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COMING EVENTS

●**NOTE THE NEW LOCATION—Friday, April 29, 2011—General Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Calvary Pentecostal Church, 401 Croft St. E.** at Rose Glen Rd., Port Hope.

Speaker: **Cindy Cartwright** will talk about the **Hummingbird Project** whose goal is to understand the life cycle of Ontario's hummingbirds. The project involved participation from birders, banders and members of the general public throughout Ontario. Over 1,000 people have participated since the project began in 2005, resulting in several sub-projects. The presentation will outline the project details, what we have learned so far, how people can participate, and what we hope to learn in the future. There are more details on the website <http://www.ontariohummingbirds.ca>

●**Saturday, May 7, 2011 – Outing to Massasauga Point Conservation Area and Point Petre Nature Reserve in Prince Edward County**

Our leader, Bill Crowley, will concentrate on spring wildflowers which grow on these two interesting properties and will spend a little time discussing alvars which are very special and relatively uncommon habitat. Alvars are only found in southern Sweden, northwest Estonia and around the Great Lakes in Michigan, New York, Ohio, Ontario and Quebec. Of the 120 alvar sites in Canada and the U.S., Ontario contains 75% of North American alvars. Prince Edward County has a climate which is similar in many respects to Carolinian Canada. Thus, we will see some wildflowers which are normally found only in Southwestern Ontario. Meet at the commuter parking lot at Hwy. 45 and 401 at 9:00 a.m. to carpool to The County. We will stop at a small restaurant for lunch and finish the day about 3:00 p.m.

●**Saturday, May 14, 2011 – Outing to Ganaraska Forest Centre and Ganaraska Forest**

We will start at 1:00 p.m. with a tour of the new Ganaraska Forest Centre Building, concentrating on the interesting environmental features of the building. After touring the building, we will have a field trip in the Ganaraska Forest concentrating on the history and ecology of the forest. Our leaders will be the GRCA's Mark Peacock, Director of Watershed Services, and Ken Towle, Terrestrial Ecologist. There will be no admission charge for this outing.

●**Friday May 27, 2011, 7 p.m. — President's Walk** is at **Peter's Woods Provincial Preserve**. Take Cty. Rd. 45 north to Centreton Rd. Turn east on Centreton Rd. to the village of Centreton. Turn north on McDonald Rd. to Peter's Woods.

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●**Northumberland Summer Bird Count – June 4 & 5, 2011.** Contact Roger Frost at 905-885-9615 or ekrf@eagle.ca for more information

●**Sunday, July 3, 2011 – Butterflies and Dragonflies** at Presqu'ile Provincial Park led by David Bree, Presqu'ile's Natural Heritage Education Leader.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Wendy Reiner & Paula Xanthopoulou,
Port Hope

Membership News

●Condolences to the family of Minnie Pennell who passed away in late March. Minnie was an enthusiastic supporter of WBFN.

●Best wishes Susanne and Malcolm Pacey on the arrival of a new grandchild, Lynkin Liam Pacey, on March 1.

Executive Board News

We are still seeking a member to replace Carole Payne in the position of Ontario Nature Representative. WBFN is a member organization of Ontario Nature (ON) and each member organization is represented at a regional level with meetings held twice a year. The ON representative attends these meetings and reports on our activities and later disseminates ON news to our members. If you are interested in joining the executive board in this capacity, I would love to hear from you.

Louise Schmidt, President

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The editor is most grateful to those who have contributed to this issue of the Curlew. Copy for the May 2011 issue should be received by April 30, 2011. Rare or interesting sightings should be reported to Elizabeth Kellogg and Roger Frost at 905-885-9615, ekrf@eagle.ca, or Norma Wallace (885-5552) for the May Curlew. Correspondence for WBFN should be addressed to: "The Willow Beach Field Naturalists, P.O. Box 421, Port Hope, ON L1A 3Z3."

President's Message April 2011



“Big Bird” Resident Great Gray Owl

This year, during a trip to the Owl Foundation in Vineland Station Ontario, I had the pleasure of meeting the inspiring Kay McKeever again. The rehabilitation centre is a place of much sadness but also of hope; sadness because the owls need to be brought here in the first place and hope because some are later released, and those who are not releasable can live out their lives peacefully, adding to a body of scientific research, some fostering owlets, some breeding new generations.

If you are an injured owl there is no better place to be.

The Foundation relies heavily on help from volunteers and donations to operate. WBFN has been a supporter for many years. Donors are invited to attend an Owl Foundation Tour. This is the only opportunity to tour this wonderful facility, meet the owls and those who care for them.

WBFN has received two invitations to the 2011 Tour. Each invitation is for 2 people (no guests under the age of 10). The invitations are for Saturday October 1, 2011 for the 12:30 pm tour. The Owl Foundation is in the Niagara area grape and fruit growing region making it an easy day trip. If you are so inclined, it is a great opportunity to purchase local products or turn it into a weekend getaway with a family member or friend.

I encourage members who have never visited the Foundation to consider participating in this unique viewing opportunity. It is a very educational and inspiring outing, making a lasting impression on all who visit. Please contact me directly to obtain a pass.

For more information on the Owl Foundation or if you wish to become a supporter, please check their website www.theowlfoundation.ca

As always, I welcome your comments, suggestions or your help and I look forward to seeing you at the next outing or meeting.

*Louise Schmidt,
President*

INJURED BARRED OWL UPDATE

by Audrey E. Wilson

On January 29, 2011 a young male, barred owl was found about a kilometer north of Lacy and Jibb Road west of Camborne by young folks walking their dogs. I picked the owl up that bitterly cold evening just at sunset and kept him quiet and warm until February 6, 2011 when we were able to transport him to The Owl Rehabilitation Foundation near Vineland. During that interval he ate readily; an ermine, four mice and several window kills. He also drank water from a tumbler.

On February 13 Kara from the Owl Foundation reported he was chowing down on mice and rats daily. Since his arrival, he had gained 100 grams. His left eye was being treated for infection. On February 28 she reported further that he had been evaluated by a veterinary ophthalmologist. The right eye was blind and would never recover. They were continuing to treat the left eye as it showed residual issues from trauma including cataracts. His weight had increased from the original 502 to 750 grams!

This owl was probably the victim of a vehicle collision. Discussing his injuries with Kay McKeever, she emphasized it is important to educate people to NOT throw garbage, especially biodegradables from vehicle windows along roadsides. Such items as apple cores attract small rodents such as mice which in turn attract birds of prey like our owl. Since this owl was a yearling, he was an inexperienced hunter and especially in the deep snow



The injured Barred Owl, photographed on his admission to the Owl Foundation.

Photo by Louise Schmidt

conditions we experienced this winter; too often they become collision victims as they attempt to catch the small rodents near roadways that have been attracted by garbage throw-aways.

Unfortunately, this lovely owl will probably never be releasable because of the permanently damaged severe eye trauma he received. When found, it was evident he was badly emaciated and semi-starved as indicated by the sharp keel and low weight. Since his legs and wings were not damaged, he will be a potential candidate for the breeding program. What a shame that this brown-eyed beauty will never be able to do what comes naturally in the wild, rather than in captivity – all probably due to human thoughtlessness!

March Outing

by Roger Frost

Standing in the rather icy Hwy. 45/401 commuter parking lot, I wondered what kind of a day it would be. I was pleased to see that the high winds forecast earlier in the week had not materialized. Unfortunately, neither had the sunny skies. Elizabeth and I met the first four members of the outing. As we waited, we were treated to views of some early spring migrants—American Robin, Red-winged Blackbird and Common Grackle. Even a few Pine Siskin could be heard from conifers across the road.

When we reached the park gates at Presqu'île, we met several more WBFN members. By the time we reached the lighthouse, the group numbered 14 people. Not bad for a cold, cloudy day.

Off the lighthouse, we scanned the lake, finding many Long-tailed Ducks, Common Goldeneye and Bufflehead. The male Barrow's Goldeneye that wintered here was nowhere to be seen.

Next, we checked the Calf Pasture lookout and scanned the duck flocks. Here, we added Common Merganser, Redhead, Canvasback, Greater Scaup, Lesser Scaup, Ring-necked Duck and Hooded Merganser.

Since most of the ducks were well east of Calf Pasture, we decided to try the Govern-

ment Dock. Here, the viewing was much better and we added Whited-winged Scoter and Gadwall. As well, a Red Fox trotted across the ice, completely ignoring the many scopes and binoculars trained on it.

In a line of spruces near the road, the sharp eyes of John Geale spotted the Boreal Chickadee that had spent the last several weeks in this neighbourhood. Despite the fact that the bird remained in these several smallish spruces, it was incredibly difficult to see. I think only a few of the group got glimpses of the bird.

The group then walked a short way up the cottage road to check out the feeders in some of the yards. We were rewarded with a Pileated Woodpecker, a few Cedar Waxwings, some Common Redpolls and a Pine Siskin.

By now, everyone was cold, so we retired to Audrey and Jean Wilson's cottage for warm drinks and snacks. Our timing was perfect, for soon started a miserable, wet snow with ice pellets. This type of weather is much more agreeable when you are inside with a mug of hot tea and cookie!

Thanks to Jean and Audrey for their invitation to the group, as well as their warm hospitality.

Permits for Brighton Constructed Wetland

The 2011 permit application form is now available for the **Brighton Constructed Wetlands**. If you wish to visit this wetland you must have a permit; the form can be found at <http://www.willowbeachfieldnaturalists.org/PDF/REQUEST%20FOR%20ACCESS%20PERMIT%20FOR%20THE%202011%20BIRD.pdf>, and the cost is \$5.00.

Living Green Fair in Port Hope, Saturday, May 7, 2011, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Port Hope Fall Fair Centre, McCaul St., Port Hope. More information at <http://livinggreen.open-eyes.org>

Look for **Northumberland Land Trust AND Rice Lake Plains Joint Initiative** exhibits at the Peterborough Green Expo, **Saturday, April 30** at the Evinrude Centre in Peterborough.

Winter Bird List Competition

by Simone Mérey

For the past three winters my sister and I have had a Winter Bird List competition. From December 1st to February 28th we keep track of every species we see in our respective province. As she lives in south-west Nova Scotia she has boreal forest birds like Crossbills and blown off-course birds such as Yellow-breasted Chats. Turkey Vultures stay year round so it is a tight race.

The trick is to find birds that have lingered in the Fall so by December 1st I was anxious to start. Snowflakes the size of golf balls reduced visibility to a minimum, and six birds were all I saw. What a dismal beginning! December 2nd was more promising with Cobourg harbour and twelve more birds. This was the year to definitely learn Greater and Lesser Scaup.

Family Christmas shopping resulted in a trip to Toronto which just happened to coincide with an OFO field trip the following day on the Toronto Lakeshore. The leader, Dave Milson, informed us that the birds had all left for Hamilton and were we willing to go there? After checking out Humber Bay Park East we went on to La Salle Park and many other places in Hamilton, my husband doing the follow the leader on this blustery day. There were at least 200 Ruddy Ducks and 80 Trumpeter Swans in La Salle Park, plus 25 Ring-necked Ducks. Two Peregrine Falcons at the Lift Bridge were a delightful surprise. It was almost dark when we left Hamilton and much to my chagrin a warbler was seen by our leader shortly after we left. My husband deserves a big thank you for that day as it was miserable weather, he wasn't dressed for it and not once did he suggest packing it in. We hit bad road conditions near Pickering on the way home and so we stopped to eat at our favourite restaurant in Whitby. That day the list was brought up to 46.

The Christmas Bird Count was the next

big day and added the Rough-legged Hawk and the Northern Harrier. The list slowly increased and by the end of December my total was 69 with a flock of Snow Buntings on Hawkins Road in Port Hope. Alas I could not tell my friends to change New Year to a different date so I could go to the OFO Peterborough Area trip January 1st. How about having that trip the following week-end?

Luckily Cobourg Harbour is always dependable for interesting gulls and in a snowstorm Anne Tesluk and I added Thayer's, Glaucous and Lesser Black-backed on January 15th. February 10th provided an Iceland, thanks to Richard Pope and Margaret Bain for excellent coaching in the fine points of adult Gulls.

A Saw-whet Owl flew in front of my car headlights February 15th and then it reappeared in my front woods and was mobbed by Chickadees.

A trip to Parry Sound to visit my mother-in-law added a Pileated Woodpecker and on the way home via the Carden Plain there was a Hawk Owl on a wire. Presqu'île was good for a Barrow's Goldeneye, a Boreal Chickadee and a Brown creeper. A cold Sunday had a King Eider in Cobourg Harbour. On the last day of February miserable weather discouraged going abroad and a snow white Hoary Redpoll made an appearance in my pear tree confirming the two other sightings of Hoary, bringing up the total to 91 just a few birds ahead of my sister and my first win in 3 years!

Winter listing is definitely a chilly experience but the rewards offset the numbness. My sister and I shared our birds via the 'phone and so we appreciated each rarity and encouraged each other to seek out just one more bird.

Monarch Teacher Network Canada - Castleton Workshop

In partnership with Toronto Region Conservation Authority, Monarch Teacher Network Canada will be hosting a 2-day workshop entitled “**Teaching and Learning with Monarch Butterflies**” on Wednesday, August 3rd & Thursday, August 4th, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day.

Location: Northumberland Hills Public School, 2246 Spring St., Castleton, Ontario K0K 1M0

Website describing all seven Canadian workshops:
<http://tinyurl.com/4q6v432>

To register for the Castleton workshop, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/6apr6gz>

Thanks to Don Davis for submitting the internet address below. It may be of interest to some of our members.

Presqu'ile Park - A Walk Along The Marsh Boardwalk - 3 min and 35 seconds - set to classical music: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CBMV_1OW06Y

“Incredible World of Bugs”

Northumberland Mall - May 12, 13, 14, 2011

This outstanding travelling exhibit toured Ontario last year to great acclaim, given its educational and scientific value. The displays reflect the passion of John G. Powers, a retired policeman, and his 50 years of insect study. John holds a record in the Guinness Book of Records for owning the world's largest moth, and John will be available to answer questions from individuals and groups alike. The exhibit is sponsored by Orkin PCO. For further information, see: <http://tinyurl.com/3qt6mmm> and <http://www.flyingjewels.com>.



*A visitor to last year's bug exhibit
Photo provided by Don Davis*

Ontario Nature's 80th Annual General Meeting

Ontario Nature's 80th Annual General Meeting is fast approaching. They hope you can join them on **June 11 and 12** at the Ganaraska Forest Centre on the Oak Ridges Moraine for their big birthday party bash. They will be offering a great line-up of activities on both days including workshops led by conservation staff and other experts on identifying dragonflies and damselflies, snapping the perfect nature photo, restoring tallgrass ecosystems and much more. Kids can meet snakes, turtles and other creatures at their nature camp! Please check the Ontario Nature AGM webpage http://www.ontarionature.org/discover/annual_general_meeting.php for updates on the many workshops and activities. For more information, contact Lauren Wright at [lau-renw@ontarionature.org](mailto:laurerw@ontarionature.org) or 1-800-440-2366 ext. 271

WALLACE BIRDATHON 2011

We are pleased to announce that Roger Frost has again agreed to be our celebrity birder for the Wallace Birdathon. This event is named in honour of Charlie and Norma Wallace, who initiated it about 25 years ago; Norma continued it until recently, and has given the Northumberland Land Trust permission to take over its organization. It is one of the Northumberland Land Trust's major fund-raisers, and raised over \$1200 in 2010.

For those unfamiliar with the Birdathon concept, the idea is that Roger has 24 continuous hours to identify as many bird species as he can, and supporters are asked to sponsor him for so many cents per species or for a flat donation.

Roger will attempt to beat last year's 149 species, and we hope to beat last year's dollar total. We hope you will sponsor Roger, and you may make your pledge by contacting John Geale at johngeale@yahoo.com or 905-342-3851. The tentative date for the Birdathon is May 15, and we urge you to submit your pledge as soon as possible; so that we can send you a tax receipt, we need your name, address including postal code, and the amount you wish to pledge.

Many thanks for your support!

RECENT SIGHTINGS

compiled by Roger Frost

Snow Goose (blue)	March 22	1	4th Line, A/H Twp.	RF
Ross's Goose	March 15	1	Candlewick Woods	RF
Cackling Goose	March 15	3	Garden Hill pond	RF
	early March	4	Grist Mill Rd. - high count	BW
Canada Goose	March 15	4000	Candlewick Woods	RF
Greater White-front Goose X Canada Goose	March 27	1	Garden Hill pond	EK, RF, LS
Trumpeter Swan	March 11-13	1ad	Dale Road wet field	MB, SW
	March 18	2	Grist Mill Rd. mill pond	BW
Tundra Swan	March 9	10	over west end Port Hope	MM
	March 14	4	Presqu'ile	FH, Ontbirds
	March 17	5	Grist Mill Rd., PH Ward 2	BW
	March 21	30	Cty. Rd. 2 e. of Port Hope	KT
	March 22	2	off Candlewick Woods	EK, RF
swan sp.	March 18	2	Cty. Rd. 10, n. of Welcome	KMcH
Wood Duck	March 15	45	Candlewick Woods	RF
Gadwall	March 13	2	Cobourg Harbour	KN
Eurasian Wigeon	March 17-29	1-2	Presqu'ile bay	FH, Ontbirds
American Wigeon	March 22	85+	Presqu'ile bay	BdiL, Ontbirds
Mallard	Jan. 17	125	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
Blue-winged Teal	March 18	1	Grist Mill Rd. mill pond	BW
Northern Shoveler	March 16	3	Cobourg Harbour	KN
Northern Pintail	March 15	28	Candlewick Woods	RF
Redhead	March 17	1m, 1f	Haskill Rd. flooded field	MB
	March 20	6	Sandy Bay, Rice Lake	EK, RF
Ring-necked Duck	March 20	400	Sandy Bay, Rice Lake	EK, RF
	March 22	200	Sandy Bay, Rice Lake	RF
King Eider	March 1-24	1m	Cobourg Harbour	m.obs.
Surf Scoter	Apr. 1	1m	Lucas Point, Cob.	RP
Long-tailed Duck	March 24	250	off Candlewick Woods	RF
Barrow's Goldeneye	March 14	1	Presqu'ile PP	FH, Ontbirds
Hooded Merganser	March 17	14 (7prs.)	Cobourg Harbour - high count	MB
	March 18	10 (5prs.)	Dale Rd. wet field	SW
	March 26	8 (4prs.)	off Pebble Beach Dr., Cob.	TW
Common Merganser	March 22	250	Sandy Bay, Rice Lake	RF
Wild Turkey	March 31	35	Roseberry Rd. off Dale Rd., PH	AEW
Red-throated Loon	March 22	3	Presqu'ile PP, Owen Point	BdiL, Ontbirds
	March 24	1	off Candlewick Woods	RF
	March 29	1	Presqu'ile, Popham Bay	FH, Ontbirds
Common Loon	March 31	1	Cobourg Harbour	KN
Horned Grebe	March 18	1	Cobourg Harbour	KN, RP
	March 19	1	Port Hope yacht basin	GL
	March 29	4	off Candlewick Woods	RF
Red-necked Grebe	March 19	1	off Candlewick Woods	RF
	March 22	16	off Candlewick Woods	EK, RF
	March 29	4	off Candlewick Woods	RF
	Apr. 1	2	off Cobourg Harbour	KN
Double-crested Cormorant	March 22	14	Presqu'ile PP, High Bluff Is.	BdiL, Ontbirds
	Apr. 1	1	Cobourg Harbour	KN

Sightings - cont'd.

Turkey Vulture	March 4	1	Wesleyville, PH Ward 2	PB
	March 10	1	Ontario St.N., Cob.	AEW
	March 11	1	Stuart St., Cob. In yard	SMc
	March 12	1	Presqu'ile PP	FH, Ontbirds
	March 12	1	Roseneath Landing	DSh
	March 26	1	5th & McLelland Rd., Hamilton Twp.	JGe
Bald Eagle	Feb. 19	1	Roseneath Landing	DSh
	Feb. 28	1	Roseneath Landing	DSh
	March 7	1	Roseneath Landing	DSh
	March 12	1fy	Cobourg Harbour	MB
Northern Goshawk	March 22	1	Sandy Bay, Rice Lake	RF
Red-shouldered Hawk	March 27	1	Garden Hill pond	EK, RF, LS
Merlin	Feb. 19	1	Roseneath Landing	DSh
	Feb. 22	1	Roseneath Landing	DSh
	March 7	1	Roseneath Landing	DSh
	March 17	1	Young St., PH	NEW
Gyrfalcon (gray)	March 12	1	Cobourg Harbour, flying east	MB
American Coot	March 14-17	5	Cobourg Harbour - high count	MB
Sandhill Crane	March 29	3	Plainville area	RF
Killdeer	March 12	1	Dale Road pond, on the ice	MB
Wilson's Snipe	March 24	1	Presqu'ile	FH, Ontbirds
American Woodcock	March 17	4+	Lakeshore Rd., s. of Grafton	MB
	March 21	1 displaying	Wesleyville, PH Ward 2	PB
	March 22	1 displaying	7th Line, Hamilton Twp.	JGe
	Apr. 4	nest	nr. Grafton - nest w. 4 eggs	KF
Mew (Common) Gull	March 23	1ad	Cobourg Harbour	SP, m.obs.
Thayer's Gull	March 28	1ad	Cobourg Harbour	RP
Iceland Gull	March 1-4	3ad	Cobourg Harbour	MB
Lesser Black-backed Gull	March 12	1ad	Cobourg Harbour	MB
	March 24	1ad	Cobourg Harbour	KN
Glaucous Gull	March 12	2imm	Cobourg Harbour	MB
	March 21	1imm	Burnham St. flooded field, Cob.	MB
Northern Saw-whet Owl	March 17-31	1	Presqu'ile, singing	FH, Ontbirds
Red-bellied Woodpecker	March 12	2 (pair)	Lander Rd. w. of Gore's Landing	SK
Northern Shrike	Feb. 19	1	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
	March 13	1	Cty. Rd. 2, Hamilton Twp.	EK, RF
	March 18	1	Dale Rd. wet field	SW
Blue Jay	Feb. 20	22	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
Common Raven	March 17	2	Theatre Rd., Hamilton Twp.	RL
Tree Swallow	March 22	1	Presqu'ile PP, Owen Point	BdiL, Ontbirds
Boreal Chickadee	March 1-24	1	Presqu'ile	FH, Ontbirds
Eastern Bluebird	March 17	1m	Wesleyville, PH Ward 2	PB
Northern Mockingbird	March 15	1	Willow Beach & Lakeshore Rd.	MB, RP
Bohemian Waxwing	March 1	60	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
	March 6	105+	Roseneath Landing	DSh
	March 11	15	Dunbar & Russ Creek Rd.	BK
	March 14	20	Wesleyville, PH Ward 2	PB
	March 16	46	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
	March 20	4	Calnan Rd., Alnwick/Haldimand	RLo
Cedar Waxwing	March 15	20	Candlewick Woods	RF
Savannah Sparrow	March 29	1	Thomas Rd., Wicklow	MB
Song Sparrow	March 12	1	7th Line, Hamilton Twp.	JGe

Sightings - cont'd.

White-crowned Sparrow	March 1-20	1	s. of Colborne	KB, JF
Dark-eyed Junco	Feb. 19	48	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
Snow Bunting	March 9	125	Cavan Rd. w. of Plainville	JGe
	March 12	6	Ontario St.N., Cob.	AEW
Red-winged Blackbird	March 9	1m	Burnley	BN
Eastern Meadowlark	March 19	1	Wesleyville, PH Ward 2	PB
	March 20	1m	Trent Valley Dr., Cramahe	MB
Rusty Blackbird	March 12	2	Kellogg Rd., PH Ward 2	MB
Red Crossbill	March 8	10	Russ Creek Rd., A/H	EK, RF
Common Redpoll	March 1-8	90+	Cobourg feeders - high count	MB
	March 12	100	Upper Cold Springs feeder	SW
"Greater" Common Redpoll	March 15, 16	1	Cobourg feeders	MB
Hoary Redpoll	March 6-8	1	Cobourg feeders	MB
American Goldfinch	March 4	50+	Wesleyville, PH Ward 2	PB
Evening Grosbeak	March 6	6	Dunbar & Russ Creek Rd.	BK
Chipmunk	Feb. 27	1	Jamieson Rd. & 7th, PH Ward 2	LS
	Feb. 28	1	Marriott Rd, A/H Twp.	CW
Groundhog	March 30	1	Elgin & Ontario St., Cob.	AEW
Mink	March 11	1	Grist Mill Rd., PH Ward 2	BW

Observers: MB=Margaret Bain; KB=Kim Braat; PB=Paul Bridges; BDiL= Bruce Di Labio; KF=Karin Fawthrop; JF=Jo Foster; RF=Roger Frost; JGe=John Geale; FH=Fred Helleiner; EK=Elizabeth Kellogg; SK=Sharon Keogh; BK=Barry King; RL=Russell Lake; GL=Gary Little; RLo=Rob Lonsberry; SMC=Sheila McCoy; KMcH=Kathryn McHolm; MM=Marlene Minaker; m.obs.=Many Observers; BN=Bill Newell; KN=Ken Niles; Ontbirds=OFO listserv; SP=Sarah Petrusek; RP=Richard Pope; LS=Louise Schmidt; DSh=Dave Shirley; KT=Ken Tancock; NEW=Norma Wallace; BW=Ben Walters; TW=Trish Whitney; SW=Susanne Williams; AEW=Audrey Wilson; CW=Cherlyn Wilson..

Presqu'ile Provincial Park Events

- May 21 and 22: Warblers and Whimbrels Weekend
- June 4 to 26: Spring Interpretive Program
- July 1 to September 4: Summer Interpretive Program

These events are free, but a valid park permit is required to enter the park.

For more information on events, visit the Friends of Presqu'ile website:

www.friendsofpresquile.on.ca or

Contact Presqu'ile Provincial Park at 613-475-4324, ext. 225

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Family - \$25 Single - \$23

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