



## COMING EVENTS

*Please note the change of location for the meetings in Port Hope.*

● **Sunday, Oct. 15, 2006 - Outing to Candlewick Woods** - A fall outing to look for sparrows and lingering migrants. Meet at Phillip's Rd. car pool lot (across from Arby's in Port Hope) at 9:00 a.m., as parking space is limited. We will then be at Candlewick around 9:15 a.m. This outing will involve a fair amount of walking, although it is on mainly flat, dry ground. Contact Ben Walters, 905-885-8586 for more information or if you need a ride.

● **Friday, Oct. 27, 2006, 7:30 p.m.** - Terry Fox Public School, 1065 Riddell Ave., Cobourg  
Speaker: **Graham Whitelaw**. Topic: **The Oak Ridges Moraine**. Graham is a Board member of Save the Oak Ridges Moraine (STORM) and an Advisor to the Monitoring the Moraine project. He will tell us about some interesting features of the Oak Ridges Moraine, and the progress STORM is making to monitor and protect the moraine.

● **Saturday, Nov. 4, 2006 - Closing of Peter's Woods** - If you are able to help, contact Petra Kennedy 905-377-0208, [pkennedy@town.cobourg.on.ca](mailto:pkennedy@town.cobourg.on.ca) or Chris Drew 904-342-2904, [drew@eagle.ca](mailto:drew@eagle.ca)

● **Saturday, November 4, 2006. Outing to Garden Hill Conservation Area** - A late fall outing to look for lingering sparrows and waterfowl. This outing will also go to any other nearby areas such as Rice Lake and Fudge's Mill. Meet at the Phillip's Rd. car pool lot (across from Arby's in Port Hope) at 10:00 a.m. We will then meet any others at the conservation area, which is on Cty. Rd. 9 west of Hwy. 28 and Cty. Rd. 10 at 10:30 a.m. This outing will be mainly car-based, with some walking at the conservation area. Contact Ben Walters, 905-885-8586 for more information or if you need a ride.

● **Friday, Nov. 24, 2006, 7:30 p.m.** - Beatrice Strong Public School, 90 Rose Glen Rd., Port Hope  
Speaker: **Ken Towle**. Topic: **Prairie Passion: Restoring Tallgrass Communities on the Oak Ridges Moraine**. Ken is an Ecologist with the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority. His presentation will provide a brief introduction to tallgrass ecosystems, some of the associated plant and animal species, and will review current efforts to restore degraded tallgrass remnants.

● **Saturday, Dec. 16, 2006 - Annual Christmas Bird Count**. Contact Roger Frost at 905-885-9615, [ekrf@eagle.ca](mailto:ekrf@eagle.ca) for more information.

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Nancy Hovenden, Port Hope  
Margaret Hunt, Port Hope  
Scott Lamberton, Cobourg  
Joan and Doug Woods, PH Ward 2

**Welcome back to**  
William, Rohaise and Emony Nicholls, PH  
Ward 2

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

- WBFN extends sympathy to the family of Thomas Wilson who died on October 1. Tommy was a long-time member of the club and served an lengthy term as Auditor.
- Happy 65th Birthday to Rod Lee at the end of this month.

## Ontario Nature's 75th

Ontario Nature is holding a 75th Anniversary Gala on Tuesday, November 14, 2006 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Currelly Gallery, Royal Ontario Museum, 100 Queen's Park. The evening will feature entertainment, distinguished speakers, a silent auction, raffle, hors d'oeuvres and cocktails.

Tickets are \$85 per person (with a \$55 charitable receipt issued for a portion of the ticket price.) Proceeds from the gala reception will help fund ON's youth education program.

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## THE ENIGMA OF THE RED-BREASTED MERGANSERS

*By Clive E. Goodwin*

When I first came to Cobourg in 1991 the Wensleys told me they were getting Red-breasted Mergansers regularly during the winter off the east end of Cobourg. I was surprised, as I'd been heavily involved in coordinating the winter waterfowl counts for many years, and there was nothing in any of the information I had to suggest more than the very occasional Red-breasted Merganser in winter here. Generally, Dr. Murray Speirs' comments in his 1985 *Birds of Ontario* that 'a few sometimes winter along the Lake Ontario shoreline [among] the much more abundant Common Mergansers' pretty well summed up the situation, and their numbers tended to diminish as one went east.

But Lori and Bill were quite right, of course. There often are numbers of Red-breasted Mergansers off the Wensley home in winter; and that's strange, because, on the whole, they really are quite uncommon at that time, although there seems to have been a steady increase generally over the past decade or so. Welcome to the enigmatic world of the Red-breasted Merganser.

Another puzzling episode with this species came in 2004, when we were helping Martha Robinson doing some atlasing in her Colborne square. The Lake Ontario shoreline between Wicklow Beach and Lakeport is normally inaccessible, as the one road in this section – MacGlennon Rd. – ends before it reaches the lake. Just south-east of this road is MacGlennon Point, which gives views of the shoreline in both directions. It could be interesting to arrange to go down there and see what could be found, so on June 23 I did. On emerging from a screen of cedars along the shoreline a big flock of female-plumaged Red-breasted Mergansers – at least 100 birds – erupted from the beach.

This species is normally supposed to be a bird primarily both of boreal forest and of larger water bodies such as estuaries and the like. The last atlas shows them in a very few places along the lower Great Lakes, with Presqu'ile being the only Northumberland location. This is consistent with what is known, as they will nest in colonies of other waterbirds, and at these times they can be semicolonial. From what I can make out, the Presqu'ile birds may number at most some 7 or 8 pairs. Now the birds in my flock were not the only Red-breasteds present: closer to me was an apparently mated pair swimming away very furtively, and as this species nests very late and the pair selects the nest site together, I felt pretty sure that was exactly what they were doing. But why were the other birds there?

We have little precedent in the database for such a large number in summer. In fact, we only have 140 summer records in all [out of 4552 total], and only two others are of over 25 birds. One, 65 birds seen by Paul Bridges on August 2, 1998 at Wesleyville, comes closest. The other was of 40 birds seen by the Wensleys in 2004, the day after the MacGlennon Point sighting! As far as I know there's no mention in print of flocks of summering non-breeders, but as the females are not thought to breed until they are three years old there seems to be every likelihood of this - somewhere. Maybe gatherings of such birds are regular in secluded areas along the lakes, and we have simply been missing them. But Martha visited MacGlennon Point again in summer 2005 and there were no mergansers anywhere!

The other problem is that Red-breasted Mergansers are extremely common birds in

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migration, so maybe a 100 or so in June just do not seem very interesting. The largest single count of Red-breasteds in our area is of 10,000 birds, and we have 67 records of over 1000. But there are puzzles even when the birds are at their most abundant. Lori and Bill's records, consisting of 2500 almost daily counts in good habitat over more than 15 years, provide the clearest picture of numbers.

But what a picture it is. Joy looked at the bar chart of their records and compared it to the New York skyline! Some years there are lots and some years they're in much smaller numbers. Sometimes the fall peak is in October and sometimes in November. To try to make some order out of it all I divided the totals into the four seasons, and then arbitrarily split the years into two blocks – 1991-7 and 1998- 2005. Then I averaged it all two ways [thank heaven for computers!], one by the number of records, and the other by the total number of birds seen. And if you're still with me, the results are quite intriguing.

First, though, I should clarify what the 'total number of birds seen' means. If you report the same 10 birds every day for a week, the database will end up with 7 records and a total of 70 birds seen – the same ten birds - so it's easy to misinterpret the totals and overestimate the number of birds actually present. For clarity, let's call the 70 a total of 'bird days'. On a routine field trip this doesn't

normally matter, as you're not likely to make daily trips to the same place, but with daily records it does. If you also look at the number of records it will give you a good idea whether an increase in numbers is real, or simply a reflection of more observations being made.

All that said, in winter Lori and Bill had an average of 431 merganser bird days between 1991 and '97, but over three times as many – 1460 – from 1998 to 2005. There were also about double the number of reports [25 vs. 52], so there have been both more birds seen and sightings on more days. The species really does seem to be more common in the winter than it used to be.

Spring and summer, with averages of 1700 and 30 bird days respectively, don't seem to have changed very much over the years, but the fall changes are dramatic. The period 1991-7 had an average of 1533 bird days [not very different from spring] but 1998 to 2005 averaged 13,728 bird days, an almost ten-fold increase! The number of records has almost doubled as well, but mostly it would seem there are more – many more – birds.

Why? Where are they coming from, and why was there a sudden increase? I wish I had a nice, neat explanation. Maybe I'll be able to figure something out later; but right now, well, Red-breasted Mergansers can be enigmatic birds!

**Commentary on Clive Goodwin's Sighting of Variable Dancer (Damselfly) at Lone Pine Marsh north of Colborne: (reported in September 2006 *Curlew*)**

“Although it's somewhat surprising (Variable Dancer is not an uncommon species and it's widespread) this is a new species for Northumberland.

From an Odonata perspective, Northumberland County is currently one of the least well-known and surveyed counties in southern Ontario - lots of room for new and interesting discoveries!”

Colin Jones  
Natural Heritage Project Zoologist  
Natural Heritage Information Centre  
Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources  
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## Former WBFN Young Naturalist Greens China

by Audrey E. Wilson

In June '05, I received a surprise phone call from Mark Sandiland, an ex-student in North Bay. Mark had been a grade 5 student at Burnham Public School during '67-'68. This was my last year in the classroom when I conducted the pilot Outdoor Education program, the fore-runner of the Laurie Lawson Outdoor Education Centre, at nearby Rotary Park. As a 10-11 year old, Mark was greatly taken with all forms of nature. He was a participant in building the first 25 bluebird boxes that were the beginning of WBFN's popular Bluebird project. When construction was completed, he helped to erect them near Hazel Bird's at Harwood. Mark was regular and eager member of our Young Naturalists' Club which met regularly. Then he came with the Senior Young Naturalists when we visited Audrey McNaughton (Dalglish) art studio for her professional assistance with nature art. In '72, he assisted our Monarch Butterfly research team in tagging Monarchs before we knew where they overwintered. Indeed, in Ethan Herberman's book, *The Great Butterfly Hunt - The Mystery of the Migrating Monarchs*, one of the Nova Books, there is a photo of Mark dressed in blue jeans and a yellow striped P.J. top. He is pictured with monarchs between his lips and in both hands as he helped net roosting Monarchs on Telephone Rd. at 5:30 a.m. in our effort to track their flights - 1972.

The Outdoor Education program helped to

foster and nurture a love of all nature in this young lad. It was not surprising that he matured into a young adult always involved environmentally.

Following schooling, mark's work took him to Kapuskasing, Cochrane, North Bay, and now China. After a stretch of forest fire fighting, he settled into naturalizing native species through the ecology restoration program conducted by Brinkman Nurseries Association. Brinkman started ecological restoration in Ontario. The company is now Maple Leaf Reforestation, headquartered in Alberta.

Mark's phone call to me was to share the fact that he was the successful applicant to become general manager of operations in China. Having numerous years of experience in this type of operation, he was hired on a 3 year contract to green China, "literally a dream and challenge of a lifetime," he explained. He is located near the Great Wall. Mark is in complete control of all growing responsibilities and day to day operation of the nursery. If you are interested in more information and seeing excellent photos of the green houses, log on to:

[www.mlreforestation.com](http://www.mlreforestation.com)

In the meantime, congratulations to Mark Sandiland, one of our past WBFN Young Naturalists.

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## BEING PLEASED

Speaking of the Kirtland's Warbler, as Margaret Bain was, in the last issue of *The Curlew*, reminded me of May 31st, 1990. A-K (Sculthorpe) and I were on our annual Baillie Birdathon, as we had been for many years. (Note that it is a May affair, and we typically had put it off until the very last day!) It was a beautiful, calm and windless, sunny day as we slowly drove along Woolacott Lane with windows open. It's a dead end, little dirt road just northwest of Port Britain. We heard a bird singing. I remarked to A-K that I didn't think I had ever heard that particular song, before. "Me, too," said she. So we stopped and I got out to see if I could trace down the bird. Sure enough: there it was, singing its heart out, in the middle of a stag horn sumac bush. I hadn't a clue what it was, but A-K almost immediately said she thought it was a Kirtland's warbler. That didn't help me one bit - I'd never heard of a such a thing. She confirmed her thought in a bird-book and in our now, much excitement, we charged back to her place to phone the experts: like Geoff Dale, Bob Popham and Ted McDonald. Out they rushed. Ted lured the bird into being photographed by playing a tape of a Kirtland's song, and got a wonderfully clear photo of it. All of which was reported in the September 1990 issue of *The Curlew*. A-K and I were terribly pleased with ourselves!

- Ian Tate

*Two Outings Reports by Ben Walters*

## **Report on Outing to Lone Pine Marsh**

On July 29<sup>th</sup>, 6 members and 2 visitors from Europe joined Alison and me on an outing to Lone Pine Marsh, truly one of our greatest local treasures. While we had visited the site 2 weeks ahead of time, the extreme heat of the day likely had an effect on what we saw. On the other hand, it gave the group many opportunities to view dragonflies “obelisking” which is when they raise their tail straight up and down to release heat.

The main aim for the day was to get acquainted with the more common butterflies and dragonflies of the marsh and old field area around it. I must admit though, that we did spend a lot of time in the shade of the birches trying to find Northern Pearly Eyes while cooling off.

I have to also apologize to Marg Short who had pointed out that one of the “black swallowtails” I had shown them looked funny. That’s because it wasn’t, it was a Pipevine Swallowtail. All in all, we saw many beautiful insects that day; I don’t think the awe inspiring sight of the Cecropia caterpillars was lost on anyone. Thank you to all who came. Watch for another dragonfly and butterfly outing in 2007.

### **Species List**

#### **Dragonflies**

12 Spotted Skimmer (many)  
White-faced Meadowhawks (many)  
Green Darners (many)  
Calico Pennants (some)  
Dot-tailed Whitefaces (some)  
Widow Skimmers (many)  
Common Whitetail (many)  
Eastern Pondhawk (many)

#### **Butterflies**

Broad-winged Skipper (some)  
Pearl Crescent (many)  
Black Swallowtail (many)  
Pipevine Swallowtail (one)  
Monarch (many)

#### **Other**

Painted Turtle (2)  
Pied-billed Grebe (2-imm)  
Marsh Wren (2)  
Bee hive in Martin box

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## **Report on Outing to Northumberland Forest**

Despite one of the first bitter fall mornings and predicted rain, 9 Willow Beachers walked the Blue trail in the Northumberland County Forest. The group was first treated to a small kettle of Turkey Vultures at the Division street and 401 carpool lot which totalled 37 birds, all the while below them was a continuous line of Blue Jays. On the walk, the group enjoyed constant bird activity occurring in front of a background of Golden-crowned Kinglet song and call notes. We

stopped along the way to enjoy the ever-green plants such as Pipissawa and Round-lobed Hepatica and look at all of the neat mushrooms and dried Pinesap. We also stopped and looked at the remaining flowers and seedheads that exist in a small patch of remnant prairie just off the trail. It was a good opportunity to talk about the forest’s forestry and recreational activity and get member feedback as I will be representing

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WBFN on the Northumberland Forest User Committee. I thank everyone who participated for sharing their knowledge of what we observed; you know it is a good walk when four kilometres turns into a two and a half hours walk.

### **Species List**

White-throated Sparrow (10+)  
White-crowned Sparrow (3)  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (3)  
Yellow-rumped Warbler (15+)  
Golden-crowned Kinglet (many)  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet (5+)  
Black-throated Blue Warbler (3)  
Black-throated Green Warbler (2)  
Northern Flicker (1)  
Blue Jay (many)  
American Robin (many)  
Hermit Thrush (3)  
Swainson's Thrush (1)  
Brown Creeper (3)  
Blue-headed Vireo (1)  
Red-eyed Vireo (1)  
Black-capped Chickadee (many)  
Red-breasted Nuthatch (many)  
White-breasted Nuthatch (1)  
Pileated Woodpecker (1)  
Winter Wren (3)

### **CORRECTION to sighting**

In the September Curlew, we reported a sighting of 2 Baird's Sandpipers by Clive Goodwin on May 27-28. Please correct the date to August 27-28.

## **Bird Encounter**

While visiting Texas, Spring '05, my husband and I stayed at Falcon Lake State Park, northwest of Brownsville and South Padre Island, along the Rio Grande River. The place was a bonus for bird enthusiasts, but one bird in particular delighted us. It was a Pyrrhuloxia, a southern cousin to our cardinal. It took exception to our vehicle and pecked continuously at the intruder it saw in our mirrors, windshield or bits of chrome. Covering everything with plastic bags, towels, or blankets didn't slow it down, although other campers wondered about the circus-like appearance. It searched constantly for evidence.

With the temperature rising, it was hot work. For relief, it flew to our water hose hook-up and marched up it searching for an escaped drop. I quickly crossed the road and turned on the vacant water outlet. The bird flew right over and began to drink from the steadily falling drops.

Sensing it might enjoy more than a little sip, I filled our dog's water bowl and placed it near my chair. It followed me and perched in a nearby bush, watching, while I swished my fingers in the water. It didn't need any further enticement, landed on the rim and took several big gulps, then regarded me again. "Oh, go on," I said. In it went! dripping and flapping and splashing, it indulged itself like a child in a wading pool. When it had enough, thoroughly drenched, it flew low, barely missing our dog's head (who had watched all this with great interest - especially so, since it was his bowl) and landed among the blossoms to preen itself. My smile lasted a long time.

After this, it seemed content with our presence and gave up on its territorial quest.

*- Susan Hamilton*



## RECENT SIGHTINGS

*compiled by Roger Frost*

Trumpeter Swan	Sept. 18	1	foot of D'Arcy St., Cob. (#817)	MB, BL
American Wigeon	Sept. 16-29	2-4	Cobourg Harbour & lakefront	MB
Northern Shoveler	July 23	1	Lake Ontario, s. of Brand Rd.	AE, BW
	Sept. 12	6	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Sept. 30	2	Lake St. Marsh, PH	EB
Northern Pintail	Sept. 17	2	Lake St. Marsh, PH	RF
Redhead	Sept. 17	1	Lake St. Marsh, PH	RF
Common Merganser	Sept. 4	70	Brand Rd. & Lake Ontario	RF
Common Loon	Aug. 19	18	Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Sept. 28	137	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Great Egret	May 20	2	pond in Elizabethville, Cty. Rd. 9	BW
Green Heron	Aug. 27	1	Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Sept. 26	1	Brand Rd. & Lakeshore, PH Ward 2	EK, RF
Black-crowned Night Heron	June 10-14	1	beach s. of Brand Rd., PH Ward 2	BW
Osprey	Sept. 24	1	Cold Creek, n. of Brighton	BL
Bald Eagle	Sept. 2	1 imm	Lucas Point, Cob.	BL
	Sept. 3	1	Candlewick Woods, PH Ward 2	RF
	Sept. 4	1	Brand Rd. & Lakeshore, PH Ward 2	EK, BW, KH
	Sept. 5	1	Brand Rd. & Lakeshore, PH Ward 2	EK, BW, KH
	Sept. 29	1	Brand Rd. & Lakeshore, PH Ward 2	EK
Northern Harrier	Sept. 7	6	Brand Rd. & Lakeshore, PH Ward 2	RF, KH, BW
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Sept. 10	45	Candlewick Woods, PH Ward 2	RF
Northern Goshawk	May-July	nest	Ganaraska Forest n. of Forest Centre	BW
	Sept. 22	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Red-shouldered Hawk	June-Aug.	nest	Beaver Ponds in Ganaraska Forest	BW
Peregrine Falcon	Sept. 25	1	flying west over Cobourg Harbour	MB
	Sept. 30	1 imm	Hwy. 2 between PH & Cob.	BW
Black-bellied Plover	Sept. 16-18	1 juv	Cobourg east beach	MB
	Sept. 17	1	Port Hope east beach	RF
American Golden-Plover	Sept. 16	1 juv	Cobourg east beach	MB
	Sept. 17	1	Port Hope east beach	RF
	Sept. 19	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Killdeer	Aug. 13	53	sod farm, Sylvan Glen Rd. & Dale Rd.	BW
Greater Yellowlegs	Sept. 19	4	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Whimbrel	Sept. 24	1	Presqu'ile Provincial Park	BW
<b>Hudsonian Godwit</b>	Aug. 30	1	Brand Rd. & Lakeshore, PH Ward 2	BW, KH
Ruddy Turnstone	Sept. 5, 6	1	Port Hope east beach	BW, AE, KH
White-rumped Sandpiper	Sept. 7-8	1	Port Hope east beach	RF
Baird's Sandpiper	Sept. 10	1	PH east beach	RF
Pectoral Sandpiper	Sept. 17	2	Port Hope east beach	RF
	Sept. 22	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG, MB
Stilt Sandpiper	Sept. 3	2	Lake St. Marsh, PH	RF
<b>Long-billed Dowitcher</b>	Sept. 14	1	Victoria Beach, Cob.	CEG
	Sept. 16-19	1	Lake St. Marsh, PH	RF
<b>Pomerine Jaeger</b>	Sept. 3	1	Chub Point, Haldimand Twp.	CEG
<b>Parasitic Jaeger</b>	Sept. 22, 28	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
<b>jaeger sp.</b>	Sept. 22	2	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Little Gull	Sept. 24	1	Brighton sewage treatment pond	BW
Bonaparte's Gull	Sept. 26-29	16-20	Cobourg Harbour	MB
Black-billed Cuckoo	Sept. 1	1	Brand Rd. & Lakeshore, PH Ward 2	EK

## Sightings - cont'd.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Sept. 25	1	Ontario St., Cob.	AEW
	Aug. 4	1	10th Line unmaintained section, PH Ward 2	BW
	Aug. 10, 14	2 (pair)	Cty. Rd. 65 s. of Osaca, PH Ward 2	BW
Red-headed Woodpecker	Aug. 4	1	Deer Park Rd., PH Ward 2	BW
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Sept. 9	1	Sherbourne St., PH	AMcL
Olive-sided Flycatcher	June 8	1	Brand Rd. & Lakeshore, PH Ward 2	BW
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	Sept. 19	1	Brand Rd. & Lakeshore, PH Ward 2	EK, RF
Yellow-throated Vireo	June 30, July 3	2m	Ganaraska w. of Cold Springs Camp Rd.	BW
Blue-headed Vireo	Sept. 22	5	Brand Rd. & Lakeshore, PH Ward 2	EK, KS
Philadelphia Vireo	Sept. 5	4	Brand Rd. & Lakeshore, PH Ward 2	EK, BW, KH
Blue Jay	Sept. 19	80	Brand Rd. & Lakeshore, PH Ward 2	EK, RF
	Sept. 26	554	Pentecostal Rd. & Cty. Rd. 2	MR
Common Raven	summer	pair	Ganaraska Central Forest	BW
Purple Martin	Aug. 18	2	Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
Carolina Wren	Sept. 3	1	Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Sept. 4	1	Welcome, PH Ward 2	
	Sept. 9	1	Fenton Rd., Haldimand Twp.	AEW
	Sept. 15	1	Colborne	JF, KB
Sedge Wren	Aug. 5, 15	2	Townline Rd., s. of Marydale, PH Ward 2	BW
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Sept. 19	1	Brand Rd. & Lakeshore, PH Ward 2	EK, RF
Eastern Bluebird	Sept. 24	30	Little Rd., Hamilton Twp.	JG
Veery	Sept. 5	1	Brand Rd. & Lakeshore, PH Ward 2	EK, BW, KH
American Robin	Sept. 27	75	Brand Rd. & Lakeshore, PH Ward 2	EK
Northern Mockingbird	June 12	2ad, nest with 3 young	Lakeshore & Baulch Rd., PH Ward 2	BW
Brown Thrasher	Sept. 29	1	east end Cobourg	BL
Cedar Waxwing	Sept. 23	2ad, 4young	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
Blue-winged Warbler	all summer	1	Brand Rd. & Lakeshore, PH Ward 2	BW
	all summer	max. 8m	Trew Rd. & Oak Hill Rd., PH Ward 2	BW
Tennessee Warbler	Sept. 15	2	Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
Orange-crowned Warbler	Sept. 8	1	Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Sept. 15	1	Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Sept. 23	1	Presqu'île Provincial Park	BW
	Sept. 21	1	Lake St. Marsh, PH	RF
Northern Parula	May 16-June 7	1 singing	Ganaraska Forest beaver ponds	BW
Palm Warbler	Sept. 25	6	Cobourg west headland	MB
<b>Cerulean Warbler</b>	May 5-31	1	Ganaraska Forest beaver ponds singing	BW
	May 12-June 30	1	W. Ganaraska Forest, singing	BW
	June 16-July 5	1	W. Ganaraska Forest, singing	BW
<b>Connecticut Warbler</b>	June 7	1	W. Ganaraska Forest (Durham)	BW
Mourning Warbler	Sept. 22	1	Brand Rd. & Lakeshore, PH Ward 2	EK, KS
<b>Hooded Warbler</b>	June 20	1m	Ganaraska Forest n. of Forest Centre	BW
	July 24-Aug. 18	2 nests	Ganaraska Forest, 10th Line	BW
	June-July	2 nests	Ganaraska west forest	BW
	July 1	5 (2ad, 3 fledg-ings)	Ganaraska west forest	BW
Lincoln's Sparrow	Sept. 10	2	Candlewick Woods, PH Ward 2	RF
<b>Dickcissel</b>	Aug. 9	1m	Woodvale School Rd., PH Ward 2	BW
Bobolink	Aug. 5, 15	60+	Townline Rd., s. of Marydale, PH Ward 2 (90% imm)	BW
Orchard Oriole	June 14	2m	Brand Rd. & Lakeshore, PH Ward 2	BW
Evening Grosbeak	June 20	2	Ganaraska Forest n. of Forest Centre	BW
	Sept. 26	12+	Brand Rd. & Lakeshore, PH Ward 2	BW

Sightings - cont'd.

<b>Insects</b>				
Painted Lady	Sept. 18	1	Garden Hill area, PH Ward 2	DW
Red Admiral	Sept. 18	1	Garden Hill area, PH Ward 2	DW
Edward's Hairstreak	July 13	1	Ganaraska Central Forest	BW
Ello Sphinx (moth)	Sept. 18	1	Grafton	MR
Saddled Prominent	July 19	1	Ganaraska Central Forest	BW
Lake Darner	June 20	1	Brand Rd. & Lakeshore, PH Ward 2	BW
Comet Darner	Sept. 24	1	Presqu'ile Provincial Park	BW
Praying Mantis	Sept. 23	1	attacking a Monarch Butterfly, Lucas Point, Cob.	AEW
<b>Mammals</b>				
Fisher	June 21	1ad, 3 kits	Ganaraska west forest	BW
Hairy-tailed Vole	Aug. 17	1	Ganaraska central forest, Trew Rd.	BW
Otters	Sept. 28	4	Garden Hill Pond	GMCD, RP
<b>Herptiles</b>				
DeKay's or Brown Snake	Sept. 23	2	Lucas Point, Cob.	AEW

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## Events of Neighbouring Organizations

●Saturday, October 28, 6-9 p.m. - **Ganaraska Forest Centre - Nature at Night Halloween Event.** Get into the Halloween spirit during this spooky guided night hike. Pre-registration is required. Call 905-797-2721 or e-mail [gfc@eagle.ca](mailto:gfc@eagle.ca). Rates: \$20 per family, \$8 per adult or \$4 for children, students, and seniors.

●Friday, November 24, 2006, 9a.m. to 3:30 p.m - **Trenton Woodlot Conference.** Woodlot management presentations combined with a number of commercial exhibitors. It's a great day to hear the latest on woodlot issues. There are also updates from woodlot related organizations. Knights of Columbus Hall, 57 Stella Street, Trenton. To register, contact Northumberland Stewardship Council, 705-755-3298

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