



COMING EVENTS

● **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.

● **Friday, April 27, 2007, 7:30 p.m.** - Beatrice Strong Public School, 90 Rose Glen Rd.N., Port Hope
Topic: **Peter's Woods Provincial Park - Ecology and Planning.** Speaker: **Susan Grigg**, Park Planner and **Corina Brdar**, Ecologist, Southeastern Zone, Ontario Parks. Susan and Corina will tell about the interesting natural features of Peter's Woods (including the Burnley-Carmel addition) and vegetation restoration actions, and will provide an overview of the new park management plan.

● **Saturday, April 28, 2007 - Opening of Peter's Woods.** If you can help, contact Petra Hartwig, phartwig@cobourg.ca, 905-372-4301 ext. 4102 or Chris Drew, drew@eagle.ca, 905-342-2904

● **Saturday, April 28, 2007 - Woodcock and owls in the Northumberland Forest area.** For more information, please contact Ben Walters at benjaminwalters@trentu.ca, or 905-885-8586.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

- Congratulations to WBFN member **Peter Rossi** who was chosen Port Hope's Outstanding Citizen of the year at the 2006 Civic Awards.
- Also receiving Port Hope Civic Awards for Community Service were WBFN members:
 - Peter Rossi
 - Doreen Rossi
 - Elizabeth Kellogg (2)
 - Margarite Doritty
 - Paul Laing
 - Nicole Corbeil

...AND THE WINNERS WERE

The winners of the WBFN fundraising raffle, which were drawn at the AGM, were:

1st Prize - a framed nature photograph by Bill Crowley - **Larry Fell** from Belleville

2nd Prize - a Redhead decoy by Michael Biggar - **Pat Weller** of Cobourg (and WBFN member).

Thanks to the artists who donated the prizes and thanks to all who purchased tickets. This event raised \$677 for the work of WBFN.

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

PUBLICATIONS MAIL AGREEMENT NO. 40790538
RETURN UNDELIVERABLE CANADIAN ADDRESSED TO
BOX 421
PORT HOPE, ON L1A 3Z3

THE WILLOW BEACH FIELD NATURALISTS

Past Pres.	Bryan Baxter	905-372-6273	bbaxter@eagle.ca
President	Simone Mérey	905-885-8347	smerey@nhb.com
1st Vice-pres.	Michael Biggar	905-372-7407	mbiggar@eagle.ca
2nd Vice-pres.	Louise Schmidt	905-797-1059	wingbeat@sympatico.ca
Secretary	Karen Drew	905-342-2904	drew@eagle.ca
Treasurer	Janette Johnston	905-373-1432	jjohn@eagle.ca
FON Rep.	Carole Payne	905-885-6135	bookbind@cogeco.ca
Curlew Ed.	Norma Wallace	905-885-5552	
	Elizabeth Kellogg	905-885-9615	ekrf@eagle.ca

The editor is most grateful to those who have contributed to this issue of the Curlew. Copy for the April 2007 issue should be received by March 31, 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 April Curlew. Correspondence for WBFN should be addressed to: "The Willow Beach Field Naturalists, P.O. Box 421, Port Hope, ON L1A 3Z3."

WATERFOWL MIGRATION

By Clive E. Goodwin

Usually by mid-March we can really begin to see that spring is on its way. There were glimmers before, of course, and we'll probably still have some more snow, but by mid-March flocks of migrant blackbirds are flying over, Song Sparrows are back and beginning to sing and other early arrivals – Tree Swallows, robins and meadowlarks – are appearing daily.

But above all, the waterfowl are on the move, and that movement, in its hundreds and thousands, is the event that defines the month. Presqu'ile has its Waterfowl Festival, and waterbodies throughout the county, just emerging from their bonds of ice, play hosts to flocks of geese and ducks. At its best, the waterfowl movement is one of the great spectacles of the natural year.

In Northumberland County there are several localities where waterfowl can congregate in numbers in spring. Pre-eminent among these is Presqu'ile, with totals far in excess of any other location [the aggregate over the years far exceeds one million birds for the month]. This total is even more striking when one realizes that coverage at Presqu'ile is relatively irregular: many persons visit, but very few try to count the ducks! In fact, the first recorded count of 1000 waterfowl anywhere in the County was in 1976, when 1000 Canada Geese were recorded at Port Hope. It was not until 1977 that a similar number appears for Presqu'ile [1000 scaup], and only in 1979 do we begin to see records of the kind of numbers we now know are commonplace there. The Park at its best is one of the leading waterfowl staging areas in the Province.

But there are other areas. Readers of the October 'Gleanings' may not be surprised to find that Lake Ontario off east Cobourg

comes next in the database totals, although with fewer than 10% as many birds, with the Wensleys counting over 108,000. Species that favour the open waters of the lake predominate there, with Long-tailed Ducks and Red-breasted Mergansers comprising the majority of the birds seen. Both species continue their migration well into May, and in fact merganser numbers peak in that month. The March Long-tailed Duck totals are about half of those at Presqu'ile, but the Red-breasted numbers off Cobourg far exceed those from other locations. In fact, this species is the only one in which the Presqu'ile totals do not exceed those from all other localities, a reflection, I suppose, of the mergansers' strong preference for the open waters of the lake.

Finally Cobourg harbour and its environs yielded 80,000+ birds, but this figure, like that of the Wensleys, is the product of almost daily counts over many years, and the harbour is noteworthy more for its variety rather than its numbers.

Two other places are fairly well represented in the database for March. We have some 12,000 birds recorded from Barcoven Beach, at the mouth of Weller Bay, which is often free of ice before Presqu'ile Bay, and over 8000 from Garden Hill ponds. There's no doubt that added coverage would yield many more records from these two excellent localities, and I'm sure there must be other places in the County that would also be productive. For example, during the Breeding Bird Atlas we found impressive numbers of Common and Hooded Mergansers on the Trent River, together with Ring-necked Ducks, Bufflehead and goldeneye. That was in April, and it seems likely that numbers would already be building up in March.

(Continued on page 4)

(Continued from page 3)

But for dramatic concentrations of waterfowl, go to Presqu'île. Scaup usually predominate, often in thousands, with smaller numbers of Redheads and Canvasbacks. The common wintering waterfowl [Long-tailed Duck, Common Goldeneye and Bufflehead] are still well represented, and Common Mergansers and Ring-necked Ducks can be quite numerous as well. Then there's a wide range of other ducks that are usually present in smaller numbers.

The flocks offer more than simply the sight of thousands of ducks. Many of the birds are actively courting, and it's a wonderful opportunity to watch the often bizarre courtship behaviours of the various species. Even when the birds are only feeding, their behaviour is interesting: often the Redheads, Gadwalls, wigeon and American Coots all forage together. The Gadwalls and wigeon exploit water plants dislodged by the diving Redheads and coots, and they are also adept at stealing food from their neighbours. It all makes for a lively spectacle!

Then, of course, large gatherings of birds often attract other, rarer species. Three in particular have appeared in the spring concentrations; Presqu'île has yielded 15 out of the 19 Eurasian Wigeons seen in the County, both Tufted Ducks, and 2 of the 8 Barrow's Goldeneyes [the web site shows higher totals of all three, because some individuals had prolonged stays]. Other, less unusual species making fairly regular appearances include Ruddy Ducks and all three species of scoter.

It would be nice if the database showed a coherent pattern of the birds' numbers over

the years. Unfortunately it shows nothing resembling a pattern. I've already mentioned the irregular coverage at Presqu'île, and that doubtless is one major reason for the lack of a clear picture. But perhaps even more important is the irregularity of the birds' abundance each year over the period of their migration. Ice conditions can vary dramatically from one day to the next. Water that is teeming with ducks one day can be an open expanse of ice the next. In a warmer period the ice can vanish early and the flocks disperse over the entire expanse of Presqu'île Bay, or even depart altogether on the next leg of their flight.

One particularly irritating ambiguity relates to the scaup numbers. We have over 172,000 Greater Scaup on record for March, but only 5402 Lessers. The largest single total for all waterfowl, however, is the 227,410 for scaup, which is the category used by observers when they do not [or cannot] separate the two species! It's really impossible to be sure that even the Greater Scaup figures are accurate, as many observers simply assume the birds are all Greaters. There's no doubt that virtually all the earlier flocks are indeed Greaters, or that the bulk of the birds later in the season, when they are feeding in smaller numbers close to the marshes, are Lessers. These birds, in April, add another 20,000 Lessers to the total. Still, I'm left with a nagging suspicion that we're seriously underestimating the number of Lesser Scaup at Presqu'île.

One of these days, I keep telling myself, I'm going to do some careful counts. But somehow it never happens. It's much more fun looking for Eurasian Wigeon!

GRCA OWL PROWL

● 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

Lake Ontario Mid-Winter Waterfowl Inventory, 2007

On January 7, 2007, six Willow Beach Field Naturalists' members took part in the annual Lake Ontario Mid-Winter Waterfowl Inventory (or Duck Count for short!) As usual, we covered from Wicklow Beach in the east to Wesleyville in the west. The mild open conditions and light winds made for rather a pleasant day for counting ducks on the lake.

The highlights were 3 Horned Grebes off Lucas Point, seen by Margaret Bain and Elizabeth Kellogg, and a Red-throated Loon seen off Cobourg Harbour by Roger Frost. Compared to other years, Canada Goose and Mallard numbers were very low. Many of these were likely on inland lakes and ponds, as well as feeding in grain fields. Red-breasted Mergansers were present in much higher numbers than usual, probably due to the mild weather we experienced during the early part of the winter.

The complete species list for our area is to the right.

- Roger Frost

Red-throated Loon	1
Horned Grebe	3
Mute Swan	4
Canada Goose	1003
American Black Duck	27
Mallard	402
Greater Scaup	1413
Long-tailed Duck	296
White-winged Scoter	13
Common Goldeneye	955
Bufflehead	124
Common Merganser	14
Red-breasted Merganser	955
American Coot	1

Northumberland Land Trust sends thanks to Willow Beachers

Despite a freak snowstorm (well, it was February!) the annual Northumberland Land Trust dinner gala was a resounding success, raising several thousand dollars to support the conservation of environmentally-sensitive and historically-significant lands in Northumberland County. Guests were entertained with a speech by Ontario's Environmental Commissioner, Gord Miller, who made us all appreciate the importance of the work we are doing to preserve and protect our natural heritage.

We extend a heart-felt thank-you to all the members of Willow Beach Field Naturalists for your ongoing support, and especially for the great turn-out of your members at our annual gala and fund-raiser. We have many exciting events planned for the coming year, including nature studies at the Laurie Lawson Centre, and perhaps a picnic and family day in the Fall.

Keep checking our web-site (Northumberlandlandtrust.ca) for the details on these and other upcoming events!

- Al Hoffman

A CLOSE ENCOUNTER

February 15 dawned bitterly cold with a severe wind chill, equivalent of -32° C. Snow was deeply drifted across the golf course and my back yard. Sixteen feeders adjacent to my patio-type windows extend the full length of my living space. These were well patronized all day with regulars plus some three dozen goldfinch scrapping over the 18 perches on the tall niger seed feeder which hangs about ten inches from the window glass.

Preparing lunch at noon, I was conscious of a sudden outburst of raucous calls from crows. Hastily, I looked out to see if they were mobbing an owl, but noticed they had found my resident Red-tailed Hawk perched in a large soft maple at the end of the yard. The hawk remained for 42 minutes, seemingly oblivious to them. They soon moved on looking for some other form of entertainment. I happened to be watching as he lifted off and soared gracefully across the golf course to the spruce in the cemetery. My mind flashed back over the past several years that I've watched this individual. Initially, he presented a real concern. As an immature, he would frequently fly straight toward the feeders, passing through the ten foot space between feeders and windows. Now he appeared to be under full control as he flew across the open space effortlessly.

Late afternoon arriving in from a vigorous cross-country ski in Northumberland Forest, I began to make supper for Smokey, my now tame feral cat and Rhonda, a boarding Corgi. Smokey spends 24/7 inside, in his new reformed life, but frequently sits on the win-

dow ledge stretching up on hind legs to bird watch. With my back to the windows, I was astounded by a mighty crash, almost like an explosion, as something struck the windows. Looking out, I was appalled to see the Red-tailed Hawk lying on its back on the sundeck, wings outstretched. Hurrying out, I cradled the motionless window victim in my arms and gently massaged his head. Carrying him downstairs, I propped the limp victim up on a piece of cedar in my old glass box container, used for numerous hurt owls in the past. Since it was nearly suppertime and desperately cold outside, I felt a night in the warmth might help to revive this patient. A late bedtime peek revealed him standing on the cedar with head tucked under a wing in deep slumber.

February 16th arrived with temperatures much improved and no wind-chill. Looking in on the Red-tail, I was thrilled to see a really feisty individual. I retreated to get a pair of heavy leather gloves before attempting to handle him. My heart sank as he managed to pierce the gloves, drawing blood immediately. His beautiful rufous tail fanned out once we were outside and his freedom was imminent. This majestic bird relaxed and became quite gentle. Relief swept through me as he soared gracefully across the open spaces, landing successfully in a tree. Hopefully in the future he will ignore my noisy feeders ... or perhaps it was Smokey the bird-watching cat behind the window pane that probably attracted him in the first place!

- Audrey E. Wilson

Port Hope Ecology Garden AGM

March 20th, 7 p.m., Canton Municipal Office.

The guest speaker is Art Marvin; his topic, **"The Importance of Trees"**. Art has returned to the home farm to continue his life's work - that of working with trees. More information at 905-797-2662 or ecolgarden@gmail.com

The minutes of the 2006 Annual General Meeting should have been published in the February 2007 Curlew and were omitted in error. They are published below, for members' information.

WILLOW BEACH FIELD NATURALISTS, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 24, 2006 - PORT HOPE HEALTH UNIT

Call to Order: Bryan Baxter called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm at the Port Hope Health Unit. He welcomed everyone and reviewed the agenda. 57 people were present.

Club Profile: Short presentations were given to brief membership on the following club volunteer roles:

- Curlew Publication – Elizabeth Kellogg
- Curlew Distribution – Barry & Margaret Robinson
- General Meeting Raffle – Louise Baxter
- Bird Counts – Elizabeth Kellogg
- Outings – Ben Walters
- Finance – Janette Johnson
- Ontario Nature – Simone Merey
- Willow Beach Bird Banding – Elizabeth Kellogg
- Lone Pine Marsh – Marilyn Harris
- Presqu'ile Board Walk – Audrey Wilson

Annual General Meeting:

Past Presidents: Bob Short, Carole Payne, Geoff Dale, and Bill Wensley were introduced.

Minutes: Bryan Baxter reminded everyone that the AGM Minutes of February 25, 2005 were printed in the February Curlew. Motion by Bill Crowley to adopt the Minutes as is. Seconded by Bill Wensley. Carried.

President's Report: Bryan Baxter reminded everyone that the 2005/6 President's report was printed in the February Curlew, and added recognition of Ontario Nature Representative Simone Merey attending several meetings. Motion by Jack Goering to confirm actions of the Executive Board since the last AGM (per Report). Seconded by Bob Short. Carried.

Financial Report: Janette Johnston reminded everyone that her report is in the February Curlew. She reviewed it briefly and offered to answer any questions. Moved by Janette Johnston that the Financial Report be adopted. Seconded by Bob Harris. Carried.

Appointment of Auditor: Bryan Baxter advised that the former auditor Bill McCarthy, when approached, desired to retire from the role. Appointment of a new auditor rests with the Executive, as well as formal thanks to Bill for his many years of service.

Thanks to retiring Directors: Alison Elliott (Outings Coordinator and Director) and Russ Lake (Past President & Director of Peters Woods) were presented with certificates of thanks.

Presentation of Life Membership to Norma Wallace: Bryan Baxter recognized Norma for her extensive service in the club - Club Historian, Curlew Editor, Wallace Birdathon, Attendance at Board Meetings, Club Promoter; and presented Norma with a plaque.

Election of Board Members:

Carole Payne, Immediate Past President & Chair of the Nominating Committee put forward the following names for two year terms (see also February Curlew):

President – Simone Merey

1st Vice President – Michael Biggar

2nd Vice President – Louise Schmidt

Treasurer – Janette Johnson

Directors – John Geale, Doug Robertson, Barry Robinson

Carole Payne moved that the Nominating Report in the Curlew be adopted. Seconded by Jack Goering. Carried. Further nominations were called from the floor. None forthcoming. Motion by Carole Payne to close nominations. Seconded by Jack Goering. Carried.

New Business (Simone Merey):

a. The new Executive Board was introduced.

b. Sightings: Elizabeth Kellogg solicited bird, mammal and any other interesting sightings from members present.

c. Club Fund Raiser Draw: Thanks to Michael Biggar for his work, and to Bill Crowley for his framed photograph donations. 4 winners were drawn for the 3 photographs and the Limited Edition print by Saul Williams. Michael will contact the winners as none were present at the meeting.

d. Bucket Raffle: Thanks to Barry Walker for all of his work, to those who made donations of gifts, and to those who sold tickets.

e. Next Meeting: Friday, March 31st at Terry Fox School in Cobourg. The founder of FLAP, Michael Mesure will speak on the Fatal Light Awareness Program.

LIVING GREEN FAIR

Saturday, May 5, 2007, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Fair Centre Building at the Fair Grounds in Port Hope

Admission: \$2, (no charge for children 15 and under)

Free draw for items donated by exhibitors.

The Living Green Fair sets out to provide ideas and demonstrations on how to “green” our lives. Visitors will meet people who are running large and small businesses. Fuel efficient vehicles will be on display. To save electricity and heating costs, exhibitors will offer various ways to insulate your house, demonstrate solar options and geothermal heating, show energy efficient stoves and furnaces and paints that provide an “R” value. Staff from the Northumberland Recycling Facility and members of the Municipality's Environmental Advisory Committee will be present to hear suggestions and answer questions. Peterborough's 'Ecomum' will bring cotton and hemp products and show other moms the value of cloth diapers. The Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority has information on water source protection and protecting habitats. Watch worms compost kitchen garbage. Learn how to plant a butterfly garden using native plants that will stand up to climate change and conserve water in the process. There will be great food, great entertainment, activities for the kids and input from local youth. Farmers Feed Cities will make the case for eating locally grown produce. Exhibitors will illustrate the changing face of agriculture. And this is only a partial list of what you will find at the Fair to demonstrate it's easy living green. It's a day you don't want to miss!

RECENT SIGHTINGS

compiled by Roger Frost

Greater White-fronted Goose	Feb. 17/18	1 imm	Simpson Rd., Cramahe Twp.	WBFN/RP
Snow Goose	Feb. 19	1	Port Hope Harbour	SW
Cackling Goose	Feb. 12	1	Cobourg Harbour, in flight among flock of Canada Geese	MB
Mute Swan	all Feb.	23 max. Feb. 6	Cobourg Harbour	MB, CEG
	Feb. 6	5	Port Hope Yacht Basin	JA
	Feb. 20	6	Port Hope Yacht Basin	SW
Trumpeter Swan	Feb. 7-28	1-2	Cobourg Harbour (#817 arrived on 7, joined by 1 untagged on 13)	MB, CEG
	Feb. 20	1	Port Hope Yacht Basin	SW
Canvasback	Feb. 17/18/19	3	Ganaraska River mouth	EK/DS/SW
Redhead	Feb. 12-28	17 max. Feb. 3	Cobourg Harbour	MB CEG
Greater Scaup	Mar. 3	120 max	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Harlequin Duck	Feb. 20	1f	Presqu'île	DMcR
White-winged Scoter	Feb. 21	8	Lake St., PH off Esco	GL
	Feb. 25	3	Cobourg Harbour	MBi
	Feb. 26, 27	5	Cobourg Harbour	MB
Common Goldeneye	Feb. 6	106	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
Hooded Merganser	Feb. 17	1f	Cobourg Harbour	MB
	Feb. 17/20	1m	Ganaraska River mouth	EK/SW
Common Merganser	Feb. 17	106	Cobourg Harbour (high count)	MB
Red-breasted Merganser	Feb. 12	135	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
Ruffed Grouse	Feb. 6	3	Northumberland Forest	RF
Wild Turkey	Feb. 8/9	10	Choate Rd., PH Ward 2	MH/BP,
	Feb. 17	40+	McDonald Rd. nr. Peter's Woods	DS
	Feb. 18	40	Roseneath	DS
	Feb. 25	25	Cavan Rd. w. of Roy Smith Rd., Hamilton Twp.	SW
Horned Grebe	Jan. 22	1	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
Great Blue Heron	Feb. 11	1	n. of Garden Hill, PH Ward 2	DW, MW
Bald Eagle	Feb. 7	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Feb. 8	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Feb. 9	1	Cobourg Harbour - caught a gull, but let it go	PB
	Feb. 19	1juv.	off Gage's Creek, PH	SW
	Feb. 24	1 ad	Lakeport	MB
	Feb. 25	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Cooper's Hawk	Feb. 15	1	Baltimore	AB
Northern Goshawk	Feb. 18	1	Northumberland Forest	RF, EK
Rough-legged Hawk	Feb. 9	1 light	Wesleyville area, PH Ward 2	PB
	Feb. 10	1 dark	Highway 2 & Theatre Rd.	PB
	March 1	1	Hwy. 28 & 401, PH	LS
American Kestrel	Feb. 20	1	Cobourg Harbour, hunting House Sparrows	CEG
Merlin	Feb. 11	1	Dickinson Rd., PH Ward 2	GL
	Feb. 16	1m	Deer Park Rd., PH Ward 2	MB
	Feb. 22	3	Young St., PH	RB
Peregrine Falcon	Feb. 27	1	n. of Garden Hill, PH Ward 2	D&MW
American Coot	Feb. 8/9	2	Cobourg Harbour	CEG/PB
	Feb. 12	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Thayer's Gull	Feb. 20	1ad	Cobourg Harbour	MB
Lesser Black-backed Gull	Feb. 3	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Feb. 20	1ad	Cobourg Harbour	MB

Sightings - cont'd.

Glaucous Gull	Jan. 31	10	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Nelson's Gull (Herring X Glaucous)	Jan. 31, Feb. 3, 22	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Great Black-backed Gull	Feb. 19	11 max.	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Snowy Owl	Feb. 18	1	between Lakeport & Thomas Rd., Alnwick/ Haldimand	BL
Long-eared Owl	Feb. 18	1	Lakeport	MB
Short-eared Owl	Feb. 24	1	w. of Burnley, Alnwick/Haldimand	BN
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Jan-Feb	1	e. of Baltimore	JJ
	Feb. 20, 21	1	Sherbourne St., PH	A&AMcL
	all Feb.	1	West Rd., Alnwick/Haldimand	MBa
	all Feb.	1	Dean's Hill, PH Ward 2	ML
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	mid-Jan-Feb. 13	1	Pelmo Park & Mast Woods Rd., PH Ward 2	L&JM
Northern Shrike	Feb. 9	1	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
	Feb. 23/28	1	Gage's Creek, PH	GL/CEG
	Feb. 25	1	Lakeshore & Brand Rd., PH Ward 2	MBi
Horned Lark	Feb. 8	24	Dickinson Rd., PH Ward 2	DT
	Feb. 17	30+	Deer Park Rd., PH Ward 2, singing	MB
Black-capped Chickadee	Feb. 6	80	Northumberland Forest	RF
Red-breasted Nuthatch	Feb. 6	20	Northumberland Forest	RF
Carolina Wren	Jan. 27-Feb. 13	1	Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Feb. 6	1	Walton St., Cob.	BB
Eastern Bluebird	Feb. 15	5 m	Mercer's Pond nr. Garden Hill	HM
	Feb. 16	2 f	Mercer's Pond nr. Garden Hill	HM
	Feb. 20	4	Wesleyville Rd. n. of Lakeshore, PH Ward 2	MB
	Feb. 22	2	Dale Rd. w. of Cty. Rd. 28	SW
	Feb. 24	7	Thomas Rd. & Hwy. 2, Wicklow	SR
American Robin	Feb. 3	25	Ramsey Rd., PH	VM
	Feb. 27	25	Wesleyville, PH Ward 2	MB
Cedar Waxwing	Feb. 17	30	Smith St., Port Hope	EK
	Feb. 18	80	Camborne, Hamilton Twp.	SW
	Feb. 20	90+	Wesleyville Rd. n. of Lakeshore, PH Ward 2	MB
American Tree Sparrow	Feb. 18	250+	Roseneath	DS
Fox Sparrow	Feb. 14	1	Baltimore	AB
White-crowned Sparrow	Feb. 21-25	1ad	Cobourg feeder - drooping wing	MB
Lapland Longspur	Feb. 3	12	Ramsey Rd., PH	VM
	Feb. 16-24	8	Deer Park Rd., PH Ward 2 with Snow Bun- tings	MB
	Feb. 20	6	Dickinson Rd., PH Ward 2	GL
Snow Bunting	Feb. 2	~150	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
	Feb. 5	100	Ramsey Rd., PH	VM
	Feb. 6	200	n. of Centreton, Alnwick/Haldimand	RF
	Feb. 28	500	Lakeshore Rd., PH	CEG
Northern Cardinal	Jan.22	11	Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
Brown-headed Cowbird	Feb. 25	1	Danforth Rd., Hamilton Twp.	MBi
Purple Finch	Feb. 13	10	Pelmo Park & Mast Woods Rd., PH Ward 2	RF, EK
Red Crossbill	Feb. 18	4	Northumberland Forest	RF, EK
White-winged Crossbill	Feb. 6	65	Northumberland Forest	RF
	Feb. 18	8	Northumberland Forest	RF, EK
Red & White-winged Crossbill	daily in Feb.		Northumberland Forest	AEW
Coyote	Feb. 2	1	Lakeshore Rd. nr. Wesleyville, PH Ward 2	BP, GMCD
	Feb. 25	1	Danforth Rd., Hamilton Twp.	MBi

Sightings - cont'd.

Observers: JA=Jan Alford; MB=Margaret Bain; MBa=Margaret Banks; MBi=Michael Biggar; BB=Bryan Baxter; RB=Reinhard Bahr; KB=Kim Braat; PB=Paul Bridges; AB=Ann Brightman; DB=David Bree; PB=Paul Bridges; GMCD=Geoff Dale; JF=Jo Foster; RF=Roger Frost; CEG=Clive Goodwin; MH=Marguerite Huggins; RH=Reese Hunt; JJ=John Johnston; EK=Elizabeth Kellogg; GL=Gary Little; BL=Bill Logan; ML=Marguerite Long; A&AMcL=Andy & Anita McLaughlan; DMcR=Doug McRae; VM=Vern Meadows; HM=Helen Mercer; L&JM=Lynda & Jim Moorcraft; BN=Bill Newell; RP=Richard Pope; BP=Bob Popham; SR=Sharon Ramsay; LS=Louise Schmidt; DS=Dave Shirley; DT=Davidson Tate; NW=Norma Wallace; D&MW=Doug & Marie Watkins; LW=Lori Wensley; SW=Susanne Williams; AEW=Audrey Wilson

REPORTING BANDED AND MARKED BIRDS IN CANADA

Report your observations of marked birds or if you find a bird band to the Canadian Bird Banding Office, by calling toll free 1-800-327-2263 (1-800-327-BAND), by sending an e-mail message to BBO_CWS@ec.gc.ca, or by writing a letter to:

Bird Banding Office, National Wildlife Research Center, Canadian Wildlife Services, Ottawa, Canada K1A 0H3

Starting in mid March 2007, you will be able to report encounters on-line at www.reportband.gov.

If you do find a marked bird or a bird band, it is important to note as much information as you can about the bird. This will help scientists and researchers continue to learn about, monitor and conserve bird populations.

If the bird is found alive do not try to remove the band. This could result in an injury to the leg.

Please note the following:

- numbers, in sequence, appearing on the band or bands
- colours and materials of any bands or markers in addition to a metal band
- date on which the bird or band was found or observed
- exact location the bird was found or observed
- species, sex and age of the bird (if known)
- whether the bird was alive, dead, injured, free or trapped
- how the bird died (if known)

Be sure to include your name, mailing address, and phone number so that we may send you a certificate of appreciation. The certificate will tell you the species of bird, where and when it was banded, its age, whether it was male or female, and who banded it. The Banding Office will tell the bander where and when the bird or band was found and its condition.

Adapted from the Bird Banding Office website, www.cws-scf.ec.gc.ca/nwrc-cnrf

The Curlew is published 8 times per year, January, February, March, April, May, September, October and November by the Willow Beach Field Naturalists.

Membership in WBFN includes a subscription to *The Curlew*.

Annual membership fees are:

Family - \$25 Single - \$23

Cheques for membership should be made out to Willow Beach Field Naturalists and sent to: The Treasurer, Willow Beach Field Naturalists, P.O. Box 421, Port Hope, ON, L1A 3Z3. A receipt for Income Tax purposes will be provided for your membership fee as well as for any donation. Willow Beach Field Naturalists is a Registered Charitable organization.



Willow Beach Field Naturalists
P.O. Box 421
Port Hope, ON L1A 3Z3

