



COMING EVENTS

●Saturday May 19, 2007 - Outing: Wilmot Creek

This outing will be a walk along Wilmot Creek in the Provincial Fishing Area. The walk will be approximately 3.0 km on this section of the waterfront trail and will go from Cobble Dick Rd. to Toronto Rd. Meet at the Port Hope carpool lot on Phillip's Rd. at 9:00 a.m. or meet at the trail's parking lot at 9:30 a.m. **Directions:** Follow Highway 2 west through Newcastle (King Ave.) to Cobble Dick Rd. At Cobble Dick Rd. turn south to the parking area at the junction with Service Rd, just beyond the railroad tracks. For more information, contact Ben Walters, 905-885-8586 or benjaminwalters@trentu.ca

●Friday, May 25, 2007, 6:30-8 p.m. - President's Walk in Peter's Woods

Meet at Peter's Woods at 6:30 p.m. **Directions:** From Cobourg and Port Hope: Travel north on Hwy. 45 to Centreton Rd. (County Rd. 22). Go east on Centreton Rd. to McDonald Rd., which is the flashing caution light in the Village of Centreton. Go north on McDonald Rd. approximately 6 km. to Peter's Woods. There is a Provincial Park sign at the gate. *From the north*, take County Rd. 29 east of Hwy. 45 to McDonald Rd. Turn south on McDonald Rd. about 2 km to Peter's Woods.

●Sunday June 3, 2007 - Outing: The Ganaraska Forest

We will be in search of the breeding birds, butterflies and plants of the Ganaraska Forest on this outing. This outing will involve a fair amount of walking. Remember to bring water and a snack as it can be quite hot and dry in the Ganaraska Forest. We will hopefully get to see Hooded Warbler and hear Louisiana Waterthrush and other species of large forests. This is a good opportunity to get reacquainted with some of the forest bird songs before the Summer Bird Count. Meet at the Port Hope carpool lot on Phillip's Rd. at 7:15 a.m. or at the Ganaraska Forest Centre at 8:00 a.m. **Directions:** From Highway 28, follow County Rd. 9 west to Cold Springs Camp Rd. Turn right on Cold Springs Camp Rd. under the large signs indicating the entrance to

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the Ganaraska Forest Centre. For more information, contact Ben Walters, 905-885-8586 or benjaminwalters@trentu.ca

●**June 9 and 10, 2007 - Northumberland Summer Bird Count.** The Summer Bird Count is similar to a Christmas Bird Count, but it targetting breeding birds. Much of the birding is done by ear, rather than sight records. Contact Roger Frost at 905-885-9615 or ekrf@eagle.ca for more information.

●**Saturday, July 7, 2007 - Outing: Alderville Savanna**

Although later than the usual annual bluebird walk, this outing is a replacement for that walk. There are typically a few pairs of bluebirds nesting at the Alderville Savannah. Also we will get the chance to view numerous wildflowers, butterflies, dragonflies and birds that inhabit this large amount of savannah. Meet at the Cobourg carpool lot at the junction of Highway 45 and the 401 at 9:15 a.m. or at the Alderville Savanna at 10:00 a.m. **To get to the Savanna** directly, follow Highway 45 north to County Rd. 18, just before Roseneath. At county road 18, turn left. The Savanna and parking are on the left hand side, a little ways up the road just west of Sandercock. For more information, contact Ben Walters, 905-885-8586 or benjaminwalters@trentu.ca

Editor's Note

This is the last issue of the Curlew until September. Please continue to report your sightings to Normas Wallace at 905-885-5552 or Roger Frost at 905-885-9615, ekrf@eagle.ca

The Editors always welcome articles.

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SPRING WARBLERS

by Clive E. Goodwin

May is the warbler month. It is also the month of peak migration; a month that starts out with bare trees and flocks of blackbirds, and ends with gardens in bloom, trees in leaf, and nesting in full swing; while migration is winding down with only the later shorebirds and a few landbird species still passing through. But above all it is the month when the warblers return, their brilliant plumages a never ending source of delight. In this article we'll look at the species we encounter, and the timing of their migration.

We usually see the first numbers of warblers in the early days of May, and their movement continues throughout the month, with the latest species edging into the first week in June. Arrivals are far from uniform, and the mix of species changes as the month progresses.

Let's look at the migration in a little more detail, starting with arrival dates. This is one of those times when the database can be misleading, as the earliest dates in a large database represent extremely rare events. The Yellow-rumped Warbler is a good example. It is the most abundant warbler, and we have over 1800 Yellow-rumped records of almost 25000 birds in all. They are also one of the earliest warblers to appear. There are six January records – clearly birds trying to winter – one from February 18 [which may or may not have been wintering], and the next on March 20. Then there are three more in March, so in over 100 years we have only four or five reported before April.

Clearly the date of the earliest record is not very useful information if you're looking for an indication of when Yellow-rumped Warblers normally arrive. What, then, should we use? April 11 is the first day we have records from a number of years; then birds have

been recorded daily commencing on April 13, and on April 19-20 we first begin to see numbers appearing. Note all these dates are fairly close together, and perhaps any would do, but below we'll use April 13, and similarly with the other species.

When we look at these arrival dates we find that fully half of our commoner warblers can first appear in April. In all, 37 species of warbler have been recorded from Northumberland. Seven of these – Yellow-throated, Kirtland's, Prairie, Prothonotary, Worm-eating, and Kentucky Warblers and Yellow-breasted Chat – are rarities, not normally to be expected in the county, although Prairie is the most regular of the group. Of the rest, 15 have at least a number of records in April.

There are three really early warblers. Most of us think of Yellow-rumped as the first. It's certainly the one most of us see first, but in Northumberland at least Pine Warbler, from April 6, is usually a little earlier. It is much less common and has relatively fussy habitat preferences, so we're less likely to see it. Palm Warbler, comes in third, with birds from April 21. By April 25 the next four appear: Nashville, Yellow and Black-throated Green Warblers and Northern Waterthrush. April ends with nine species: Chestnut-sided, Magnolia, Black-throated Blue, Blackburnian and Black-and-white Warblers, Ovenbird and Common Yellowthroat, together with the much rarer Blue-winged and Cerulean.

May 5 to 7 bring the greater bulk of the remaining species: Tennessee, Cape May, Wilson's and Canada Warblers, Northern Parula and redstart, as well as rarer species such as Golden-winged and Hooded Warblers and Louisiana Waterthrush. Finally by mid-month Bay-breasted, Blackpoll and Mourning War-

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blers can appear. Orange-crowned Warbler is so infrequently reported in spring that it too really falls into the 'rarer' class: its arrivals start on May 12. Connecticut Warblers have been recorded from May 8, although this seems a very early date for a bird that is normally thought of as a later arrival; in any event, the species is so rarely reported that it's difficult to form a picture of its movements.

So much for the arrivals: three early, most clustered around the end of April and early May, with another three later. I must stress these are still very early dates. On April 13 we have records of 10 Yellow-rumped Warblers over four years, and records in subsequent days are similarly sparse for a week or more. In terms of seeing your first, don't expect it on April 13, but it could appear any-time.

Yellow-rumped Warblers are also probably the best species to look at to get a picture of the migration as a whole, as it is only a scarce breeder in the county, but its overall abundance means we have many records. By May 1-3 numbers of records reach around 1000 each day, and totals remain about this level until May 9-10, when we reach a peak of 2000 or more. A decline starts at this point, and by May 16-18 totals are well under 1000 records daily. May 19-21 brings totals back up to over 1000, but the peak is short-lived, and daily records then drop off sharply to under 100 on May 26, and from May 29 on there are only 2 or 3 records each

day.

What the database doesn't usually show is the sex of the migrants, but observation suggests that the bulk of the early numbers are males in full breeding plumage, while the birds in the later peak are principally females.

The other species follow similar patterns with a couple of exceptions. Reports of the commoner breeding warblers, particularly Yellow, but also such species as Ovenbird and Black-and-white, stay at a relatively high level through the end of the season – with Yellow Warblers, over 200 records daily – and this tends to mask the fluctuations in the migration itself. Then only Pine and Palm Warblers have migratory periods as long as the Yellow-rumped, so the rest of the species seem to show two peaks, one about two to three weeks after the first birds arrive, and a second in the period around May 23-25, when the movements seem to be dominated by female birds.

But every year is a little different. Some years warm, clear weather allows the birds to continue their overnight journeys well north of the lakeshore, and we are left with the few that decide to break their flights. More often weather in May is a mixed bag, and we can look forward to at least a few days when warbler numbers grace our local woodlots and hedgerows. Some years may yield good numbers of the earlier migrants, while the weather in other years may result in the later arrivals being grounded in our area. It's all part of the endlessly fascinating panorama of migration.

THANK YOU to all who Volunteered for the Living Green Fair:

- for creating the display boards, Gina McFarlane, Ben Walters and Louise Schmidt
- to Norma Wallace for making phone calls
- for staffing the booth at the fair, Louise Schmidt, George Cunningham, Les Jack, Fran Jack, Margaret Bain, Ann Brightman and Elizabeth Kellogg

Much material on backyard habitat and many Ontario Nature publications were picked up. There was lots of interest in the booth.

- Carole Payne

OWL FOUNDATION UPDATE

by Audrey E. Wilson

On April 15, 2007, I had a long phone visit with my friend Kay McKeever re: the past winter at the Owl Foundation. Kay and I have known each other for over 40 years. She and her late husband moved to Vineland Station in 1970. Prior to that in 1967, they came to see "Wee Willy", the little saw-whet owl I had for several years. Since the WBFN Club sponsors an owl annually, two of our members are able to attend the Owl Rehabilitation's open house each fall. Kay graciously agreed that I could share any owl news we discussed, in the *Curlew* for our members to read.

The 2006-07 winter was an exceptionally quiet winter for the centre. For example, no Barred, Long-eared, hawk owls or Snowies were admitted during this time. There was an absolute dearth of Great Grays. When one considers 61 Great Gray Owls from as far away as Manitoba, Quebec and Northern Ontario arrived the previous year, it is definitely a stark contrast! One boreal did arrive from Newfoundland, two short-eared, a few saw-whets from Toronto's Wildlife Centre or from the foot of Georgian Bay area accounted for all admissions received. Early this year, four juvenile Great Horned Owlets came into care also.

One major disaster took place when an 89 foot hickory tree crashed onto a 1000 square foot enclosure housing great grays, resulting in 3 escapees. Staff searched diligently for the victims. A little male was struck by a car and retrieved 3 1/2 weeks later. The remaining 2 were never found. All three could fly but had various handicaps in terms of sight and hearing.

I questioned Kay about the West Nile Virus which was the biggest worry in 2002

when I last reported. You may recall it wiped out her northern breeding species. Interestingly, screech and barn owls are never affected. Kay was busy preparing a "to do" list from now to July. The first priority was to check all mosquito netting on the enclosures as it provides the necessary protection. One little hole made by a curious raccoon can be disastrous!

Kay's good news consisted mainly about potential releases from the ongoing breeding program. For example, 5 home-hatched great grays from last year will be shipped to Jim Duncan in Manitoba for release this spring. Another great gray has recovered well enough to be set free, making a total of 11 that will have been released. In another enclosure, a great gray has been observed on the closed circuit T.V. system with a baby. A crippled hawk owl that successfully produced 6 young last year is again incubating eggs, but no young are being fed to date. The 6 reported above will be released in about 2 weeks with the help of Brian Ratcliff, working out of the MNR in Thunder Bay. Three long-ears will be released in Manitoba this spring. As well, 6 barred (2 orphans) will be released in northern eastern Ontario.

I sensed that Kay was especially optimistic with the program and all of these releases. Her current staff are excellent which frees her up to write some of her 42 years of memories. This is so important as only Kay, a world expert on owls, has all the intimate details of this important research!

Her one concern perhaps, was the lack of admissions, as she feels there are owls out there needing help. Therefore, if anyone in our area finds such, let me know and I will see they are delivered to Kay safely.



GANARASKA HIKING TRAIL ASSOCIATION **40TH ANNIVERSARY**

INVITATION

The Pine Ridge Club of the GHTA invites all WBFN members to attend a presentation to WBFN members Pat Lawson and Jack Goering for their work in conceiving and establishing the trail.

The ceremony will be held Saturday, May 26th at 10:00 a.m. at the GHTA trail marker on the bank of the Ganaraska River opposite the Port Hope Town Hall

CHECK YOUR WATERSHED DAY, Saturday, July 21, 2007

Check Your Watershed Day is a study that examines the flow conditions of the small streams in an entire watershed... all in one day! We need to identify where small streams exist, understand their flow patterns and how land and water use affect these patterns. The data will help identify factors influencing stream flow and its downstream impacts.

This year, the study will be looking at three watersheds originating from the Oak Ridges Moraine: the Duffins Creek Watershed, the Oshawa Creek Watershed and the Ganaraska River Watershed. Each watershed will be "checked" simultaneously on Saturday, July 21, 2007.

Volunteer Crew Leaders must apply by May 25 and be able to attend a training session on Saturday, June 9. General Volunteers are needed on July 21. For more information, contact Sherry Shen at 647-258-3280 X2010 or e-mail info@citizensenvironmentalwatch.org.

This is a collaborative project among:

Monitoring the Moraine Project Partners, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters' Community Stream Steward Program, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority, Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority, Durham Land Stewardship Council, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources.

Forest/Land Stewardship Workshop Series

In conjunction with the **Large Woodlands Conservation Cooperative, Stewardship Councils**, and other partners, the **Caring for the Moraine Project** in the **Ganaraska Hills Area** is presenting a series of free stewardship workshops. Dates and topics are as follows:

- **May 26 - Rare species and habitats on the Oak Ridges Moraine, Harwood Community Centre**, 9 a.m. Bring the children for a morning of environmental games while you learn about rare plant and animal species on the Oak Ridges Moraine. Free. No registration required. For information, contact Norm Wagenaar at 905-376-4461 or norm@eagle.ca
- **June 2 - Invasive plant species, Kendal Community Centre**. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. Learn about invasive plants threatening the ecology of the Oak Ridges Moraine and what can be done to control them and prevent their spread. Presentations in the morning, site visits in the afternoon. The workshop is free but please register by contacting Norm Wagenaar by phone at 905-376-4461 or norm@eagle.ca

Book Review

Birding Babylon, A Soldier's Journal from Iraq by Jonathan Trouern-Trend
Sierra Club Books, San Francisco

Recently I ventured down to the Port Hope Library. I was specifically looking for a few references for a project I was working on for the Large Woodlands Conservation Co-operative (LWCC). The LWCC is an organization focused on good forest management practices and land conservation around large forests in our area. Their main objective is to spread the word about the value of large woodlands and help landowners choose best forest management practices. If you are interested in learning more about them go to <http://www.trentu.ca/org/woodlands/>.

Now that I have made a pitch for that organization, I will get on with my story. So, heading to the field guide/environment section, the only library section I know my way around, I stumbled across this little book. The fact that it is only a little larger than 4 inches by 6 inches grabbed my attention. I picked it up and on the cover there was a bird sitting on razor wire under the title *Birding Babylon – A Soldier's Journal From Iraq*. The book is published by Sierra Club Books and was written by Jonathan Trouern-Trend, a soldier that served in Iraq with the U.S. 118th Area Support Medical Battalion.

I quite enjoy birding vicariously through other people's writings. Just the other day I picked up *Rambles; Selected writings of North-umberland Naturalist Orval Kelly* and have had a hard time putting it down. I just love imagining exploring Presqu'ile Provincial Park 60 years ago.

Birding Babylon was my first foray into vicarious travel birding as I typically limit my reading to Canadiana. The book is actually a compendium of selected writings from Trouern-Trend's birding blog that he kept while serving in Iraq. A blog is a short form for Weblog, or basically a diary that is kept on the Internet so that everyone can see. Trouern-Trend kept this blog so that his family and friends would know he was doing well and because birdwatching is not com-

mon in Iraq so keeping it provided a venue for recording his sightings and educating others on what can be seen there. The whole blog is still available for viewing on the Internet at: http://birdingbaby-lon.blogspot.com/2004_03_01_archive.html.

The book was absorbing, I finished it in two nights, not a huge feat considering it is only 80 pages and considering its size, nevertheless it is really hard to put down. Not only does the reader get a picture of what birdwatching in Iraq is like, but also what it is like "behind the wire", a term he uses because he actually very rarely leaves the base so he is stuck birding within the compound. Since Trouern-Trend is limited to a vast area, laden with temporary structures, he spends a lot of time at the base's dump and laundry ponds as they are the most productive areas for sightings. He does get some surprises in other places such as owls on cement bunkers.

I just really can't promote picking up this book enough. I found it really fun to read and it was nice to finally hear another story coming from the Iraqi war zone. Not only was I able to imagine the Iraq Babblers, Pied Kingfishers, Spur-winged Plovers, and other exotic species but birding at an army base isn't the easiest thing either. At least most people thought he was just a keener and that he was always looking through his binoculars for potential insurgents. *Birding Babylon* is not only a perfect book for the bedside table (or bathroom, each day's writing is only a page or two) but it is also a great gift idea. At somewhere around \$12 it is a great little addition to a larger gift, is perfect as a stocking stuffer and is an inexpensive present to yourself. While you're at it pick up *Rambles* a book that was reviewed in a past *Curlew*, Furby House in Port Hope has many copies and it comes to an even \$20 with tax.

- Ben Walters

RECENT SIGHTINGS

compiled by Roger Frost

Snow Goose	Mar. 15-19	1 juv.	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Apr. 3	1	4th Line, Alnwick/Haldimand	EK, RF
Trumpeter Swan	to Mar. 24	1 #817	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Apr. 5	1 #817	Presqu'île PP	BP, GMCD
	Apr. 8	1 no tag	Ganaraska River, PH	EK
Wood Duck	Mar. 11/22	1/4	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Apr. 1	5	Garden Hill Pond	SW
	Apr. 6	20	4th Line, Alnwick/Haldimand	EK, RF
	Apr. 8	15	Beaver Meadow area, Cold Springs	SW
Gadwall	Mar. 25	2	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Mar. 27	1	AKS Marsh, PH	GL
	Apr. 17	4	Roseneath Landing, Alnwick/Haldimand	RF
American Wigeon	Mar. 31	7	Fudge's Mill, Grist Mill Rd., PH Ward 2	LS
	Apr. 3	40	4th Line, Alnwick/Haldimand	EK, RF
	Apr. 17	50	Roseneath Landing, Alnwick/Haldimand	RF
American Black Duck	Apr. 6	60	4th Line, Alnwick/Haldimand	EK, RF
Mallard	Apr. 6	500	4th Line, Alnwick/Haldimand	EK, RF
Northern Shoveler	Mar. 31	2	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Mar. 31	2 (pair)	AKS Marsh, PH	GL
Northern Pintail	Apr. 2	14	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Apr. 6	40	4th Line, Alnwick/Haldimand	EK, RF
Green-winged Teal	Apr. 6	20	4th Line, Alnwick/Haldimand	EK, RF
Redhead	Mar. 1	14 (high)	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Apr. 17	1	Roseneath Landing, Alnwick/Haldimand	RF
Ring-necked Duck	Mar. 28	75-80	Garden Hill Pond	LS
	Apr. 1	75	Garden Hill Pond	SW
	Apr. 17	1100+	Roseneath Landing, Alnwick/Haldimand	RF
Greater Scaup	Mar. 10	150 (high)	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Lesser Scaup	Apr. 17	500+	Roseneath Landing, Alnwick/Haldimand	RF
White-winged Scoter	March 24	20	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Apr. 12	20	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
Black Scoter	Apr. 5	1	Presqu'île PP	BP, GMCD
Common Goldeneye	Apr. 17	50	Roseneath Landing, Alnwick/Haldimand	RF
Hooded Merganser	Mar. 10	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Apr. 1	16 (8 pr)	Fudge's Mill, Grist Mill Rd., PH Ward 2	SW
Common Merganser	Apr. 17	500+	Roseneath Landing, Alnwick/Haldimand	RF
Ruddy Duck	Mar. 13	3	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Mar. 14	4	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Mar. 29	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Apr. 19	2	Port Hope Harbour	BW
Ring-necked Pheasant	Apr. 22	2	Willow Beach Rd. & Lakeshore	DT
Ruffed Grouse	Apr. 3	2(pair)	Woodvale School Rd., PH Ward 2	LS
Red-throated Loon	Apr. 3	1	mouth of Cobourg Harbour	MB
	Apr. 8	1	off Candlewick, PH Ward 2	RF
	Apr. 24	14	Presqu'île PP	RDM
	May 1	1	off Wesleyville, PH Ward 2	PB
Common Loon	Apr. 13	15	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
Pied-billed Grebe	Apr. 10	1	Cobourg Harbour	MB
	Apr. 12	2	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
Horned Grebe	Mar. 30	8	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Apr. 21	110	Lucas Point	MB

Sightings - cont'd.

Red-necked Grebe	Mar. 30	74	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Apr. 3	57	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Apr. 10	106	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Apr. 11	2	Lucas Point, displaying & vocalizing	MB
	Apr. 19	12	off Candlewick, PH Ward 2	RF
	Apr. 21	35	Lucas Point	MB
American Bittern	Apr. 12	1	n. of Garden Hill	DW
	Apr. 28	1	Jewell Rd., Alnwick/Haldimand	WBFN outing
	May 6	1	Hwy. 45 & Cty. Rd. 24	DS
Great Egret	May 9	1	Chub Point, Alnwick/Haldimand	MJ
egret sp.	Apr. 12	1	flying e. along s. shore of Rice Lake, Roseneath	DS
Black-crowned Night Heron	Apr. 22	4	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Turkey Vulture	Mar. 15	1	Salem	CEG
	Mar. 29	1	Hwy. 2, Cob. west end, opposite Dickson's Carpet	LS
Bald Eagle	May 2	1	Lakeshore & Wesleyville Rd., PH Ward 2	JMcG
	May 4	1	over Roseneath Landing, Alnwick/Haldimand	DS
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Apr. 3	1	Northumberland Forest	EK, RF
Cooper's Hawk	Mar. 9	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Northern Goshawk	Apr. 10	2 nest	Northumberland Forest	RF
	Apr. 12	1 imm	Wesleyville, PH Ward 2	MB
	Apr. 22	1	Alderville Black Oak Savanna	RF
Broad-winged Hawk	Apr. 29	1	s. of Centreton	BL
Merlin	Mar. 16	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Apr. 23	1	King & Bagot St., Cob. calling loudly	MB
Virginia Rail	Apr. 20	1	Lake St. Marsh, PH	EK, RF
American Coot	Mar. 12	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Mar. 13	1	Candlewick Woods, PH Ward 2	GL
	Apr. 2	1	Cobourg Harbour	LW
Sandhill Crane	Mar. 28	2	flying from Newcastle to Port Granby	GL
	Apr. 12	3	Burnham St. n. of Dale Rd.	LW
	Apr. 20	1	over Roseneath Landing, Alnwick/Haldimand	DS
Killdeer	Mar. 10	1	Candlewick Woods, PH Ward 2	GL
Greater Yellowlegs	Apr. 9	8	wet field, Dale Rd., Hamilton Twp.	SW
	Apr. 11	4	flooded field, Dale Rd., Hamilton Twp.	MB
	Apr. 26	20	wet field, Dale Rd., Hamilton Twp.	SW
Lesser Yellowlegs	Apr. 11	1	flooded field, Dale Rd., Hamilton Twp.	MB
Upland Sandpiper	Apr. 22	1	Mulder Rd., Hamilton Twp.	RF
	May 2	2	Harwood area	DS
Dunlin	Apr. 24	3	Presqu'île PP	RDM
American Woodcock	May 1	1, 3 eggs	Harwood area	DS
Wilson's Snipe	Apr. 12	3	flooded field, Lakeshore & Haskill Rd., PH Ward 2	MB
	Apr. 24, 25	1	Hwy 28 & 6th, displaying over pasture+D53	PL
Laughing Gull	Apr. 1-20	1 imm	Cobourg Harbour - since March 4	MB, MObs.
Iceland Gull	Mar. 1	3	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Apr. 6	2	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Glaucous Gull	Mar. 22, 24	1	Cobourg Harbour	LW
Caspian Tern	Apr. 11	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Apr. 12	1	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
Common Tern	Apr. 26	2	Cobourg Harbour	MB
Forster's Tern	Apr. 2-3	1	Cobourg Harbour	LW, CEG
	Apr. 14, 15	2	Cobourg Harbour, breeding plumage	MB
Black Tern	May 6	1	Coyle Rd., Alnwick/Haldimand	DS
Chimney Swift	Apr. 21	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG

Sightings - cont'd.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Apr. 5	30	Candlewick Woods, PH Ward 2	GL
Black-backed Woodpecker	Apr. 25	2	Presqu'ile Fingers Trail	RP, MB
	Apr. 25	1	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
Red-headed Woodpecker	May 9	1	Wallace Jibb Rd., Hamilton Twp.	KD
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Apr. 15, 18, 21, 23	1-2	Durham St., PH feeder	EK
Northern Flicker	Apr. 4	20	Chub Point, Alnwick/Haldimand	MJ
	Apr. 5	11	Lakeshore & Wesleyville Rd., PH Ward 2	JMcG
	Apr. 8	14	Baulch Rd., PH Ward 2	SP
Northern Shrike	Mar. 24	1	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
	Apr. 15	1	Wicklow	CEG
	Apr. 15	1	Colborne	CEG
	Apr. 17	1	Roseneath Landing, Alnwick/Haldimand	RF
Common Raven	Apr. 8	1	Woodvale School Rd., PH Ward 2	LS
Purple Martin	Apr. 5	1	Roseneath Landing, Alnwick/Haldimand, sitting on Martin Box in a snow shower	DS
Tree Swallow	Mar. 31	1	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	Apr. 28	35	Lucas Point	CEG
Bank Swallow	Apr. 28	1	Lucas Point	CEG
Cliff Swallow	Apr. 28	2	Lucas Point	CEG
Barn Swallow	Apr. 28	55	Lucas Point	CEG
Brown Creeper	Mar. 26	1	Candlewick Woods, PH Ward 2	GL
	Apr. 3	3	Lake St. Marsh, PH	EK
	Apr. 6	several	Northumberland Forest	SW
Carolina Wren	Apr. 25	1	Wicklow	CEG
Winter Wren	Mar. 28	1	Lakeshore & Haskill Rd., PH Ward 2	GL
	Apr. 6	2	Northumberland Forest	SW
	Apr. 8	6	Candlewick Woods, PH Ward 2	RF
Hermit Thrush	Apr. 3	2	Northumberland Forest	EK, RF
	Apr. 5	6	Candlewick Woods, PH Ward 2	GL
	Apr. 6	1	Northumberland Forest	SW
Varied Thrush	Apr. 29	1	Candlewick Woods, PH Ward 2	GL
Bohemian Waxwing	Mar. 19	12-15	Willow Beach Rd., PH Ward 2	JMcG
Cedar Waxwing	Apr. 3	20	5th Line, PH Ward 2, w. of Hwy. 28	SW
Nashville Warbler	Apr. 24	1	Presqu'ile PP	RDM
Cape May Warbler	May 6	1	Northumberland Forest	EK, RF
Audubon's Warbler	Apr. 27	1m	Presqu'ile P.P. near Lighthouse	MB
Pine Warbler	Apr. 5	1	Chub Point, Alnwick/Haldimand	SMcL
	Apr. 25	2	Wicklow	CEG
Scarlet Tanager	May. 3	1	n. of Garden Hill	DW
Hooded Warbler	May 6	1 singing	Webb & Coyle Rd., Alnwick/Haldimand	DS
Eastern Towhee	Apr. 2	1	Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Apr. 2	1	Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	BAP
	Apr. 7	1	Ball St., Cob.	JJ
Vesper Sparrow	Mar. 30	1	Lakeport	CEG
	Apr. 3	3	Woodvale School Rd., PH Ward 2	LS
	Apr. 8	1	Donaldson Rd. w. of Cty. Rd. 18	SW
Fox Sparrow	Apr. 3	21	Northumberland Forest	EK, RF
	Apr. 5	5	Candlewick Woods, PH Ward 2	GL
	Apr. 7	1	Ball St., Cob.	JJ
	Apr. 27	1	Choate Rd., PH Ward 2	MH
White-crowned Sparrow	Apr. 1-30	1 ad	Cobourg feeder - drooping wing - present since January 15	MB
	Apr. 4	1	Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	BAP

Sightings - cont'd.

Dark-eyed Junco	Apr. 10	120	Northumberland Forest	RF
Lapland Longspur	Apr. 8	20	Candlewick, PH Ward 2	RF
Snow Bunting	Apr.6	15	Shearer Pt. Rd., Alnwick/Haldimand	EK, RF
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	Apr. 24	1 f	s. of Colborne	JF, KB
Indigo Bunting	May 9	1	s. of Baltimore, Hamilton Twp.	AB
Eastern Meadowlark	Mar. 28	16	Lakeshore & Haskill Rd., PH Ward 2	GL
Rusty Blackbird	May 6	30+	Murray Marsh, Brighton Twp.	WBFN outing
Common Grackle	Apr. 8		s. of Baltimore, Hamilton Twp., attacking a junco and nearly pecking it to death	AB
Brown-headed Cowbird	Mar. 19	85	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
Red Crossbill	Apr. 3	2	Northumberland Forest	EK, RF
White-winged Crossbill	Apr. 3	2	Northumberland Forest	EK, RF
	Apr. 10	2	Northumberland Forest	RF
Pine Siskin	Apr. 1		Mail Rd., PH Ward 2	JMcG
	Apr. 11	1	Union Cemetery, Cobourg	CEG
American Goldfinch	Mar. 24	90	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2, at feeders	LS
Fisher	May 6	1	Coyle Rd., Alnwick/Haldimand	EK, RF
frog	Mar. 27	1	Roseneath Landing Rd., Alnwick/Haldimand	DS
Red Fox	Apr. 5	1	n. of Garden Hill, PH Ward 2	DW
	Apr. 5	1	near Presqu'île,	BP, GMCD
	Apr. 10	1	Dorset St.W., PH	DSv
	Apr. 23	1	Cobourg Ecology Garden	MB
	Apr. 26	1	Albert & Division St., Cob.	CEG
	May 4	1	College & Chapel St., Cob.	BH
Whitlow Grass	Apr. 18	first	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Common Chickweed	Apr. 18	first	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Coltsfoot	Apr. 19	first	Lake St., PH	BC
	Apr. 20	first	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Bur Buttercup	Apr. 21	first	Cobourg Campground	CEG
Bloodroot	Apr. 22027		Young St., PH	NW
	Apr. 25	first	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Shepherd's Purse	Apr. 26	first	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Dandelion	Apr. 29	first	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Prairie Buttercup	Apr. 23	first	Burnham Blvd., PH	BC

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- **Nature Nuts Day Camps 2007** for children ages 6-12 years old. Throughout the summer, there will be six weeklong units, each with a different theme. For more information, contact Lisa Lawson at 905-885-8173 or llawson@grca.on.ca

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