



## COMING EVENTS

● **Friday, January 28, 2011, 7:30 p.m.** at Cobourg Public Library

Speaker: **Audrey Wilson** will do a presentation on **Silkworm Moths**. Canada boasts six native silkworm moths. Through her slides, Audrey will indicate basic differences between moths and butterflies. The life cycle of these beautiful creatures will be shown with close-up shots of the different stages of their metamorphosis. Then she will take us to Mysore, India to view the home industry of silkworm moths that results in beautiful silk products for the commercial market.

● **Sunday, February 6, 2011, 10:00 a.m.** – Winter Gull and Waterfowl field trip to the Cobourg waterfront with Richard Pope. Meet at the parking lot at the south end of Hibernia Street next to the harbour.

● **Friday, February 25, 2011—Annual General Meeting, 7 p.m.** at Cobourg Public Library

Speaker: **Geoff Carpentier**, an experienced Antarctic guide, will take us to three fabulous destinations—the Falkland Islands, South George and the Antarctic Peninsula. Learn about the animals that survive in these exotic but harsh locales and why the Antarctic is like no other place on earth. Geoff will bring some signed copies of his newly published book, *Antarctic—First Journey*, a resource guide to Antarctic wildlife, weather, history and landing sites, safe travel and more. Recently retired, Geoff worked for over 33 years with the Canadian Ministry of the Environment.

● **Sunday, March 13, 2011, 8:00 a.m.** – Migrant Waterfowl field trip to Presqu’ile Provincial Park with Roger Frost and Elizabeth Kellogg. Meet at Cty. Rd. 45 car pool parking lot at 8:00 a.m. or at Presqu’ile Lighthouse parking lot at 9:00 a.m. There is an entrance fee for the park.

**WELCOME TO  
NEW MEMBER**

Brian Cook, Grafton

**Membership News**

- Andy and Anita McLauchlan's son, retired from the RCMP, was elected Mayor of The Pas, Manitoba in last November's municipal elections.
- Sympathy goes out to Carol Hunt and family in the death of her husband, Reese Hunt, on December 18, 2010. For years, Reese and Carol were feeder counters in the annual Port Hope-Cobourg Christmas Bird Count.
- WBFN member, Bill Crowley, has been on the hobble the past few weeks. He took a tumble down a few steps and broke his big toe.

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## President's Message January 2011



As the New Year begins, I wish each of you much happiness and good health in the months ahead. A new year means resolutions and renewed resolve to pursue new interests or to reconnect with neglected ones. With this in mind, I urge you to rekindle your love affair with nature. Too often these days we get caught up in the mundane day-to-day survival activities.

Get out there and breathe in fresh crisp winter air, watch magical sunrises and gaze in awe at the infinite sky. Most of all encourage others, especially children, to do the same, to experience the small miracles that surround us... the wild things that survive in spite of the cold snowy weather, the play of light on ice crystals, ancient stars shining bright... beauty and magic surround us.

Our club meetings and outings are important outreach and educational activities that can help you stay in touch with nature. Attendance is free and this is your chance to connect with like-minded individuals and learn something new. I encourage all executive board and general members to show their support and appreciation for the time and effort that goes into the planning of these events by attending as many outings and meetings as possible.

As always, I welcome your comments and suggestions. Your active involvement is critical in keeping the organization viable.

See you at the next outing!

Louise Schmidt,

## 2011 Great Backyard Bird Count

The 2011 Great Backyard Bird Count will take place on February 18-21, 2011. For more information, contact [gbbc@birdscCanada.org](mailto:gbbc@birdscCanada.org).

## ASTRONOMY OUTING

The weather forecast for the evening of November 15 was for increasing cloud, but most of the clouds held off long enough for nine curious would-be astronomers to enjoy a couple of hours at the Oak Heights Observatory. For openers, Jupiter was in perfect position for a clear look, and although the Great Red Spot was not visible one dark band across the northern hemisphere was obvious. Four of its moons, although readily visible in binoculars, were much more spectacular in the telescope.

We were led on a “tour” of some of the early winter constellations, including the big and little dippers (Ursa Major and Minor), the northern cross (Cygnus, the swan), and Cassiopeia. We could see that the north star, Polaris, is clearly not just a single star – we could see two components of this multiple system, Polaris A (6 times the mass of our sun) and B, though you would need much more high-powered equipment to show that Polaris A is itself a double star and that two other dimmer stars are also part of the system.

Several nebulae could also be seen, the most spectacular being the ring nebula – looking like a huge doughnut (well, maybe it didn’t actually LOOK huge, but after all, it’s 2300 light-years away; it is probably over a light-year in diameter), it is the remnants of a dying star rather like our sun. More information about it can be found at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ring\\_Nebula#ref\\_Anone](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ring_Nebula#ref_Anone)

To end the evening we were treated to snacks and hot drinks in the comfortable warmth of our hosts’ home. Many thanks to Andreas and Bonnie for welcoming and informing us.

*- John Geale*

### Events at Presqu’ile

**●Natureworks Winter Soup Hike, Saturday, February 19, 2011 – 1pm to 4pm**

View Ontario’s only active volcanoes [weather permitting] during an outdoor hike led by a Park Naturalist. Roam the Park and see how much life there really is in the “dead” of Winter. Then warm up in our “Nature Centre” with a steaming bowl of soup or hot chocolate and enjoy a slide show. \$2.00 per person or \$5.00 per family. **Please confirm dates, times and make reservations at 613 475-1688, Ext 2.**

**●Presqu’ile Waterfowl Viewing Weekend – March 19-20/2011, 10am to 4pm**

Reserve the date. More details in the February Curlew.

## **2010 Port Hope-Cobourg Christmas Bird Count**

The 2010 Port Hope-Cobourg Christmas Bird Count was held on December 18. Forty-two observers counted over 27,000 birds of 77 species. Highlights included one Double-crested Cormorant, one Red-shouldered Hawk, one Thayer's Gull, one Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, one Carolina Wren and one Northern Mockingbird. Several species were found in record high numbers. These included Greater Scaup (1,393), Wild Turkey (255), Red-bellied Woodpecker (14), Bohemian Waxwing (844) and Cedar Waxwing (873). Two species were found in record low numbers. These were American Kestrel (1) and House Sparrow (247).

The post-count pot luck was again held at Welcome United Church, where observers were able to swap stories of the day and enjoy some great food.

Thanks to all who participated, and especially thanks to Connie Sakumn and Janet Lake for doing the washing up after dinner.

Roger Frost

## **The 46th Presqu'ile Christmas Bird Count**

The count was held on Sunday, December 19th, a grey, overcast day with temperatures around -7C to -3C. Most standing water had been frozen for about 10 days. Total number of birds seen was 21,402 of 83 species (+3 count week). A few rarer ducks, some later migrants and a couple of unusual winter nomads resulted in the third highest total in the last 21 years.

Highlights included a Barrow's Goldeneye, 2 Carolina Wrens, a Hermit Thrush (2nd time in 21 years), a Common Yellowthroat, an Eastern Towhee, a Fox Sparrow (3rd in 21 years) and 7 Red Crossbills (1st since 1984). 2601 Snow Buntings were counted, 14 Pileated Woodpeckers, 2 Harlequin Ducks and 504 Mute Swans.

There were 29 participants, including several members of WBFN, many of whom went to the Maintenance Building in the Park for the compilation by David Bree and great food provided by May Wilson.

Maureen Riggs and David Bree

## **Northumberland Land Trust Lecture Series**

**Rice Lake Plains Joint Initiative**

**Thursday, January 20, 2011**

**7:00 p.m.**

**600 William Street, Cobourg**

(New County Building, formerly Kraft)

**Ken Towle**, our speaker, is the Terrestrial Ecologist with the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority. He has been deeply involved in efforts to restore and preserve remnants of Tall Grass Prairie on the Rice Lake Plains.

Prior to European settlement of North America, there were large areas of Tall Grass Prairie in Southern Ontario. Today, it is estimated that less than one per cent of North America's Tall Grass Prairie remains. Ken will discuss the work being done to preserve and restore remnants of tall grass prairie on the Oak Ridges Moraine south of Rice Lake.

The Rice Lake Plains Joint Initiative is a group composed of Conservation Authorities, the Nature Conservancy of Canada, Ontario Parks, Alderville First Nation, local government, and other interested environmental groups. Individually, each of these groups has considerable expertise, but by working together and cooperating, they have an outstanding pool of expertise.

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**Laurie Lawson Outdoor Education Centre**

**Thursday, February 17, 2011**

**7:00 p.m.**

**600 William Street, Cobourg**

(New County Building, formerly Kraft)

Speakers: **Audrey Wilson** and **Mark Rupke**

Learn about the history and magnificent features of the Laurie Lawson Outdoor Education Centre. Audrey Wilson was the first Outdoor Education Teacher to work at the Centre in 1968. Mark Rupke, the current Outdoor Education Teacher has worked at the Centre for the last 20 years.

### **Starry Skies Snowshoe at the Black Oak Savanna**

Join us **Friday, January 21 from 6 to 9 p.m.** for this free twilight adventure for the whole family!

Nature Educator Brooke Stevens will guide an interpretive snowshoe hike around the prairie and savanna. Afterwards, warm up those chilly fingers with hot chocolate and treats in our nature centre while enjoying a special kid-friendly presentation by the Rice Lake Plains Joint Initiative.

Registration is required. Contact Brook Stevens at 905-352-1184 or [outreach@ricelakeplains.ca](mailto:outreach@ricelakeplains.ca) to reserve spaces. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Limited number of snowshoes available.

## RECENT SIGHTINGS

*compiled by Roger Frost*

|                           |                |       |                                   |               |
|---------------------------|----------------|-------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Mute Swan                 | Dec. 11        | 420   | Presqu'ile PP                     | FH, Ontbirds  |
| Tundra Swan               | Dec. 11        | 31    | Presqu'ile PP                     | FH, Ontbirds  |
|                           | Dec. 30        | 7     | Presqu'ile PP                     | FH, Ontbirds  |
| Wood Duck                 | Dec. 2         | 1     | Presqu'ile PP                     | FH, Ontbirds  |
| Gadwall                   | Nov. 18        | 80    | Presqu'ile PP, High Bluff Island  | FH, Ontbirds  |
|                           | Nov. 27        | 1     | Cobourg Harbour                   | MBi           |
|                           | Dec. 26, 31    | 1     | Cobourg Harbour                   | LW            |
| <b>Eurasian Wigeon</b>    | Nov. 1-Dec. 7  | 1     | Presqu'ile PP                     | FH, Ontbirds  |
| American Wigeon           | Nov. 1-25      | 3     | Cobourg Harbour                   | MB            |
|                           | Nov. 18        | 32    | Presqu'ile PP, High Bluff Island  | FH, Ontbirds  |
| Mallard                   | Dec. 13        | 1500+ | Dickinson Rd., PH Ward 2          | PB            |
| Northern Pintail          | Nov. 7         | 4     | Garden Hill pond                  | EK, RF        |
|                           | Nov. 24        | 1f    | Cobourg Harbour                   | KN, CEG       |
|                           | Jan. 3         | 3     | Cobourg Harbour - 2m, 1f          | CEG           |
| Canvasback                | Nov. 29        | 5     | Presqu'ile PP, Popham Bay         | FH, Ontbirds  |
|                           | Dec. 15        | 1     | Presqu'ile PP                     | FH, Ontbirds  |
| Ring-necked Duck          | Dec. 19        | 1     | Presqu'ile PP                     | FH, Ontbirds  |
| Greater Scaup             | Dec. 22        | 500   | Lakeshore Rd., foot of Archer Rd. | CEG           |
| Lesser Scaup              | Nov. 27        | 12    | Cobourg Harbour                   | MBi           |
| <b>King Eider</b>         | Dec. 7         | 1f    | Presqu'ile PP, High Bluff Island  | RDM, Ontbirds |
| <b>Harlequin Duck</b>     | Dec. 7         | 2     | Presqu'ile PP                     | FH, Ontbirds  |
|                           | Dec. 12        | 3     | Presqu'ile PP, Gull Island        | RDM, Ontbirds |
|                           | Dec. 16-19     | 2     | Presqu'ile PP, Gull Island        | BG, Ontbirds  |
| White-winged Scoter       | Nov. 7         | 11    | off Cobourg Harbour               | LW            |
|                           | Dec. 3         | 3     | Lucas Point, Cob.                 | MB            |
| Black Scoter              | Nov. 16/18     | 9/6   | Presqu'ile PP, Popham Bay         | FH, Ontbirds  |
|                           | Nov. 18, 19    | 1     | Cobourg Harbour                   | MB            |
|                           | Nov. 23        | 1     | Cobourg Harbour                   | CEG           |
|                           | Dec. 12-19     | 1f    | Presqu'ile PP                     | RDM, Ontbirds |
| Long-tailed Duck          | Dec. 23        | 91    | Cobourg Harbour - high count      | CEG           |
| <b>Barrow's Goldeneye</b> | Nov. 22, 23    | 1m    | Presqu'ile PP                     | FH, Ontbirds  |
|                           | Nov. 24        | 1f    | Presqu'ile PP                     | FH, Ontbirds  |
|                           | Dec. 7-30      | 1m    | Presqu'ile PP                     | FH, Ontbirds  |
| Hooded Merganser          | Nov. 6         | 9     | Calnan Rd. pond                   | MB            |
|                           | Dec. 31        | 5     | Cobourg Harbour                   | LW            |
| Common Merganser          | Dec. 11        | 32    | Cobourg Harbour - high count      | CEG           |
| Ruddy Duck                | Nov. 28        | 8     | Brighton sewage lagoon            | EK, RF        |
| Red-throated Loon         | Nov. 6         | 1     | Presqu'ile PP                     | FH, Ontbirds  |
| Common Loon               | Dec. 4         | 1     | off Cobourg Harbour               | LW            |
| Pied-billed Grebe         | Dec. 2         | 1     | Presqu'ile PP                     | FH, Ontbirds  |
| Horned Grebe              | Dec. 3         | 1     | Lucas Point, Cob.                 | MB            |
|                           | Dec. 19        | 1     | Presqu'ile PP                     | FH, Ontbirds  |
|                           | Dec. 24        | 1     | off Cobourg Harbour               | CEG           |
| Double-crested Cormorant  | Nov. 6         | 1     | Gage's Creek, PH                  | ST            |
| Great Blue Heron          | Dec. 17, 18    | 2     | Wesleyville, PH Ward 2            | PB            |
| Great Egret               | Oct. 30        | 1     | Presqu'ile PP                     | FH, Ontbirds  |
| Black-crowned Night Heron | <b>Nov. 15</b> | 1imm  | Cobourg Creek/King St. W.         | MB            |
| Turkey Vulture            | Nov. 8         | 1     | over Hwy. 401 @ Division St.      | IS, Ontbirds  |
|                           | <b>Dec. 1</b>  | 1     | Wesleyville, PH Ward 2            | PB            |

## Sightings - cont'd.

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|------------------------|-------------------------|--------|--|------------------|
| Bald Eagle             | Dec. 4 & 5              | 1      | Roseneath Landing  | DS               |
|                        | Dec. 7                  | 1      | Rice Lake, Gore's Landing  | RF               |
|                        | Dec. 13                 | 1      | Wesleyville, PH Ward 2   | PB               |
|                        | Dec. 14                 | 2      | Grist Mill Rd. n. of 7th, PH Ward 2                                | BW               |
| Northern Harrier       | Dec. 8-13               | 1      | Cobourg Harbour west headland                                      | KN               |
|                        | Dec. 14                 | 2      | Cobourg Harbour west headland                                      | KN               |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk     | Dec. 11                 | 1      | Deblaquire St., PH   | GMCD             |
| Northern Goshawk       | Nov. 1                  | 1      | near Wesleyville, PH Ward 2  | PB               |
|                        | Nov. 3                  | 1      | Lucas Point, Cob.  | CEG              |
|                        | Nov. 15                 | 1      | Grist Mill Rd. n. of 7th, PH Ward 2, eating squirrel               | BW               |
| Red-shouldered Hawk    | Nov. 18                 | 1      | Grist Mill Rd.n. of 7th, PH Ward 2                                 | BW               |
| Rough-legged Hawk      | Nov. 18                 | 1      | Cobourg Harbour  | CEG              |
|                        | Nov. 29                 | 1 dark | Grist Mill Rd.n of 7th, PH Ward 2                                  | BW               |
|                        | Dec. 9                  | 2      | OPG Wesleyville  | BN               |
| Golden Eagle           | Nov. 2                  | 1      | Northumberland Forest  | EK, RF           |
|                        | Nov. 7                  | 2      | Roseneath Landing  | DS               |
|                        | Nov. 21                 | 1      | Kellogg Rd.  | EK, RF           |
|                        | Dec. 6                  | 1      | Cobourg Via station  | CEG              |
|                        | Dec. 14                 | 1      | Presqu'ile PP  | BG, Ontbirds     |
| American Kestrel       | Dec. 15                 | 1m     | Toronto Rd. & Jocelyn, PH  | SL, NEW          |
|                        | Dec. 28                 | 1      | McClelland Rd., Hamilton Twp.                                      | EK, RF           |
|                        | Dec. 31                 | 1      | Burnham St. & De Palma, Cob.                                       | MBi              |
| Merlin                 | Nov. 4                  | 1      | Young St., PH  | SL               |
|                        | Nov. 14                 | 1      | Young St., PH  | NW               |
|                        | Dec. 21                 | 2      | Cobourg Harbour  | CEG              |
| Peregrine Falcon       | Nov. 14                 | 1      | Presqu'ile PP  | FH, Ontbirds     |
| American Coot          | Nov. 16-24              | 1      | Cobourg Harbour  | CEG              |
|                        | Dec. 7                  | 43     | Presqu'ile PP  | RDM, Ontbirds    |
|                        | Dec. 29                 | 1      | Presqu'ile PP  | FH, Ontbirds     |
| Black-bellied Plover   | Nov. 9                  | 1      | Presqu'ile PP  | FH, Ontbirds     |
| American Golden Plover | Nov. 5                  | 1      | Cobourg Harbour  | KN               |
| Semipalmated Plover    | Nov. 2                  | 1      | Presqu'ile PP  | FH, Ontbirds     |
| Least Sandpiper        | Nov. 2                  | 1      | Presqu'ile PP  | FH, Ontbirds     |
|                        | <b>late Nov.-Dec. 3</b> | 1      | Cobourg Harbour - photographed. First Northumberland winter record | AK               |
| White-rumped Sandpiper | Nov. 2-6                | 1      | Cobourg Harbour  | MB               |
|                        | Nov. 19                 | 1      | foot of D'Arcy St., Cob.   | MB               |
|                        | Nov. 21, 23             | 1      | Presqu'ile PP, Gull Island   | JV, FH, Ontbirds |
| Purple Sandpiper       | Nov. 7                  | 1      | Cobourg Harbour  | SM, AT, mobs     |
|                        | Nov. 8                  | 3      | Cobourg west pier  | TB               |
|                        | Nov. 9                  | 1      | Cobourg east pier  | SLo, Ontbirds    |
|                        | Nov. 21                 | 3      | Presqu'ile PP, Gull Island   | JV, Ontbirds     |
|                        | Nov. 25                 | 5      | Presqu'ile PP, Gull Island   | RDM, SP          |
|                        | Dec. 2                  | 5      | Presqu'ile PP, Sebastopol Is.                                      | FH, Ontbirds     |
|                        | Dec. 16                 | 3      | Presqu'ile PP  | BG, Ontbirds     |
|                        | Dec. 19                 | 2      | Presqu'ile PP  | FH, Ontbirds     |
| Dunlin                 | <b>Dec. 12, 16</b>      | 1      | Presqu'ile PP, Gull Island   | RDM, Ontbirds    |
| American Woodcock      | Nov. 11                 | 3      | Grist Mill Rd. n. of 7th, PH Ward 2                                | BW               |
|                        | <b>Nov. 22</b>          | 1      | Grist Mill Rd. n. of 7th, PH Ward 2                                | BW               |
| <b>Little Gull</b>     | Nov. 1                  | 1      | Presqu'ile PP  | FH, Ontbirds     |
| Bonaparte's Gull       | Dec. 12                 | 35     | Presqu'ile PP, off Gull Island                                     | RDM, Ontbirds    |
| Thayer's Gull          | Nov. 28                 | 1imm   | foot of D'Arcy St., Cob.   | MB               |
|                        | Dec. 18, 26             | 1 ad   | Cobourg Harbour  | MB               |



## Sightings - cont'd.

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| Iceland Gull             | Dec. 18, 26        | 3 ad         | Cobourg Harbour                     | MB, RP           |
|                          | Jan. 3             | 7            | Cobourg Harbour                     | CEG              |
| Lesser Black-backed Gull | Oct. 30            | 1            | Presqu'ile PP                       | FH, Ontbirds     |
|                          | Dec. 24            | 1            | Cobourg Harbour                     | CEG              |
|                          | Dec. 26            | 1 ad         | Cobourg Harbour                     | RP               |
| Glaucous Gull            | Dec. 16            | 2            | Cobourg Harbour                     | CEG              |
|                          | Dec. 18, 26        | 1ad,<br>1imm | Cobourg Harbour                     | RP               |
| Mourning Dove            | Dec. 3             | <b>85</b>    | Thomas Rd., Wicklow hydro wires     | MB               |
|                          | Dec. 3             | <b>85</b>    | Wesleyville, PH Ward 2              | PB               |
| Eastern Screech Owl      | Dec. 2             | <b>1</b>     | Lakeshore Dr., Cob.                 | BP               |
| Great Horned Owl         | Nov. 17            | 1            | Hwy. 28 across from GRCA office     | BW               |
| Barred Owl               | Nov. 27            | 1            | Cobourg Conservation Area           | RP               |
|                          | Jan. 4             | 1            | Roseneath Landing                   | DS               |
| <b>Boreal Owl</b>        | Dec. 17, 18        | 1            | Wesleyville, PH Ward 2              | PB               |
| Northern Saw-whet Owl    | Nov. 9             | 1            | Presqu'ile PP                       | FH, Ontbirds     |
|                          | Nov. 27            | 1            | Cobourg Conservation Area           | RP               |
|                          | Dec. 21, 25        | 1            | Wesleyville, PH Ward 2              | PB               |
| Red-bellied Woodpecker   | Nov. 8-22          | 1-2          | nr. Campbellford                    | TC, Ontbirds     |
|                          | Dec. 10            | 1f           | Warkworth                           | SP               |
| Yellow-bellied Sapsucker | <b>Dec. 17, 18</b> | 1            | Deblaire St., PH - feeder           | GMCD             |
| Northern Flicker         | Dec. 9             | 1            | Ron Harden Rd.                      | CEG              |
| Eastern Phoebe           | Nov. 4             | 1            | Presqu'ile PP                       | FH, Ontbirds     |
| Northern Shrike          | Nov. 6             | 1            | Thomas Rd., Wicklow                 | MB               |
|                          | Nov. 6             | 1            | Haskill Rd., PH Ward 2              | MB               |
|                          | Nov. 7             | 1            | 7th & Little Rd., Hamilton Twp.     | JGe              |
|                          | Nov. 9             | 1            | Roseneath Landing                   | DS               |
|                          | Nov. 18            | 1            | Cobourg Harbour                     | RF               |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch    | Nov. 2             | <b>72</b>    | Northumberland Forest               | EK, RF           |
|                          | Dec. 4             | 2            | Young St., PH                       | NEW              |
| Brown Creeper            | Nov. 2             | 9            | Northumberland Forest               | EK, RF           |
|                          | Nov. 27            | 1            | Deblaire St., PH                    | GMCD             |
| Eastern Bluebird         | Nov. 13            | 6            | 6th Line, PH Ward 2                 | BLeS             |
|                          | Nov. 17            | 5            | Roseneath Landing                   | RP               |
|                          | Dec. 28            | 17           | Haskill Rd. & Lakeshore, PH Ward 2  | PB               |
| Hermit Thrush            | Nov. 2             | 1            | Northumberland Forest               | EK, RF           |
|                          | Dec. 19            | 1            | Presqu'ile PP                       | MA, IS, Ontbirds |
| American Robin           | Dec. 22            | 50+          | Wesleyville, PH Ward 2              | PB               |
| Gray Catbird             | <b>Nov. 3-6</b>    | 1            | Presqu'ile PP                       | FH, Ontbirds     |
| Northern Mockingbird     | Nov. 11            | 1            | Lakeshore nr. OPG, PH Ward 2        | KMcH             |
|                          | Dec. 3             | 1            | Wesleyville area                    | PB               |
|                          | Dec. 4-19          | 1            | nr. Colborne                        | JF, KB           |
|                          | Jan. 1             | 1            | Willow Beach Rd. n. of Lakeshore    | MB               |
| Brown Thrasher           | Oct. 31            | 1            | Presqu'ile PP                       | FH, Ontbirds     |
| American Pipit           | Nov. 15            | 10           | Grist Mill Rd. n. of 7th, PH Ward 2 | BW               |
|                          | <b>Dec. 12</b>     | <b>26</b>    | Presqu'ile PP, Gull Island          | RDM, Ontbirds    |

## Sightings - cont'd.

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|---|--------------|
| Bohemian Waxwing               | Nov. 7                | 20          | Candlewick Woods  | EK, RF       |
|                                | Nov. 9                | 23          | Roseneath Landing   | DS           |
|                                | Nov. 17               | 10+         | Roseneath Landing   | RP           |
|                                | Dec. 5                | 20          | Beagle Club Rd. & Cty. Rd. 9  | MB           |
|                                | Dec. 10               | 50          | Warkworth   | SP           |
|                                | Dec. 15               | <b>2000</b> | Roseneath Landing   | DS           |
|                                | Dec. 22               | 100         | Danforth Rd., Hamilton Twp.   | CEG          |
|                                | Dec. 25               | 200         | Kellogg Rd.   | EK, RF       |
|                                | Dec. 24               | ~100        | Welcome   | KMcH         |
|                                | Dec. 28               | 70          | Division & University, Cob.   | RP           |
|                                | Dec. 28               | 200         | Harwood Rd. & Beaver Meadow   | EK, RF       |
| Cedar Waxwing                  | Dec. 5                | 135         | Beagle Club Rd. & Cty. Rd. 9  | MB           |
|                                | Dec. 7                | 150+        | Wesleyville, PH Ward 2  | PB           |
|                                | Dec. 30               | <b>200</b>  | Albert St., Cob., Fruiting trees                                      | MB           |
| <b>Tennessee Warbler</b>       | <b>Nov. 2</b>         | 1           | Presqu'ile PP   | FH, Ontbirds |
| <b>Orange-crowned Warbler</b>  | <b>Nov. 2</b>         | 1           | Presqu'ile PP   | FH, Ontbirds |
| <b>Northern Parula</b>         | <b>Nov. 11</b>        | 1           | Presqu'ile PP   | FH, Ontbirds |
| <b>Cape May Warbler</b>        | <b>Nov. 23-Dec. 6</b> | 1           | Wesleyville feeder  | PB           |
| <b>Yellow-throated Warbler</b> | <b>Nov. 16</b>        | 1           | Wicklow. Bird was present from Oct. 20-Dec. 18                        | R&BK, EK, RF |
| <b>Common Yellowthroat</b>     | <b>Nov. 23</b>        | 1           | Cobourg feeder  | BL           |
|                                | <b>Dec. 4</b>         | 1           | Cobourg backyard  | BL           |
|                                | <b>Dec. 19</b>        | 1           | Presqu'ile PP   | IS, Ontbirds |
| American Tree Sparrow          | Dec. 20               | 60          | Kellogg Rd., PH Ward 2  | ERM          |
| Field Sparrow                  | <b>Dec. 9</b>         | 1           | Presqu'ile PP   | FH, Ontbirds |
| Fox Sparrow                    | Nov. 2                | 3           | Northumberland Forest   | EK, RF       |
|                                | Nov. 3-6              | 1           | Cobourg backyard  | MB           |
|                                | Nov. 11               | 3           | Grist Mill Rd. n. of 7th, PH Ward 2                                   | BW           |
|                                | <b>Dec. 14-28</b>     | 1           | Presqu'ile PP   | BG, Ontbirds |
| White-crowned Sparrow          | Dec. 10               | 1           | Warkworth   | SP           |
| Lapland Longspur               | Nov. 21               | 10          | Presqu'ile PP   | JV, Ontbirds |
| Snow Bunting                   | Nov. 21               | 150         | Presqu'ile PP   | JV, Ontbirds |
|                                | Dec. 20               | 200         | Dickinson Rd., PH Ward 2  | ERM          |
| <b>Rose-breasted Grosbeak</b>  | <b>Nov. 4</b>         | 1m          | Bowmanton Rd. - droopy wing   | KD           |
| Red-winged Blackbird           | Dec. 10               | 1f          | Warkworth   | SP           |
|                                | Jan. 1                | 50          | Haskill Rd. & Lakeshore, PH Ward 2                                    | MB           |
| Rusty Blackbird                | Nov. 14               | 30          | Orland  | MB           |
|                                | Dec. 3                | 20          | Thomas Rd., Wicklow   | MB           |
|                                | Dec. 13               | 2           | Brand Rd. & Lakeshore, PH Ward 2                                      | PB           |
| Common Grackle                 | Nov. 6                | 70+         | s. of Colborne  | JF           |
|                                | Dec. 1-4              | 1           | Wesleyville, PH Ward 2  | PB           |
|                                | Dec. 2                | 2           | Presqu'ile feeders  | MB           |
| Pine Grosbeak                  | Nov. 9                | 40+         | Presqu'ile PP   | FH, Ontbirds |
| Purple Finch                   | Nov. 19/20            | 2/3         | Deblaire St., PH feeder   | GMCD         |
| House Finch                    | Dec. 28               | 30          | Centennial Dr., PH  | ERM          |
| Red Crossbill                  | Nov. 2                | 7           | Northumberland Forest   | EK, RF       |
|                                | Dec. 4                | 7           | Presqu'ile PP   | FH, Ontbirds |
|                                | Dec. 7                | 8           | Northumberland Forest   | RF           |
|                                | Dec. 14               | 2           | Dunbar Rd. & Russ Creek   | BK           |
|                                | Dec. 28               | 10          | Russ Creek Rd.  | EK, RF       |
| White-winged Crossbill         | Nov. 11               | 20          | Grist Mill Rd. n. of 7th, PH Ward 2                                   | BW           |
|                                | Nov. 12               | 1 juv       | recent fledge, almost incapable of flight, Cty. Rd. 10, of Cty. Rd. 9 | BW           |
|                                | Dec. 5                | 2           | Lakeshore Rd.   | EK, RF       |
|                                | Dec. 12-14            | 1f          | Presqu'ile PP   | BG, Ontbirds |

## Sightings - cont'd.

|                      |         |       |                                     |                  |
|----------------------|---------|-------|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Common Redpoll       | Nov. 11 | 2     | Grist Mill Rd. n. of 7th, PH Ward 2 | BW               |
|                      | Dec. 3  | 1     | Lakeshore Rd. e. of Archer Rd.      | CEG              |
|                      | Dec. 5  | 15    | D'Arcy St., Cob.                    | MB               |
|                      | Dec. 7  | 10    | Northumberland Forest               | RF               |
|                      | Dec. 30 | 5     | Deblaquire St., PH - feeder         | GMCD             |
| <b>Hoary Redpoll</b> | Dec. 12 | 1     | Presqu'île PP                       | RDM, Ontbirds    |
|                      | Dec. 14 | 1     | Presqu'île PP, Gull Island          | BG, MR, Ontbirds |
| Pine Siskin          | Dec. 13 | ~50   | s. of Baltimore                     | AB               |
|                      | Dec. 31 | 30+   | Danforth Rd., Hamilton Twp.         | MBi              |
| Evening Grosbeak     | Nov. 1  | 10-16 | Presqu'île PP                       | FH, Ontbirds     |
|                      | Nov. 7  | 9     | Dunbar Rd. & Russ Creek             | BK               |
|                      | Nov. 8  | 1     | 7th Line, Hamilton Twp.             | JGe              |
|                      | Nov. 10 | 41    | Bowmanton Rd. - high count          | KD               |
|                      | Nov. 11 | 5     | Grist Mill Rd. n. of 7th, PH Ward 2 | BW               |
|                      | Nov. 15 | 3     | Grist Mill Rd. n. of 7th, PH Ward 2 | BW               |
|                      | Nov. 28 | 3     | Dunbar Rd. & Russ Creek             | BK               |
|                      | Dec. 10 | 6     | Burnley                             | BN               |
|                      | Dec. 22 | 16    | Dunbar Rd. & Russ Creek             | BK               |
|                      |         |       |                                     |                  |
| American Mink        | Nov. 9  | 1     | Grist Mill Rd. n of 7th, PH Ward 2  | BW               |

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