
Ruffed Grouse	Apr. 27	1	Woodvale School Rd., PH Ward 2	LS
Wild Turkey	Apr. 4	7	Beech Hill Rd., PH Ward 2	MB
	Apr. 16	5	Ramsey St., PH	WG
Chukar	May 4	1	Barnes Rd., Cramahe Twp.	GMCD, BLo
Sandhill Crane	Apr. 11	4	over Roseneath Landing	DS
	Apr. 18	1	flying e. over Trinity College School	BW
	Apr. 19	1	Danforth Rd.W., Hamilton Twp.	MBi
	Apr. 25	3	Hwy. 2 & Theatre Rd.	SP
Killdeer	Mar. 11	1	Lakeshore & Brand Rd., PH Ward 2	BW
Black-necked Stilt	Apr. 11-15	2	Brighton Polishing Ponds. First for county & Eastern Ontario	BR, MR
Greater Yellowlegs	Apr. 29	1	Cobourg watertower pond	MB
Yellowleg sp.	Apr. 10/11	1	Burnham St.N., Hamilton Twp.	MBi
	Apr. 26	8	Hwy. 401 & Burnham St.N.	AEW
Spotted Sandpiper	May 3	1	Lake St. Marsh, PH	BL
Upland Sandpiper	May 2	1	over Wesleyville area, PH Ward 2	PB
Wilson's Snipe	Mar. 31	1	Hwy. 28 s. of Cty. Rd. 9	BW
Black-headed Gull	Apr. 23	1	Cobourg Harbour, first since 2000, 4th for club area	CEG
Bonaparte's Gull	Apr. 7	6	Cobourg Harbour	MB
	Apr. 12	135	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Apr. 12/23	22/36	Cobourg Harbour (highs)	CEG

Sightings - cont'd.

Great Black-backed Gull	Mar. 31	7	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
Caspian Tern	Apr. 12/14	1/4	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
Common Tern	May 5	6	foot of Henry St., Cob.	BL
Forster's Tern	May 2	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Great Horned Owl	Apr. 16	1	Brand Rd., PH Ward 2	BW
Snowy Owl	Apr. 2	1	Cobourg Harbour pier	CEG
Whip-poor-will	Apr. 21	1	Wesleyville area	PB
Chimney Swift	Apr. 9	1	Garden Hill area	DW
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Apr. 29	1	Garden Hill, Mercer's Pond	BM
	May 2	1	Plainville, Hamilton Twp.	BN
Belted Kingfisher	Apr. 6	1	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
	Apr. 13	1	Mill Golf Course, Cob.	AEW
	Apr. 29	1	Colborne area	JF, KB
Red-headed Woodpecker	Feb. 19	1	7th Line, Hamilton Twp.	WB, JB
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Apr. 22	1	Sherbourne St., PH	A&AMcL
	Apr. 25	1m	Durham St., PH at feeder	EK
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Apr. 13	1	Pelmo Park & Mast Woods Rd., PH Ward 2	EK
	Apr. 19	1	3rd nr. Bull Rd., Haldimand Twp.	LS
	Apr. 24	2	Candlewick Woods, PH Ward 2	EK, RF, GB
Downy Woodpecker	Apr. 6	3	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2, at feeder	LS
Hairy Woodpecker	Apr. 8	1	Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Apr. 10	2 (pair)	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
Northern Flicker	Apr. 2	1	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
	Apr. 7	1	Deblaquiere St.N., PH	GMCD
	Apr. 10	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Pileated Woodpecker	Mar. 30	1	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
	Apr. 19	1	Red Cloud School Rd., Haldimand Twp.	LS
	Apr. 24	1	Choate Rd., PH Ward 2	PSt.C
	Apr. 24	1	Pine Tree Ct., Baltimore	RS
	May 1	1	Goodrich-Loomis CA, Brighton Twp.	BL
Eastern Phoebe	Mar. 31	1	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
	Apr. 2	1	foot of D'Arcy St., Cob.	MB
	Apr. 2	2	Lakeshore & Brand Rd., PH Ward 2	BW, AE
	Apr. 6	1	Lake St., PH	EK
	Apr. 9	4	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
	Apr. 25	1	LLOEC, Telephone Rd., Hamilton Twp.D141	AEW
Northern Shrike	Mar. 16-29		Lakeshore & Brand Rd., PH Ward 2	BW
	Mar. 16	1	Massey & Kellogg Rd., PH Ward 2	BW
	Mar. 16	1	401 & Wesleyville Rd., PH Ward 2	BW
	Apr. 5	1	Haskill & Lakeshore Rd., PH Ward 2	PB
Blue-headed Vireo	Apr. 24	1	Candlewick Woods, PH Ward 2	EK, RF, GB
Warbling Vireo	May 3	1	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
American Crow	Apr. 5	1	Choate Rd., PH Ward 2, at feeder	MH
Common Raven	Mar. 10	1	over Bewdley	BW
	Apr. 13	1	Pelmo Park & Mast Woods Rd., PH Ward 2	EK
	Apr. 15	2	last seen near Wesleyville	PB
Horned Lark	Mar. 30	1	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
	Apr. 6	1	Knoxville Rd., PH Ward 2, display flight	LS
	Apr. 27	1 singing	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
Purple Martin	Mar. 31	1	Marsh Rd. e. of Baulch Rd., PH Ward 2	BW, AE
	Apr. 14	2	Roseneath Landing	DS
	Apr. 29	4	Garden Hill area	DW
Tree Swallow	Mar. 31	7	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
	Apr. 1	2	Lake St. Marsh, PH	EK
	Apr. 8	1	6th Line, PH Ward 2	BLe
	Apr. 14	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Apr. 23	800	Candlewick Woods, PH Ward 2	RF

Sightings - cont'd.

Northern Rough-winged Swallow	Apr. 9	1	Lakeshore & Brand Rd., PH Ward 2	BW
	Apr. 14	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Apr. 15	2	Gage's Creek & Hwy. 2	ERM
Bank Swallow	Apr. 23	1	Candlewick Woods, PH Ward 2	RF
	May 2	2	Candlewick Woods, PH Ward 2	GMCD
Cliff Swallow	May 2	2	Garden Hill area	DW
Barn Swallow	Apr. 14	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Apr. 16	5	Lucas Point, Cob.	AEW
	Apr. 18	8	Colborne area	JF
	Apr. 20	1	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
	Apr. 23	100	Candlewick Woods, PH Ward 2	RF
Brown Creeper	Apr. 8	1	Deblaquire St.N., PH	GMCD
White-breasted Nuthatch	Apr. 27	2	Woodvale School Rd., PH Ward 2	LS
Carolina Wren	Mar. 25	1	Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Apr. 13	1	Wicklow Beach (new location)	CEG
	Apr. 26	1	Presqu'île Provincial Park	RL, MC
House Wren	May 1-3	1	Choate Rd., PH Ward 2	MH
	May 3	1	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
Winter Wren	Apr. 7	1	Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Apr. 27	1 singing	Woodvale School Rd., PH Ward 2	LS
	May 2	1	Candlewick Woods, PH Ward 2	GMCD
Golden-crowned Kinglet	Apr. 6	20	Ganaraska CA, PH	GL
	Apr. 6	2	Knoxville Rd., PH Ward 2	LS
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Apr. 15	1	King St., PH	GMCD
	Apr. 23	50	Candlewick Woods, PH Ward 2	RF
Eastern Bluebird	Mar. 31	4 pairs	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
	Apr. 5/6	1/2	6th Line, PH Ward 2	BLe
	Apr. 5	1	Marsh Rd., PH Ward 2	PB
	Apr. 18	9	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
	Apr. 22	2 (pair)	Lakeshore & Wesleyville Rd., PH Ward 2	JMc
	Apr. 29	4	Garden Hill area	DW
Veery	Apr. 29	1	n. of Brand Rd., PH Ward 2	BW, AE
Hermit Thrush	Apr. 2	1	Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Apr. 10	2	Wesleyville OPG property, PH Ward 2	BW, RF
	Apr. 20	1	Cobourg backyard	MB
	Apr. 30	1	Chub Point Rd., Haldimand Twp.	SMcL
	Apr. 30	1	Lake St. Trail, PH	EK
	May 2	2	Candlewick Woods, PH Ward 2	GMCD
Wood Thrush	May 3	1	Grafton area	TC
	May 3	1	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
American Robin	Apr. 18	47	7th nr. Jamieson, PH Ward 2	LS
Gray Catbird	May 2	1	Wesleyville area	EB, PB
Northern Mockingbird	Apr. 20	1m	foot of Bagot St., Cob., imitating many common birds	MB
	May 1	2 (pair)	OPG Wesleyville	BN
Brown Thrasher	Apr. 14	1	Lakeshore & Brand Rd., PH Ward 2	BW, RF, EK
	Apr. 19	1	Red Cloud School Rd., Haldimand Twp.	LS
	Apr. 20	1	Roseneath Landing	DS
	Apr. 22	1	Lakeshore & Wesleyville Rd., PH Ward 2	JMc
	Apr. 24	1	Lakeshore & Willow Beach Rd.	DT
	Apr. 27	1	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
	Apr. 29	1	Chub Point Rd., Haldimand Twp.	SMcL
American Pipit	Apr. 23	1	Cobourg Harbour	BW
Bohemian Waxwing	Apr. 5	20	Roseneath Landing	DS
	May 5	20	6th Line, PH Ward 2	BLe

Sightings - cont'd.

Cedar Waxwing	Apr. 20/25	1/38	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
	Apr. 23	12	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Apr. 26	91	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Apr. 27	35	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Nashville Warbler	Apr. 30	1	Lakeshore & Brand Rd., PH Ward 2	BW
Yellow-rumped Warbler	Apr. 14	1	Lakeshore & Brand Rd., PH Ward 2	BW
	Apr. 30	3	Wesleyville area	PB
	May 2	1	Candlewick Woods, PH Ward 2	GMCD
Black-throated Green Warbler	Apr. 30	1	Wesleyville area	PB
Pine Warbler	Apr. 13	1	Pelmo Park & Mast Woods Rd., PH Ward 2	EK
	Apr. 15	1	Brand Rd., PH Ward 2	BW
	Apr. 27	2	Woodvale School Rd., PH Ward 2	LS
Palm Warbler	Apr. 15	1	Brand Rd., PH Ward 2	BW
	Apr. 28	1	Archer Rd., Haldimand Twp.	CEG
Spotted Towhee	Apr. 29	1m	Lakeshore Rd., PH	L&AJ
Eastern Towhee	Feb. 1-28	1	7th Line, Hamilton Twp.	W&JB
	Apr. 3-5	1	7th Line, Hamilton Twp.	W&JB
	Apr. 9	1m	Lakeshore w. of Brand Rd., PH Ward 2	BW
	Apr. 24	1	Victoria St.S., PH	MM
	Apr. 24-27	1m	Cobourg feeder	MB
	Apr. 30	1f	Cobourg feeder	MB
	Apr. 30	1f	Lake St. Trail, PH	EK
	May 1	1	Goodrich-Loomis CA, Brighton Twp.	BL
American Tree Sparrow	Apr. 1	2	Durham St., PH at feeder	EK
	Apr. 23	1	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
	Apr. 22	6	Lakeshore & Brand Rd., PH Ward 2	BW
Chipping Sparrow	Apr. 10	1	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
	Apr. 19	2	Ontario St., Cob.	AEW
	Apr. 21	1	Deblaquire St.N., PH	GMCD
	Apr. 20-30	2	Cobourg feeder	MB
Field Sparrow	Apr. 13	1	Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Apr. 18/20	1/2	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
	Apr. 27	2	Woodvale School Rd., PH Ward 2	LS
	Apr. 30	4	Lake St. Trail, PH	EK
Vesper Sparrow	Apr. 14	1	Lakeshore & Brand Rd., PH Ward 2	BW, RF, EK
	Apr. 16	1	Garden Hill area	DW
	Apr. 19	1	Cobourg Harbour area	CEG
	Apr. 15/20	1/2	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
	Apr. 27	4	Woodvale School Rd., PH Ward 2	LS
	May 1	1	Goodrich-Loomis CA, Brighton Twp.	BL
Savannah Sparrow	Apr. 18	3	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
	Apr. 27	4	Woodvale School Rd., PH Ward 2	LS
	May 2	1	Choate Rd., PH Ward 2	GMCD
Grasshopper Sparrow	Apr. 30	1	Lucas Point, Cob.	CEG
Fox Sparrow	Apr. 2-20	1-3	Cobourg feeder	MB
	Apr. 14	1	Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Apr. 20	6	Candlewick Woods, PH Ward 2	RF
Song Sparrow	Mar. 29	~45	Lakeshore & Brand Rd., PH Ward 2	BW
Swamp Sparrow	Apr. 19	1	Cobourg feeder	MB
	Apr. 30	1	Wesleyville area	PB
	Apr. 30	2	Lake St. Marsh, PH	EK
White-throated Sparrow	Apr. 1-29	3-8	Cobourg feeder	MB
	Apr. 24	20	Lake St. Trail, PH	ERM
	Apr. 30	30	Cobourg feeder	MB
White-crowned Sparrow	Apr. 1-30	1+C300	Cobourg feeder (since Dec. 13)	MB
	Apr. 24	2	6th Line, PH Ward 2	BL
	Apr. 30	2	Brand Rd. feeder, PH Ward 2	BW, AE
	May 3	2	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS

Sightings - cont'd.

Dark-eyed Junco	Apr. 27	2	Bloomsgrove Ave., PH	RB
	Apr. 28	6	Ontario st., Cob. feeder	AEW
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	Apr. 24	1	Roseneath Landing	DS
	Apr. 30	1	Chub Point Rd., Haldimand Twp.	SMcL
Eastern Meadowlark	Mar. 30	3	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
	Apr. 11-12	1	Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
Rusty Blackbird	Apr. 15	1	Brand Rd., PH Ward 2	BW
Brown-headed Cowbird	Apr. 7	36	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2, at feeder	LS
Orchard Oriole	May 5	1	Colborne area	JF, KB
Baltimore Oriole	Apr. 22	1	Lake St. Trail, PH	EB
	May 3	1	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
Pine Grosbeak	Apr. 18	2	Burnley-Carmel NCC Property	RF
Purple Finch	Apr. 21	1	Herron Rd. & Hwy. 2, Haldimand	JF, CEG
	Apr. 27	1f	Cobourg feeder	MB
	Apr. 27	1m	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
	Apr. 27	1m	Woodvale School Rd., PH Ward 2	LS
	Apr. 30	1	Cobourg Harbour area	CEG
House Finch	Apr. 3-15	3	Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
Pine Siskin	Apr. 5-24	2	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
	Apr. 9	1	Trinity College Junior School, PH	BW
	Apr. 28	6	Ontario St., Cob. feeder	AEW
American Goldfinch	Apr. 28	6	Ontario St., Cob. feeder	AEW
Evening Grosbeak	Apr. 21	2	Roseneath Landing	DS
MAMMALS				
Eastern Chipmunk	Apr. 24	1	Young St., PH	NW
Porcupine	Apr. 24	1	Harwood area	RH
Muskrat	Apr. 11	1	Colborne area	JF, KB
Eastern Coyote	Apr. 5	1	Rose Glen Rd., PH	Evening Guide
Red Fox	Apr. 6	1	Dorset St.W., PH	DSv
Mink	Mar. 30	1	GRCA Trail	GL
Striped Skunk	Apr. 17	1	Jocelyn St., PH	GMCD
Woodchuck	Apr. 13	1	Mill Golf Course, Cob.	AEW
White-tailed Deer	Apr. 18	4	Colborne area	AB
	Apr. 22	3	Lakeshore & Wesleyville Rd., PH Ward 2	JMc
Long-tailed Weasel	Mar. 22	1	roadkill, Hwy. 28 n. of Bewdley	BW
Little Brown Bat	Apr. 14	2	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
BUTTERFLIES				
Mourning Cloak	Mar. 30	1	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
	Apr. 9	1	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
	Apr. 11	1	PHHS Trail, PH	MS, RS
	Apr. 13	1	Pelmo Park & Mast Woods Rd., PH Ward 2	EK
	Apr. 28	1	Ontario St., Cob.	AEW
	Apr. 29	1	Dorset St.W., PH	DSv
Veined White Butterfly	Apr. 24-28	1	Dorset St.W., PH	DSv
Eastern Common	Apr. 10	2	Wesleyville OPG property	BW, RF
Virginia White	Apr. 16	1	Brand Rd., PH Ward 2	BW
Black Swallowtail	Apr. 20	1	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
Compton Tortoiseshell	Apr. 20	1	Knoxville Rd., PH Ward 2	LS
OTHER INSECTS				
Ladybugs	Apr. 18	100++	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS

Sightings - cont'd.

HERPS				
American Toad	May 1-2	1	Dorset St.W., PH	DSv
Frogs	Apr. 14		Lake St. Marsh, PH	EB
Northern Leopard Frog	Apr. 21	2	Townline Rd. n. of Lakeshore, PH Ward 2	BW, AE
FLOWERS				
Dandelions	Apr. 10	in bloom	Burger Sports Complex, PH	NW
Prairie Buttercup	Apr. 13	in bloom	Burnham Blvd., PH	BC
Bloodroot	Apr. 18	in bloom	7th Line, PH Ward 2	LS

Observers: MB=Margaret Bain; AB=Arnaud Braat; EB=Eric Bahr; PBa=Peter Bahr; RB=Reinhard Bahr; AB=Alan Bates; MBi=Michael Biggar; KB=Kim Braat; EB=Evelyn Bridges; PB=Paul Bridges; KB=Kelli Brook- ing; GB=Graydon Bowman; JB=Jim Burry; WB=Wyn Burry; MC=Maureen Campeau; TC=Tinker Carr; BC=Bill Crowley; CC=Charlotte Cockerill; GMCD=Geoff Dale; KD=Karen Drew; AE=Alison Elliott; BF=Brad Foster; JF=Jo Foster; RF=Roger Frost; CEG=Clive Goodwin; WG=Wendy Gordon; SH=Shawn Hamilton; MH=Marguerite Huggins; RH=Reese Hunt; JJ=Janette Johnson; L&AJ=Louise & Andy Johncox; EK=Elizabeth Kellogg; HK=Harry Knapper; RL=Rod Lee; BLe=Barbara LeSueur; GL=Gary Little; BL=Bill Logan; RL=Rita Lortie; ERM=Ted McDonald; JMc=John McGuirk; KMCh=Kathryn McHolm; A&AMcL=Anita and And;y McLaughlan; SMcL=Sherwood McLernonBM=Barbara Mercer; SM=Simone Merey; MM=Marlene Minaker; BN=Brenda Nelson; BN=Bill Newell; SP=Susanne Pacey; B&MR=Barry and Margaret Robinson; MR=Martha Robinson; LS=Louise Schmidt; DSh=Don Shanahan; DS=Dave Shirley; M&RS=M & R. Shortreed; RS=Richard Smith; DSv=Daphne Svenningson; KS=Kathleen Shirley; PSt.C=Paulette St. Cyr; DT=Davidson Tate; MT=Marshall Tate; NW=Norma Wallace; BW=Ben Walters; DW=Doug Watkins; MW=M. Watkins; LW=Lori Wensley; AEW=Audrey Wilson

The following note was included with a list of sightings which Louise Schmidt submitted recently. (Heading is the Editors' .)

JUST WHAT BIRD WAS THAT?

April 10: I was outside enjoying the morning sun while having my morning coffee when I heard a bird song that I thought was a Brown Thrasher, but there was something slightly off about it. Suddenly, the melody went from a thrasher-like song to a red-bellied woodpecker-like call, soon followed by Blue Jay-like calls, then what sounded like a Broad-winged Hawk call, then a Red-tailed Hawk. As I scanned the trees with my binocs (usually at hand!), I spotted the culprit at the very top of a tall tree...As I suspected, a European Starling belting out this crazy repertoire. I've heard them before doing imitations of Eastern Meadowlarks/ Blue Jays/hawks, but never before the Brown Thrasher and Red-bellied Woodpecker calls. Perhaps this might explain the two occasions recently that I heard a Red-bellied Woodpecker call in the woods behind our house? In the past 6 years, there have been numerous starlings around, but I've never witnessed this Thrasher/ Red-bellied Woodpecker mimicry before. Something to be aware of. Even though they are a pest, you have to admire these birds...

Cheers,
Louise

THEY'RE BACK 2006

Once again, a pair of Blue Jays started constructing a nest on top of the back door light fixture of the Laidlaw home in Port Hope. Their work started on April 24, 2006.

This particular light fixture has been the preferred nest site of jays since 1992. Families of four or five have been successfully fledged, most years, since. Last year, a pair of robins took over the site, but the nest was predated.

The September 2006 issue of *The Curlew* will report on this year's venture.

- Norma Wallace

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