



## COMING EVENTS

● **Friday, March 26, 2010 - General Meeting** at Cobourg Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

Speaker: **Dr. Bridget Stutchbury**, Canadian Research Chair in Ecology and Conservation Biology at York University in Toronto will be discussing her recent book, *Silence of the Songbirds: How We Are Losing the World's Songbirds and What We Can Do To Save Them*.

● **Sunday, March 28, 2010 - Outing** - Birding the Rice Lake shores

**Destination meeting place:** Bewdley town park, **Destination meeting time:** 9:00am

**Directions:** Follow Rice Lake Dr. north from County Road 9 (east of highway 28) into Bewdley. Road will curve northwest into town. We will meet at the town park in front of Rhino's and will drive from there.

**Details:** This outing will last approximately 3 hours and will explore the shoreline of Rice Lake. Whether we explore the north or south shore will be dependent on ice break-up. It is a good opportunity to see ducks and other early migrants.

● **Date: week of April 22, 2009** (likely April 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>), **Place:** Earth day clean-up in Cobourg

**Destination meeting place:** TBA, likely in field across from hospital under water tower

**Destination meeting time:** details to follow.

**Directions/Details:** We have participated in an annual Earth Day clean-up for a number of years now. This year is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day so hopefully we can get a large number of WBFN members out for this activity.

● **Friday, April 30, 2010 - General Meeting** at Cobourg Library, 7:30 p.m.

Speaker: **Gavin Trevelyan**, Eastern Regional Coordinator of Tallgrass Ontario. Details in next issue.

## Wallace Birdathon

After a one year hiatus, the Wallace Birdathon is being revived.

What is a Birdathon? It is an event staged as a fundraiser by many naturalist organizations. In this case, someone is selected or volunteers to bird for 24 hours during the month of May. Pledges are collected at either a flat rate or an amount per bird species found. Roger Frost has offered to be the official birder. He will do his Birdathon in late May within Northumberland County. Pledges will be collected by John Geale, 905-342-3851, johngeale@yahoo.com. Charitable donation receipts will be issued for all donations.

Roger will send a report and species list to all donors. He typically finds about 140 species.

Norma and Charlie Wallace started the Wallace Birdathon about 25 years ago to support the WBFN wetland fund. This fund later became the Property Account. Over the years, the Wallace Birdathon has raised over \$20,000.

For the first time in 2010, funds raised by the Wallace Birdathon will go directly to the Northumberland Land Trust. Since the formation of Northumberland Land Trust, the WBFN property account has gradually been transferred to NLT as matching grants.

John Geale will be at the March and April meeting to accept pledges.

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## Gleanings from the Northumberland Bird Database

### CRANES

by Clive E. Goodwin

Cranes. There are birds, and then there are the cranes: primeval creatures, from an ancient lineage, their images etched in Paleolithic caves and on Egyptian pyramids. Cranes are special, with their bugling calls perhaps even today stirring some remote shadowy racial memory; born of millennia of contact, as predator and prey, from African savannas to the vast taigas of Asia.

Cranes are a small family – only 15 species, and most of those declining, with some among the most critically endangered of birds, as man presses inexorably into the wild lands where they live. I've been fortunate enough over my life to see six of them, and those six yielded some memorable experiences, from Crowned Cranes in the wetlands near Entebbe airport, welcoming the plane as it landed on my first visit to Africa; to a pair of Sandhill Cranes flying over the wide expanses of the Hudson Bay Lowlands, seen from the train to Moosonee.

But in Northumberland I've been far less lucky. The first didn't come until the spring of 1998, when I got a 'phone call saying there were two young birds in St. Peter's cemetery in Cobourg. We drove up, and there they were, wandering among the grave markers, perhaps searching for some long-lost relative. They were being followed at a respectful distance by a little pack of birders, and the cranes looked vaguely bewildered, as though they couldn't decide whether to fly away calling loudly, as any self-respecting adult crane would do; or whether to come over and look for handouts after the fashion of the ducks in the harbour. It turned out that they had been trained to follow an ultra-light aircraft on their flight south, and had become thoroughly conditioned to mankind in the process. On their return they had been turning up in parks and school playgrounds; no won-

der they looked bewildered, they were probably expecting us to haul out an ultra-light! It all seemed slightly banal, but they were cranes, and I was satisfied – or at least, so I said.

Another dry spell followed, punctuated only by a couple of 'heard only' events at Presqu'ile, when the wild bugling of cranes passed overhead while we were in the depths of a woodlot, to be long gone by the time we'd hurriedly extracted ourselves from cover. Then came 2009, not a good birding year for me, but in October John Geale reported a young crane on private property near Chub Point, and kindly arranged with the landowner for birder access. We went over, and there it was, standing preening at a suitably wild distance on the far side of a large field of sear grasses. It seemed that on John's visit the bird had wandered across the road in front of his car, but we didn't pursue that thought, reminiscent as it was of 1998.

But 2009 had more in store for us. On December 17, I was sitting in the dining room when I noticed five large birds flying west. Their measured wing beats were punctuated by long glides, quite unlike that of the other large species we see in flight. They could only be cranes! And cranes they were; but stately flight notwithstanding they proved to be moving remarkably fast. Joy barely had a chance to see them before they vanished, and although they seemed headed towards Margaret Bain's garden a hurried call to her, and Margaret's subsequent heroic efforts all proved useless. They were gone.

Prior to our recent good fortune, everyone seemed to be seeing cranes. It wasn't true, of course; we only have 69 records all together, but fully half of those have been in the past 5 years, so in fact more cranes are

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being seen. The database yielded another statistic that I found rather surprising: our first cranes were only recorded in 1981! It seems clear that Sandhill Cranes did not occur at all in Northumberland in the 1800's, although the species was much commoner at that time than it was a century later. A large, conspicuous – and hutable – bird like the crane would hardly have escaped the notice of the earlier naturalists of the day, even if it only occurred infrequently.

In fact, the species apparently used to breed in the huge marshes of Walpole Island on Lake St. Clair, with young recorded there as late as 1862, but these birds were extirpated. The main range was northwestern then as indeed it is today. In the late 1970's probably the most accessible place to see cranes in Ontario was along the North Channel of Lake Huron. It seems that the northern Ontario birds have always migrated on a route well west of here.

It is by no means as clear that the birds were equally rare westwards along the lower Lakes. There are scattered sightings reported for south-western Ontario, but the first record I have of a bird further east is one from Os-hawa in the spring of 1955. The compiler of the day [Jim Baillie, the leading authority on bird distribution in the Province at the time] noted 'extreme rarity along Lake Ontario'.

The difference today has been an expansion of cranes into southern Ontario. This

has largely occurred between the two Breeding Bird Atlases. Only three locations in the south recorded cranes breeding on the first atlas; the Parry Sound district, the northern Bruce Peninsula, and Rondeau on Lake Erie, and these areas were also the ones that yielded an increasing number of sightings from southern Ontario. As our growing number of records suggest, that expansion has continued and now the birds are nesting east to the Rideau Lakes area, and in the vicinity of Alfred bog in extreme eastern Ontario. In Northumberland we recorded cranes in breeding habitat in four squares, with confirmation in one, all of them along the Trent River system.

It's not at all certain where this expansion originated; two different races are known to nest in the Province, one mainly in the Hudson Bay lowlands, and the other the birds that nest in the Sault Ste. Marie area and eastwards towards Sudbury. These are thought to be the ones expanding into the south, but the cause of the expansion seems unclear. One idea proposed is that the birds are simply re-occupying range vacated due to past hunting pressure, but the absence of earlier records from eastern Ontario do not seem to support that suggestion.

In any event, it seems we now have a very charismatic new species appearing in the county, and we can all look forward to more encounters in the future.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

● Sympathy of the club is extended to Deb Panko on the recent death of her husband, Ron Cole.

● Sympathy of the club is extended to the family of Fred Ellis at his recent death.

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Dr. Mary Bedford-Jones, Cobourg  
Mia Frankl, Cobourg

## **Silent Auction Report**

With the help of our generous donors and bidders, the Silent Auction held at our Annual General Meeting on February 26, 2010 was a resounding success. I am pleased to report that we exceeded our fundraising goal, with a total of \$1005.00 raised.

We will now use the proceeds of the auction for the Willow Beach Field Naturalists Scholarship fund. This newly established \$1000.00 scholarship will be awarded annually to a deserving Secondary School graduate in Northumberland County. Supporting the post-secondary education of a student who has shown leadership and interest in preserving our natural heritage is an important step in ensuring that we have strong advocates for nature in the next generation.

I also wish to acknowledge Barry Walker for the many hours of planning and implementation and without whose help this auction would not have been possible, also John Geale, Bob Short, Simone Mérey, Elisabeth Lafontaine, Petra Hartwig for their help at the AGM and Michael and Anne Biggar for providing the fabulous treats.

Finally I wish to thank all members for attending the AGM and supporting your executive. Your generosity of spirit keeps us going.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Louise Schmidt  
President*

## **Celebrate "Earth Day" Friday, April 23, 2010**

with

### **The Northumberland Land Trust**

at

### **The Cobourg Legion Branch, 136 Orr Street, Cobourg**

Join us on Friday, April 23, 2010 to celebrate "Earth Day". The doors open 10:30AM .

The program starts at 10:45 AM with the video "Footprints of Northumberland" followed by a presentation by George Gordon, President of the Northumberland Land Trust.

Lunch at 11:30 will feature a hot ham dinner and dessert.

To climax the luncheon, Steafan and Saskia Tomkins will entertain with lively Canadian and Celtic music.

There will be door prizes, draw prizes, and a 50/50 draw.

Tickets are \$20.00 person and will be available at the March Willow Beach Field Naturalists meeting or by phoning Bill Crowley at (905) 885-2123 or Norma Wallace at (905) 885-5552.

Come and support your land trust.

*Bill Crowley*

## **International Year of Biodiversity**

The United Nations has declared 2010 the International Year of Biodiversity (IYB). Initiatives throughout the year will be organized to share information, promote the protection of biodiversity, and encourage direct action to reduce the constant loss of biological diversity worldwide. The celebrations for the International Year of Biodiversity are led by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, whose next conference (in Nagoya, Japan, in October 2010) will assess international progress toward targets for halting the rates of loss of biodiversity.

Visit the official IYB website: [www.cbd.int/2010/welcome](http://www.cbd.int/2010/welcome) to learn more about the celebrations. BirdLife International (BLI) is an official partner of International Year of Biodiversity, and has welcomed the UN's decision to choose biodiversity as its focus for 2010. Go to [www.birdlife.org/news/news/2010/01/biodiversity\\_year.html](http://www.birdlife.org/news/news/2010/01/biodiversity_year.html) to read a related release from Bird Life International.

*- from BSC e-newsletter, January 22, 2010*

## **Book Review**

**Bright Wings** An Illustrated Anthology of Poems About Birds. 2009.

Edited by Billy Collins. Paintings by David Allen Sibley. Columbia University Press, New York.

ISBN 978-0-231-15084-2. Full price CDN\$24.37. CAN\$16.62 at [amazon.ca](http://amazon.ca)

This is an inspired collection of poetry that should be read by every birder who birds for the love of it, not just for the ticks and twitches. The usual adjectives like wonderful and marvelous seem too commonplace to describe these poems that can leave you breathless or even close to tears. Only a few are familiar, like Robert Browning's "Home-thoughts, from Abroad", many are by well-known names, though no Shakespeare, but many are by the little-known. Centuries old mixed with completely contemporary, the selection is masterly. A haiku by the 15th century Shōtetsu, a distillation of the essence of 15 bird species into six sentences by Seamus Heaney, recent Nobel laureate, and Dorothy Wordsworth watching the shadows of swallows on sunlit walls - all these are included.

I was glad to see two pieces by one of my favourite nature-inspired poets, Amy Clampitt, whom I only know because I found her collected works on remainder in a Barnes and Noble in Washington D.C. some years ago. And I never knew that editor Billy Collins was poet laureate of the United States for two terms, but enjoyed his poem on the rescue of his Christmas Sparrow, and find his choices for this book near perfect.

I love David Sibley's bird art, and his illustrations throughout this little book are terrific – I've never seen a better portrait of flying Bonaparte's Gulls, for example – but I find them rather incidental to the poetry. They certainly contribute to the overall loveliness of the book and perhaps to its accessibility. If you love nature but think you're not fond of poetry, this is a great place to start. This is a book to read slowly, to savour and re-savour, definitely worth a place on your bookshelf.

*- Margaret Bain*

## BOOK REVIEW

**The Sibley Guide to Trees.** 2009. Written and Illustrated by David Allen Sibley. Alfred A. Knopf, New York. ISBN 978-0-375-41519-7. Full price CAN\$45. CAN\$ 28.22 at amazon.ca

“There’s the bird!” “Where?” “In the tree!” “Which tree??” “The green one!” Think this is an unlikely conversation? Unfortunately, many birders, myself included, are not very good at tree identification. Oh, I can tell an oak from a maple (provided it has leaves on of course) and I can distinguish birch from beech, but if someone says “There it is – in the hickory!” the bird has flown before I’ve identified the hickory.

Now we have no excuse. David Sibley’s magnificent “The Sibley Guide to Birds” has been followed by this equally wonderful book “The Sibley Guide to Trees.” The two books are the same size and format, in other words just too big for most pockets, but easy enough to carry around in the car or a backpack. Opening the book for the first time, I worried that it was going to deal only with the United States, because there on the front end-paper was the US in coloured zones and Canada as the Great White North. But in fact this end-paper is a reproduction of the US Department of Agriculture Hardiness Zones, and the range maps for individual tree species include Canada throughout the book.

The Introduction sets the tone, with very practical advice on tree identification, including recognizing patterns, using multiple field marks, paying attention to habitat, and getting to know your local trees – all the things we birders do in identifying birds. Some basic botany is covered clearly and concisely in text that is packed with information but remains very readable.

The main bulk of the book covers over 600 tree species across North America, including many non-native and cultivated species, with illustrations that are nothing short of superb. The overall appearance of the mature tree, the shape of its twigs and leaves, the cones, nuts or fruits, the characteristics of the bark are all drawn precisely yet so beautifully that each page is a delight. The drawings are surrounded by little nuggets and snippets of information, economical but highly concentrated, not a word wasted. Each account includes a detailed range map with notes on the preferred soil type and habitat, and how common the tree is within its range. The various Families of trees are dealt with in taxonomic order, but if you don’t know this order it doesn’t matter as the Species Index is very easy to use.

This is a lovely book both to browse through and to increase your knowledge of the trees you see every day. It will be a great companion in travels around Ontario or anywhere in North America. Highly recommended!

*- Margaret Bain*

## **Access to Brighton's Constructed Wetland for Birders**

The birding community owes a huge thank you to Keith Lee and Maureen Campeau for arranging access to Brighton's Constructed Wetland for birders. In mid-February, they were able to report that a permit system for birders had been organized with the Town of Brighton.

The application form for a permit is available at <http://www.brighton.ca/uploads/file/2010BirdWatchingPermit.pdf>. The cost for the permit is \$5 per person per year. Fill out the form and send it along with the \$5 fee and a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Public Works Department. Complete address is on the form.

Maureen asks for this information to be distributed throughout the birding community. As well, she "takes this opportunity to thank Doug McRae (for requesting access to the wetland), Keith Lee (who took the request to Jim Phillips, P.Eng), Jim Phillips (for agreeing to open the wetland provided Tiny (Keith Lee) was present), Keith Lee for all the time he gave to each and everyone of us.....

Let us work together to ensure that 2010 proves very successful at the Wetland. Let us all hope that there will be no problems because access could very easily be revoked. If all goes as planned we could see a platform on the south side of the south cell and we could see wheelchair accessibility. 2010 marks the 10th Anniversary of the Brighton Constructed Wetland and celebrations are in the planning stage.

The wetland has proven a great addition to the Brighton Wastewater Treatment System as well as for the wild-life that now call it home"

## **Earth Hour 2010 - Saturday, March 27, 2010, 8:30 p.m.**

In 2009, hundreds of millions of people around the world showed their support by turning off their lights for one hour.

Earth Hour 2010 will continue to be a global call to action to every individual, every business and every community. A call to stand up, to show leadership and be responsible for our future.

Pledge your support and turn off your lights for one hour, Earth Hour, 8:30 p.m., Saturday, March 27th, 2010.

More information at [www.earthhour.org](http://www.earthhour.org)

Turn off your lights. Show support.



*The following is the text of an e-mail forwarded by Don Davis on February 5, 2010*

## **Bad News from Monarch Sanctuaries in Mexico**

*Monarch Sanctuaries Closed for Two Days Due to Disaster in Biosphere Reserve*

More news from Isabel Ramirez. The flooding in Mexico City was also bad. Quite a few killed in and around the Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve:

Dear All,

Things in Angangueo are really very bad. I called today to La Margarita Hotel and talked with Carmela Arizemdi. She was crying all time, she is so worried, they (Don José, Carmela and the two girls) are of the very few people is yet in the town, most of the people has been evacuated to improvised refuges nearby (San José del Rincón, Zitácuaro, etc.).

Then I called Carlos (her son), he is in a refuge so worried because the mountain behind the hotel is in risk of fall down, and Don José doesn't want to leave the town.

There are important landslides all around Angangueo, all the houses in the way to Chincua (Catingo and Dolores areas) have been removed by the water (among them Carlos' grandparents house), the road to Chincua is completely destroyed.

I'm so afraid the effects of such intensive rain had gotten worse because of the forest clearing on the top due by the beetles. I finally made to transform the (disorganized) set of GPS points provided by the reserve of the clearings, and most of them are just in the top of that watershed... I really would like to visit the area (laaaater) to have more elements to be sure of this.

Things in Pelón are much better. Armando (our assistant there) visited Melquiades, who confirmed the colony has moved down because the previous rainy days (2-3 weeks ago). But they couldn't go up today because there were many trees blocking the roads and was so difficult to drive. They will try again next Monday, hoping it is dryer.

And I was warn not to visit mil cumbres this week. So I want to wait a little bit.

I'll keep you informed. Look a couple of pictures of Angangueo in the next link:

<http://www.quadratin.com.mx/noticias/nota,62218/>

Best regards!  
Isabel

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## RECENT SIGHTINGS

*compiled by Roger Frost*

Trumpeter Swan	Feb. 27	2	Cobourg Harbour	KN
Tundra Swan	Feb. 4	2	Presqu'île PP	FH, Ontbirds
American Black Duck	week of Feb. 20	99 (high)	Fudge's Mill Pond, Grist Mill Rd., PH Ward 2	BJW
Redhead	Feb. 14	2	Port Hope Harbour	EK, RF
	Feb. 28	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Greater Scaup	Feb. 14	700	Port Hope east beach	EK, RF
	Feb. 14	8	Wesleyville, PH Ward 2	PB
Harlequin Duck	Feb. 22-Mar. 1	1	Cobourg Harbour	GB, mob
White-winged Scoter	Feb. 3	3	off Lake St., PH	SL, NW
	Feb. 16	16	Cobourg Harbour	LW
Black Scoter	Feb. 20	1	Presqu'île PP	FH, Ontbirds
Long-tailed Duck	Feb. 5	96	Cobourg Harbour	LW
Bufflehead	Feb. 18	75	off Lucas Point, Cob.	AEW
Surf Scoter	Feb. 17	1	Presqu'île PP	FH, Ontbirds
Common Goldeneye	Feb. 18	250	off Lucas Point, Cob.	AEW
<b>Barrow's Goldeneye</b>	Feb. 1-24	1	off lighthouse, Presqu'île PP	BP, JGo, GMCD, FH, Ontbirds
Hooded Merganser	Feb. 26	1 m	Cobourg Harbour	BS
Common Merganser	Feb. 5	22	Cobourg Harbour	LW
	Feb. 14	19	Port Hope east beach	EK, RF
Red-breasted Merganser	Feb. 19	52	off Cobourg Harbour	LW
Ruddy Duck	Feb. 24	1	Presqu'île PP	FH, Ontbirds
Northern Harrier	Feb. 14	1	Lakeshore Rd., PH Ward 2	EK, RF
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Feb. 24	1	Park St., PH	PM
	Feb. 25	1	Cameco, PH	KK
Cooper's Hawk	Feb. 24	1	Young St., PH	NW
	Mar. 2	1	6th Line, Hamilton Twp.	RC
Northern Goshawk	Feb. 12	1	Presqu'île PP	CEG
American Kestrel	Feb. 12	1	Huff Rd.	CEG
<b>"Nelson's" Gull</b>	Feb. 18	1 ad, 1 imm	Cobourg Harbour	MB, RP
Thayer's Gull	Feb. 1-19	1 ad, 2 imm	Cobourg Harbour	MB, RP
	Feb. 17	1	Cobourg Harbour	EK, RF
Iceland Gull	Feb. 15	4	off Gull Island, Presqu'île PP	DSh
	Feb. 17	15	Cobourg Harbour	EK, RF
	Feb. 18	10	Cobourg Harbour - high count	MB
Lesser Black-backed Gull	Feb. 1-23	1 ad	Cobourg Harbour	MB
	Feb. 14	2	Cobourg Harbour	RP
	Feb. 11-15	2 ad	Cobourg Harbour	MB
Glaucous Gull	Feb. 13, 14	8	Cobourg Harbour - high count	MB, RP
	Feb. 15	7	off Gull Island, Presqu'île PP	DSh
Great Black-backed Gull	Feb. 23	<b>30+</b>	Cobourg Harbour	KN
Mourning Dove	Feb. 20	<b>65</b>	Normar Rd., Cob.	AEW
Eastern Screech Owl	Feb. 1	1	Theatre Rd., n. of Dale Rd.	Dolley family
	Feb.	1 found dead	Theatre Rd., Hamilton Twp.	DN
Great Horned Owl	Feb. 16	1 found dead	Strathy Rd., Cob. This owl was electrocuted on overhead wires approx. 2 weeks prior to my picking it up, so hope it maybe was too early to be on a nest.	AEW
Snowy Owl	Feb. 6	1	Cobourg Harbour	SLa
	Feb. 24, 25	1	Presqu'île PP	FH, Ontbirds
<b>Northern Hawk Owl</b>	Feb. 3	1	Baileboro	AEW
Barred Owl	Feb.	1	Pebblebeach, Cobourg	TW
	Feb. 6	1	Roseneath Landing	PS
	Feb, 19	1	Hircock Rd., Baltimore	AEW
	Feb. 13	1	Vimy Ridge Rd., Hamilton Twp	JGe
	Feb. 28	1	Peace Park, Cobourg	MB
Northern Saw-whet Owl	Feb. 14	1	Port Hope Conservation Area	EK, RF

Sightings - cont'd.

Red-bellied Woodpecker	all Feb.	1f	Vimy Ridge Rd., Hamilton Twp	JGe
	all Feb.	1	6th Line, Hamilton Twp.	MAC
Northern Shrike	Feb. 9	1 ad	Lakeshore Rd./hole-in-the-wall, PH Ward 2, in hawthorn bush tearing apart prey	MB
	Feb. 10	1	Marsh Rd., PH Ward 2	PB
	Feb. 14	1	Port Hope Harbour	EK, RF
	Feb. 28	1 imm	Monk's Bay, Cobourg	MB
	Mar. 1	1	Little Lake Rd.	CEG
Common Raven	Feb. 10	2	Dickenson Rd., PH Ward 2 eating a dead coyote	PB
Brown Creeper	all Feb.	1	Victoria St.S., PH	MM
	Feb. 28	1	Laurie Lawson Centre, Hamilton Twp.	ERM
American Robin	Feb. 13	40	Wesleyville, PH Ward 2	PB
Northern Mockingbird	Feb. 3	1	Lakeshore/Willowbeach Rdo, PH Ward 2	MB
	Feb. 9-28	1	Yeovil & Bramley, PH	EK
Fox Sparrow	all Feb.	1	6th Line, Hamilton Twp.	MAC
Snow Bunting	Feb. 24	small flock ~10	Vimy Ridge Rd., Hamilton Twp	JGe
Red-winged Blackbird	Feb. 16	60	Willow Beach Rd. cornfield n. of Lakeshore Rd., PH Ward 2	MB
Rusty Blackbird	Feb. 13	5	Wesleyville, PH Ward 2	PB
Purple Finch	Feb. 10	1m	s. of Colborne	JF
Pine Siskin	Feb 4/5	2/1	Vimy Ridge Rd., Hamilton Twp	JGe
	Feb. 28	6	s. of Baltimore, Hamilton Twp.	AB
American Goldfinch	all Feb.	~200	6th Line, Hamilton Twp.	MAC
Fisher	Feb. 28	1	s. of Baltimore, Hamilton Twp.	AB
Mink	Feb. 10	1	nr. mouth of Ganaraska, PH	BW
Coyote	Mar. 8	1	No Frills parking lot, Cobourg	RF
White-tailed Deer	Feb. 17	12	Race Track Rd., Hamilton Twp.	RH, NH
	Feb. 17	14	Hwy. 2 & Brook Rd., Cob.	NH
Shrew	Feb. 28	1	Cobourg garden	SMcC

**Observers:** MB=Margaret Bain; GB=Gerry Ball; PB=Paul Bridges; AB=Ann Brightman; MAC=Mary Anne Cooper; RC=Ron Cooper; GMCD=Geoff Dale; JF=Jo Foster; RF=Roger Frost; JGe=John Geale; JGo=Jack Goering; HG=Harvey Gold; CEG=Clive Goodwin; FH=Fred Helleiner; NH=Nick Hunt; RH=Reese Hunt; EK=Elizabeth Kellogg; KK=Katerine Kryst; SL=Susan Laing; SLa=Suzanne Lawson; ERM=Ted McDonald; mobs=Many Observers; PM=Peggy Miller; MM= Marlene Minaker; DN=Dick Nelson; KN=Ken Niles; Ontbirds=OFO listserv; BP=Bob Popham; RP=Richard Pope; BS=Barbara Stevenson; DSh=Don Shanahan; PS=Pat Stocker; NEW=Norma Wallace; BJW=Ben Walters; BW=Bonnie Walker; LW=Lori Wensley; AEW=Audrey Wilson; TW=Trish Whitney.

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