



COMING EVENTS

● **Friday, March 28, 2008, 7:30 p.m., Beatrice Strong Public School, 90 Rose Glen Rd.N., Port Hope**
Speaker: **Catherine McWatters**, North York Astronomical Association. Topic: **Looking Up at the Night Sky.**

Catherine McWatters will explain some of the current mysteries of the night sky, showing where and when to see the planets, meteors and evening constellations. She will also show and tell some of the activities of the North York Astronomical Association. Catherine is a founding member of the NYAA, life member of the RASC, past member of the Toronto Junior Field Naturalists and freelance astronomy educator for more than 3 decades.

● **Friday, April 25, 2008, 7:30 p.m. Location TBA**

Speaker: Adrienne Brewster. Topic: **Butterfly Miracles: from Metamorphosis to Migration**
Adrienne is the Curator and Entomologist at Wings of Paradise Butterfly Conservatory in Cambridge, Ontario. The talk will include general points of interest about butterflies from around the world, as well as a brief overview of butterfly metamorphosis. She will talk about the incredible migration of the Monarch Butterfly and will show photos from the ‘Millions of Monarchs’ tour which she leads every March into the transvolcanic mountains of Mexico to see the monarchs clustering within protected sanctuaries.

● **April 26, 2008 -Cobourg Pitch-in day.** Meet at Cobourg’s west beach at 9a.m. for our annual Earth Week clean-up. In past years we have been finding that this area is much quicker to clean so we may spread out from that area. We will see what areas need coverage that morning from town staff. Please bring your family and friends to show Willow Beach’s support for cleaning up our urban green spaces. Plus there is usually something good to see in the harbour so bring your binoculars. Gloves and bags will be provided. If you have any questions please contact Ben Walters at benjaminwalters@trentu.ca, or 905-885-8586.

SILENT AUCTION A SUCCESS!

In spite of a terrible night for driving, with snow and high winds, 47 members made it to the AGM and the first ever Silent Auction was a success! Some items generated stiff competition once bidders got into the spirit of things. To my amazement, we collected \$1,024.00 from winning bidders and since all auction items were donated, this amount is our total revenue.

A heartfelt thank you to all who donated items and to all bidders. The success of the auction was only made possible by your generosity and participation. This is what makes Willow Beach Field Naturalists such a great club!

A special thank you to Michael Biggar, Marg Short, Bob Short and Ted Schmidt for their assistance before and during the auction. Everything went smoothly thanks to their help.

I welcome your comments or suggestions. Feel free to call me at 905-797-1059 or by email at wingbeal@xplornet.com

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The editor is most grateful to those who have contributed to this issue of the Curlew. Copy for the April 2008 issue should be received by March 31, 2008. 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."

Gleanings from the Northumberland Bird Database

EARLY SPRING MIGRATION

by Clive E. Goodwin

Back in the heady days when I was new to Canada Jim Baillie used to write a regular birding column for the Toronto *Telegram*, now long gone. I think just about every spring he would have an article on spring arrivals, where he listed the average arrival dates of the more common early spring migrants. Eager for anything which would help me birding in my new home, I would devour these pieces enthusiastically, noting the dates and watching for every new arrival with eager anticipation.

Well, I still watch for new arrivals with eager anticipation – I suspect every birder does, new or old. Our winters are long, and the return of the first migrants is something to be savoured with delight. But it never occurred to me to wonder about those dates – until I was faced with doing something similar myself, only to realize it was far from straightforward! How did he arrive at them? Because, whatever the swallows at Capistrano are supposed to do, bird arrivals in our part of the world are far from predictable, or uniform, and are complicated by wintering birds, weather, and a host of other variables. It's February 7 as I write this, but yesterday I looked out the window and saw my first Ring-necked Duck. They're not really supposed to be here until March, but at Presqu'ile I gather people have been spotting the odd Ring-necked for some weeks now. But using the date of the first Presqu'ile bird could be misleading, as indeed would February 6 – it's not there now, and it may well be March before I see any more.

This subject was touched on last spring in the article about warblers, and then I used the date after which the database had at least one bird recorded on every subsequent day. However, even that can be misleading, as the database is huge and a record of one warbler

a day with 100+ years of records doesn't certainly mean you could expect to see one on that date. In any case, birds that arrive in May don't have quite the same cachet as ones that first appear in March, after 8 or more weeks of snow, and their patterns of arrival differ. So I'm going to look at the arrivals of some of the more familiar early spring birds, taking some of these variables into account.

I referred to wintering birds above, and most of the birds I'm going to mention [apart from a couple of May arrivers] do winter regularly here, sometimes in good numbers. Look at a species that comes back really early – Horned Lark is our best example – and it becomes impossible to determine from the records which birds were wintering and which were newly arrived, although in the course of any particular year one can usually have at least some idea.

This is because migration and weather are inextricably linked, particularly early in the season when poor weather can be expected and is particularly threatening to the birds. Migrants are stimulated to move in periods of pleasant, warmer weather. As our weather is cyclic, such periods alternate with more stormy, often colder conditions, and this may cause birds to move back – reverse migration – or to be 'grounded' until things improve again. Experienced birders know this, and often make a particular effort to be out when groundings might occur. One of the most dramatic movements I have ever seen was on March 11, 1992, when we had over 20,000 starlings urgently flying west along the lake in a heavy snowstorm, accompanied by hundreds of robins and Horned Larks. The next day dawned clear and cold, and there were huge flocks of robins on every berry-bearing bush, and flocks of Song Sparrows all

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along the road edges looking for food on the cleared shoulders. Those birds had all arrived previously, and if they had followed the usual pattern they would have appeared during a push of warm air into the area.

Returning to our Horned Larks, we have had good numbers in January, but many more in February, with high counts interspersed with smaller numbers, doubtless reflecting the vagaries in the weather. By March the higher numbers drop off as birds continue north, or disperse across the countryside to start nesting. Clearly, the larks arrive in February, but it's not clear just when. By contrast, with the March migrants numbers tend to drop off in February, presumably as wintering birds either move further south as food becomes scarce, or as they succumb to the severe weather. For the later March migrants we may have no winter records at all.

It's the March arrivals that make the news. Even non-birders celebrate the first robin – well, the first they happen to notice, anyway. And often [perhaps more often than not] the date of that robin is noteworthy, as it marks the first time robins generally are back, running over lawns, sitting in tree-tops, maybe even singing a little. They may well be the same birds that were down in the valley feeding on buckthorns, but now they're back – home. Typically that date is one of the warmest of the early season, causing the wintering and early migrant flocks to break up and disperse. So, what date did Jim Baillie use for his arrival for robins? It turns out it was March 18, but I have no idea whether that was earlier than the general arrival date or not. Let's see whether the database can

shed any light on the matter.

We find that robins in particular reveal a very even increase through most of the month of March [from about the 10th], and that is true whether we look at the total number of reports for a given date, or the total number of birds reported. The first time we encounter more than 10 reports for a day is on the 7th, with 12. We then reach 23 on the 14th, 33 on the 26th, and on the 31st there have been 38 reports. When we look at numbers of birds we find that 129 were already recorded on the 1st [maybe on the buckthorns in the valley], but by the 11th there were 784 and on the 26th fully 1048 were seen. Given the size of the database [which tends to yield high numbers regularly because so many years are being summarized] I'd say a pretty good average general arrival date would be March 26 for Northumberland. Interestingly, Toronto tends to run about a week ahead of us because it's further south.

Other March migrants follow a similar pattern, although the increases are less even and come more in a series of steps. I've summarized the figures for some of the most familiar March migrants below, with some extending into early April, as well as a couple of May migrants for comparison. Note that the May birds reach their peak numbers by around mid-month. In fact, they decline sharply after that, as their migration ends. Both the Eastern Kingbird and Baltimore Oriole have some earlier records, but only single birds spread through April [the kingbird even has one extremely early record from late March].

So what average arrival dates would you use for all these?

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CORRECTION: An error was made in the recent Constitution amendment process. The WBFN needs to remain affiliated with the Federation of Ontario Naturalists, as Ontario Nature is only a “brand” or “nameplate”. The amended Constitution will therefore exclude the amendment voted on at the Annual General Meeting of February 29, 2008 regarding Affiliation.

Dates of Peak Migrant Numbers of Reports and Birds seen through March

Ring-necked Duck	Reports	3/7 -6	3/14 -13	3/27 -22	3/28 -28
	Birds	3/10 -598	3/17 -801	3/22 -1137	3/28 -4258
Hooded Merganser	Reports	3/8 -10		3/24 -19	3/27 -24
	Birds	3/6 -23	3/8 -44	3/10 -90	3/23 -148
Northern Flicker	Reports	3/3 -3	3/29 -11	4/3 -14	4/13 -25
	Birds	3/3 -3	3/28 -10	4/5 -71	4/15 -463
Tree Swallow	Reports	3/10 -1	3/21 -2	3/28 -12	3/31 -20
	Birds	3/10 -1	3/22 -4	3/28 -28	3/29 -113
Eastern Phoebe	Reports	3/16 -1	3/27 -8	3/30 -13	4/6 -18
	Birds	3/16 -1	3/28 -17	3/31 -25	4/8 -42
Eastern Meadowlark	Reports	3/3 -3		3/25 -10	3/26 -42
	Birds	3/14 -11	3/17 -16	3/26 -42	3/28 -61
Red-winged Blackbird	Reports	3/1 -4	3/7 -13	3/18 -21	3/28 -24
	Birds	3/2 -158	3/7 -379	3/11 -737	3/21 -2349
Common Grackle	Reports	3/1 -3	3/10 -11	3/18 -22	3/30 -30
	Birds	3/2 -12	3/8 -535	3/21 -832	3/28 -2938
Song Sparrow	Reports	3/1 -5	3/10 -9	3/15 -19	3/27 -28
	Birds	3/1 -6	3/14 -48	3/21 -101	3/26 -335
Eastern Kingbird	Reports	5/2 -9	5/11 -23	5/23 -30	
	Birds	5/2 -11	5/9 -50	5/13 -101	
Baltimore Oriole	Reports	5/1 -6	5/6 -21	5/12 -29	
	Birds	5/1 -11	5/6 -154	5/12 -402	

Doug Tarry Young Ornithologist's Workshop

Attention Parents and Keen Teen Birders!

The 2008 Young Ornithologist's Workshop will be held at Long Point Bird Observatory from **Friday 1 August to Sunday 10 August 2008**. This intensely-packed week of activities focuses on field ornithology and includes bird banding, censusing, field identification, birding field trips, guest lectures, and much more! Come make new friends from across the country with similar interests in the world of birds. Six lucky applicants (ages 13-17) will be selected for the Doug Tarry Bird Study Awards and recipients will have all expenses (except travel costs) paid. **Applications are due 30 April 2008**. For additional information and an application form, contact: Landbirds Programs Coordinator at Bird Studies Canada (email: lpbo@bsc-eoc.org), or visit the LPBO web site (www.birdscanada.org/longpoint).

The Marsh Boardwalk Fund-raising Report

When we started the fundraising in June of 2007, we believed that it would be a two/three year project to raise the \$360,000 estimated for the cost of materials to replace the Marsh Boardwalk. To date, we have raised almost \$190,000, two thirds of the way to our target.

At a federal level, we have received \$10,000 to pay for design and engineering costs. At the provincial level, Ontario Parks have allocated \$50,000 to pay for materials. At a local level, the Municipality of Brighton has promised a minimum of \$10,000 from the 2008 budget.

Local organizations have offered to support financially or by helping us with various fund-raising events. A number of corporations have made donations: our local wireless Internet Provider, Barrett Xplore; D.L. Services Inc. of Brighton; and Mountain Equipment Co-operative of Vancouver.

We have submitted applications to many charitable foundations and so far, we have received significant donations from The John M. Parrott Foundation of Belleville, and The McLean Foundation, based in Toronto.

The response from the general public has been outstanding. To raise over \$69,000 since June is a tremendous achievement and it really does emphasize how important the Marsh Boardwalk is to Park users.

With the funding to date and the commitment of many volunteers, this winter we will construct the new tower and teaching zone at the entrance to the marsh and a second teaching zone at the southern end of the cedar trail.

Pete Alker,
Chair Boardwalk Fund-raising Committee
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WBFN MEMBERS INVITED TO FRIENDS OF PRESQU'ILE PARK RETREAT

The Friends of Presqu'ile Park is a non-profit association of volunteers dedicated to enhancing the educational, interpretive, and scientific research programs at Presqu'ile Provincial Park. In this, our 20th year of operation, The Friends of Presqu'ile invite WBFN members to attend the **"Building for the Future"** retreat at Stonehedge (the historic Stonehedge Cottage located inside Presqu'ile Park) **on Saturday, April 12, 2008, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.** (A light lunch will be provided).

Objectives of this gathering include: reviewing the organization mandate; reviewing operational practices; assessing roles and responsibilities; discuss priorities of support to the park; attracting new members; bringing fresh ideas and new energy and enthusiasm into the organization.

Admission to Presqu'ile Provincial Park will be free that day for those attending the retreat.

Please confirm your attendance by sending a message to: epayette@xplornet.com or leave a telephone message at (613) 475-1688. Questions? Call Ernie Payette, Chair, Friends of Presqu'ile Park at (613) 968-4971.

For additional information about the above two items, contact Janette Johnston, 905-373-1432, jjohn@eagle.ca, a WBFN member who is on the Board of Friends of Presqu'ile.

Marsh Monitoring

with

Terry Sprague



Learn how you can be a part of a worthwhile and fun program by monitoring frogs and birds in a wetland near you!

Wednesday, March 26, 2008 6:30-8:30p.m.
Goodrich-Loomis Conservation Area
(North of Brighton off Hwy 30)
-No Charge-



Register at Lower Trent Conservation
T: 613-394-4829 or E: information@ltc.on.ca
Refreshments and snacks will be provided.

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Willow Beach Field Naturalists' Board & Appointments 2008

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“Conservation through the Lens” Photo Contest

In celebration of the 40th anniversary of the formation of Lower Trent Conservation (LTC) in 2008, the “*Conservation through the Lens*” Photo Contest encourages residents and visitors to get out and explore the Lower Trent watershed region, showcasing the plants, animals, waterways and human enjoyment of the area.

The contest runs from Friday, July 20th, 2007 to Friday, April 18th , 2008.

Categories Include:

- Lakes, Rivers and Streams
- Native Flora and Fauna
- Landscapes
- People and Nature

Rules:

- Limit of one entry per category per participant
- Entries must be within the Lower Trent Conservation watershed
- Prints must not be mounted
- Submit a colour or black & white print

Lower Trent Conservation retains the right to publish or use all entries in promotional materials.

Visit www.ltc.on.ca for complete details.

HELP WANTED - Program Coordinator

After several years of arranging an interesting variety of speakers and dealing with room rentals for our meetings, Susanne Williams has indicated that she wishes to retire from this position. If any member is interested in taking on this position, please contact President, Michael Biggar at 905-372-7407 or mbiggar@eagle.ca

**Living Green Fair will be held on May 3, 2008.
Mark your calendar!**

RECENT SIGHTINGS

compiled by Roger Frost

Greater White-fronted Goose	Jan. 22	5	Cobourg Harbour	LW
	Jan. 27	4	Cobourg Harbour	LW
	Feb. 2	4	Apple Orchard Rd., Hamilton Twp.	NM, OntBirds
	Feb. 3	6	Port Hope harbour	JC-B, OntBirds
Trumpeter Swan	Feb. 2-25	1ad	Cobourg Harbour	MB, CEG, LW
	Feb. 18	4	Cobourg Harbour	DD
	Feb. 23-25	1imm	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Gadwall	Feb. 8	4	Cobourg Harbour	KN
Northern Pintail	Feb. 8	1m	Cobourg Harbour	KN
	Feb. 25	1m	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Feb. 26	2	Close Point, Hamilton Twp.	RF
Canvasback	Jan. 26	1	Cobourg Harbour	LW
	Feb. 28	50	Presqu'ile PP	FH, OntBirds
Redhead	Feb. 9	125	Cobourg Harbour	KN
Ring-necked Duck	Feb. 6	1m	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Lesser Scaup	Feb. 1	16	Cobourg Harbour	LW
White-winged Scoter	Jan. 26	1	Cobourg Harbour	LW
	Feb. 18	11	Cobourg Harbour - high count	CEG
Barrow's Goldeneye	Feb. 10-26	1	Presqu'ile PP	FH, BG, MA, OntBirds
Hooded Merganser	Feb. 16	5	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Feb. 17	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Common Merganser	Jan. 21	35	Cobourg Harbour	LW
Red-breasted Merganser	Jan. 28	56	Cobourg Harbour	LW
Turkey Vulture	Feb. 28	1	over Lakeshore & Wesleyville Rd., PH Ward 2	PB
Bald Eagle	Feb. 19	1	Roseneath Landing	DS
Northern Harrier	Feb. 28	1	Haskill Rd. & Lakeshore, PH Ward 2	PB
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Feb. 21	1	Cobourg Harbour - eating a Song Sparrow	CEG
Cooper's Hawk	Feb. 2	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Feb. 12	1imm	Albert St., Cobourg	MB
	Feb. 29	1	Upper Cold Springs, Hamilton Twp	SW
Northern Goshawk	Feb. 22	1	Nickerson Dr., Cob.	DD
Rough-legged Hawk	Feb. 4, 5	1	Presqu'ile PP	FH, OntBirds
Golden Eagle	Feb. 15	1	Toronto Rd., Port Hope	SW
Merlin	Feb. 2	1	Lakeshore & Dickinson Rd., PH Ward 2	GL
	Feb. 4	1m	Hwy. 2/Bob Carr Rd., Hamilton Twp	MB
Thayer's Gull	Feb. 18	1	Cobourg Harbour	DD
Iceland Gull	Jan. 26	1	Cobourg Harbour	LW
	Feb. 25	2	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Feb. 16	1 ad	Lake Ontario off Wesleyville	PB
Lesser Black-backed Gull	Jan. 16, 18	1	Cobourg Harbour	LW
	Feb. 18	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Glaucous Gull	Jan. 16/18	2/3	Cobourg Harbour	LW
	Feb. 8/17	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Feb. 25	2	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Eastern Screech Owl	Feb. 25	1	Thompson Rd. & Lakeshore, PH Ward 2	PB
Snowy Owl	Feb. 13	1	Roseneath Landing, flyover	DS
Barred Owl	Feb. 12, 13	1	Pebble Beach, Cobourg	BMcM
Great Gray Owl	Feb. 3	1	Lakeshore Rd., Wicklow	MR
	Feb. 23	1	Presqu'ile PP	FH, OntBirds
Short-eared Owl	Feb. 13	1	Presqu'ile PP	FH, OntBirds
Red-bellied Woodpecker	all Feb.	1	Roseneath Landing, daily throughout Feb.	DS
Downy Woodpecker	Feb. 15/18	5	Roseneath Landing	DS

Sightings - cont'd.

Northern Shrike	Feb. 5	1	Young St., PH	NW
	Feb. 8	1	Lakeshore & Brand Rd., PH Ward 2	JGo, BP
	Feb. 14	1	Archer Rd., Alnwick/Haldimand	CEG
	Feb. 21	2	Welcome area, PH Ward 2	CEG
	Feb. 28	1	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2, around most of month	LS
Blue Jay	Feb. 15/18	35	Roseneath Landing	DS
American Crow	Feb. 1	400	Hwy. 28 n. of Dale Rd.	ERM
Common Raven	Feb. 16/17/26	1	Wesleyville, PH Ward 2	PB
Horned Lark	Feb. 3	22	Apple Orchard Rd., Hamilton Twp.	EK, RF
	Feb. 11	10	Haskill Rd. & Lakeshore, PH Ward 2, singing	MB
Black-capped Chickadee	Feb. 15/18	27	Roseneath Landing	DS
Eastern Bluebird	Feb. 2	7	Hawkins Rd. & Dale Rd., PH Ward 2	GL
	Feb. 14	2	Lakeport	CEG
	Feb. 20	3	Welcome, PH Ward 2	RMcH
	Feb. 26	3	Cty. Rd. 18 e. of Harwood	RF
American Robin	Feb. 10	10	Hwy. 2 e. of Port Hope	MB
	Feb. 25	50	Morrish Church Rd., PH Ward 2	PB
	Feb. 26	16	Garden Hill, PH Ward 2	RG
Bohemian Waxwing	Feb. 4	60	Presqu'ile PP	FH, OntBirds
Cedar Waxwing	Feb. 18	60	Diane Place, PH	PBa
Chipping Sparrow	Feb. 16	2	s. of Colborne	JF
Fox Sparrow	Feb. 9	1	nr. Baltimore, Hamilton Twp.	AB
Song Sparrow	Feb. 1-16	1	Cobourg feeders	MB
	Feb. 5	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Feb. 8	2	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Feb. 17/18	4/2	s. of Colborne	JF
White-crowned Sparrow	Feb. 1-11	1imm	Cobourg feeders	MB
Lapland Longspur	Feb. 3	1	Apple Orchard Rd., Hamilton Twp.	EK, RF
Snow Bunting	Feb. 4	35	Railway track s. of Wicklow	MB
	Feb. 10	~2000	Lakeshore Rd., PH to Newcastle	BG, MA, OntBirds
	Feb. 12	~50	Hwy. 28 near Herma's, PH Ward 2	AB
	Feb. 29	100	Telephone Rd.	CEG
Red-winged Blackbird	Feb. 10	1	Steward St., Cobourg	SMcC
Common Grackle	Feb. 18	1	Lakeshore Rd., Port Hope	JGo
Brown-headed Cowbird	Feb. 14	1	6th Line, Hamilton Twp.	JGe
Pine Grosbeak	Feb. 9-Mar. 4	2-40	Roseneath Landing, every few days throughout this period	DS
Purple Finch	Feb. 18	4	s. of Colborne	JF
House Finch	Feb. 6	36	Durham St., PH	EK
Common Redpoll	Feb. 15/18	50	Roseneath Landing	DS
Hoary Redpoll	Feb. 15/18	2	Roseneath Landing	DS
Pine Siskin	Feb. 15/18	55	Roseneath Landing	DS
American Goldfinch	Feb. 19-26	40	Centennial Dr., PH	EFM
Chipmunk	Feb. 27	1	w. of Wesleyville, PH Ward 2	PB

Observers: MA=Mark Ansell; MB=Margaret Bain; PBa=Peter Bahr; PB=Paul Bridges; AB=Ann Brightman; JC-B=Joyce Collier-Brown; DD=Don Davis; JF=Jo Foster; RF=Roger Frost; JGe=John Geale; JGo=Jack Goering; CEG=Clive Goodwin; RG=Ron Getz; BG=Bill Gilmour; FH=Fred Helleiner; EK=Elizabeth Kellogg; GL=Gary Little; ERM=Ted McDonald; SMcC=Sheila McCoy; RMcH=Roy McHolm; BMcM=Bert MacMillan; NM=Norm Murr; KN=Ken Niles; OntBirds=Ontario Field Ornithologists listserv; BP=Bob Popham; MR=Maureen Riggs; LS=Louise Schmidt; DS=Dave Shirley; NW=Norma Wallace; LW=Lori Wensley; SW=Susanne Williams

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