



## COMING EVENTS

● **Saturday, May 17 - Outing to Lone Pine Marsh, 6:30 p.m.**

Meet at the Cobourg carpool lot on Hwy. 45 north of Hwy. 401 at 6 p.m. Directions: Take Hwy. 401 east to County Road 25 (Colborne exit). Travel north on Cty. Rd. 25 to Tubb's Corners. Turn right (east) onto Turk Rd. Follow Turk Rd. east to the next road, Maple Grove Rd. Turn left (north) on Maple Grove. There is a parking lot a short distance north on Maple Grove on the right hand side (east side). For more information, contact Ben Walters at 905-885-8586, benjaminwalters@trentu.ca

● **Friday, May 30 - President's Walk - A.K. Sculthorpe Woodland Marsh, Port Hope, 6:30 p.m.**

From Peter St. in Port Hope (Hwy. 2 at the east side of town), turn south (towards the lake) at Hope St.S. This corner has the stop light at the west end of the Peter St. Plaza, opposite A&P. Travel south on Hope St. as far as it goes, then turn left (east) on Lake St. to the next corner. Meet in the parking lot at this corner.

● **Saturday, June 7 & Sunday, June 8, 2008 - Northumberland Summer Bird Count**

This involves parts of two long days in the field, identifying birds by both sight and sound. At the end of the second day, participants are invited to gather for a pot luck, location to be determined. For more information, contact Roger Frost at 905-885-9615, ekrf@eagle.ca

● **Sunday, June 22, 2008 - Canoe outing in Bewdley, 7:00 a.m.** (Alternate: June 29, 7:00 a.m. if winds are strong or if raining)

Meet in Bewdley at the public parking spaces at the town park across from the Rhino restaurant. We will launch our canoes at the public launch and explore the area's marshes for a few hours. Canoes are not provided, so it is asked that you arrange for your own. Please ensure that you have life jackets and other safety equipment, such as a whistle, extra paddle, floating rope and bailing container. If you have any question or would like to come but don't have a canoe, please contact Ben Walters and we will try to arrange something. Inexperienced canoeists are welcome. There will be time for a refresher course on paddling or pair more experienced

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canoeists with less experienced. This is an outing that is suitable for the whole family. For more information, please contact Ben Walters at 905-885-8586 or benjaminwalters@trentu.ca

●**Saturday, July 5, 2008 - Outing to Nature Conservancy of Canada's Webber property, 8:30 a.m.** The Webber property is one of the Nature Conservancy of Canada's more recently acquired properties at the east end of the Moraine. The site abuts the eastern portion of the Northumberland Forest. The site will have undergone a prescribed burn this spring, so it should be very interesting to see what develops. The site is a mixture of black-oak savannah and woodland with pockets of bare sand throughout. Meet at the carpool lot at Hwy. 401 and Cty. Rd. 45. Travel north on 45 to Centreton Rd. Turn right (east) onto Centreton Rd. to Gleason's Corner Rd. Turn left at Gleason's Corner Rd. The road becomes dirt at that point. We will wait at the 90 degree turn for anyone who is travelling on his own. Please do not bring valuables that will be left in the car. Although there has not been an incident in the past, parking is along a dirt road which is frequented by recreational users. For more information, contact Ben Walters at 905-885-8586 or benjaminwalters@trentu.ca

●**Sunday, September 21, 2008 - Outing to Garden Hill Pond, 10:00 a.m.** This outing will be mainly focussing on waterfowl. However, the local otters at this pond have become a sight to see all on heir own. Meet at the Port Hope carpool lot on Phillips's Rd., off Ontario St., across from Arby's at 9:30 a.m. We will then meet at the car pool lot at Hwy. 28 and Cty. Rd. 9 at 9:45. From there, continue west along Cty. Rd. 9 to Garden Hill Conservation Area. For more information, please contact Ben Walters at 905-885-8586 or benjaminwalters@trentu.ca

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## Gleanings from the Northumberland Bird Database

### HERONS IN NORTHUMBERLAND

by Clive E. Goodwin

The herons are a mixed bunch. We have exquisite things like egrets that are hard to miss in the sombre greens of the marshes, and bitterns that seemingly can vanish into an isolated tuft of grass. There are herons that nest in noisy treetop colonies, and herons that nest alone deep in the depths of cedar bogs. And then there are birds like ibises and spoonbills, which share the same order and may nest with more typical herons, but which look quite different.

As a group they're great wanderers. In June 2007 a Glossy Ibis graced the Brighton water treatment ponds for a while, but it was just the latest in a succession of such visitors here over the years which have added some excitement to the local birding scene. All are southerners, and we have had Snowy Egrets, Little Blue and Tricolor Herons as well as the ibis. Many of our records of the latter are of '*Plegadis*' ibis, a reflection of the fact that the two dark ibises in the genus *Plegadis* can be very difficult to separate, although Glossy is by far the most likely to appear, as the White-faced Ibis is a more western bird. Cattle and Great Egrets have visited as well; however, both have nested here, so we'll look at them separately.

For the rest, with the exception of a single Tricolor Heron in 2000, we have had seven or eight visits of each in total over the years, spread rather evenly over the decades. Only the very sociable ibis has shown up in numbers, with up to 11 birds in May 1976. Traditionally in Ontario many of these wandering herons appear in the fall. This is usually attributed to post-breeding dispersal, where young birds travel widely after they are fledged, often pioneering a new colony in the subsequent year in a locality they visited in autumn. However, only three birds have appeared in the fall here, and the bulk have been

seen from mid- to late May, with three in each of April and June.

Exciting though these birds are, it's the herons that nest here that make up the bulk of our records. Six species have done so, but the Cattle Egret is now no more than an irregular visitor to the county. Its story is an interesting one, as it was an immigrant from Africa to the New World, apparently first appearing in numbers in South America in the 1930's, and arriving in North America some ten years later. Birds didn't appear in Ontario until 1956, and our first was one sitting, appropriately enough, on the back of a cow, in a field near Presqu'ile on May 14, 1962, and seen by John Crosby. On the 19<sup>th</sup> five birds were seen at Davey's Pond near Dale, and in July of that year a pair was found nesting in a Black-crowned Heron colony at Presqu'ile. It was the first nesting in the Province, together with another at Luther Marsh in Wellington County the same year, and there was great excitement and much speculation about how far north the expansion would go.

It turned out that Presqu'ile was that limit, at least for the present. The birds never became established either here or in the Province as a whole. They last nested at Presqu'ile in 1965, and we have 33 records of the species from the '60's. Since then the '70's yielded only 7 birds, the '80's produced 8, and we had 13 in the '90's. The current decade has produced only 4 birds so far, with 2 in 2001 and singles in 2002 and 2006.

By contrast the Great Egret story is one of slow, gradual expansion. Our first bird was a report at Pratt's Pond in 1937, and that would have been one of the very first for the Province as well. The species gradually moved into south-western Ontario, with the first nesting on Lake Erie in 1953. It has now

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been established in the south-west for many years, and a steady increase in Northumberland sightings has followed as well. There was one in 1949, 2 in 1955, and 4 in the '60's. Numbers seen in succeeding decades then were 9, 22, and 40 respectively. Finally the 2000's arrived, and we have 165 so far, with the birds nesting at Presqu'ile since at least 2000. It looks as though we may have a new and very attractive addition to the nesting birds of the county. However, we should be careful before we proclaim success. The 'high' year so far for the egrets was 2001 with 29 seen, and last year only yielded 10 reports: a drop that could mean nothing at all: for example, one reason might be that as birds get used to a bird being resident they tend to stop reporting it. But, remembering the Cattle Egrets, it does take time for a species to become fully established, and some don't make it.

Unfortunately the picture is far less rosy for some of our more familiar species. I have put the totals of birds reported for the five species in each decade from 1961 on into a table:

	1961-1970	1971-1980	1981-1990	1991-2000	2001- 2007
Am. Bittern	9	61	303	217	120 [171]*
Least Bittern	10	11	53	48	38 [54]
Great Blue Heron	42	407	1285	2334	1630 [2329]
Green Heron	12	79	163	195	363 [519]
B. C. Night-Heron	185	484	580	121	582 [831]

\*The figures in brackets are the decade-to-date totals extrapolated to a full 10 years, just to put the 2000's in perspective: in practice it's unlikely the next 3 years will be exactly like the first part of the decade.

The counts above for Black-crowned Night-Herons are not comparable with those of the other four species. This is because an examination of the night-heron records revealed that almost all of them came from Presqu'ile. This probably means that birds from the same group of nesters were being

counted repeatedly, and the totals would be more a measure of how many persons counted them than of the birds themselves. Fortunately, nests have also been counted almost annually at the Park, and while there was some variability in the approach to the counting, I thought a more accurate picture might be given by using this nest count, and doubling it to arrive at the number of birds. Unfortunately, in the 1990's it appears we only have the totals of birds nesting on Sebastapol Point, so the figures for that decade are low, and the 2000 totals are not up to date.

Regular readers of 'Gleanings' will recall that the number of records in the database has increased dramatically in the last 20 years, so the numbers of birds reported does so as well; hence increases are shown in all five species to the end of 1990. But it's the post-1990 the picture for the bitterns that is of concern, as it reveals decreases in both species. This is despite the fact that the atlas was underway in 2001-5, and this would probably increase the number of records of more cryptic species like these two. [Perhaps the dramatic increase in Green Herons is a reflection of this]. It's likely that the end of the decade

will see lower totals than those shown in the extrapolation.

The reason for these declines is not clear. Loss of habitat is traditionally offered as a cause of marsh bird declines, but the bitterns would not seem to have suffered much

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significant loss of habitat in our area since 1990. Degradation of wetlands, however, is an on-going process, and this could well be having a cumulative impact. Such degradation may not be confined to silting, pollution or changes in drainage patterns. The impacts of alien plants such as purple loosestrife and European frog-bit could be particularly serious for these species, which use the more vegetated parts of the marshes and prey heav-

ily on insects and other invertebrates as well as the more familiar heron fare. The declines in frog populations also could be a factor. And eutrophication – the enrichment of waters by fertilizer run-off and the like – is reported to encourage the growth of parasites which can prove fatal to the birds.

So, some gains and some losses: as I said at the beginning, herons are a mixed bunch.

## **Ontario Forest Bird Monitoring Program (FBMP)**

*by Audrey E. Wilson*

For the past 10 years (1998-2007), I have participated in the FBMP. This program started in 1987. It has over 200 volunteers involved at approximately 375 sites. The primary focus is to survey birds in large forests. Since 1994, it expanded to include smaller forests. Each large forest is termed a site and contains 5 survey points called stations, which must be at least 100 m. from the forest edge and at least 250 m. apart. Smaller forests contain 3 stations.

My site, Peter's Woods, has stations located on the walking trail at selected posts for the most part.

Survey methodology is the same for all stations. Each station is surveyed twice a year, e.g.

Visit 1 - between May 24 and June 17

Visit 2 - between June 13 and July 10

with at least 6 days between visits.

Counts are done early a.m. with a consistent timing from year to year. e.g., If I left home by 5:15 a.m., I could be on location at Station 1 by 6:00 a.m. Each station is monitored for 10 minutes at specified distance

components. Since the tree canopy is so dense by mid-June, 99% of the observations are by sound. Frequently, I am back home by 8:00 a.m. for breakfast.

Then I record data collected immediately. Four-letter codes for bird names are used with different symbols, such as circles and squares used to indicate the status of each bird record, e.g. singing male, pair, female, call notes, etc. Two types of data summary sheets are then completed. Following Visit 2, all this information is forwarded to Mike Cadman.

Participants receive a spring and fall newsletter that indicates trends in forest bird populations. Similar to the Atlas, some of these trends have become very apparent over my 10 year stint of volunteering on this field project.

Prior to a general WBFN meeting last fall, I was pleased to talk to Bryan Baxter (Past President) and learn that he was interested in taking over the Peter's Woods site. I trust Bryan will enjoy the project as much as I have.

# UPDATE FROM THE OWL FOUNDATION

by Audrey E. Wilson

On Tuesday, November 13, I received an immature Red-tailed Hawk with obvious head trauma. It had been found on the shoulder of Burnham St.N. near the Danforth Rd. After communicating with Kay McKeever, I managed to get it a ride to the Toronto Wildlife Centre on Wednesday, November 14. As Dr. Bruce Hunter, Guelph University no longer does surgery for the Owl Foundation, this centre is where birds are sent for evaluation. They are particularly good at setting fractures and helping with eye damage, a common result of collision with birds of prey. Subsequently, they are sent to the Owl Foundation for rehabilitation.

Early Saturday, November 17, Cobourg Police brought me a Barred Owl found at the Cobourg Library entrance. Again, it was moved to the Toronto Wildlife Centre the next day for evaluation.

Kay explained that an unprecedented number of owls had bred in the '07 season due to favourable conditions. However, 5 months of drought in southern Ontario meant that the meadow mouse population, the staple lifeline for small mammals and birds, crashed, leaving a ripple effect involving many immature owls and hawks having difficulty in finding food. Thus probably the reason for receiving these 2 birds within such a short time frame. Kay promised to let me know the diagnosis on these birds when they were transferred to her. I did not hear from Kay until early April, very uncharacteristic for Kay!

When she called, she explained the long delay. On January 14, 2008, a major disaster took place at the Owl Foundation. Ontario Hydro was involved in having hydro poles replaced throughout the area. That a.m., power was off for several hours when this work was underway. Towards noon, electricity was switched on without warning, sending

some 900V through Kay's centre, blowing or frying all the breakers and destroying the furnace, computers, VCRs, Copier, TV monitors and cameras. Those of you who have visited the Owl Foundation will recall the TV monitoring room where TVs monitor every owl enclosure, especially during the breeding season. The immensity of this problem is huge and no wonder I had not heard back from Kay!

Our two local birds both had to be euthanized because the eye damage received also left them deaf, the ears being so close to the eyes. Apparently, a one-eyed owl **can** be successfully released, but only if it is not deaf. If deafness occurs, such a bird is unreleasable because it is unable to hear its prey at night and would starve to death. Unfortunately for our two local birds, this was the case.

Have you even stopped to consider how Kay provides food for 100+ owls she usually has in captivity at any one time every day of the year, year after year? Each of these birds is being confined for rehabilitation or the breeding program. Every Tuesday since 1986 - 21 years ago - Kay sends a vehicle to McMaster University for a precious pickup of 2600 mice and 100 rats reserved exclusively for the Owl Foundation. These are delivered from the Charles River laboratory in Montreal. Kay has been such a consistent customer over the 21 years that Charles River reduced the price from 15¢ to 8¢ cash for each mouse. Frequently, they'll provide 200 additional brown mice free. If Kay has extra, she sends them on to the hawk lady, Carol Ricciut, near Grimsby at her Opensky Raptor Foundation.

Now you know where some of our club's money goes when WBFN sponsors an owl each year!!

**Editors' Note:** This is the last issue of the Curlew until September. Make a note of outings you would like to attend. Please keep reporting your sightings to Norma Wallace, 905-885-5552 or Roger Frost at 905-885-9615, [ekrf@eagle.ca](mailto:ekrf@eagle.ca). Items for the September Curlew are due by August 31.

### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

•The sympathy of the club is extended to Doreen Rossi upon the death of her husband, Peter Rossi, a long time WBFN member, on April 23, 2008.

### NATURE NUTS SUMMER CAMP

Ganaraska Millennium Conservation Area  
2216 County Rd. 28, Port Hope  
8:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

The Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority is holding nature day-camps for children ages 6-12 throughout the summer.

There is also a opportunity for slightly older young people, ages 11-14, to attend the L.I.T. (Leader in Training Camp) if they are interested in becoming a camp counsellor as a summer job.

Week 1 - July 1-4 - L.I.T. Camp  
Week 2 - July 7-11 - A Bugg's Life  
Week 3 - July 21-25 - Rockin' Reptiles & Amazing Amphibians  
Week 4 - July 28-Aug. 1 - What It Takes To Survive  
Week 5 - Aug. 11-15 - Water, Wind, Earth and Fire  
Week 6 - Aug. 18-22 - Crafty by Nature

For more details and fees, contact the GRCA at 905-885-8173 or [info@grca.on.ca](mailto:info@grca.on.ca) or check the web site at [www.grce.on.ca](http://www.grce.on.ca)

### CARDEN NATURE FESTIVAL AND ONTARIO NATURE AGM June 6-June 8, 2008

Ontario Nature's 77th Annual General Meeting is being held this year in conjunction with the Carden Nature Festival, at The Sir William Mackenzie Inn, located in Kirkfield, Ontario, on Saturday, June 7, 2008.

An organizing committee which includes the Couchiching Conservancy, Ontario Nature, Carden Plain IBA, Carden Field Naturalists, Orillia Naturalists and Kawartha Field Naturalists has organized a fabulous array of events to take place over that weekend.

For more details and registration information, please visit the Carden Nature web sites, [www.CardenGuide.com/Festival](http://www.CardenGuide.com/Festival) or the Ontario Nature website: [www.ontarionature.org](http://www.ontarionature.org)

### COSEWIC Updates - Species at Risk

The Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) held its spring Species Assessment Meeting April 20 to 25 in Yellowknife, NWT.

The status of the Canada Warbler was assessed as Threatened; this species has experienced a significant long-term decline over most of its breeding range. The Ferruginous Hawk, formerly listed as Special Concern, was uplisted to Threatened because of a 64% population decline in Alberta since 1992. Five other species were reassessed through update reports and kept their previous status: Greater Sage-Grouse, urophasianus subspecies (Alberta-Saskatchewan), Endangered; Greater Sage-Grouse, phaios subspecies (BC), Extirpated; Great Blue Heron, fannini subspecies (BC coast), Special Concern; Spotted Owl, Endangered; Short-eared Owl, Special Concern; Kirtland's Warbler, Endangered.

Source: Bird Studies Canada Update - May 2/08  
*submitted by Don Davis*

# Nature Works

**Presqu'ile Provincial Park's  
Workshops for the Naturally Curious !**

## **Dragons and Damsels**

**Sunday, June 22, 2008**

Discover the world of **Dragonflies** and **Damselflies**. Find out how these flying jewels live, how to find them, catch them, identify them and then let them go. We will look at both adults and larva and find out what exuviae are.

This 6 hour course will consist of both inside and outside adventures. Brings binoculars and dragonfly (butterfly) nets if you have them. Some nets available for use. Bring a lunch.

Fee \$15 per person

(park admission is included.)

**Registration is required.**

Call the Friends of Presqu'ile

**(613) 475-1688**

**to register for this workshop**

**This NatureWorks program is brought to you through the co-operation of  
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and the Friends of Presqu'ile Park.**



## RECENT SIGHTINGS

*compiled by Roger Frost*

Cackling Goose	Apr. 6	3	Presqu'ile PP	FH, Ontbirds
Wood Duck	Apr. 6	14	Normar Rd. woods, Cob.	MB
Gadwall	May 3	3	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Eurasian Wigeon	Apr. 2	1	Presqu'ile PP	FH, Ontbirds
American Wigeon	Apr. 9	3	Garden Hill Pond, PH Ward 2	LS
	Apr. 13	2	AKS Marsh Trail, PH	GMCD
	Apr. 13	14	Roseneath Landing	EK, RF
Northern Shoveler	Apr. 13	2	AKS Marsh Trail, PH	GMCD
	May 3	1m	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Canvasback	Apr. 13	1	McCracken Landing, Rice Lake	EK, RF
Northern Pintail	Apr. 2	5	Cobourg Harbour	LW
	Apr. 15	3	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Ring-necked Duck	Apr. 9	3	Garden Hill Pond, PH Ward 2	LS
	Apr. 13	2000	Sandy Bay, Rice Lake	EK, RF
	Apr. 18	24	Wicklow	CEG
Lesser Scaup	Apr. 13	200	Sandy Bay, Rice Lake	EK, RF
<b>Harlequin Duck</b>	Apr. 6	1f	Lucas Point, Cob.	MB
Hooded Merganser	Apr. 8	50	Fudges's Mill pond, Grist Mill Rd., PH Ward 2	RF
Common Merganser	Apr. 13	55	McCracken Landing, Rice Lake	EK, RF
	Apr. 13	150	Roseneath Landing	EK, RF
Wild Turkey	Apr. 8	5	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2, at feeder	LS
Red-throated Loon	Mar. 30	3	Presqu'ile PP	FH, Ontbirds
	Apr. 17	10	Presqu'ile PP, high count	FH, Ontbirds
	Apr. 22	1	foot of Bagot St., Cob.	MB
Pied-billed Grebe	Apr. 3	20	Presqu'ile PP	CEG
Horned Grebe	Apr. 15	16	Wicklow Beach	MB
	Apr. 15	13	off Candlewick Woods, PH Ward 2	EK, RF
Red-necked Grebe	Apr. 15	52	off Candlewick Woods, PH Ward 2	EK, RF
	Apr. 26	1	Lucas Point, Co.	CEG
American Bittern	Apr. 21	1	Presqu'ile PP	FH, Ontbirds
Great Blue Heron	Apr. 15	5	off Candlewick Woods, PH Ward 2	EK, RF
Great Egret	Apr. 13-16	1	Campbell Rd. & 6th, PH Ward 2	DF, GW
Black-crowned Night Heron	Apr. 29	3	Gage's Creek trail, PH	EB
	Apr. 30	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	May 1	4	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Turkey Vulture	Mar. 28	16	former Pratt's Pond, Cob.	AEW
Osprey	Apr. 9	1	Osaca Rd., PH Ward 2 - on nest platform	PB
Bald Eagle	Apr. 3	1	w. of Wesleyville, PH Ward 2	PB
	Apr. 15	1	over Brunswick St., PH	KS
Northern Goshawk	Apr. 3	1	Presqu'ile PP	FH, Ontbirds
	Apr. 27	1	Alderville Black Oak Savanna	EK, RF, PFN
Red-shouldered Hawk	Apr. 2	1	w. of Wesleyville, PH Ward 2	PB
	Apr. 22	4(2 pr)	w. of Wesleyville, PH Ward 2	PB
	May 6	1	East Ganaraska Forest	LS
Broad-winged Hawk	May 6	1	East Ganaraska Forest	LS
Rough-legged Hawk	Apr. 22	1	Candlewick Woods, PH Ward 2	EK, RF
Merlin	Apr. 6	2	over Young St., PH	NEW
	Apr. 16	1m, 1f	Bagot/King St., Cob., displaying	MB
	May 5	1	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
Peregrine Falcon	May 4	1	east of Grafton	EK, RF
Sandhill Crane	Apr. 13	2	McCracken Landing, Rice Lake	EK, RF
	Apr. 17	1	over Candlewick Woods, PH Ward 2	GL
	Apr. 18	1	Chub Point	MJ

## Sightings - cont'd.

Killdeer	Apr. 1	7+	s. of Colborne	KB
Greater Yellowlegs	Apr. 13	7	Dale Rd., e. of Theatre Rd.	EK, RF
Upland Sandpiper	Apr. 27	2	North Betheseda Rd., Alnwick/Haldimand	EK, RF
Western Sandpiper	Apr. 29	1	Presqu'île PP	DSh
Wilson's Snipe	Apr. 6	2	Normar Rd., Cob., winnowing	MB
American Woodcock	Apr. 2	1	Gage's Creek trail, PH	GL
Glaucous Gull	Apr. 6	1sy	Lucas Point, Cob., flying east	MB
Caspian Tern	Apr. 6	1	Chub Point, flying east	MB
	Apr. 28	1	over 6th Line, Hamilton Twp.	JGe
Common Tern	Apr. 21	4	Presqu'île PP	FH, Ontbirds
Northern Saw-whet Owl	Apr. 2	1(dead)	Mill St., PH	JM
Chimney Swift	Apr. 26	1	Presqu'île PP	FH, Ontbirds
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Apr. 27	1	Presqu'île PP	FH, Ontbirds
	May 3	1	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
Belted Kingfisher	Apr. 11	1	Rapley Rd., PH	ND
Red-headed Woodpecker	May 6	1	Candlewick Woods, PH Ward 2	EK, RF
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Apr. 28	4(2 pr)	Candlewick Woods, PH Ward 2	GL
	Apr. 26	1	Nauwatin Shores, Grafton	N&DH
Least Flycatcher	May 3	1	Lucas Point, Cob.	CEG
Eastern Phoebe	Apr. 2	1	AKS Marsh Trail, PH	GL
Great-crested Flycatcher	May 6	1	East Ganaraska Forest	LS
Eastern Kingbird	Apr. 27	1	Alderville Black Oak Savanna	EK, RF, PFN
Blue Jay	May 6	67	Candlewick Woods, PH Ward 2	EK, RF
Common Raven	Apr. 9	1	Fudges' Mill pond, Grist Mill Rd., PH Ward 2	LS
	May 1	1	Lakeshore at McEwen, Hamilton Twp.	CEG
Purple Martin	Apr. 25	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	Apr. 16	6	Ganaraska nr. Robertson St., PH	JGe
Barn Swallow	Apr. 18	2	s. of Colborne	JF
<b>Tufted Titmouse</b>	Apr. 30	1	Presqu'île PP	RDM, BG
Red-breasted Nuthatch	May 6	4	East Ganaraska Forest	LS
Carolina Wren	Apr. 23	1	w. of Wesleyville, PH Ward 2	PB
House Wren	Apr. 22	1	Bruton & Hill St., PH	GL
	Apr. 24	1	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
Sedge Wren	May 1	1	Beach w. of Union Rds. Cramahe	CEG
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	May 2	2	AKS Marsh Trail, PH	EK, RF
Hermit Thrush	Apr. 8	1	Cobourg feeders, eating birdseed!	MB
	Apr. 9	1	AKS Marsh Trail, PH	GL
Gray Catbird	Apr. 22	1	s. of Colborne	KB
Northern Mockingbird	Apr. 17	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Apr. 19	1	Cobourg Ecology Garden	LW
	Apr. 20	1	w. of Brand Rd., PH Ward 2	CL
Brown Thrasher	Apr. 17	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Apr. 20	1	Ravine Dr., PH	PG
	Apr. 20	1	Ball St., Cob.	JJ
Bohemian Waxwing	Apr. 2	60	Chipping Park Blvd., , Cob.	LW
Blue-winged Warbler	Apr. 26	1	Presqu'île PP	FH, Ontbirds
Golden-winged Warbler	May 5	1	Candlewick Woods, PH Ward 2	CL
Nashville Warbler	Apr. 29	1	6th Line, Hamilton Twp	JGe
Northern Parula	May 7	1	Peacock Blvd., PH	KA
Blackburnian Warbler	May 6	1	East Ganaraska Forest	LS
Pine Warbler	Apr. 18	2	Woodvale School Rd., PH Ward 2	LS
	Apr. 19	1	Payne Cres., PH	AT
Cerulean Warbler	May 3	1	Presqu'île PP	BG
Louisiana Waterthrush	May 4	1	Presqu'île PP	RDM
<b>Kentucky Warbler</b>	May 5	1	AKS Marsh Trail, PH	RF
Hooded Warbler	May 3	1f	Presqu'île PP	BG
Scarlet Tanager	Apr. 29	1	Ellen St., PH	PA

## Sightings - cont'd.

Eastern Towhee	Apr. 11	1	w. of Wesleyville, PH Ward 2	PB
American Tree Sparrow	Apr. 7, 8	1	Cobourg feeders	MB
	Apr. 8	3	Deblaire St., PH	GMCD
Chipping Sparrow	Apr. 8	1	Cobourg Ecology Garden	MB
	Apr. 17	1	Chub Point	SMcL
Field Sparrow	Apr. 9	1	6th Line, Hamilton Twp	JGe
	Apr. 17	1	Chub Point	SMcL
	Apr. 21	7	Choate Rd., PH Ward 2	GL
Vesper Sparrow	Apr. 15	1	Presqu'île PP	FH, Ontbirds
Grasshopper Sparrow	Apr. 27	3	Alderville Black Oak Savanna	EK, RF, PFN
Fox Sparrow	Apr. 6	1m	Chub Point, singing	MB
	Apr. 8-19	1m	Albert St., Cob., singing	MB
	Apr. 8	1	Deblaire St., PH	GMCD
	Apr. 8	1	east end Cobourg	BL
	Apr. 9	1	Lucas Point, Cob.	CEG
	Apr. 16	1	Lucas Point, Cob.	CEG
Song Sparrow	Apr. 8	35	Candlewick Woods, PH Ward 2	RF
White-throated Sparrow	Apr. 13	1	6th Line, Hamilton Twp	
	May 3	100+	Lucas Point, Cob.	CEG
White-crowned Sparrow	Apr. 1-May 2	1m	Albert St., Cob., overwintered	MB
	Apr. 2 & 10	1	Deblaire St., PH	GMCD
	Apr. 27	1	6th Line, Hamilton Twp	JGe
	May 5	25+	Baltimore	AB
Dark-eyed Junco	May 3	1	6th Line, Hamilton Twp	JGe
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	May 2	1	Ontario St., Cob.	JW
Bobolink	Apr. 27	2	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
Eastern Meadowlark	Apr. 10	12+	Candlewick Woods, PH Ward 2	GL
Orchard Oriole	May 5	1	AKS Marsh Trail, PH	RF
Common Redpoll	Apr. 1	14	1010 Ontario St., Cob.	AEW
	Apr. 11	1	s. of Colborne	JF
Hoary Redpoll	Apr. 3	1	Presqu'île PP	FH, Ontbirds
	Apr. 8	1	Deblaire St., PH	GMCD
Pine Siskin	May 3	1	College St., PH	DB
Evening Grosbeak	Apr. 13	3	Macklin Rd., Alnwick/Haldimand	EK, RF
	Apr. 29	1	Presqu'île PP	FH, Ontbirds
Red Fox	Apr. 18	1	Candlewick Woods, PH Ward 2	GL
Hepatica	Apr. 18-24	clump	Burnham Blvd., PH	WC
Prairie Buttercup	Apr. 18	2	Burnham Blvd., PH	WC
Bloodroot	Apr. 18-23	clump	Young St., PH	NW
Cabbage White	Apr. 17	1	Young St., PH	NW
Red Admiral	Apr. 22	1	Candlewick Woods, PH Ward 2	EK, RF
Mourning Cloak	Apr. 14	1	6th Line, Hamilton Twp.	JGe
Garter Snake	Apr. 14	1	6th Line, Hamilton Twp.	JGe

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