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COMING EVENTS

- •Sunday, May 24, 2015 Outing to Lost Bay Nature Reserve. Leader: Richard Pope. This was one of the reserves highlighted by Caroline Shultz in her presentation at the AGM. This will be an all day birding outing. Meet at the carpool lot at Hwy. 401 and Cty. Rd. 45 at 6:30 a.m. Bring lunch, water, rain gear and insect repellent. For more information, contact Richard Pope at rpope@yorku.ca or 905-372-4579.
- Friday, May 29, 2015, 7 p.m. President's Walk Lone Pine Marsh.

 For car pooling, meet at car pool lot at Cty. Rd. 45 & Hwy. 401 at 6:30 p.m., or meet at the site at 7 p.m. Parking is limited at Lone Pine, so members are encouraged to car pool. Directions: 1: From Cty. Rd. 25, head east on Cty Rd 21 (Dundonald Rd.) for 1.4 km, then turn north on Maple Grove Rd. and go for .7 km. The parking area is on the right (east side). 2: From Cty. Rd. 30, turn west on Cty. Rd. 21 at Hilton. Proceed west for 10.7 km until you reach Maple Grove Rd. Proceed north on Maple Grove Rd. for .7 km and the parking area is on the right (east side).
- •June 6 and 7, 2015 Northumberland Summer Bird Count. Contact Roger Frost at 905-885-9615 or ekrf@eagle.ca if you wish to take part. Tom and Jenny Jackman have very generously offered to host the post count gathering with a barbecue at their home near Centreton. The Jackmans would like to know how many people to prepare for, so please contact Roger Frost if you are planning to attend the barbecue.
- •June 14, 2015 Butterflies of Seymour Conservation Area; Leader: Roger Frost. Outing will look for Juniper Hairstreaks, Giant Swallowtails and other butterflies. 1: Meet at car pool lot at Cty. Rd. 45 & Hwy. 401 at 9 a.m. or 2. at Seymour Conservation Area at 10 a.m. Seymour CA is on Cty. Rd. 30 about 1 km. south of Campbellford on the east side of 30.

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- •Sunday, July 19, 2015 Nature Hike to the property of Gabrela Surerus, Alnwick/ Haldimand Twp. Leader: Roger Frost and Eleanor Sartisohn. Habitats include pastureland, cedar swamp, and ponds. Meet at Cty. Rd. 45 & Hwy. 401 car pool lot at 8 a.m. or at the property at 8:30 a.m. Directions: Take Hwy. 45 north to Cty. Rd. 29. Turn east on Cty. Rd. 29 to Burnley. At the Burnley intersection, go north on Noonan Rd. to the T junction with Taylor Rd. Turn west on Taylor to Lockhart. Turn north on Lockhart to the gravel pit on the east side of the road. The municipal # of this pit is 159.
- •Saturday, August 15, 2015, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Alderville Black Oak Savanna; Leader: Janine McLeod. The focus of this walk will be on botany and birds. Meet at ABOS Nature Centre, 8467 Cty. Rd. 18 at 9:30 a.m. If you wish, bring lunch to eat on the deck after the walk. For more information, contact Bill Crowley, 905-885-2123, fisheye@eagle.ca
- •Saturday, September 19, 2015 Orono Crown Land Forest Tour Leader: Jeff Bond, Naturalist for the Wilmot Creek Outdoor Education Centre. Spend a morning exploring forest ecosystems in the northern tract of the Orono Crown Lands with a focus on the effects of human activities over time and space. Exploration locations could include the following: a tree archive, windrows, coniferous forests, mixed-wood forests, forests in varying stages of succession including a remnant climax tolerant hardwood forest, plantations at various stages of maturity and recent patch clear-cuts. Meet in Port Hope at the carpool parking lot on the East side of

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The editor is most grateful to those who have contributed to this issue of the <u>Curlew</u>. Copy for the September 2015 issue should be received by September 1, 2015. Rare or interesting sightings should be reported to Elizabeth Kellogg and Roger Frost at 905-885-9615, ekrf@eagle.ca, or Norma Wallace at 905-885-5552 for the September <u>Curlew</u>. Correspondence for WBFN should be addressed to: "The Willow Beach Field Naturalists, P.O. Box 421, Port Hope, ON L1A 3Z3."

President's Message May 2015

As one rides a bicycle these days, the clouds of midges are a constant reminder that spring is fully upon us. A mallard drake has taken a liking to the water in the swimming pool cover, and the toads are in a romantic mood in the same venue. Summer can't be far away.

The *Curlew* will be taking a summer vacation until September, and our indoor meetings will be on hold until the fall. I do invite everyone to the President's Walk at the Lone Pine Marsh on May 29 – this Friday-evening event has traditionally replaced the monthly indoor meeting at the end of May.

The club has been active on a number of fronts recently, and we're pleased to have hosted a very successful spring meeting of the Lake Ontario North region of Ontario Nature at the Alderville Black Oak Savanna Ecology Centre on April 11.

57 members representing 18 different clubs attended, and after the workshop were treated to tours of the Savanna site by Rick Beaver and Janine McLeod. This was followed by a somewhat mushy walk through Peter's Woods, led by Bill Newell and specially opened for the event by Petra Hartwig. About 40 people attended (and stayed until almost 5 p.m.); this is a record for this kind of event. Thanks to Bill Crowley for organizing the event, and to the folks at the Alderville First Nation for all their support.

Speaking of Peter's Woods, Petra, Bill Crowley and I just met with Curt Morris, park superintendent, and I was very pleased with the positive meeting that we had. From time to time, people have asked whether we have an inventory of flora and fauna for this property, and while we don't have this at the moment, we think we can see a way forward to achieving this goal - stay tuned!

So, what to do this summer? Well, there is an embarrassment of choices. We have lots of outings planned, as do both the land trusts. We'll try to help you keep up-to-date on select events through our email notification service, our Facebook page, and our web site. So make a resolution to get out more this summer, and by all means invite a friend or neighbour or family member to come along.

And although this may seem a bit premature, here are a couple of things to think about for this fall. On the weekend of September 19th, we will be at the Natural Living Tent at the Port Hope Fair. This presents one the best opportunities to reach out to like-minded potential members, but we do need a few volunteers to staff our table.

And in a similar vein, for the last several years, the club has been sponsoring students to attend the Ontario Nature Youth Summit (Sept 25-27 in Orillia). If you know a local student, age 14-19, with a passion for nature, who might be interested in attending, please put them in touch with us.

See you outdoors somewhere!

Brian Maxwell President

Are you really Anonymous?

Did you renew or start your family membership on March 26 using Canada Helps? We might not know about it – someone did this, they selected the "Anonymous" option, which means that we don't know who they are. If you think this is you, give Barry (our membership co-ordinator) a call at 905 373-9262; he'll make sure you continue to get the Curlew!

Help a Turtle!

Want to get your hands dirty, and do something useful? Joan Norris's annual Turtle Rescue project will be in action soon, and she would welcome new volunteers. The initial phase, involving protecting the nests once the eggs are laid, will take place for 2-3 weeks starting around the last week of May.

The second phase is more variable in timing, depending on the weather, and takes place roughly from the 3rd week of August to mid-September – this involves helping the hatchlings escape the nests and make it safely to the water.

Any help would be appreciated – call or email Joan for details on how you can give a hand. Joan Norris- phone: 905 372-9957

-email: joan.norris60@gmail.com

Brighton Provincial Wildlife Area Management Plan

The MNR has invited the public to provide feedback until May 22 on the draft plan (available online and in select local locations, including the Brighton library and the North-umberland County building at 555 Courthouse Rd. in Cobourg).

Background materials can be obtained, and comments can be submitted at the Environmental Registry, at the following link: http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca; the registry num-

ber to use is: 010-5497

Outing Report

On Sunday, April 19, 18 WBFN members were led on a bird walk to Candlewick Woods by Roger Frost. For once, we had sunny weather, if a bit on the cool side. (The past couple of times the group had tried to visit Candlewick, we were greeted with torrential rain.)

The hoped-for Red-necked Grebes, alas, did not make an appearance on the lake. However, some of the first Yellow-rumped Warblers of the season were found. Two very cooperative Vespers Sparrows posed for Rob Lonsberry's camera in the corn stubble and were see by most of the group.

In all, 36 species of birds were seen. Some other highlights included a single Fox Sparrow, 1 Eastern Meadowlark, 3 Barn Swallows, and a Northern Rough-winged Swallow.

Thanks to Robert and Heather Sculthorpe for sharing their property with us.

Elizabeth Kellogg

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Toronto Rd. Just South of Hwy 401 (exit 461) at 8:30 a.m. or at the Wilmot Creek Outdoor Education Centre, 3245 Taunton Rd., Clarington, at 9:00 a.m.

More details of talks and outings will be in future issues of the <u>Curlew</u> and on the web site., www.willowbeachfieldnaturalists.org and on Facebook

Welcome to New Members

Beth and Mark Wagschal, Cobourg

The Oak Ridges Moraine Needs Your Help

From March 25th to May 28th, the Government of Ontario is undertaking a coordinated review of the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, the Greenbelt Plan, the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan and the Niagara Escarpment Plan.

These plans work together to manage growth, protect our agricultural lands and natural environment, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and support economic development. Input from the general public is being sought to help guide this review process. Town hall meetings are being held across the region. However, if you're not able to make it to a town hall you can submit your responses online.

The document, *Our Region, Our Community, Our Home*, will inform and guide the conversation around the following six topics:

- Protecting agricultural land, water and natural areas
- Fostering healthy, liveable and inclusive communities
- Addressing climate change and building resilient communities
- Keeping people and goods moving, and building cost-effective infrastructure
- Building communities that attract workers and create job
- Improving implementation and better aligning the plans

For further details and contact information please go to the Ministry website at http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page10882.aspx



Nature Nuts Summer Camp

Already dreaming of summer? Prepare yourselves (and your children) for the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority's Nature Nuts Camp! Seven fun-filled weeks of adventure and education. Learn how to survive in the

great outdoors, dive into the lives of those cute, slippery creatures we call amphibians, or show your crafty skills through daily art projects. There's a different theme for each week of the series.

Plus, get ready for our new camp -

The Great Outdoor Adventure Camp - a week-long, overnight camp at the Ganaraska Forest Centre!

For more information and the camp schedule, contact: Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority, infor@grca.on.ca, www.grca.on.ca, 905-885-8173



The Wallace Birdathon 2015

The Wallace Birdathon is one of the Northumberland Land Trust's most important fund-raisers, and we are delighted that Roger Frost has again agreed to be our celebrity birder. In one

24-hour period in May he will attempt to beat his record of 155 species found within the County. We hope you will sponsor him, either for a flat amount or for a certain amount per species. You can make your pledge by contacting John Geale (905-342-3851 or johngeale@yahoo.com). Or you can visit the NLT web page and click on the blue "Donate Now" button then select the Birdathon from the drop-down menu under "Select the fund...". See http://www.northumberlandlandtrust.ca/. Your donation will help us protect species at risk, preserve natural spaces, and improve Northumberland County's biodiversity. Many thanks!

This workshop is presented by Richard Aaron, whose presentation about fungi was very well received when he spoke to WBFN last fall.

Fabulous Fall Fungi Workshop

Session 1: Tues, Sept 29 (8 pm) to Fri, Oct 2 (4 pm) Session 2: Tues, Oct 6 (8 pm) to Fri, Oct 9 (4 pm)

Now in its 6th year, this popular 3-day workshop introduces participants to the impressive diversity of mushrooms and other fungi found in Southern Ontario. Suitable for all levels from beginner to advanced. Each day consists of collecting specimens, working in the classroom to identify our finds, and discussions on fungal ecology, natural history, and uses. There will also be one or more evening presentations, plus the opportunity to see a bioluminescent mushroom in action.

If we find any edibles our cook is always amenable to cooking up samples for us to try. Participants will have access to a class set of field guides, 10x loupes, and an extensive collection of reference books.

Cost includes 3 nights accommodation, all meals, instruction printed materials, and use of class-room. Small class size (max 12 students). Register early to avoid disappointment as each year there is a waiting list. Location: Queen's University Biological Station. Details: www.queensu.ca/qubs.

A THOUGHTFUL PERSPECTIVE ON GARLIC MUSTARD

We were talking about our favourite (not) plant at the last Executive Meeting, and mentioned that perhaps we could persuade people to help get rid of it by convincing them how useful it was in the kitchen. So I looked on the internet and found some tantalizing recipes and ideas. Try

them yourself, and feel free to pass these on to your friends and neighbours; be sure to tell them there's lots available in and around Thickson's Woods that they can take home if they come to help on April 30! - Editor

Garlic Mustard Pesto (Submitted by J. Chesworth)

1/2 Cup Olive Oil
1 Cup Pine Nuts or Walnuts
1/2 Cup finely grated Parmesan Cheese
Enough Garlic Mustard leaves to choke a horse (or to clear a forest floor) (*Ed. Note*: Other recipes suggested 4 cups.)

Finely mince the walnuts and garlic mustard. An electric coffee grinder works like a charm. Add Oil and Cheese, serve with pasta or rice or other whole grain. For vegan pesto use Nutritional Yeast instead of Cheese.

Garlic mustard is great raw in salads, mixed with more mild greens. It's also good steamed, simmered, or sautéed. In Europe, they use it in sauces. Cook no longer than five minutes, or the leaves will become mushy.

Sometimes you'll find garlic mustard with exceptionally large leaves. These may have large, whitish, fleshy taproots, which taste like horseradish. They're good from late fall to early spring, before the flower stalks appear. Use them like horseradish, grated into vinegar, as a condiment.

The leaves are antiseptic and can be used on humans to treat everything from cuts and scrapes to acne and itchy bug bites. The root can be cooked in oil and applied to the chest for lung complaints like bronchitis.

The leaves are edible, with a flavor somewhere between garlic and onion. The young leaves are less bitter and can be added in small quantities to salads. The older/larger leaves make a great herb in soups, marinades and dry rubs, especially for game (venison, game birds, etc) but also beef and chicken.

The leaves contain natural anti-freezes that lower the freezing point of water. Caution: Never put garlic mustard leaves into a car radiator - it's not that kind of anti-freeze.

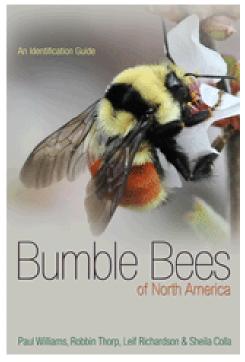
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Book Review

An Identification Guide

Bumble Bees of North America

Paul Williams, Robbin Thorp, Leif Richardson & Sheila Colla Princeton University Press, 2014



When Sheila Colla spoke to WBFN in 2009, she mentioned that she was preparing a field guide to bumble bees. First came a spiral bound, USDA and Pollinator Partnership joint publication called *Bumble Bees of the Eastern United States*. At last, in spring 2014, Princeton University Press published a soft covered book *Bumble Bees of North America*.

I found the introductory chapters particularly useful. They cover basic bumble bee biology as well as hints on observing and attracting bumble bees, food plants, conservation, and threats to bumble bees. The writing of these chapters was clear and non-technical.

The species accounts include photographs, diagrams of the most common colour patterns, range maps and flight season. One of the first things readers will notice is the great variety of possible colour patterns of the pile (That's the fur.) within a species. For many species, it is not possible to make a positive identification based on colour alone. It is necessary to capture a bee to examine at close range the cheek shape and/or the genitalia.

In studying the guide, I realized how meaningless many of the common names are for bumble bees. The prime example is the Rusty-patched Bumble Bee, *Bombus affinis*, the species that seems to be extirpated in Ontario. The queen of this species has no rusty patch at all and many of the workers don't either. Another is the Tri-colored Bumble Bee, *Bombus ternarius*. Many bumble bees have three colours. This one is especially similar to a western species, Hunt Bumble Bee, *Bombus huntii* and their ranges do overlap some in the middle of the continent.

I have much to learn about these fascinating insects. Humans are only beginning to understand the importance of native bee species to our ecosystems. This book will be a valuable tool for those wanting to learn more about bumble bees.

Elizabeth Kellogg

RECENT SIGHTINGS

compiled by Roger Frost

Greater White-fronted Goose	Apr. 5	2	Garden Hill Pond, PH Ward 2	DM, OFO
	Apr. 5	1	Grist Mill Rd. pond, PH Ward 2	DM, OFO
	Apr. 6	1	wet field, Beech Hill Rd., PH Ward 2	MB
Cackling Goose	Apr. 5	31	Garden Hill Pond, PH Ward 2	DM, OFO
	Apr. 6	25	Garden Hill Pond, PH Ward 2	MB
Trumpeter Swan	Apr. 28	2	Alderville Reserve	RB
Tundra Swan	Apr. 12	25-30	s. of Baltimore	AB
	Apr. 13	3	Presqu'ile	RDM
Eurasian Wigeon	Apr. 13	1	Presqu'ile, off Calf Pasture	FH, Ontbirds
American Wigeon	Apr. 12	2	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Apr. 14	2	flooded field, Dale Rd., Hamilton Twp.	CEG
Northern Shoveler	Apr. 2	3	Kellogg @ Hwy. 2	CEG
	Apr. 4, 6	2m1f	flooded field, Dale Rd., Hamilton Twp.	MB
	Apr. 6	2m1f	flooded field Lakeshore Rd., e of Thomas Rd.	MB
	Apr. 26	2	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Northern Pintail	Apr. 4, 6	2prs	flooded field, Dale Rd., Hamilton Twp.	MB
White-winged Scoter	May 1	10	Chub Point, flying east	MB
Hooded Merganser	Apr. 6	14	Garden Hill Pond, PH Ward 2	MB
Ruddy Duck	Apr. 7	2	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Apr. 13	7	Presqu'ile Bay off Government Dock	RDM
	Apr. 14	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Ring-necked Pheasant	Apr. 18	1m	Cty. Rd. 21 near Lone Pine Marsh	MB
Red-throated Loon	Apr. 14	1	PH Harbour	RF
	Apr. 17	1	Cobourg Harbour	SMcL
	Apr. 21	1	Cobourg Harbour	RL, CEG
Common Loon	Apr. 11	1	Calnan Rd. pond	KF
Pied-billed Grebe	Apr. 5	1	Grist Mill pond, PH Ward 2	ERM
	Apr. 10	1	Wicklow Beach marsh	MB
	Apr. 10, 15	1	Calnan Rd. pond	МВ
Horned Grebe	Apr. 18	23	foot of Normar Rd., Cob.	MB
	Apr. 28	30	off Coverdale Park, Cob.	MB
	May 1	25+	off Chub Point	MB
Red-necked Grebe	Apr. 4-15	1	Cobourg Harbour	m.obs.
	Apr. 18	12	foot of Normar Rd., Cob.	MB
	Apr. 28	42	off Coverdale Park, Cob.	MB
	May 1	35+	off Chub Point	MB
Great Egret	Apr. 17	1	Wicklow Beach pond	CEG
Black-crowned Night Heron	Apr. 27	2	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Northern Harrier	Apr. 2	1	Kellogg @ Hwy. 2	CEG
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Apr. 17	1	Archer Rd., A/H Twp.	CEG
Red-shouldered Hawk	Apr. 14	1	Woodland Rd. & Cty. Rd. 45, displaying	BW
Broad-winged Hawk	Apr. 14	1	Woodland Rd. & Cty. Rd. 45, displaying	BW
American Kestrel	Apr. 4	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Apr. 7	3	Garden Hill area, PH Ward 2	CEG
	Apr. 8-17	2	Danforth Rd., Hamilton Twp.	MBi
	Apr. 24	1	Mail Rd. @ Wesleyville Rd., PH Ward 2	ERM
	F		Ontario/Albert St., Cob calling from high trees	
Merlin	Apr. 5	1	(previously bred in this area)	МВ
	Apr. 6	1	6th Line, Hamilton Twp	JG
	Apr. 28	1	dashing west Albert/Bagot St., Cob.	MB

Yellow Rail	Apr. 30	1	Presqu'ile, Marsh Boardwalk	WG, MP, Ontbirds
Virginia Rail	Apr. 26	1	Lake St. Marsh, PH	RF, EK
Sora	Apr. 28	1	Macklin Rd. Marsh, A/H Twp.	RF, EK
Sandhill Crane	Apr. 14	2	Cty. Rd. 9 & Beagle Club Rd.	BW
	Apr. 26	1	Dunbar Rd.	RF
	Apr. 28	2	Shearer Pt. marsh, A/H Twp.	RF, EK
	May 2	4-6	off Edgewater Dr., Roseneath Landing	DS
Solitary Sandpiper	May 1	1	Wilson Dr., A/H Twp.	CEG
Greater Yellowlegs	Apr. 21	4	Beech Hill Rd., PH Ward 2	RF
	May 1	6	O'Grady Rd. area	CEG
Lesser Yellowlegs	May 1	8	O'Grady Rd. area	CEG
Dunlin	Apr. 19	1	Presqu'ile	FH, Ontbirds
Wilson's Snipe	Apr. 21	7	Beech Hill Rd., PH Ward 2	RF
·	May 1	5+	O'Grady Rd. area, in display flight	CEG
American Woodcock	Apr. 17	1	on nest beside Hwy. 2 nr. Calnan Rd.	KF
Bonaparte's Gull	Apr. 21	~700	Presqu'ile, off lighthouse	FH, Ontbirds
Iceland Gull	Apr. 15	1imm	Cobourg Harbour	RP
Glaucous Gull	Apr. 1	1ad	Lucan Point, Cob.	CEG
	Apr. 5	2	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Apr. 7	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Great Horned Owl	Apr. 29	1	Upper Cold Springs, Hamilton Twp.	SW
Snowy Owl	Apr. 2	1	PH west end	GW, m.obs
	Apr. 4	1	Presqu'ile Bay, on ice	FH, Ontbirds
Chimney Swift	May 1	1	over Albert St., Cob. Backyard	MB
Belted Kingfisher	Apr. 6	1	Garden Hill Pond	MB
	Apr. 6	2	Lakeshore Rd./Burnam Creek	MB
Eastern Phoebe	Apr. 2	1	Alderville Reserve	CS
	Apr. 6	1	6th Line, Hamilton Twp	JG
Loggerhead Shrike	Apr. 7	1	Workman Rd.	RF
Northern Shrike	Apr. 30	1	Presqu'ile	AEW
Blue-headed Vireo	May 1	1m	Albert St., Cob. backyard	MB
Red-breasted Nuthatch	Apr. 23	1	Centennial Dr., PH	ERM
Carolina Wren	Apr. 6	1	Grist Mill pond, PH Ward 2	MB
House Wren	May 1	1	O'Grady Rd., A/H Twp.	CEG
	May 2	1	Lucas Point, Cob.	CEG
Winter Wren	Apr. 10	1	McEwen property, Northumberland LT	JG
Hermit Thrush	Apr. 29	2	Lucas Point, Cob.	CEG
	Apr. 30	4	Albert St., Cob. backyard	MB
Bohemian Waxwing	Apr. 30	2	Alderville Reserve	RF, EK
_	Apr. 28, May			
Northern Waterthrush	1	1m	Station Rd., Grafton wet woods s. of Lakeshore	MB
Pine Warbler	Apr. 18	1	McEwen property, Northumberland LT	DG
Black-throated Green Warbler	May 1	1m	Albert St., Cob. backyard	MB
Eastern Towhee	Apr. 3	1m	George St., Brighton, backyard	RDM
	Apr. 7,10,16	1m	Albert St., Cob. feeders	MB
	Apr. 17	1	Hunt Rd, Cramahe Twp.	CEG
	Apr. 17	1f	1010 Ontario St., Cob.	AEW

Fox Sparrow	Apr. 7,10,16	2	Albert St., Cob. feeders	MB
	Apr. 14	1	Cobourg Harbour west headland	CEG
	Apr. 19	1	Candlewick Woods, PH Ward 2	RF, WBFN outing
	Apr. 20	1	Welcome	KMcH
White-throated Sparrow	Apr. 30	2	Centennial Dr., PH feeder	ERM
Eastern Meadowlark	Apr. 16	2	Danforth Rd., Hamilton Twp.	MBi
Rusty Blackbird	Apr. 10	8	trees beside Calnan Rd. pond	MB
Baltimore Oriole	May 1	1m	Lucas Point Park, Cob., west woodlot	MB
Hoary Redpoll	Apr. 11	1	Presqu'ile, cottage feeder	RDM
Evening Grosbeak	Apr. 26	2	Dunbar Rd.	RF
River Otter	Apr. 3	2	Presqu'ile, 38 Bayshore	AEW
Mink	Apr. 2	2	Grist Mill Rd., PH Ward 2	BW
Spotted Salamander	Apr. 15	1	McEwen property, NLT	JG
Eastern Newts	Apr. 15	several	McEwen property, NLT	JG
Mourning Cloak	Apr. 14	2	Albert St., Cob. backyard	МВ
	May 1	1	Albert St., Cob., hummingbird feeder	МВ
Milbert's Tortoiseshell	Apr. 14	1	Northumberland Forest	BW

Observers: MB=Margaret Bain; RB=Rick Beaver; MBi=Michael Biggar; PB=Paul Bridges; AB=Ann Brightman; KF=Karin Fawthrop; RF=Roger Frost; JG=John Geale; WG=Bill Gilmour; CEG=Clive Goodwin; FH=Fred Helleiner; EK=Elizabeth Kellogg; BK=Barry King; SMcL=Sherwood McLernon; ERM=Ted McDonald; KMcH=Kathryn McHolm; RDM=Doug McRae; DM=David Milsom; KN=Ken Niles; OFO=Ontario Field Ornithologists; Ontbirds=listserv of Ontario Field Ornithologists; MP=Mark Peck; RP=Richard Pope; DS=Dave Shirley; CS=Carolyn Smoke; BW=Ben Walters; GW=Greg Ward; SW=Susanne Williams; AEW=Audrey Wilson.

Correction: In the April *Curlew*, it was reported that Clive Goodwin saw 1 Lesser Black-backed Gull in Cobourg Harbour between March 5 and March 19. He really saw only one on March 5. Apologies for the typo, Clive. - *The Editor*

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