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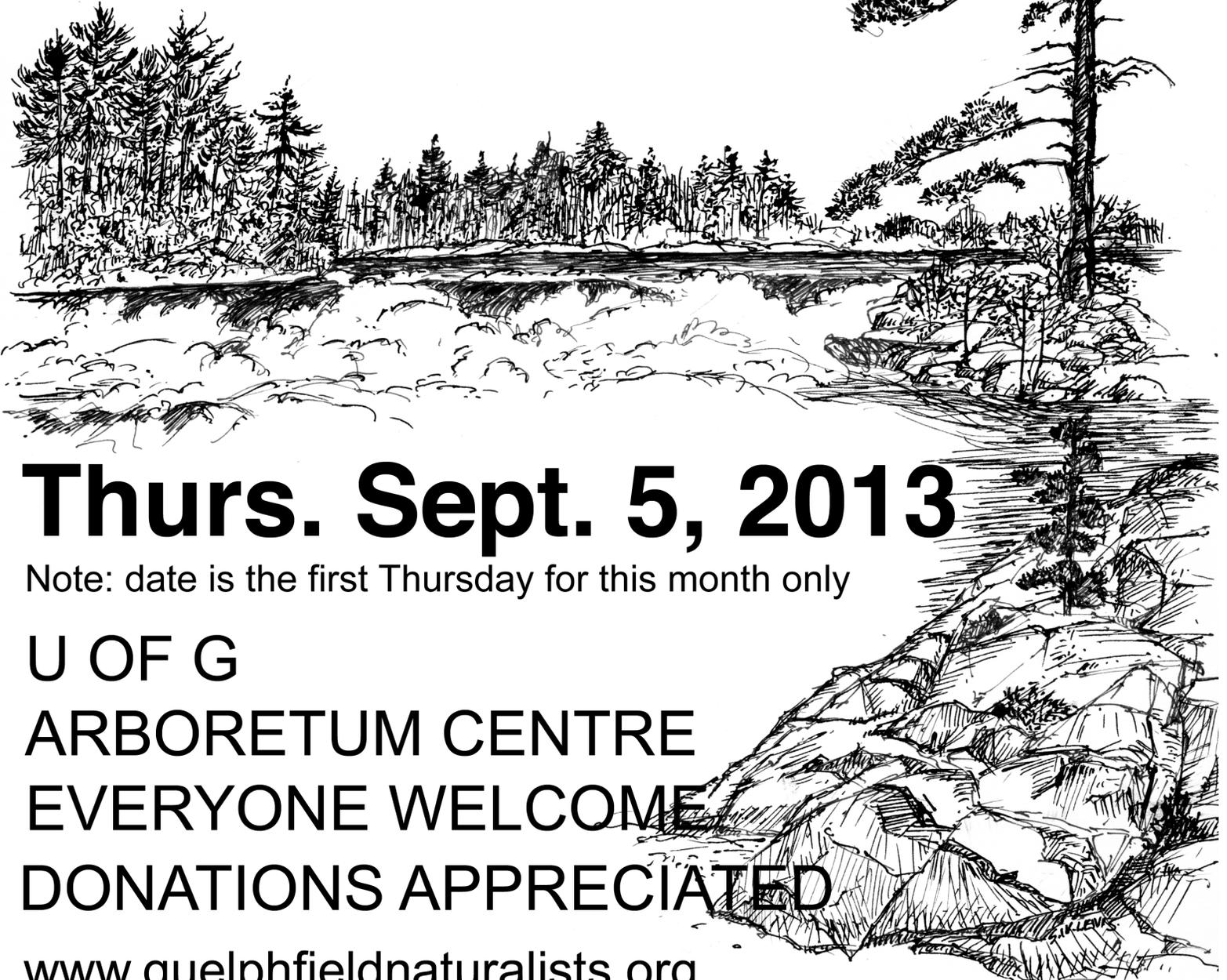
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Executive Director of Ontario Nature

## Caroline Schultz

PROTECTING ONTARIO'S WILD  
SPECIES AND WILD SPACES



## Thurs. Sept. 5, 2013

Note: date is the first Thursday for this month only

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE — Peter Kelly

Welcome back from the summer break and no, you are not imagining things; we do have a new name! In case you missed it, the membership voted overwhelmingly at our Annual General Meeting in May to change the public name of the Guelph Field Naturalists to Nature Guelph. Like the Federation of Ontario Naturalists did in 2004 when they changed their name to Ontario Nature, we will continue to refer to ourselves as "Nature Guelph (formerly the Guelph Field Naturalists)" for a time until the general public and our membership get used to the change. However, for those who forget, we will continue to accept membership cheques, donations etc. addressed to the Guelph Field Naturalists.

The transition may be a bit bumpy but we feel it will be well worth it in the end. Naturalist clubs across Ontario are worried about decreasing membership numbers especially amongst younger people but we are taking steps to keep the club vibrant for the future, and the name change is part of that. Please also look out for a new Nature Guelph web-site coming in the fall as well as a new logo to accompany the new name. For those of you that like to participate in social media, please visit and participate on our Facebook page that now has 144 members! In the summer, we also launched our own Twitter account (@NatureGuelph) so please join in on these conversations. While there are many changes afoot, you will still recognize the club as the one you've always known. Our programming is not changing and we will continue to offer our members quality speakers, our Bird Wing pro-

grams, outdoor events and our Young Naturalists and Naturalists in Training programs for youth at the Guelph Lake Nature Centre. Promoting natural history will always be at the core of Nature Guelph activities but one advantage of the new name is that it offers an inclusiveness that encompasses a broader concern and general interest in ecology, our natural environment and the concerns our members have about protecting natural spaces for future generations. What we are hoping to change is to reach a broader audience in Guelph/Wellington County.

We are very fortunate to have Caroline Schultz, Executive Director at Ontario Nature, as our first official 'Nature Guelph' speaker. Caroline will be talking about how Ontario Nature is working on our behalf to address threats to our Province's wild spaces and the species that call them home. We also have a full slate of speakers and topics booked through May including topics as diverse as the flora and fauna of the Kalahari desert, astronomy and the changing night sky, wildlife diseases and the risks of human infection, birds of prey (including some real live guest stars), Ontario's geological history, honey bees and their decline, and birds and dinosaurs of the Alberta badlands.

While our meetings are traditionally held on the second Thursday of the month, please note that due to a scheduling conflict, our first meeting will be held on the first Thursday of September; Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, as always at 7:30 pm at The Arboretum Centre. Welcome to Nature Guelph and I hope to see you in September!



### *Marilyn Swaby Rock Art Painting*

Marilyn has been creating lovely painted rocks as gifts for our outdoor presenters, and now you can have a specially

commissioned one for yourself for only \$35!!

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### **BEYOND GREEN YOUTH SUMMIT**

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## NEWSLETTER — Margaret Hull and Susan Atkinson

The newsletter is published five times a year – every two months except July and August. Please send all contributions for the next issue (Nov/Dec) to [Susan Atkinson](mailto:Susan Atkinson). The deadline is October 20th. Thank you to all contributors. Stephen Lewis is our front page artist — thank you Steve.

**PERSONAL WANT ADS:** As a service to members we run personal "want" ads or "for sale" ads of a nature theme at no charge. Contact Susan if you have anything to sell or there is something you want to acquire.

## INDOOR PROGRAM — Peter Kelly

All meetings begin at 7:30 pm (December and June excepted) on the second Thursday of each month, and are held at the University of Guelph's Arboretum Centre. For confirmation and updates, please visit our website at [www.guelphfieldnaturalists.org](http://www.guelphfieldnaturalists.org). We begin with a brief business meeting, followed by a 10 minute break then the speaker's presentation. **Non-members are very welcome and goodwill donations are gratefully appreciated - suggested contribution is \$2 per person.**

The entrance to the Arboretum is on College Avenue just west of Victoria Road. For a map see: <http://www.uoguelph.ca/arboretum/ArbOverview/Directions.htm> The path to and from the car park is unlit in places - bringing a flashlight would be a good idea.

### Thursday September 5th\* — PROTECTING ONTARIO'S WILD SPECIES AND WILD SPACES *Caroline Schultz, Executive Director, Ontario Nature*

**\*Note: date is the FIRST Thursday for this month only**

Caroline will give an overview of Ontario's biodiversity, noting the major threats and challenges ahead, and will share the programs and approaches that ON is using to meet these challenges.

### Thursday October 10th — HONEY BEES: WHAT'S CAUSING THEIR DECLINE AND HOW THAT AFFECTS YOU *Paul Kelly, Manager and Head Apiarist of the Honey Bee Research Centre, University of Guelph*

Paul will present research findings on the collapse of honey bee hives, and discuss new beekeeping methods which offer hope for bees.

### Thursday November 14th — EXPLORING THE KALAHARI DESERT: A JOURNEY THROUGH THE GREAT KAROO AND K GALAGADI TRANSFRONTIER PARK *Lyle Friesen, Songbird Biologist with Canadian Wildlife Service*

Join Dr. Friesen who recently spent seven months traversing the Great Karoo and the Kgalagadi in South Africa — rare are the places left on earth with such a rich array of wildlife, including great reptilian, avian, and mammalian predators.

## YOUNG NATURALISTS and NATURALISTS IN TRAINING — Ann & Tamara



### SPRING FROG FROLIC

This was the best frog frolic in living memory! The peepers were singing the whole night! First, we catch them. Then we collect them and identify

them. Then we release them! Young Nats families went home soaked but happy!

*-marilyn aka flora*



NITs and Nats are currently registering for Fall programs. For information please see the *Naturalists in Training brochure* and the *Young Naturalists brochure* on the Guelph Field Natu-

ralists website, [www.guelphfieldnaturalists.org](http://www.guelphfieldnaturalists.org) or phone the Guelph Lake Nature Centre at 519-836-7860.



ANSWERS TO THE ORNITHOLOGICAL ACROSTIC PUBLISHED IN THE MARCH/APRIL NEWSLETTER

By David Brewer

I should start by apologising for making the acrostic even more challenging by miscounting the squares on 9 across; it wasn't deliberate. Nevertheless, three intrepid souls (Susan Atkinson, David Shepherd and Bernard Zonfrillo) provided full answers; however, since each of them made one mistake, I guess they are only eligible for the second prize. For this I have made a two-week tent reservation at the Hamilton Municipal Sanitary Landfill, otherwise known as the Hamilton Dump, for anybody that wishes to take it up. This is an ideal location for the study of small mammals, specifically rats.

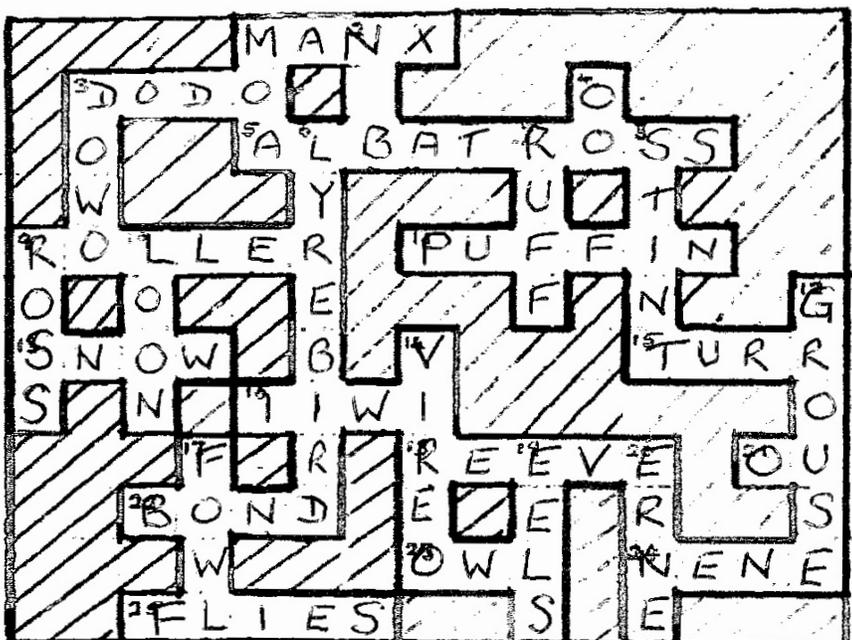
It has been suggested to me that even with the answers, my thinking is sufficiently convoluted as to require some explanations; so here goes.

CLUES ACROSS

- 3. The original scientific name of the Dodo was *Didus ineptus*.
- 5. The reference is, of course, to Samuel Taylor Coleridge. "God save thee, ancient Mariner!/From the fiends, that plague thee thus!-/Why look'st thou so?-/With my crossbow/ I shot the ALBATROSS."
- 11. If you thought that was a bad pun, beware, there are worse to follow!
- 16. Well, if you need two eyes for binocular vision.....
- 18. The female Ruff is called a Reeve.
- 22. James Bond (1900-1989) was a very distinguished ornithologist, specialising in the avifauna of the West Indies; Ian Fleming, the author of the 007 series, was something of a bird-watcher. Apparently Bond was not amused.
- 23. The reference is to Gray's *Elegy*, written in the churchyard of Stoke Poges, Buckinghamshire.
- 24. *Branta sandvicensis* is the Hawaiian Goose, local name Nene.

CLUES DOWN

- 1. I warned you they were getting worse!
- 4. The Oos, more properly O'os, were a group of three Hawaiian species, now all extinct; Bishop's Oo, (*Moho bishopi*), was formerly found on Molokai but became extinct in the early twentieth century.
- 6. The Lyrebird is a very accomplished mimic, imitating sounds like car alarms, bells etc., so maybe Liarbird would not be a bad name.
- 7. Even worse.
- 9. Ross' Gull was discovered (in 1824) by Rear-Admiral Sir James Clark Ross, a distinguished explorer in both Polar regions; after his Canadian exploits he turned south and discovered the Ross Sea and Ross Ice-shelf in Antarctica. The goose was named (in 1861) after Bernard Ross, chief factor in the Hudson's Bay Company.
- 10. *Eurystomus orientalis* is the Dollarbird, a species of roller found in Australia.
- 14. Vireo is the first person singular of the Latin verb *virere*, to be green, hence I am green; apparently first applied by Pliny the Elder (who, everybody will know, came to a sticky end in 79 AD due to wanting to get a close-up view of Vesuvius) to a bird, most probably the European Greenfinch.
- 17. From the Owl and the Pussy-cat by Edward Lear.



I have also been asked for a definition of hypermeleagrphagy; it does, of course, refer to an excessive consumption of Turkeys, cognate with hyperpetromyzophagy, which, as everybody will recollect, is what Henry I died of in 1135. And after this, I think I am going into hiding for a safe period.....

## Wind Turbines and Turtles – An Ontario Environmental Battle Continues by *Mary Ellen Pyear*

This past year has been an interesting one for residents of Prince Edward County and especially for some members of the Prince Edward County Field Naturalists. One of their members, Cheryl Anderson, was a former member and president of our Club, the Guelph Field Naturalists, in 1994-95. Cheryl later moved to Picton, Ontario where she became an active club member with the PECFN. More recently, she has been involved as an executive member in their club's fight against wind turbines on 324 hectares of provincial crown land at Ostrander Point on the County's south shore of Lake Ontario.

But first, a little background information – the Green Energy Act 2009 was introduced in the Ontario legislature by Premier Dalton McGuinty on February 23, 2009. It was intended to expand renewable energy production, encourage energy conservation, and create green jobs. Thus, legislation paved the way for the development of wind farms in the Province, and in 2012 Gilead Power submitted an application to build nine turbines at Ostrander Point about 15 km south of the town of Picton. Gilead's proposal was approved by the Ontario Environment Ministry on December 20, 2012.

Opposition to the turbines was swift and twofold in this essentially rural and agricultural county. In January 2013, two groups filed appeals against the project. One group, The Alliance to Protect Prince Edward County, was concerned about health effects of turbines on humans. The second group, the PECFN, was concerned about the environmental impact on the area and especially about the future of the Blanding's turtle, a threatened species in Ontario. PECFN, a small club with only 50 members, rallied their members and raised almost \$80,000 of the estimated initial legal fees of \$125,000.

On July 3, 2013, after 40 days of hearings, 185 exhibits and testimony of 31 expert witnesses, a decision was announced. The Environmental Review Tribunal concluded "that engaging in the project in accordance with the REA (Renewable Energy Act) will cause serious and irreversible harm to plant life, animal life or the natural environment. This is on the basis of findings that such harm will be caused to Blanding's turtle." The PECFN club had argued that these turtles, who can live to be more than 70 years of age, would be threatened by increased traffic both related to construction and the public afterwards, as it would subject the turtles to threat by both vehicles and the coyotes and foxes, and egg raiding skunks and raccoons likely to use new access roads to traverse the habitat of the turtles. Therefore, the approval of the project by the Director of the Ministry of the Environment was revoked by the Tribunal. As expected, in the first week in August, both Gilead Power and the Ministry of the Environment submitted counter-appeals based on the assertion that the Tribunal made errors in law in their decision. The case is unique in Ontario. It questions REA regulations, and their interpretation by the ERT and the intent of legislation which removes the right of development determination from local municipalities. Gilead and MOE have 30 days to submit further material to the court after which PECFD will have a further 30 days to respond. Both proponents request that the case be heard at Divisional Court in Toronto and Gilead is requesting that costs be assessed against PECFN. Individuals wanting to offer monetary support for this very worthy environmental cause can get more information at [www.SaveOstranderPoint.org](http://www.SaveOstranderPoint.org).

*Note: Our club has donated \$250 to help towards offsetting the legal fees of PECFN.*

### **PRINCE EDWARD POINT BIRD OBSERVATORY (PEPtBO) AND THE PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY SOUTH SHORE IMPORTANT BIRD AREA (IBA)** by *Cheryl Anderson*

About four hours driving to the east from Guelph, Prince Edward County is located at the apex of the Atlantic and Mississippi avian, bat and Monarch migration pathways. PEPtBO records up to 16,000 birds every year passing through one of the most southerly tips of land at the eastern end of Lake Ontario. The Observatory is open from mid April until the end of May and from mid August until the end of October. We are famous for our record number of Northern Saw-whet Owls that pass through and are banded at night in October. Birders from all over North America and beyond have been amazed at the variety and quantity of avian visitors in Traverse Woods nearby. The Observatory is a member of the Canadian Migration Monitoring Network and is caretaker for the PEC South Shore IBA. The IBA extends from Prince Edward Point to Point Petre along the south shore of Prince Edward County. It was designated globally significant because of large congregations of White Winged Scoters, Greater and Lesser Scaup and Long Tailed Ducks. Land birds are also important in the IBA - Henslow's Sparrows have been known to nest in the grassy meadows. Bobolinks, Eastern Meadowlarks, Whip-poor-wills, King Rails, and Black Terns are just some of the species at risk that use the area. This is your invitation to visit. I would be happy to conduct visitors through the IBA or welcome them to the Bird Observatory. Let me know if you are coming to "the County" and I will do my best to show you all the sights! More information is available at [www.peptbo.ca](http://www.peptbo.ca)

## ENVIRONMENT REPORT — Charlie Cecile

### PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT 50 STONE ROAD

During this past summer, a proposal to develop a small parcel of land adjacent to the University of Guelph Arboretum Nature Reserve has come forward. This property is located southwest of the intersection of Victoria Road and Stone Road immediately south of the Arboretum lands. Adjacent to the west is a section of the provincially significant Torrance Creek wetlands.

We have submitted comments to the City of Guelph on the Environmental Impact Study written by Stantec. We have a number of concerns with the study and have suggested that this property may not be appropriate for residential development. The City's Natural Heritage System identifies this property as "Natural Areas" and "Significant Natural Areas" in its Official Plan.

Recently, the Guelph Tribune carried a front page article on this proposed development, outlining some of the details of the plan and some of the concerns of some citizens. We will continue to monitor this proposed development and respond accordingly.

### OSTRANDER POINT AND THE PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY FIELD NATURALISTS

Elsewhere in this newsletter (see page 5), I refer you to an article written by Mary Ellen Pyear about the proposed wind farm at Ostrander Point in Prince Edward County. We definitely support green, renewable energy but not in significant natural heritage areas.

Blanding's Turtle, an endangered species in Ontario, is threatened by this proposed wind farm.

The Ontario government is moving ahead with changes to the Endangered Species Act that would significantly weaken the protection for Ontario's endangered species. In the Ostrander Point case, an exemption has apparently been given to allow the proposed development to proceed despite the fact that turtles and their habitat could be destroyed.

You can read more about these changes to the Endangered Species Act at the Ontario Nature website: [www.ontarionature.org/media/media\\_template.php?n\\_code=583](http://www.ontarionature.org/media/media_template.php?n_code=583)

### NEARBY NATURALIST CLUBS' MEETINGS

**KITCHENER/WATERLOO** See [www.kwfn.ca](http://www.kwfn.ca)

**Monday Sep. 23rd** *Bird Banding Facts that May Surprise You* with David Lamble

**HALTON NORTH PEEL** See [www.hnpsc.com](http://www.hnpsc.com)

**Tuesday Sep. 10th** *A Tour of the National Parks of Zimbabwe* with Dave Welfare

**Tuesday Oct. 8th** *Early Birdwatchers in Ontario* with Judith Pudden

**HAMILTON** See [www.hamiltonnature.org](http://www.hamiltonnature.org)

**Monday Sep. 9th, 7 - 9pm** *Turtles of Ontario* with turtle expert Scott Gillingwater

**Monday Oct. 7th, 7 - 9pm** *Madagascar* with Kyle Horner

### TECHNOLOGY AND NATURE *by Don Farwell*

*Condensed from Stratford FN Summer Newsletter*

I am sure you've seen one or more of the birding apps now available on cell phones. They are wonderful pieces of technology for learning bird calls, descriptions, habitat and more. I have recently discovered a good number of other nature-related apps for use on smartphones.

**Tree Key** is an index to Wisconsin woody plants, and **V Tree** comes from Virginia Tech. It lists 198 species found in our area. **Audubon Trees** allows you to browse by shape, by family, by name. All three apps allow you to narrow down the list of possible trees by shape, habitat, region, leaf type and leaf arrangement.

The **Audubon Wildflower** app is another valuable tool to have on an outdoor walk. The photos make it easy to distinguish the plants. As a caution, the potential for misuse is there—it would be simple to share the GPS coordinates of rare and threatened plants with people who might want to harvest them.

I also have Audubon apps for insects, butterflies and birds, but have had little experience with them so far. Ontario Nature recently released a reptile and amphibian app.

The amazing thing about all this technology is the price. Many are free. The most I have paid is \$0.99. Wish I'd had all this when I was a kid.



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or call 519-650-9336 x124

## Notes for Novices #7 — Identifying Mushrooms by Kathleen Brown

After a rainy, cool summer, this may be a fabulous fall for mushrooms. Look for them in fields, under trees and in your garden. Enjoy their fascinating shapes and colours. But naming them can be a challenge. A good field guide, such as *Mushrooms of Ontario* by Dr. George Barron is a must. Matching your specimen to a picture in a field guide is a start, but mushrooms are highly variable. Pay special attention to the written description. If your sample grew on the ground but the one in the picture grows only on wood, you need more details.

A mushroom hunter carries a basket, stout knife, pen and notebook, camera, pieces of waxed paper about a foot square (30 cm), small pad of white paper and field guide. Here is a suggestion for collecting information about a gilled mushroom. 1. Make a close-up photograph before you touch it. 2. Write a description that includes whether it is growing on the ground or on wood (hardwood or conifer?), the kinds of trees it is near and its dimensions (cap width, stem length and width). Describe the cap. Is the surface smooth, sticky, slimy or has patches? What is the colour of the cap? Note anything else you notice. Describe the stalk: colour, texture, and whether it has

a ring. 3. With a knife, dig up the mushroom, getting all of the base that is underground. 4. Place it flat on the ground and take another photo to show the stem and the underside of the cap.

Finally, cut the cap off the stem and make one vertical cut in the cap. Examine the cross section of the gills. Are they attached to the stalk, free, notched or decurrent (run down the stalk)? Place the two halves, gills-down, on a piece of white paper. Wrap the cap and paper carefully in waxed paper and twist the ends of the package. Place the packet in your basket, gills down. By the time you get home (or the next day) you may find that the mushroom cap has dropped spores on the white paper.

You need a fresh, mature mushroom to get a spore print; those that are immature or old will not shed spores. Note the colour of the spores. In the field guide, gilled mushroom are grouped by spore colour. Using your photographs, notes and spore print, you may be able to identify your specimen. If you cannot name it, do not be discouraged. There are thousands of species in Ontario and only a few hundred in a field guide. Some can be identified only by microscope. Have fun!

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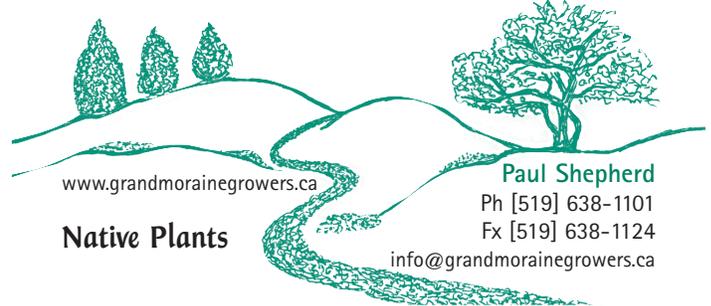


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**BIRD WING — Larry Staniforth [staniforth.larry@rogers.com](mailto:staniforth.larry@rogers.com) 519-767-2693**

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This will be my last year for running Bird Wing. I have been coordinating Bird Wing for almost 10 years, and it is time to pass the torch. I would urge someone from the group to consider taking over the job. I would be more than happy to assist anyone who wants to take over the reins. I have thoroughly enjoyed all of the activities, and am very proud of the advancement in expertise that the core of the group has achieved participating in Bird Wing. *Larry*

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**BIRD WING HIKES**

- *Hikes will remain on Thursdays for now. With the exception of the first two hikes, we will have bi-weekly hikes from Sept thru April, weekly in May/June.*
- *As usual all hikes are weather permitting in the target area. Most hikes are all day outings. We will usually lunch at local restaurants, and stop where possible for nature breaks. Bring any refreshments you deem necessary.*
- *Hikes usually depart from the parking lot of Wild Birds Unlimited. Departure times will be stated for each hike.*
- *Please dress appropriately for the weather conditions. Weather related cancelations will be done at the WBU Parking lot on day of hike. (If the weather in the target area is not good, we may go elsewhere.)*
- *Primarily these hikes are meant to be bird viewing outings, and as such it is essential that the group stays together and remains relatively quiet (the best way to find birds is by their songs). We will from time to time encounter exceptional natural sights during our hikes, and we will endeavour to enjoy these encounters when they occur, e.g. foxes, coyotes, bears etc.*
- *Non-members of the Nature Guelph are welcome to join in our hikes and meetings, but please consider becoming a member if you find them enjoyable.*

September 5th	- Hawkcliff, Port Stanley, 8am
September 12th	- Mitchell, 8am
September 26th	- Hawkcliff/Port Stanley, 8am
October 10th	- Hamilton, 8am
October 24th	- Caledonia/Ruthven, 9am
November 7	- Hamilton area, 9am

**SPACES AVAILABLE ON BIRDING TOUR**

David Brewer is leading a small two-week birding tour of southern Spain and Gibraltar in late April-early May of next year. There are presently two spaces left. Anybody interested please contact David at 519-763-0997 or [adavidbrewer@yahoo.ca](mailto:adavidbrewer@yahoo.ca).

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**BIRD WING MEETINGS**

*Meeting are held the last Monday of each month from September thru May in the basement common area at the Ellington Residences, 168 Metcalfe Street at 7:30 pm. Entrance is via the covered ramp on the north east end of the building.*

September 30th	- Video: "Winged Seduction - Birds of Paradise" and Quiz - <i>David Brewer</i>
October 28th	- TBA
November 25th	- Albatross - <i>David Brewer</i>

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**OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES — Jessica Klawunn**

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**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH — ODONATE (DRAGONFLIES AND DAMSELFLIES) HIKE WITH CHRIS EARLEY**

*Where:* The Arboretum - meet at the Arboretum Centre at 1pm for a 2 hour hike.

Odonates have been named the "honorary birds" of the insect world with their spectacular colours and impressive size. Join Chris Earley for an up close and hands on experience with some of the 62 different species found at the Arboretum.

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 29TH — DONKEY SANCTUARY OF CANADA**

*Where:* Meet at OVC main parking lot for 10am carpool. The trip will be 2-3 hours.

Established in 1992, the Donkey Sanctuary of Canada is a refuge for abused, abandoned or surrendered donkeys, hinnies, mules and other farm animals. Visitors can interact with the animals in an open barnyard setting and there are also hiking trails on the property. Feel free to bring a lunch as there is a picnic area. There is no admission charge but donations are appreciated.

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 5TH — BACKUS WOODS HIKE**

*Where:* Meet at OVC main parking lot for 11am carpool. Arrive at Backus Woods at 1pm. The hike will be 2-3 hours. Join us for a hike around Backus Woods where we will look at the restoration of some of the 4,300 acres of old tobacco lands around the property. The trip is organized by the Nature Conservancy and we will be joining another naturalist group from London. Please contact John Prescott at 226-971-3175 to confirm your attendance. Further details will be posted on the *Nature Guelph* web site.

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## NG CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Thur Sep 5.....	Bird Wing Hike.....	Hawkcliff, Port Stanley.....	8:00 am.....	WBU
Thur Sep 5.....	Indoor Meeting.....	Ontario Nature.....	7:30 pm.....	Arboretum
Thur Sep 12.....	Bird Wing Hike.....	Mitchell.....	8:00 am.....	WBU
Sun Sep 15.....	Outdoor Event.....	Odonate Hike.....	1:00 pm.....	Arboretum
Thur Sep 26.....	Bird Wing Hike.....	Hawkcliff, Port Stanley.....	8:00 am.....	WBU
Sun Sep 29.....	Outdoor Event.....	Donkey Sanctuary of Canada.....	10:00 am.....	OVC
Mon Sep 30.....	Bird Wing Meeting.....	Birds of Paradise Video & Quiz.....	7:30 pm.....	Ellington
Sat Oct 5.....	Outdoor Event.....	Backus Woods hike.....	11:00 am.....	OVC
Thur Oct 10.....	Bird Wing Hike.....	Hamilton.....	8:00 am.....	WBU
Thur Oct 10.....	Indoor Meeting.....	Bees & Honey.....	7:30 pm.....	Arboretum
Thur Oct 24.....	Bird Wing Hike.....	Caledonia/Ruthven.....	9:00 am.....	WBU
Mon Oct 28.....	Bird Wing Meeting.....	TBA.....	7:30 pm.....	Ellington
Thur Nov 7.....	Bird Wing Hike.....	Hamilton area.....	9:00 am.....	WBU
Thur Nov 14.....	Indoor Meeting.....	Kalahari Desert.....	7:30 pm.....	Arboretum
Mon Nov 25.....	Bird Wing Meeting.....	Albatross.....	7:30 pm.....	Ellington

### MEDIA RELEASE BY NATURE GUELPH (FORMERLY GUELPH FIELD NATURALISTS)

June 12, 2013 – This past weekend, Ontario Nature, a leading conservation organization, recognized the exceptional contributions of two Guelph individuals to natural habitat protection through the organization’s Conservation Awards.

**Philip Gosling – W.W.H. Gunn Conservation Award** Awarded to an individual who demonstrates outstanding personal service and a strong commitment to nature conservation over a number of years



with exceptional results. Philip Gosling played a significant role in the founding of the Bruce Trail in the early 1960s. Later, he contributed to the broad recognition of the importance, protection and preservation of the Niagara Escarpment and its eventual designation as an UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve.

**Chris Earley – Richards Education Award** Awarded to an individual who has succeeded in helping people understand the natural world and become enthusiastic supporters of conservation and environmental protection.



Chris Earley has been a dedicated educator of natural history for over 25 years – both as a committed volunteer, and an interpretive biologist and education

coordinator at the Guelph Arboretum. He is passionate about helping people respect, understand and become enthusiastic supporters of nature and conservation.

Congratulations to both of these outstanding people. Guelph is fortunate indeed to have such individuals in our city. We at Nature Guelph (formerly GFN) are proud to have nominated these naturalists (and long term members of GFN) for these awards and are delighted to see them honoured for their achievements in nature conservation.

## NATURE GUELPH — EXECUTIVE

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