



COMING EVENTS

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

● **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**. Tallgrass prairie and savanna are among the rarest habitat types in North America. This presentation will provide a brief introduction to tallgrass ecosystems and some of the associated plant and animal species, as well as review some of the current efforts underway to restore degraded tallgrass remnants on the Oak Ridges Moraine. Ken is an Ecologist with the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority.

Christmas Bird Counts. For both of these counts, feeder watchers are welcome to participate, in addition to field observers. Contact the compiler to see whether your feeder is within the count circle.

● **Saturday, Dec. 16, 2006 - Annual Port Hope-Cobourg Christmas Bird Count.** Contact Roger Frost at 905-885-9615, ekrf@eagle.ca for more information.

● **Sunday, Dec. 17, 2006 - Annual Presqu'ile-Brighton Christmas Bird Count.** Contact Maureen Riggs at 613-475-3604, mriggs@sympatico.ca for more information.

● **Friday, Jan. 26, 2007, 7:30 p.m.** - Terry Fox Public School, 1065 Riddell Ave., Cobourg
Speaker: **Dr. Nick Eyles**. Topic: **When the Ground Rumbles: Earthquakes in Ontario**. Dr. Eyles is a Professor of Geology at the University of Toronto. This presentation will examine why earthquakes occur in Ontario, the record of past earthquakes and earthquake hazards.

● **Sunday, Jan. 28, 2006 - Outing to Petroglyphs Provincial Park.** Meet in Port Hope at the carpool parking lot on Phillips Rd. opposite Arby's at 9 a.m. From there, we will go to the carpool lot in Cobourg on Hwy. 45 north of Hwy. 401 at 9:30 a.m. We will travel to the Petroglyphs from there, but as we may make stops along the way, there is no time set to meet at the park. Dress warmly and bring a lunch. We will stop at Lakefield Time Horton's on the way back. Contact Ben Walters at 905-885-8586, benjaminwalters@trentu.ca for more information or to arrange car pools.

The next Curlew will be published in January 2007. Please make note of events listed above. November and December 2006 sightings can be reported to Roger Frost, 905-885-9615, ekrf@eagle.ca.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

David Bree, Bloomfield
Klaus & Margaret Schroeder, Cobourg

Bill Logan sent along the following note in late August 2006

Vireo Encounter

There is nothing unusual about the sighting of a Philadelphia Vireo, but one does not normally expect to find one in a garage. Saturday evening, just prior to dinner, Nancy went into the garage and returned with the news that a bird was inside. We opened the doors hoping it would fly out, but it didn't. Just before walking the dog, I turned on the door lights. After returning and it starting to turn dark, I went again to check. Only then did it leave.

Ontario Nature Moves House

It is with mixed emotions that the Board and Staff of Ontario Nature announce that we will be moving to new office space on October 25, 2006.

After nearly 30 years at Locke House, we have outgrown the available space. Fortunately, the search committee has located exceptional new office space for us in downtown Toronto.

Locke House is a designated Historic Property owned by the City of Toronto.

The telephone and fax numbers will remain the same. The new mailing address, effective October 25, 2006, will be:

Ontario Nature
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An Open House is planned for early in the new year.

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The editor is most grateful to those who have contributed to this issue of the Curlew. Copy for the January 2007 issue should be received by December 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 January Curlew. Correspondence for WBFN should be addressed to: "The Willow Beach Field Naturalists, P.O. Box 421, Port Hope, ON L1A 3Z3."

RARE BIRDS

By Clive E. Goodwin

Some would argue that the search for rare and unusual birds is what birding is really all about. To some extent, they're right: the report of a rare bird draws would-be viewers like a magnet! It's also true that some individuals pursue rarities with a single-minded, no-holds-barred approach, and will happily throw responsibilities out the window if a 'good' bird is reported. Most of us are not so addicted to the chase, but most active birders would probably be reluctant to miss a local rarity.

So I thought it might be interesting to look at the rare birds in the database. Of course, 'rare' is a relative thing. Probably everyone has their own idea of rarity, and we'd all be correct; and Yellow Warblers are rare in December but not in May. But with the database it's simply a matter of selecting those species with the smallest number of records, so the question is then one of selecting a suitably small number. We have well over a quarter of a million records in all, so if we selected the bottom 1% we would have 2600+ records. This seems very high, and in any case even the computer might have trouble figuring out which birds would cumulatively have a total of only 2600 records! So I decided to select birds with fewer than 10 records each, and then work upwards in increments of 10.

I found we have 64 species with fewer than 10 records each. At the next step, with between 10 and 20 each, there are 22 species. So by going from 10 to 20 records the number of species only increases by a little over one third. This was a little surprising, and I wondered what would happen at the next [20-30] step. It turned out that only 7 species were added then, and in fact only 39 more species were added in moving from 20 to 100 records

per species. So we have a cluster of records at the bottom – the rarest of all – and then birds are gradually added as the number of records increases.

The group with between 10 and 100 records each are certainly not common birds: it includes such species as King Eider and Cerulean Warbler, but also Yellow-billed Cuckoo, which in some years can be quite widespread. This illustrates a theme that runs through the entire selection; there are, it would seem, a lot of ways of being rare! Most King Eiders winter along the seacoasts, and they are mainly rare visitors here in late fall and early winter. They used to be almost predictable at Presqu'ile at those times. Since the advent of zebra mussels the distribution of diving ducks on the Great Lakes has changed, and now the eiders are no longer so predictable. Cerulean Warblers, on the other hand, are rare and declining summer residents in the Province [there is a small population nesting north of Kingston, for example], and the occasional birds have summered in the county and possibly nested – but most of our records are of migrants. The cuckoo numbers fluctuate with tent caterpillar outbreaks, and they add to their apparent rarity by being very elusive. Uncommon as these birds are, the rarest species are confined to the set with fewer than 10 records, and really to the 36 species that have only one or two records apiece.

There are 17 species with only two records, and 19 with only one each. These birds include the really off-beat sightings, so we'll look more closely at them now. Again, we find a mixture. Who would ever expect a Willow Ptarmigan, a bird of the arctic tundra, in this county? And we have a Brambling, a Eurasian species. Sulphur-bellied Flycatchers

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live mostly in Mexico and points south, but one made it to Presqu'ile one year. The selection also includes our Passenger Pigeon records.

The other 32 are not quite so improbable, but they come from all points of the compass. Those great wanderers, the shorebirds and gulls, account for almost one third of the 36 species [Lesser Sand-Plover, Snowy and Wilson's Plovers, American Oystercatcher, Black-necked Stilt, Curlew Sandpiper, Long-tailed Jaeger, Mew and California Gulls, Sandwich and Sooty Terns]. Among locations Presqu'ile pops up very often. Like Point Pelee, it seems to draw rarities disproportionately.

There is a sizeable group of westerners: Band-tailed Pigeon, Lewis's Woodpecker, Spotted Towhee, Golden-crowned Sparrow, and Black-headed Grosbeak. These are all birds that have some history of wandering. Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Mountain Bluebird and Lark Bunting are in a rather different class as they are mainly prairie species, but they too have a history of vagrancy to our province.

The southerners are Tricolor Heron, Purple Gallinule, Chuck-Will's-Widow, Barn Owl, and White-winged Dove. Ontario is at the extreme northern range limit of the Chuck-Will's-Widow and the owl, young herons often disperse north, and the gallinule has a formidable reputation as a wanderer. The dove's range, on the other hand, is expanding

north and I'm sure we can look forward to more in the future!

For the rest, the birds are a diverse assortment. There's not much commonality to the list of Pacific Loon, Northern Fulmar, Ross's Goose, Tufted Duck, Common Eider, Thick-billed Murre, Razorbill, and Northern Wheatear,

Patterns of wandering or not, it's a small miracle that these rarest vagrants were seen at all. Some, like the fulmar, murre and Barn Owl, were birds that were picked up dead – but someone knowledgeable still had to find them. Most of these birds ought not be here, and few of us can ever hope to find such stranded waifs unaided. Even very good birders in very good locations can hope to find no more than a handful over the years.

Of course, many of us will have seen one or more of these species, thanks to the excellent communications among birders nowadays. Every year or two a 'mega-rarity' pops up and is found by someone, and somehow gets reported. I certainly wouldn't want it any other way, but it can tend to diminish our appreciation of the sheer improbability of these birds appearing here, and being seen by someone interested enough to report them.

Given that improbability, one wonders just how many vagrants pass us all by, seen by no one. And it's the possibility of coming across one of them, in spite of all the odds, that's one of the perennial fascinations of birding.

Meeting Draws

At our monthly meetings, there is a draw to help defray the cost of renting the meeting room. All of the prizes are generously donated by WBFN members. Donations are always welcome for this draw. So think of us as you houseclean closets, scour garage sales, thin your garden perennials or bake on Friday afternoon. If you could contribute something, please contact Louise Baxter at 905-372-6273, or bbaxter@eagle.ca. As well, Louise agreed to coordinate this raffle for two years. The two years are over at the next Annual General Meeting, so we are looking for someone who would be willing to take on this job. As Past President, Bryan Baxter is Chair of the Nominating Committee, so anyone interested can contact him at the same numbers above.



**WILLOWBEACH FIELD NATURALISTS
FUNDRAISING DRAW**

**2 FABULOUS PRIZES
GENEROUSLY DONATED BY THE ARTISTS**

**1st PRIZE: Award-winning Nature Photograph
by Bill Crowley (framed size 23" x 17")**

**2nd PRIZE: Award-winning Redhead Duck Decoy
Carving
by Dr. Michael Biggar**

**Draw: Friday, February 23, 2007 in Port Hope
at the Annual General Meeting of WBFN**

Tickets \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00

**To purchase tickets or if you can help sell tickets,
contact Louise Schmidt, 905-797-1059**

Lottery Licence # M273792

Karen Drew's Monarch Butterfly Predicament

I was surprised this evening (October 26) to see a monarch butterfly sitting drying its wings on the large chrysanthemum plant I had brought indoors on October 10. I did some research on the internet on Saturday to get myself up to speed on their care, and contacted a few others for their advice. It was cold and wet on Saturday and Sunday, so I decided to keep it a couple of days on sugar/water solution to get its strength up, and maybe the weather would turn around. On Monday, it was sunny first thing in the morning and the monarch was quite agitated at the window. She (no black spots on back wings so I'm assuming a she) appeared to have drunk a lot of sugar/water solution. I was worried that she would injure herself against the window so I decided to let her go right then. I put her on my finger, opened the sliding door and before I could get it open more than a foot, she flew out directly upward and over the second-story of the house! The day turned out to be quite warm and the night not so bad either, so she may have actually had a chance if she made it south quickly. If there are any late sightings, it's a good chance it is she!

- Karen Drew

Bird Brain?

I've always considered the Mourning Dove to be a "brainless" bird. What a surprise it was for me to watch one, perched on an arm of a T.V. aerial, on a very rainy September afternoon! The dove was enjoying a refreshing shower from beak to tail! When the bird's head, back and tail were thoroughly washed, up went its left wing, straight into the air, pointing slightly over its back. This allowed the rain to wash the underwing and the left torso side. Slight wing movement accompanied this procedure.

The right underwing and side received similar treatment, with obvious relish. Several repetitions of underwing cleansings followed, with the dove finally settling down to a head and back shower.

The Mourning Dove remained on its perch of choice for at least 40 minutes. It ignored taking shelter in a tall pine tree but a couple of wing strokes away.

-Norma Wallace

INTERESTED IN HELPING TO PREVENT COLLISIONS OF BIRDS WITH WINDOWS?

We were honored to host Michael Measure, founder of Fatal Light Awareness Program (FLAP) to a WBFN meeting last March. We learned that ornithologists conservatively estimate that over one billion birds die each year in North America as a result of collisions with buildings, making this the leading cause of death to birds. FLAP endorsed the use of CollidEscape™ window film, and for every square foot purchased, a donation is made to FLAP (see www.flap.org).

Karen Drew has volunteered to coordinate an order with the supplier of CollidEscape™. The approximate cost is \$3 US per square foot, but discount prices are offered for volume orders of over 1000 sq. ft. Contact Karen at drew@eagle.ca or 905-342-2904 if interested.

While searching the internet for information about small poultry flock management, Kathryn McHolm turned up the following information about sanitation of poultry watering equipment. At a time of year when naturalists are setting up bird feeders for the winter, this information might be of interest to WBFN members. This article proposed a welcome alternative to chlorine as a disinfectant.

Hydrogen Peroxide

Food grade hydrogen peroxide and other oxidizing agents are often used in commercial poultry operations. Hydrogen peroxide is a strong anti-bacterial, viral, fungal agent, active against bacteria, bacterial spores, viruses and fungi at quite low concentrations. It is the only germicidal agent composed only of water and oxygen. Like ozone, it kills disease organisms by oxidation, which can be best described as a controlled burning process. Hydrogen peroxide when used in its diluted form is considered one of the world's safest all natural effective sanitizers. When hydrogen peroxide reacts with organic material, it breaks down into oxygen and water, which makes it eco-friendly. Stabilized food grade hydrogen peroxide is safe, readily available, inexpensive and has many other uses.

Use a 10% solution of food grade hydrogen peroxide to nine parts tepid water to disinfect. Make enough solution to immerse the drinker completely, thoroughly scrub and allow to dry in the sun if possible. The UV rays of sunlight are a natural sanitizer as well.

Vinegar

Vinegar is a biodegradable, non-toxic substance that can be used routinely and safely as an effective cleaning and disinfecting agent. It is earth friendly and will help reduce the toxic load in our environment. Use white or cider vinegar to clean out the watering containers. Pour a small amount in the watering container, take a rag, wash and rinse, then rinse an extra time. It keeps the water containers clean without any buildup.

Combining Vinegar and Hydrogen Peroxide

When hydrogen peroxide and vinegar are used together, *but separately*, they are one of the most effective sanitizers available. In tests run at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, pairing both the vinegar and diluted food grade hydrogen peroxide killed virtually all *Salmonella*, *Shigella* or *E. coli* bacteria on heavily contaminated surfaces, making this combination more effective at killing these potentially lethal bacteria than chlorine bleach or any commercially available kitchen cleaner. You must use them separately for maximum effect.

Use a spray of vinegar first, then follow by a spray of 3% diluted hydrogen peroxide or vice versa! Or wash your watering equipment in one and then the other. The best results came from using one right after the other and it doesn't matter what order you use them in. It is ten times more effective than using either by itself and more effective than mixing the vinegar and hydrogen peroxide in one sprayer. They are safe, as they are not harmful to inhale or ingest. They are both inexpensive and economical.

Sources: Clean Water for Backyard Flock, Back Yard Flock Poultry Tips, by Michael P. Lacy, County Extension Agent/Coordinator, Extension Poultry Scientist, University of Georgia Department of Poultry Science, May 1997, www.uga.edu

BSC Launches eBird Canada

Bird Studies Canada has launched eBird Canada at the web site ebird.ca. This is a Canadian version of the popular Cornell Lab of Ornithology program begun in 2002 and upgraded in 2005. The eBird site is a free on-line bird sightings database where bird sightings may be entered through custom checklists, and viewed along with other eBirders' entries through maps, graphs, and tables. The geographical extent of the database now covers Canada, the United States, Mexico, and parts of the Caribbean. Future plans include all of Latin America.

More than 6 million records are submitted annually to eBird with the Canadian portion alone accounting for over 400,000 records, and this number is climbing rapidly since a bulk upload tool was developed. The tool allows anyone to upload records from bird sightings databases in almost any format, including Avi-Sys, BirdBase, Excel, and Access. The eBird database also includes records from club projects such as the Northwest Territories and Nunavut Checklist Project, the Squamish Estuary Conservation Society's monthly counts, regular censuses at Maplewood Flats in North Vancouver, and migration monitoring totals at the Vaseux Lake Bird Observatory in the Okanagan Valley. For more information, visit eBird Canada or contact eBird Coordinator Dick Cannings at dickcannings@shaw.ca.

from BSC Latest News, November 3, 2006

Atlas of the Breeding Birds of Ontario, 2001-2005 – Special Early-bird Offer

Now is your chance to order at special low prices the upcoming *Atlas of the Breeding Birds of Ontario, 2001-2005*, which is on schedule for its fall 2007 publication date. The Atlas is the result of the efforts of over 2000 volunteers who logged 150,000 hours in the field to complete this monumental survey of the breeding distribution and abundance of birds across Ontario. The Atlas will be an invaluable reference for birders and nature lovers not just in Ontario, but across the country, the United States, and beyond. It will be an essential conservation and wildlife management resource for professionals in numerous fields. Atlas results will show changes in bird distributions since the first Atlas (1981-1985), highlighting both good and bad news stories for many species. The 700-page book will be beautifully designed, bound in hard cover, with full-colour, state-of-the-art maps and photographs accompanying the more than 300 species accounts, each written by experts in the field.

To order advance copies at special pre-publication prices or to learn more about the project and book visit the atlas website or call 1-866-900-7100. The advance price (which includes shipping & taxes) for atlas participants is \$67.00 or \$79.00 for general purchase. The deadline for pre-sale orders is 28 February 2007.

from BSC Latest News, November 3, 2006

Nature Conservancy of Canada Acquires more prairie in Rice Lake Plain

Red Cloud Cemetery, a small pioneer cemetery established in the mid-1800s, is one of Rice Lake Plain's best tall grass prairie and savannah sites. NCC is securing eight acres (three hectares) adjacent to this ecologically and culturally significant cemetery and will use restoration techniques to enhance its threatened tall grass plant populations. The site also protects important habitat for the Eastern Hog-nosed Snake and many grassland birds.

- from The Ark, Fall 2006

RECENT SIGHTINGS

compiled by Roger Frost

Snow Goose	Oct. 5	1	Presqu'ile PP	GMCD, JG
Brant	Oct. 20	60	Hannah Rd., n. shore of Rice Lake	AEW
Cackling Goose	Oct. 31	1	Cobourg Harbour	MB
Wood Duck	Oct. 10	14	Wicklow	CEG
American Wigeon	Sept. 29	8	Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
Northern Pintail	Sept. 16	3	Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
Green-winged Teal	Oct. 28-30	3-8	Cobourg Harbour	MB, CEG
Canvasback	Oct. 17	2	AKS Marsh, PH	EB
	Oct. 29-Nov. 1	1m	Cobourg Harbour	KN, CEG
Redhead	Oct. 2-20	4-8	Cobourg Harbour	MB
Surf Scoter	Oct. 7	7	Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
White-winged Scoter	Oct. 15	30	Roseneath Landing	DS
	Oct. 25	40	Chub Point, flying west	KN
Long-tailed Duck	Oct. 29	138	off Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Common Merganser	Sept. 15	50	Sylvan Glen, PH Ward 2, in Ganaraska River	BLe
Red-breasted Merganser	Oct. 21	1800+	Lake Ontario off Brand Rd., PH Ward 2	EK, BW
	Oct. 26	2000	w. of Wesleyville, PH Ward 2	GL
	Oct. 29	6690	off Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Oct. 31	5000	off Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Ruddy Duck	Oct. 31	2imm	Cobourg Harbour	MB, CEG
Ring-necked Pheasant	Oct. 13	1f	Jasper Martin Rd., Hamilton Twp.	CJ
Wild Turkey	Oct. 15	25	Marsh Rd. & Brand Rd., PH Ward 2	ERM
	Oct. 23	12	Port Britain, PH Ward 2	BS
Red-throated Loon	Oct. 29	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Common Loon	Oct. 26	30	Wesleyville area, PH Ward 2	GL
	Sept. 28	123	Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
Horned Grebe	Oct. 26	40	off Candlewick Woods, PH Ward 2	GL
	Sept. 28	14	Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
Red-necked Grebe	Sept. 28	3	Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Oct. 21	2	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Oct. 29	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Double-crested Cormorant	Sept. 25	23	Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Oct. 30	3	Port Hope yacht basin	ERM
Cattle Egret	Oct. 20	1	Huff Rd., Brighton Twp.	FH
Turkey Vulture	Oct. 21	15	Kelly Dr., Cramahe Twp.	AEW
	Oct. 26	45	over Durham St., PH	RF
Bald Eagle	Sept. 3	1	Sylvan Glen, PH Ward 2	AH
	Oct. 6	1	over Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Oct. 26	1	over Durham St., PH	RF
Northern Harrier	Sept. 21	5	Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Oct. 13	3	over Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Oct. 5	15	over Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Cooper's Hawk	Oct. 2	1	w. Hairy Woodpecker in talons, King St., PH	AQ
	Oct. 26	5	over Durham St., PH	RF
Red-shouldered Hawk	Oct. 26	15	over Durham St., PH	RF
Red-tailed Hawk	Oct. 26	85	over Durham St., PH	RF
Golden Eagle	Oct. 3	1ad	over Hwy. 2 east of Cobourg	MB
	Oct. 8	1	Roseneath Landing	DS
	Oct. 27	1	Candlewick Woods, PH Ward 2	GL
Gyrfalcon	Oct. 4	1	over Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Merlin	summer 2006		Hill & Bruton St., PH - Nesting pair hatched and raised 2 young	GL
Peregrine Falcon	Oct. 18	1	over Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Oct. 26	1	over Durham St., PH	RF
	Oct. 31	1	Presqu'ile PP	DoS

Sightings - cont'd.

American Coot	Nov. 1	1	Cobourg Harbour	MB
Sandhill Crane	Sept. 29	3	Roseneath Landing	DS
Black-bellied Plover	Oct. 15	6(high)	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Oct. 27	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
American Golden-Plover	Oct. 26	1	Cobourg Harbour	MB
Killdeer	Oct. 15	45	n. of Roseneath	DS
Semipalmated Sandpiper	Oct. 29	1	Presqu'ile PP	MR, DS
Pectoral Sandpiper	Oct. 15-16	6(high)	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Ruff	Oct. 5	1	Owen Point, Presqu'ile PP	GMCD, JG
American Woodcock	Oct. 15	8	n. of Roseneath	DS
Red Phalarope	Oct. 15	1	Cobourg Harbour	MB
	Oct. 18	1	Presqu'ile PP	FH
Phalarope sp.	Oct. 29	1	Presqu'ile PP	MR, DoS
Pomerine Jaeger	Oct. 29	1juv	Presqu'ile PP	MR, DoS
Parasitic Jaeger	Sept. 28	1	Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Oct. 19	1	Presqu'ile PP	DoS
Little Gull	Oct. 29	1	Presqu'ile PP	MR, DoS
	Oct. 31	1	Presqu'ile PP	MR, DoS
Bonaparte's Gull	Oct. 2	82	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Oct. 29	116	Cobourg Harbour	MB
Black-legged Kittiwake	Oct. 31	1	Owen Point, Presqu'ile PP	DoS
Common Tern	Oct. 2	2	Cobourg Harbour	MB
Great Horned Owl	Oct. 8	1	Cty. Rd. 18, Upper Cold Springs, Hamilton Twp.	SW
	Oct. 18	1	s. of Colborne	KB
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Oct. 26	1	Lakeshore Rd., PH	JGo, SGo
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Oct. 26	1m	Theatre Rd.N., Hamilton Twp.	BN
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Sept. 25	6	Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Oct. 7	4	Cobourg backyard	MB
Eastern Phoebe	Oct. 27	1	Lake St. Trail, PH	GL
Northern Shrike	Oct. 27	1	Haskill Rd., PH Ward 2	GMCD, BP
Blue Jay	Oct. 19	3000+	n. of Garden Hill, PH Ward 2, 1 flock	DW
Eastern Bluebird	Oct. 9	10	Brand Rd. & Lakeshore, PH Ward 2	EK, RF, BW, KH
	Oct. 27	12	Gilmour Rd., Campbellcroft, PH Ward 2	ERM
Gray-cheeked Thrush	Oct. 5	1	Presqu'ile PP	GMCD, JG
	Oct. 24	1	Lake St. Trail, PH	EK, RF
Hermit Thrush	Oct. 6	6	Perrytown, PH Ward 2	ERM
Gray Catbird	Oct. 27	1	Lake St. Trail, PH	EK, RF
American Pipit	Oct. 8	32	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
	Oct. 21	100+	Brand Rd. & Lakeshore, PH Ward 2	EK, BW
Orange-crowned Warbler	Oct. 5	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Oct. 16	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Oct. 27	1	Lake St. Trail, PH	GL
Northern Parula	Oct. 5	1	Presqu'ile PP	GMCD, JG
Yellow-rumped Warbler	Oct. 8	10	6th Line nr. Campbell Rd., PH Ward 2	BLe
Blackburnian Warbler	Sept. 19	2	Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
Palm Warbler	Oct. 8	3	Alderville Black Oak Savanna	SW
Eastern Towhee	Oct. 8	2	Alderville Black Oak Savanna	SW
	Oct. 8	1m	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
	Oct. 10	1m	Vimy Ridge Rd., Hamilton Twp.	JG
Field Sparrow	Oct. 10	5	Vimy Ridge Rd., Hamilton Twp.	JG
	Oct. 15	2	Cobourg Harbour west headland	MB
Fox Sparrow	Oct. 6	2	Vimy Ridge Rd., Hamilton Twp.	JG
	Oct. 15	1	Cobourg backyard	MB
	Oct. 20	2	Cobourg backyard	MB
	Oct. 26	2	Cobourg Ecology Garden	MB

Sightings - cont'd.

White-crowned Sparrow	Oct. 7	50	Brand Rd. & Lakeshore, PH Ward 2 (26 banded)	EK, BW, MB
Dark-eyed Junco	Oct. 25	150+	Burnham St., Cob., flying west	MB
Snow Bunting	Oct. 25	3	Cobourg Harbour west headland	KN
	Oct. 27	4+	Cobourg Harbour area	CEG
Eastern Meadowlark	Oct. 27	1	Grist Mill Rd., PH Ward 2	ERM
Common Grackle	Oct. 30	1	Young St., PH, partial albino	NW
House Finch	Nov. 1	20	Centennial Dr., PH	ERM
Mammals				
Red Fox	Nov. 1	2	Bagot St., Cobourg	KMcH
	Nov. 1	1	Knoxville Rd. & 5th, PH Ward 2	KMcH
Black Bear	Oct. 13	1	Grafton	North. Today
	Oct. 14	1	Nagle & Hircocock Rd., Baltimore	RH
Insects				
Monarch	Oct. 16	15	Port Hope	RP, JP
Eastern Tailed Blue	Oct. 6	4	Port Hope	RP, JP
Herptiles				
Yellow-spotted Salamander	Oct. 2, 5	1	s. of Colborne	AB, KB

Observers: MB=Margaret Bain; EB=Eric Bahr; AB=Arne Braat; KB=Kim Braat; GMCD=Geoff Dale; JF=Jo Foster; RF=Roger Frost; JG=John Geale; JGo=Jack Goering; SGo=Sheila Goering; CEG=Clive Goodwin; AH=Andrew Harvey; FH=Fred Helleiner; RH=Ruth Hircocock; KH=Kyle Horner; CJ=Colin Jones; EK=Elizabeth Kellogg; BLe=Barbara LeSueur; GL=Gary Little; ERM=Ted McDonald; KMcH=Kathryn McHolm; BN=Brenda Nelson; KN=Ken Niles; North. Today=Northumberland Today; JP=Joan Parrott; RP=Rod Parrott; BP=Bob Popham; AQ=Amy Quinn; MR=Maureen Riggs; BS=Bob Sculthorpe; LS=Louise Schmidt; DoS=Don Shanahan; DS=Dave Shirley; NW=Norma Wallace; BW=Ben Walters; DW=Doug Watkins; LW=Lori Wensley; SW=Susanne Williams; AEW=Audrey Wilson

Events of Neighbouring Organizations

●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

●Saturday, December 2, 10-1 p.m. - **Ganaraska Forest Centre - Holiday Nature Crafts.** Drop in and learn to create wreaths and seasonal ornaments using natural materials found in the forest and. Pre-registration is required. Call 905-797-2721 or e-mail gfc@eagle.ca. Rates: \$20 per family, \$8 per adult or \$4 for children, students, and seniors.

Trumpeter Swan Reintroduction Program Winding Down

Bev Kingdon and Harry Lumsden would like Ontario birders to know that the Trumpeter swan Reintroduction Program is winding down. Cygnets are no longer being released.

Harry and Bev are asking that all and any reports of Trumpeter Swans be sent to them. Please include number of birds, date, time, location and band numbers if visible. Include colour of both the tag and number, tag type (wing, collar, etc.).

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