



COMING EVENTS

● **Saturday, February 17, 2007 - Lake Ontario Shoreline Outing.** Meet at the convenience store at the entrance to Presqu'ile Provincial Park at 10 a.m. The outing will travel west, birdwatching at stops along the Lake Ontario shoreline. It is expected to finish at Port Hope by 4 p.m. Participants should bring a packed lunch and snacks and dress for very cold weather (Boots, hats, mitts, winter coat and so on). Although travel will be in cars, there will be frequent stops to get out and scan the lake. Contact Ben Walters at 905-885-8586, benjaminwalters@trentu.ca for more information or to arrange car pools.

● **Friday, February 23, 2007, 7:00 p.m.** (*Note the starting time is earlier than regular monthly meetings*) - Beatrice Strong Public School, 90 Rose Glen Rd.N., Port Hope. **Annual General Meeting.** The Agenda is printed on page 4. The Financial Statements are on pages 5 and 6.

● **Sunday, March 18, 2007 - Birding around Rice Lake.** Meet at the Port Hope car pool lot, on Phillip's Road across from Arby's at 10:00am. From there we will drive up to Bewdley. We will then drive along the south shore of Rice Lake and stop at areas that overlook the lake as well as other points of interest. Please expect to be in and out of the vehicle often and therefore dress appropriately. Bring a lunch, snack and water. We will eat lunch in the cars or at a designated stop decided upon by the group. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Ben Walters at benjaminwalters@trentu.ca, or 905-885-8586.

● **Friday, March 30, 2007, 7:30 p.m.** - Terry Fox Public School, 1065 Riddell Ave., Cobourg
Topic: Update of Willow Beach Banding Group Projects. Speaker: Elizabeth Kellogg
Elizabeth will discuss bird banding projects which she and her husband, Roger Frost, have been involved with in the Port Hope area.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

● WBFN member, **Bill Crowley**, has been appointed Vice-President of the Field Botanists of Ontario. Congratulations, Bill.

● The **Wallace Birdathon** of May 2006 raised a total of \$1,310, with Roger Frost, assisted by Ben Walters, as the official birders. The money raised will go to help the Northumberland Trust. Roger and Norma Wallace thank all sponsors for their support.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER

Wendy Jones, Baltimore

OOPS!

● In the January *Curlew*, Ian Tate was the author of the page 11 article "Air Attack". Sorry, Ian for neglecting to include your name.

● In the Sightings in the January issue, the finder of the Yellow-throated Warbler at Shoal Pt. Rd. in Brighton Township was really Nick Quickert of Belleville. The bird dies on December 5.

The Editors

NOTICES BY E-MAIL

John Geale, your Communications member of the Executive Board, encourages anyone who wishes to receive occasional e-mail reminders of meetings, outings and other significant events to send him an e-mail at johngeale@yahoo.com

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The editor is most grateful to those who have contributed to this issue of the Curlew. Copy for the March 2007 issue should be received by February 28, 2007. 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 March Curlew. Correspondence for WBFN should be addressed to: "The Willow Beach Field Naturalists, P.O. Box 421, Port Hope, ON L1A 3Z3."

President's Report: February 2007

It is hard to believe that one year has passed of my two year mandate and we are once more having the Annual General Meeting. When I first accepted to stand for 2nd Vice-President the executive meetings were a confusing blur of events and names where others seemed to understand the inter-connections. Two years of 2nd and two years as 1st Vice-President solved that neatly. The word Vice definitely has another meaning than a television show. I now appreciate what Carole Payne had to learn with only two years of apprenticeship instead of my four years.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to my executive and to all the members of Willow Beach. Without members there is no club; the French expression "L'union fait la force" translates roughly as "United We Have Strength". We can and do make a difference when we act individually or jointly to help preserve and enjoy our natural heritage. "The WBFN is dedicated to the protection and enhancement of the natural heritage of Northumberland County and surrounding area." This quote is from our constitution and sums up our goals.

The Executive Board meets faithfully on the 2nd Wednesday of the month and we welcome member input. The Board does an imposing amount of work discussing the various issues and advising on the steps to be taken, voting on how to carry out the choices made and VOLUNTEERING TO DO THE WORK. I cannot stress enough my gratitude for the co-operation and assistance of the executive in making things happen. It is impossible for me to name all the individuals without feeling that I have left somebody out and I ask for your indulgence if my list is incomplete.

We had a booth at the Living Green Fair and the deadline was drawing near. Carole Payne, Ben Walters, Louise Schmidt, and Bill Newell worked in concert to put to-

gether a slide show on the theme of Backyard Habitat. We also had a booth at the Municipality of Port Hope's 175th Fall Fair. At both Fairs, we had a Power Point presentation in words and pictures with suggestions of how to naturalize your backyard for birds and butterflies. We will be at the Fair again this year to help promote preservation of our natural heritage. Thank you for the many volunteers at the Fair.

We have tried to be proactive regarding ATV use. Local and county councils have been approached with our concerns.

We continued to have input into the process of the adoption of the Municipality of Port Hope's Official Plan. We received coverage by requesting that a working group be established to look at creating Natural Heritage Linkage areas across the whole township and with other municipalities in the spirit of the province's mandate to do this in the Greenbelt and on the Oak Ridges Moraine.

We continue to support the Northumberland Land Trust and we congratulate them on their latest property.

Thank you to Petra Hartwig and to Chris Drew for looking after Peter's Woods. Gina McFarlane has agreed to be the contact person for the Woods and she is our very capable Press Secretary. *Sideroads* magazine is interested in doing a story of WBFN and Gina has also arranged for write-ups in other local publications.

Ben Walters arranges excellent outings. One big advantage of attending WBFN outings is the opportunity to go on private property with a guide to identify the birds, plants and mammals. We saw otters recently!

Susanne Williams is our most efficient Programme Coordinator. Not only does she book the speakers, she makes sure that the necessary equipment is available and the place ready. The schools have lots of space

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and big screens so that we can all see equally.

Janette Johnston looks after the membership, the dues and the books. She pays our bills, keeps track and mails out our donations. Karen Drew records the minutes, and this year she never skipped a beat and had a baby also. Wow!

Roger Frost organizes the Summer, Christmas and Winter Waterfowl Bird Counts and, with Elizabeth Kellogg, does owl and other bird banding.

Elizabeth does an enormous amount of work as the Editor of the *Curlew*. She is always enthusiastic presenting the latest sightings at the monthly meetings. Roger now compiles the bird sightings which are printed in the *Curlew*.

Michael Biggar and Louise Schmidt are invaluable for their contributions and assistance. Bryan Baxter brings me up-to-date on previous issues. Louise Baxter and Andy McLaughlin handle the monthly raffle.

Norma Wallace collects material for the *Curlew* and proofreads every issue. Barry and Margaret Robinson look after the mailing and/or delivery via various individuals.

Bruce Parker looks after Education. Carole Payne is WBFN's Ontario Nature representative.

These are some of the highlights. Many others contribute to our club and I wish to thank them all.

Simone Mérey

Agenda

Willow Beach Field Naturalists Annual General Meeting

February 23rd, 2007
Beatrice Strong Public School,
90 Rose Glen Road, Port Hope

7:00 p.m. Social time with refreshments

7:30 Welcome from the President,
Simone Mérey

Reports:

Nomination Committee: Bryan Baxter

Financial Report: Janette Johnston

Ontario Nature: Carole Payne

Outings: Ben Walters

Press Communications: Gina McFarlane

Peter's Woods: Karen Drew

Northumberland Land Trust: Doug Galt

Solar Panels: Jack Goering

Monthly Meeting Raffle

Raffle: Louise Schmidt

REGULAR MEETING RAFFLE AT AGM

The Executive has decided not to hold a bucket raffle at the Annual General Meeting (February 23, 2007). There will, however, be a regular raffle as we hold at our meetings to help defray the cost of room rentals. Louise Baxter has requested that, since this is the AGM, she would like to be able to offer some special prizes. If you can make a donation, please contact Louise at 905-372-6273 or bbaxter@eagle.ca

Last November, we published a note in the *Curlew* requesting a volunteer to take on the job of the coordinator for the raffles at the regular monthly meetings. We are happy to announce that Marguerite Short has agreed to take on this task. Louise will continue to be the raffle coordinator until June 2007, at which time Marg will take over.

ADVANCE NOTICE

● March 10-11 and 17-18 - 30th Waterfowl Festival at Presqu'ile Provincial Park. Come out to learn more about the waterfowl which stage here on their northward migration. Many WBFN members volunteer to help out at this event. If you would like to volunteer, contact David Bree at 610475-4324 ext. 225 or david.bree@mnr.gov.on.ca

● March 24 and April 14 - The GRCA is running the popular Owl Prowl Program again at the Ganaraska Forest Centre. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$12 per family, \$6 per adult or \$4 for children, students and seniors. Register by calling 905-797-2721 or e-mail gfc@eagle.ca

GANARASKA HIKING TRAIL MARKS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

March sees the 40th anniversary of a significant initiative by WBFN. In the early 1960s then president, Harry Gadd, had the idea of establishing a hiking trail running from Cobourg to Harwood along the old Cobourg and Peterborough railway embankment. Because the proposed route ended at Rice Lake his idea was changed to the Port Hope, Lindsay and Beaverton right of way.

WBFN took up the idea as a Centennial project. At a meeting on the 31 March 1967, the club agreed to clear a hiking trail from Port Hope to Campbellcroft. This was to be the first link in what they hoped would be a trail from Port Hope to Lindsay and perhaps the Buckhorn Wilderness area.

WBFN obtained advice from the Bruce Trail Association and the support of the Port Hope Parks Board (who planned to clear a trail along the Ganaraska River), the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority, the Federation of Ontario Naturalists (now Ontario Nature, who provided funding for signs and stiles), and local landowners. By late Spring the Ganaraska Trail Association (GTA) had been formed and was soliciting members.

Several hikes were held along the trail in 1967. The official opening occurred on 21st April 1968 in the presence of the area MP and MPP and representatives from FON, the Bruce Trail Association, and Trent University, as well as 300 hikers. In 1969 the GTA announced that it seemed feasible to extend the trail to meet up with the Bruce Trail.

The nine clubs of what is now the Ganaraska Hiking Trail Association organized more than 350 hikes last year. The Association's 530 members maintain more than 500 kilometres of trail from Port Hope to the Bruce Trail near Glen Huron and to Wasaga Beach.

Two WBFN members who were most active in establishing the trail are still with us and, on behalf of the Ganaraska Hiking Trail Association, the Pine Ridge Hiking Club would like to express its gratitude to Pat Lawson and Jack Goering, as well as the other members of WBFN who helped to establish the trail.

*David Beevis,
President,
Pine Ridge Hiking Club
Ganaraska Hiking Trail Association*

Mystery ... Solved

Around mid-January, on one of those bright, sunny but frigid days, I happened to glance at the bird feeder and saw a bird with a very prominent, bright yellow beak and a bit of greenish and brown tinge to its otherwise dark plumage. "What in the world?" I thought. And was totally flummoxed until.....

Y'know how the plumage of starlings changes from winter to summer, from speckled black and brown feathers and a very prominently black beak to an equally prominent, bright yellow beak and a bit of a greenish and brown tinge to its otherwise dark plumage? Well, that's what it was: a seasonally confused starling. Yet another denizen of the wild totally undone by this winter's ridiculous climate. It was being Summer in mid-January!

The next day (this has absolutely nothing to do with the above), trotting across the lawn by that same bird feeder was a red fox!

Isn't Port Hope wonderful!

Ian Tate

YEAR-END RARITIES

By Clive E. Goodwin

On the face of it you wouldn't expect too many rare birds to turn up between November and February. Peak migration is well over for most species, many kinds of food are scarce, and only the hardiest birds remain. It turns out, however, that year-end can be quite a productive time for rarer birds – it's certainly too early to hang up your binoculars until next spring!

This article will complete the look at rarities that I began in the November issue, and this month will concentrate on the occurrence of rarities through the year. As in November, we will use the group of species that each has fewer than 10 records in total in the dataset, but this time will examine the annual distribution of the records of these birds. There were 64 species with fewer than 10 records, and we have 184 records in all in this group.

The distribution of the records is surprisingly even through the year, and particularly so between August and January. October, with 17 records, is slightly higher than the monthly average of just over 15, while the other five months are all slightly below. What many of us regard as one of the best birding months of the year, September, is in fact the lowest of the five, with only 12. But the highest month was, as might be expected, May with 55. At the other extreme is July, together with – another surprise – March, with only 5 each. Even February – my own candidate for the slowest birding month of the year – was better, if only marginally, at 6. The full set is:

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
13	6	5	22	55	9	5	13	12	17	14	13

I'm sure a statistician would tell us that these numbers are too small to draw any firm conclusions about them, although of course they're an accurate statement of when the very rarest species occurred in the county in the past. What happens if we move up a step, to the 10-20 records set? If you read the November article you may recall there were only 22 species in this group. But, because the number of records is higher [10 to 20 per species], we find a total of 292. Their monthly distribution is:

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
17	6	11	18	85	26	6	23	35	25	24	16

You'll see this is a much more familiar pattern; highest at the time of spring migration when movement is so concentrated, with a second, less pronounced peak in the fall months when migration is a much more leisurely affair. Apparently the much smaller number of species together with considerably more records per bird already results in a more accurate picture of seasonal bird movements overall.

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Is there, then, anything at all we can say about the information in the first set? I think perhaps there is. It's probably true that the extreme rarities of the next 20 years might yield a different distribution. But note two things about the results: first, the relative uniformity month to month; it does indeed look as though these rarities can pop up at just about any time and [as we saw in the November issue] anywhere. But conversely, it does seem that peak migration months, or very good places [think Presqu'ile] do have an 'edge', which is not at all surprising.

The other point about both sets of figures brings us back to our opening paragraph. November through February are by no means the unproductive months that might be assumed. There are over 100 records of 33 rare species that were recorded during this period.

So what kinds of birds would turn up at such an inhospitable time of year? In fact, migration is still under way in November and early December, and several late migrants appear in the November dataset. For example, a few young Northern Gannets find their way to Lake Ontario in most years, and we have three records. One such species that has lingered into December is Barrow's Goldeneye, a bird more familiar as a scarce spring migrant, but which formerly wintered in small numbers on Lake Ontario with some regularity. Gulls are another hardy group that appear later in the year. Most of our kittiwake records are from this period, as are all our Ivory Gulls and both our Mew Gull records.

But it's not just a period for late migrants. Winter is usually our only opportunity to see some of the rarest Ontario species. These are much sought birds, as they are both rare and unpredictable. Some are westerners – Townsend's Solitaire and Varied Thrush – and isolated birds of both species have a history of appearing in the east in winter. We have more records of the thrush, probably because they have a way of turning up at feeders, but there are only a handful of records in all. Other species come from the north: Gyrfalcons have a maddening habit of being seen once and then disappearing, but we have had nine over the years. We have only four Boreal Owl records, but unlike the large, conspicuous falcon, this is a species that is very easy to overlook.

A few of these early winter waifs – but only a few – fit the classic picture of some unfortunate little bird that has inadvertently ended up thousands of kilometers away from its wintering grounds, only to succumb to the rigors of an Ontario winter. The 2005 Yellow-throated Warbler at Chub Point was a recent example. It turned up at the feeder of Jan and Eric Bruton in November, only to perish – we assume – on December 14-15, on what proved to be one of the coldest nights of the winter. Perhaps the most outlandish of these misplaced species was the American Oystercatcher that turned up in Cobourg harbour on January 4, 1999 after a massive storm that swept up from the Gulf of Mexico and dumped a huge fall of snow on the county.

Whatever the background to their appearances, these birds – and the chance that one might appear – add real spice to the dreary days of winter.

PETROGLYPHS OUTING - JANUARY 2007

by Ben Walters

On Sunday, January 28, nine Willow Beach members, three Trent University students, and a Carleton University student ventured to Petroglyph's Provincial Park at the north end of Stony Lake. Under sunny skies, we walked the main, northeast road. The goal of this third annual trip is to see winter finches and other birds that are more northern specialties. While the numbers of crossbills locally and the abundance in Algonquin Park suggested that we would observe some, we were hopeful for other species such as Pine Siskin, Purple Finch and Evening Grosbeak. As well, in our thoughts was the possibility of either Black-backed Woodpecker or American three-toed Woodpecker. While we did see some sign of these species...no luck.

Throughout the walk, we were under continuous calls of Pine Siskin flying over and in the canopy, but alas, I don't think anyone got their binoculars on one. After passing the gatehouse we approached the small wetland that lies on the north side of the road and heard the songs of both crossbill species. Initially everyone got really great looks at a bright male Red Crossbill out in the open on a dead White Cedar. Soon after, the male was joined by a female, which he fed likely in courtship feeding. Still wondering about the White-winged Crossbill, as the others flew away, right on cue a bright male flew up from the ground onto the same cedar. For much of the group, these views made the walk complete, but we had just started out. Throughout the rest of the walk crossbills were heard in ones and twos flying over, most of which were White-winged. Red-breasted Nut-

hatches, although present, were conspicuous by their low abundance. For anyone who has ever walked through this park, the abundance of this species there is quite remarkable. Oddly, we did see a few White-breasted Nuthatches which are much less common there. As for other finches, we did get great views of two male Purple Finches feeding on the copious Ironwood seeds but we did not see nor hear any Evening Grosbeaks. Strangely, we did not hear nor see any American Goldfinch either.

After a short coffee break in Lakefield, the group split up to drive home. Two cars in the group were fortunate enough to come upon close views of an adult Bald Eagle gorging itself on a large carp off River Rd. just south of Lakefield. Following that, our car did see another adult flying to join it. The next day I received multiple e-mails that Peterborough birdwatchers had seen up to two adults and two immatures feeding on the carcass, albeit within the rules of hierarchy. These could have been the two adults which have been observed re-building their nest this past month on nearby Lake Katchewanooka. It fell down during a storm in the breeding season last year. For those who did not hear of it, the nest fell down with two young in it, and luckily the young continued to be fed and survived on the ground of the island they were on.

I would like to thank all of those who joined us for the day and would like to apologize to Judith that she missed us at the second car pool lot; we must have missed you by a minute.

SPECIES LIST:

	Red Crossbill	Snow Bunting (fly-over)
Black-capped Chickadee	Hairy Woodpecker	American Crow
Red-breasted Nuthatch	Downy Woodpecker	Common Raven
White-breasted Nuthatch	Brown Creeper	Purple Finch
White-winged Crossbill	Pine Siskin	Dark-eyed Junco

Solar Panel Anniversary

January 17, 2007 was the 30th Anniversary for the Solar Panel Hot-Water Heating System at the Goering's home.

It was installed by the Gordons and the Goerings on the second storey roof of the Goering's house at 57 King Street in Port Hope.

Because of the orientation of the house and the higher 3rd storey, the panels had to be supported by scaffolding, so that they would face south to obtain the best heating from the sun.

Strong winds made it necessary to hold down the panels with clothesline wire. They operated successfully until 1985 when the Goerings moved to Lakeshore Road, also in Port Hope.

At first there was no suitable site for the panels. However, the flat garage roof, which needed repairs, was rebuilt so that the south-facing slope was suitable for the panels which were then installed.

Over the years the only problems have been (1) Turning off the sun when away on holiday (!), and (2) a slow leak due to the differential expansion of the plastic pipe and metal fittings.

Item (1) was solved by building a frame above the panels so that sheets of plywood could shield the panels from overheating and melting the plastic pipe (Yes, it has hap-

pened!)

Item (2) is solved by topping up the circulating fluid of 50% distilled water and 50% glycol (to prevent freezing) every few months – a minor job.

In the winter the panels do not help much because of the amount of cloud cover. In the summer they supply close to half the heat needed for domestic uses, showers, dish-washing, etc.

Over most of the 30 years I have recorded daily water temperatures, hours of operation (sunshine), volume of water heated (water meter), and, when on electricity, the kwh used to heat the water (wattmeter). These statistics give the amount of energy saved by the solar heating system.

Now that we use gas (furnace and dryer) it is more difficult to do the calculations but graphs of the temperatures show clearly that there are considerable savings.

If you want to go solar, use it for heating hot water which you need all year round. It works!

If anyone is interested in seeing the system, please let me know.

*Jack Goering
January 31st, 2007*

FUTURE OUTING DATES

Saturday, April 28, 2007 - Woodcock and owls in the Northumberland Forest area

Sunday, May 6, 2007 - Murray Marsh in the evening

Saturday, May 19, 2007 - Wilmot Creek

Sunday, June 17, 2007 - The Ganaraska Forest

Saturday, July 7, 2007 - Alderville Black Oak Savanna

There will be more details about these outing in future editions of the *Curlew*, but members may wish to reserve the dates.

Journey North is an internet-based science program which tracks migration of some species throughout North America. Anyone can contribute sightings to this project. At present, they are engaged in a study of wintering American Robins and are requesting sightings of robins seen during January and February 2007.

JOURNEY NORTH

Engaging Students in a Global Study of Wildlife Migration and Seasonal Change

Who: Students Across the North America

Over 17,000 classrooms, representing more than 590,000 students, are participating in the 2006 Journey North Program. These students are from all 50 U.S. States and 7 Canadian Provinces.

What: Track Wildlife Migration and Spring's Journey North

The journeys of a dozen migratory species are tracked each spring. Students share their own field observations with classrooms across the Hemisphere. In addition, students are linked with scientists who provide their expertise directly to the classroom. Several migrations are tracked by satellite telemetry, providing live coverage of individual animals as they migrate. As the spring season sweeps across the Hemisphere, students note changes in daylight, temperatures and all living things as the food chain comes back to life.

When: Every Spring

The Journey North program extends for four months each year, with live interactive programming from approximately February 2 until June 1. You can help collect data about a dozen different migrations and signs of spring beginning each February.

After Preparations in the Fall

Spring is the focus of the Journey North program, but the fall "Journey South" feature helps convey the cyclical nature of the seasons. The full year's investigation of natural events and cycles help teachers incorporate inquiry-based teaching and learning into the curriculum.

Free

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Journey North
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RECENT SIGHTINGS

compiled by Roger Frost

Snow Goose	All Jan.	1 imm	Cobourg Harbour, latest date Feb. 3	CEG, MB
Cackling Goose	Jan. 1-10	2-5	Cobourg Harbour	MB
Gadwall	Jan. 30	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Redhead	Dec. 30	12	Cobourg Harbour	BW
Lesser Scaup	Dec. 16	2	Fudge's Mill pond, Grist Mill Rd., PH Ward 2	BW
	from Jan. 3	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Harlequin Duck	Jan. 7	2f	Wicklow Beach	DM
	Jan. 9	2f	Cobourg Harbour	CEG, JEG
White-winged Scoter	Jan. 7	10	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
Common Goldeneye	Jan. 23-31	25	Sandy Bay, Rice Lake	RF, KS
Barrow's Goldeneye	Jan. 22-29	1m	Presqu'ile Provincial Park	FH
Hooded Merganser	Jan. 1	1	Peace Park, Cob.	CEG
	Jan. 2, 16	1f	Cobourg Harbour	MB, CEG
	Jan. 2, 30	1m	Ganaraska River, PH	EK
Common Merganser	Dec. 6	3500+	Rice Lake off Bewdley	BW
	Jan. 7	330	Rice Lake off Bewdley	MB
	Jan. 27	82	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Jan. 28	40	mouth of Ganaraska River, PH	EK, RF
Red-breasted Merganser	Dec. 6	500+	Rice Lake off Bewdley	BW
	Jan. 7	200	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
Wild Turkey	Jan. 23-31	44	Island View Rd., Alnwick-Haldimand	RF, KS
Common Loon	Jan. 4	1	Rice Lake off Bewdley	EK, RF
	Jan. 7	1	Rice Lake off Bewdley	MB
	Jan. 12	1	Rice Lake off Bewdley	BW
Horned Grebe	Jan. 7	3	L. Ontario e. of Cobourg Harbour	MB
	Jan. 9-11/14	1/2	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
Double-crested Cormorant	Dec. 8-15	1imm	Port Hope yacht basin	BW
Great Blue Heron	Dec. 28	3	Millennium Conservation Area, PH	BW, AE
	Jan. 3, 4	2	Cty. Rd. 10 s. of Canton, PH Ward 2	PL
Bald Eagle	Dec. 30	1	Gage's Creek, PH	GL
Red-tailed Hawk	Jan. 2	5	circling & calling, Brand Rd. & Lakeshore, PH Ward 2	BW, AE
Rough-legged hawk	Jan. 18	1	401 & Nagle Rd., Hamilton Twp.	CEG
	Jan. 25-27	1 dark	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2, duetting	LS
American Kestrel	Dec. 19	1	Willow Beach Rd., PH Ward 2	JMcG
	Jan. 12	1	Lakeshore Rd., PH	BP, JGo, GMCD
Merlin	Jan. 15	1	Young St., PH	EB
American Coot	Jan. 1-30	1-4	Cobourg Harbour	MB
Purple Sandpiper	Jan. 14	3	Presqu'ile Provincial Park	DSh
Bonaparte's Gull	Dec. 6	7	Rice Lake off Bewdley	BW
	Jan. 1-7	1	Cobourg Harbour	MB
	Jan. 7	1	off Gage's Creek mouth, PH	EK
	Jan. 9-11/14	2	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
Thayer's Gull	Jan. 28	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Iceland Gull	Jan. 3	1	Port Hope waterfront	EK, RF
	Jan. 11-31	1-4	Cobourg Harbour, max. of 4 on Jan. 31	CEG
Lesser Black-backed Gull	Jan. 12-31	1 ad	Cobourg Harbour, sighted off and on	MB, CEG
Glaucous Gull	Jan. 23-31	3-6	Cobourg Harbour	MB
Great Horned Owl	Dec. 10	2	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2, duetting	LS
Snowy Owl	Jan. 14	1	Presqu'ile Provincial Park	DSh
Short-eared Owl	Dec. 16	1	Lakeshore Rd. & Baulch Rd., PH Ward 2	BW
	Dec. 17	1	abandoned gravel pit off Verness Rd.	BW
Northern Saw-whet Owl	Dec. 17	1	Barnes Rd. nr. Hwy. 2, Cramahe Twp	BW
	Dec. 17	1	Beach Rd. & Hunt Rd., Cramahe Twp.	BW
	Jan. 20	1	PH Conservation Area	EK, RF

Sightings - cont'd.

Red-bellied Woodpecker	Nov. 22	1	5th Line, PH Ward 2	VM
	mid-Dec.	1	Pebble Beach area, window killed	AEW
	Jan. 16	1m	Zion Rd., PH Ward 2	MMcD
	Jan. 17	1	Sherbourne St., PH at feeder	A&AMcL
American Three-toed Woodpecker	Jan. 23-31	1	Northumberland Forest	RF, KS
Northern Shrike	Dec. 10-Jan. 31	1	Brand Rd. & Lakeshore, PH Ward 2	BW, AE
	Jan. 1, 6	1	Wesleyville Rd. & Lakeshore, PH Ward 2	MB
	Jan. 4	1	9th Line w. of Hwy. 28+D6, PH Ward 2	EK, RF
	Jan. 8, 9	1	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2, duetting	LS
	Jan. 19	1	Lakeshore Rd., PH	BP, GMCD
Common Raven	Jan. 25	1	East Ganaraska Forest	LS
Horned Lark	Jan. 28-30	30+	Dickinson Rd. & Lakeshore, PH Ward 2	R&FP
Brown Creeper	Jan. 23	2	Northumberland Forest	RF, KS
Carolina Wren	Jan. 14	1	Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Jan. 21	1	Walton St., Cob.	BB
Eastern Bluebird	Jan. 8	20	Zion Rd. & Hwy. 2, PH Ward 2	WB
	Jan. 9	12	Alderville, Alnwick/Haldimand	RF, GL
	Jan. 12-14	9	Harwood	RB
	Jan. 23	11	Harwood	RB
	Jan. 25	8	Schoolhouse Rd. & Harwood Rd.	LB
	Jan. 28	5	Cty. Rd. 18, s. of Camborne, Hamilton Twp.	SW
Hermit Thrush	Dec. 5	1	Presqu'île Provincial Park	AEW
American Robin	Jan. 12	6	Lakeshore Rd., PH	BP, JGo, GMCD
	Jan. 28	12	Lakeshore Rd., PH Ward 2	PB
Northern Mockingbird	Jan. 26	1	Willow Beach Rd., PH Ward 2	JMcG
Fox Sparrow	Jan. 11	1	Cobourg feeders	MB
	Jan. 21	1	Hwy. 45 s. of Baltimore	AB
Song Sparrow	Jan. 8	1	Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Jan. 21 & 30	1	1010 Ontario St., Cob.	AEW
	Jan. 20-31	1	Lakeshore Rd., PH Ward 2	PB
Swamp Sparrow	Dec. 24	1	Townline Rd. n. of railroad tracks, PH Ward 2	BW
White-throated Sparrow	Jan. 13	3	Payne Cres., PH	AT
White-crowned Sparrow	Jan. 15-31	1ad	Cobourg feeders	MB
	Jan. 20, 21	1	Lakeshore Rd., PH Ward 2	PB
Lapland Longspur	Jan. 28-30	30+	Dickinson Rd. & Lakeshore, PH Ward 2	R&FP
Snow Bunting	Jan. 24	24+	Hwy. 2, Colborne	KB
	Jan. 27	~150	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2, duetting	LS
	Jan. 28-30	150+	Dickinson Rd. & Lakeshore, PH Ward 2	R&FP
Red-winged Blackbird	Jan. 21	3	Lakeshore Rd., PH Ward 2	PB
Rusty Blackbird	Jan. 21	1	Lakeshore Rd., PH Ward 2	PB
Common Grackle	Dec. 13-16	1	Brand Rd. feeder, PH Ward 2	BW
	Jan. 21	1	Lakeshore Rd., PH Ward 2	PB
Brown-headed Cowbird	Jan. 23-26	1	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2, duetting	LS
	Jan. 30	1	Lakeshore Rd., PH Ward 2	PB
Purple Finch	Jan. 9	10	Burnley area, Alnwick/Haldimand	RF, GL
Red Crossbill	Jan. 4, 14	1f	Northumberland Forest	MB
	Jan. 4	5	Northumberland Forest	EK, RF
	Jan. 14	4	Northumberland Forest	EK, RF, MB, RP
	Jan. 24	7	Northumberland Forest	AEW
White-winged Crossbill	Jan. 4, 14	4-6	Northumberland Forest	MB
	Jan. 4	7	Northumberland Forest	EK, RF
	Jan. 5	3	Ganaraska East Forest, of Woodvale School Rd., PH Ward 2	BW, AE
	Jan. 14	4	Northumberland Forest	EK, RF, MB, RP
	Jan. 18	28	Bull Rd., Alnwick/Haldimand, in full song+D23	CEG
	Jan. 30	10	Northumberland Forest	EK, RF, GL

Sightings - cont'd.

Otter	Jan. 3	3	Cty. Rd. 10 s. of Canton, PH Ward 2	PL
Ground Hog	Jan. 10	1	Harris St., PH	SW
Mole (sp.?)	Jan. 23	6	Hwy. 2, Colborne	KB
Coyote	Dec. 18	1	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
Long-tailed Weasel	Jan. 20	tracks	fresh, SE of Peter's Woods	BW, AE
Dandelion	Jan. 13	2	in bloom, Harwood	HB
Deer Tick	Dec. 17	1	Barnes Rd. & Beach Rd., Cramahe Twp.	BW

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