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Dr. Brent Patterson

Wolves & Coyotes in Ontario

Thurs. Nov 8th

7:30PM



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE — Peter Kelly

Natural areas around us are continuously under threat from proposed development (although I am always loathe to use that word 'development' in this context, as undisturbed natural areas seem perfectly 'developed' to me). I am sure that this statement is no news to any member of a Naturalists' Club like the Guelph Field Naturalists. We've all watched suburban growth, golf courses, pits and quarries, and industrial parks (exactly how are these parks?) consume significant amounts of Southern Ontario's natural areas and prime agricultural land over the course of our lifetimes. It's the reason that the GFN has an Environment Committee so we can offer our opinions on proposed development in and around Guelph.

Unfortunately developers have deep pockets and it is always difficult for concerned citizen groups to battle them head on. Too many times, decisions at the local level are trumped in favour of developers by the Province's Ontario Municipal Board. Defeat after defeat can lead to 'environmental burnout' whereby environmentalists reach a point where they throw their hands in the air and mumble

"Why bother? We have no hope of winning anyhow."

It's for this reason that I wanted to share with you some extraordinarily good news on this front. In 2003 Nelson Aggregates began the process of seeking permission to expand its mining operation on the Niagara Escarpment near Mount Nemo Conservation Area to quarry 30 million more tonnes of limestone. While the lands in question contain important wetland habitat, past history has shown that virtually every quarry application along the Niagara Escarpment submitted in the past has eventually been approved. On October 12th, after 15 months of hearings, close to 300 exhibits and 60 witnesses, the Provincial Joint Board (composed of members of both the Environmental Review Tribunal and the Ontario Municipal Board) denied permission for the quarry. Given the history of these battles along the Niagara Escarpment I think it's safe to say that both sides were shocked by this decision.

So how did this happen? Well, I think what you will find comforting about this story is that the whole process

started with a group of local citizens who felt so strongly about protecting this land that they formed an advocacy group known as Protecting Escarpment Rural Land (PERL) to fight the quarry expansion. And fight it they did. One of the first on board was Juno-award winning singer/songwriter Sarah Harmer who just happened to grow up beside the lands in questions. If you have ever questioned why 'celebrities' support causes close to them ("Just shut up and sing" some might proclaim), then this is a perfect example of why their involvement can make a real difference. Sarah would be the first to tell you that she was just one voice in a massive group effort but there can be no doubt that without her passion, involve-

ment and celebrity cachet this battle would have been a lot tougher to win.

PERL's (and Sarah's) involvement was fortuitous indeed for the land in question and the Jefferson salamanders whose breeding ponds are in the surrounding wetlands. Hundreds of volunteers contributed thousands of hours of time and thousands of dollars to the effort. There were numerous fundraisers in-

cluding concerts by the Barenaked Ladies, Feist, Bruce Cockburn and Sarah herself on a farm near the site. A documentary entitled Escarpment Blues, featuring Sarah's efforts to raise awareness on this issue through a series of concerts in Escarpment communities, won a Juno award for Best Music DVD in 2007. Eventually various levels of government and administration jumped on board to oppose the application including the Niagara Escarpment Commission, City of Burlington Council, Halton's Regional Council, and Conservation Halton. In the ruling the Joint Board stated that the application was denied to protect the unique and sensitive ecologic areas of the Jefferson salamander habitat, and found that Nelson Aggregates had not made sufficient provision for their protection.

Common sense over greed, natural legacy over quick profit, and beauty over devastation. Who would have thought? I find much optimism in this decision and gather even more inspiration from PERL's dogged determination to protect this important natural area.



INDOOR PROGRAM — Kirsten Middleton

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. 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 Nov 8th, 2012 — WOLVES AND COYOTES IN ONTARIO: POPULATION STATUS AND RECENT RESEARCH Dr. Brent Patterson

In conjunction with the release of the "Strategy for Wolf Conservation in Ontario" in 2005, the Province launched a comprehensive research program to better determine the distribution, abundance, and ecological roles of wolves and coyotes in representative ecosystems across the province. Dr. Brent Patterson (research scientist with MNR) will provide an update on the present status of Ontario's wolves and coyotes.

Thursday Dec 13th, 2012 — ANNUAL MEMBERS' NIGHT

Potluck Supper with presentations by club members at **6:00** pm.**

This is the meeting when members show us pictures from their recent trips. Please let Kirsten know if you have a presentation to make so it can be fitted into the schedule. Come for a delicious potluck dinner, and stay for our members' presentations which will begin at about 7:15 pm.

**** Please note early start time of 6:00 pm for this event**

For the potluck, please bring a dish that corresponds to the first letter of your last name. Each dish should feed about six people.

A-H ~ a main dish (casserole, lasagna . .)

I-P ~ a salad (leafy, bean . .)

Q-Z ~ a dessert (pie, squares, cake . .)

Don't forget a plate and cutlery, and a cup and something cool to drink if you wish! The usual coffee, tea, and hot chocolate will be provided. If you can't bring food, bring yourself anyway. There will likely be spare dishes available too. Come for a delicious potluck dinner, and stay for our members' presentations which will begin at about 7:15 pm. Contact President Pete if you need a ride to this or any other meeting.

**** Please note early start time of 6:00 pm for this event**

Thursday Jan 10th, 2013 — AN ISLAND APART: THE STUNNING AND BIZARRE WILDLIFE OF MADAGASCAR Kyle Horner

NEWSLETTER — Margaret Hull and Jessica Klawunn

The newsletter is published five times a year – every two months except July and August. Please send all contributions for the next issue (Jan/Feb) to Jessica Klawunn. The deadline is December 20th.

Thank you to all contributors. Stephen Lewis is our front page artist — many thanks 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 either Margaret or Jessica if you have anything to sell or anything you want to acquire.

YOUNG NATURALISTS and NATURALISTS IN TRAINING — Ann & Tamara

The Winter **Naturalists in Training (NIT) program** (ages 11-16) will include 2 two-hour sessions, 2 expanded sessions, plus an overnight camping trip. The winter program begins on Saturday, January 26, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. to noon, continues monthly through April 6th, and winds up with an overnight camping trip. Please see the [Naturalists in Training brochure](#) on the Guelph Field Naturalists website.

*We are currently looking for a GFN volunteer to help work with the NIT program. If you are interested, please contact Tamara Anderson.

The Winter **Young Naturalists (Nats) Program** (ages 6-10) will include 9 sessions, with two evening programs, one field trip, plus a Saturday night overnight camp-out. The Winter Program begins on January 12, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. to noon, and continues on alternate Saturdays through April 27th. It winds up with a family camp-out on May 18-19.

Please see the [Young Naturalists brochure](#) on the Guelph Field Naturalists web-site.

Visit www.guelphfieldnaturalists.org or phone the Guelph Lake Nature Centre at 519-836-7860 for information.



YOUNG NATURALISTS, SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 29TH - PHOTOS AND REPORT BY MARILYN SWABY

We had an awesome day on the river. Once we learned how to carry our nets and learned the techniques of stirring up the water, off we went to the river below the dam. We captured creatures from crayfish to boatmen and used a score sheet to determine that the water quality is “good”.....not great, but not bad. Once there is water, kids are keen!!

ENVIRONMENT REPORT — Charlie Cecile

As naturalists, it is important for us to keep informed about government policies and legislation that affect the natural environment. We want to see nature protected and ensure the air, water and climate are healthy and clean for us, our children and grandchildren. Our economy is important but so is our natural heritage. It is important for all of us to know what our municipal, provincial and federal governments are doing to protect our natural world, be it endangered species, climate change issues or natural ecosystem protection. Be informed, read about environmental issues, and let your government representatives know your opinions. This is particularly important for the current federal omnibus legislation which will change many environmental protection laws in Canada.

“The City of Guelph’s Mission Statement includes a municipal commitment to environmental stewardship. A fundamental operating principle of the City’s Official Plan is environmental sustainability – the recognition that the City’s quality of life is directly related to the integrity of natural systems and we have a responsibility to maintain and improve these systems for future generations of residents.” (City website)

With the above in mind, there are several recent local planning issues to be aware of:

THE DALLAN LANDS DEVELOPMENT

(161, 205 & 253 Clair Road East)

This proposed development plan, located just east of the former Pergola property on the south side of Clair Road, was approved by City Council on October 1, 2012. The plan permits a total of 409 residential units. A large wetland at Clair Road is part of the Hall’s Pond Provincially Significant Wetland Complex and was designated as Significant Wildlife Habitat under the Ontario Provincial Policy Statement. A large population of six species of frogs breeds here in the spring.

We were concerned that a wildlife corridor to permit the frogs to move from their woodland habitat to the south to the breeding pond wasn’t placed in the right location in the development plan and wasn’t large enough to sustain the amphibian population once all the houses, townhouses and apartment were built. And under the Provincial Policy Statement, the existing wildlife corridor should also have been designated Significant Wildlife Habitat. However, the movement of frogs across the property was never documented.

Time will tell if the frog population survives the development of the property.

PROPOSED REVISION TO APPROVED DEVELOPMENT PLAN - VICTORIA PARK VILLAGE

(1159 Victoria Rd S, the Victoria Park West Golf Course)

This property, which is now a golf course, has been approved for development of close to 500 residential units. The new owners now want to use an existing large pond for a storm water management facility. This pond is now connected to Torrance Creek but is proposed to be taken “off-line” in the new development. The pond is currently not being used by frogs for breeding likely due to the creek now flowing into and out of it. Some predation by fish likely occurs. However, once the pond is isolated from the creek, it may become more attractive to frogs looking for a suitable place to deposit their eggs. We are concerned that if the pond does attract breeding amphibians, using the pond for storm water management may turn the pond into a death trap for the local population. Changes in water quality (think road salt, oil, anti-freeze, lawn & garden chemicals, swimming pool chemicals), quantity and temperature could result in the destruction of developing amphibian eggs and larvae. Little attention was given to the ecology of the pond during the initial environmental studies and no consideration is being given to its potential future ecological function. No decision has been made by the City on the proposed revision.

URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN

This urban forest plan has been in the works since 2007. The Plan was recently presented to the City’s Planning & Building, Engineering and Environment Committee which agreed to refer it to the City’s upcoming budget process. It must now go to City Council for approval. We all know the benefits of the urban forest to the City and its residents. This “green infrastructure” provides many health benefits and millions of dollars of service to the City. And the habitat it provides to wildlife is highly significant. Of course there are costs to consider and other challenges such as the threat of the Emerald Ash borer to the City’s ash trees and climate change. To learn more about Guelph’s Urban Forest Management Plan, see Guelph.ca/trees, and click on “Urban Forest Management Plan”.

JOE KRAL'S BIRD BOX REPORT FOR 2012 FROM GUELPH LAKE AND AREA

The 2012 season was dry and hot. Eastern Bluebirds (EABL) started nesting early and the first babies hatched on April 30, 2012. EABL are very interesting and unpredictable: one day I found 6 eggs and four days later when I checked on the same nest again I found 3 youngs, no more eggs and no predation. In only one EABL box were there 6 eggs, 6 babies and 6 fledglings. My average for EABL fledglings was 4.1 per box. Season 2012 was very good for EABL, I had 168 youngs that fledged. Last record was in 2010 with 112 youngs so this year I had about 56 more, wow !!! EABL nested in 44 boxes and only 2 nests were without success. I had less boxes, less Tree Swallows, less Black-capped Chickadees and House Wrens.

Here are the 2012 results:

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| Tree Swallow (TRES) | 1,463 y. fledged |
| Eastern Bluebird (EABL) | 168 y. fledged |
| House Wren (HOWR) | 85 y. fledged |
| Black-capped Chickadee (BCCH) | 47 y. fledged |
| Total | 1,763 y. fledged |
| All eggs | 2,491 |

I had 498 bird boxes in total and out of these 386 were successful plus 18 b. boxes were occupied twice. Since 1995 the total fledged birds from my bird boxes totals 28,240. (EABL = 1,555 y. fledged)



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program will be available at that web location in the next few weeks.



Programs at the Guelph Lake Nature Centre

Sat Nov 3: Hoot and Howl 7-9pm

\$5 children under 18, \$10 adults

Please Visit www.grandriver.ca for more information about all GRCA family programs

WHEN AN ANIMAL ATTACKS

“Know how to react before you are attacked,” LonelyPlanet.com advises. “Learn when you would curl into a ball and play dead [polar bear]; run away [elephant]; stand your ground [lion - nothing turns a lion on more than fleeing prey]; or run perpendicular to the animal and climb a tree [black rhino - extremely unpredictable and bad-tempered but tend to charge in a straight line].”

From the Globe and Mail May 28th 2012

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BIRD WING HIKES

- *I have changed the day for our bi-weekly/weekly hikes. They will now be held on Thursdays.*
- *Most hikes are all day outings unless otherwise specified. Bring lunch and refreshments as necessary.*
- *We will usually visit a local restaurant for lunch, and stop for nature breaks where possible.*
- *Hikes usually depart from the WBU parking lot at Gordon and Kortright - check the departure time carefully.*
- *Go or NoGo will be determined at the WBU parking lot and depends on the weather at the target location. If the weather is not good there, we may decide to go somewhere else. Please dress appropriately for the weather.*

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| Thurs. Nov. 8th - Hamilton area | - 9 am |
| Thurs. Nov. 22nd - TBD | - 9 am |
| Thurs. Dec. 6th (<i>corrected date</i>) - Niagara Falls | - 8 am |
| Sat. Dec. 15th - Niagara Falls - David Brewer | - 8 am |
| Thurs. Dec. 20th - Metz-Arthur | - 9 am |
| Wed. Jan. 9th - Owl Prowl | - 7 pm |
| Thurs. Jan. 10th - Metz-Arthur-Hawkesville | - 9 am |



Other Birding opportunities

Sun. Dec. 16th - Guelph Christmas Bird Count

BIRD WING MEETINGS

We have moved the monthly meeting dates one week later to the last Monday of each month from September thru May. All meetings will be held 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.

Mon. Nov 26th - TBA

Mon. Dec 17th - TBA (Note early date due to Christmas/New Year)

HOW THE PUFFIN PATROL SAVES TINY LIVES CONDENSED FROM THE GLOBE AND MAIL, SEPT 3RD 2012

The puffin does not belong on land. Designed mostly for life at sea, when a puffin lands on concrete, it does so with a sudden and undignified plop. It is a graceful diver, while running often causes it to trip over its own feet.

But in Witless Bay, Nfld., a scenic enclave half an hour south of St. John's, the clumsy little birds are not a comical sight. This is where more than 500,000 Atlantic puffins nest each summer – forming the largest colony in North America – to have their chicks. But it is also where those chicks, called pufflings, too often meet their end. That is where a local project comes in: the Puffin Patrol. It has just had its busiest summer ever.

The patrol began when a German man, Juergen Schau who spends his summers in Witless Bay, started to notice dead baby birds on the roads.

Pufflings leave the nest in August, flying out to the ocean and coming back to land only to mate – which is when their beaks take on that famous vibrant colouring. The problem is, they navigate by the light of the moon. City lights confuse them, sometimes leading them to town and into the path of oncoming cars.

Six years ago, Mr. Schau and his wife, Elfie, bought but-

terfly nets and began catching pufflings at night, keeping them in boxes in their garage and releasing them into the ocean each morning.

Mr. Schau soon got neighbourhood children involved, offering them a dollar per puffin. Since patrols are at night, their parents go along. Patrollers in security vests take shifts all season and meet at daylight to release the birds.

The Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society in Newfoundland has become involved to provide the proper permits for handling the birds, and the Canadian Wildlife Service helps with banding the chicks.

The project comes at a crucial time. The oil industry has drawn people and money into Newfoundland, and Witless Bay is one of the communities growing as a result. This year was unlike anything the Puffin Patrol has seen so far, both because of that growth and the unseasonably warm summer. That means more puffins and a record year: More than 500 pufflings were saved, compared with roughly 40 last year (a wet and cold summer) and about 100 in 2010. The patrol has also launched a campaign to ask locals to turn off unnecessary lights.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES — Kyle Horner

SATURDAY NOV 10 AT 12 NOON — NATURE WALK & PICNIC: A MORNING AT STARKEY HILL

At Starkey Hill Conservation Area

Come on out and join Vice President Jenn Bock for a stroll around Starkey's Loop, just outside of Arkell! We will take a casual walk in search of interesting sightings, with a focus on early winter wildlife. The walking is easy to moderate, and it will be suitable for kids and adults alike. We'll break up the walking with a leisurely picnic, so be sure to bring a sandwich or some snacks! Meet at the parking lot of Starkey Hill Conservation Area (Arkell Road just east of Watson Road) at 12 noon.

SUNDAY NOV 18 AT 5 PM — A FIREKEEPER'S TALE: TRADITIONAL FIRE STORIES

At Mountsberg Conservation Area

Brian Rees is a firekeeper, storyteller and nature interpreter at Mountsberg and Crawford Lake Conservation Areas. During this evening program he will take us through the starting of the fire, the role and importance of the firekeeper, and a number of fascinating stories. Brian draws on traditions from all over the world, from Celtic to Canadian First Nations. This program is good for all ages, but be sure to dress warmly! Brian will be kindly hosting us at his residence at Mountsberg, so admission fees will not apply. Meet at Mountsberg at 5 pm, or at The Arboretum parking lot at 4:30 pm to carpool.

SUNDAY DEC 9 AT 10 AM — URBAN NATURE: THE SPEED RIVER CORRIDOR

From the Boathouse

You don't have to go far to experience nature, and Guelph's Speed River is a great place to start! Join outdoor programs coordinator Kyle Horner and your fellow field naturalists for a stroll along the Speed River corridor, in search of plants and wildlife preparing for the oncoming winter. The walking is easy, and this event is suitable for naturalists of all ages. Meet at the Boathouse (at the bottom of the Gordon St. hill) at 10 am.

NEARBY NATURALIST CLUBS' MEETINGS

HAMILTON

Monday, Nov 12th, 7:30 pm

Fossil Exhibit by Bob O'Donnell AKA The Fossil Guy

Monday, Dec 10th, 7:30 pm

Protecting Ontario's Wild Species and Wild Spaces by Caroline Schultz

See www.hamiltonnature.org

KITCHENER/WATERLOO

Monday, Nov 26th, 7:30 pm

Trumpeter Swans by Bev Kingdon

Monday, Dec 10th

Annual Festive Potluck

See www.kwfn.ca

HALTON NORTH PEEL

Tuesday, Nov 13th

TBA

See www.hnpnc.com

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Most events are offered rain, snow or shine. Space is limited so please register early for events by calling 519-650-9336 ext 125 or by email at registration@raresites.org

Sat Nov 10th, 7:30-9:30pm (Rain date Nov 17th)

Star-gazing at Springbank

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Location: 681 Blair Road Cambridge

Wed Nov 14th, 7-8:30 pm

Stories of Science & Art from the Storyteller Guitar

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Location: Slit Barn at 768 Blair Rd., Cambridge

Thurs Nov 29th, 7-8pm

Armchair voyage Part 2 of 3: The Australian Outback

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Location: Lamb's Inn 1679 Blair Rd. Cambridge

Thurs Dec 6th, 7-8pm

Armchair Voyage Part 3 of 3: The American SW

\$8 (\$3 with *rare* discount card)

Location: same as above

LETTER OF THANKS

From: Chris White, Warden, County of Wellington

To: Peter Kelly, President, GFN

Re: Lee Symmes Award - Ontario Nature for Wellington County's Green Legacy Programme

I am writing to express our appreciation for the Guelph Field Naturalists nominating Wellington County's Green Legacy Programme for Ontario Nature's "Lee Symmes Award, for Outstanding Achievement in Environmental Planning." Recognition by Ontario Nature is a great honour for us.

It takes a considerable amount of effort to apply for such awards, and we thank you. It's nice to know the local naturalist club supports our efforts.

The County of Wellington takes great pride in our Green Legacy programme. We think it's going to make an important difference to how Wellington County looks in 50 years. It's helping to change the way people think about the environment right now.

I hope the Guelph Field Naturalists know they are welcome to get involved in the Green Legacy - volunteer at our nurseries, develop innovative tree planting projects. We will be glad to provide the trees. Once again, thank you.

For more information, [Green Legacy Programme](#)

Report on ONTARIO NATURE's 2012 AGM — Susan Atkinson

From June 8-10th this year, Mary Ramotar and I attended the Ontario Nature AGM and Gathering, held this year at the Opinicon Resort Hotel on Chaffey's Locks in the beautiful Frontenac Arch area of Ontario, (NE of Kingston).

The Frontenac Arch is a NW-SE ridge of ancient granite that joins the Canadian Shield and the boreal forest to the forests of the Adirondack and Appalachian mountains. It is an important natural migration corridor for many species of wildlife, thus leading to an incredible biodiversity in the region.

We enjoyed the nature workshops, speakers, field-trips and general socializing with other nature enthusiasts.

MONARCH BUTTERFLY LECTURE

Toronto Entomologists' Association is presenting the Quimby F. Hess Annual Lecture, free with an electronic ticket, at the ROM on Saturday, November 17 from 1:30 - 3:00 pm.

The 2012 speaker is Dr. Orley 'Chip' Taylor, director and founder of Monarch Watch. Monarch Watch is a cooperative network of students, teachers, volunteers and researchers dedicated to the study of the Monarch butterfly (*Danaus plexippus*). Dr. Taylor will be speaking about Monarch Conservation.

Registration is now open for the lecture on the ROM website: http://www.rom.on.ca/programs/lectures/index.php?ref=showinfo&program_id=8108

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!!



Contact Marilyn at p.m.swaby@rogers.com

GUELPH HIKING TRAIL CLUB (GHTC) HIKES

GFN members are welcome to join in any hikes of the GHTC. Find out their schedule by going to www.guelphhiking.com and downloading their latest newsletter. Most of their hikes, apart from the long 'strenuous' ones, include time to take a look around at the natural areas you are walking through.

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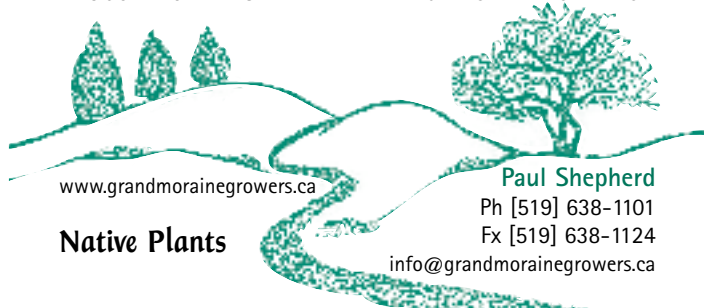


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GFN CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS AT A GLANCE

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| Thur Nov 8..... | Bird Wing Hike..... | Hamilton Area..... | 9:00 am..... | WBU |
| Thur Nov 8..... | Indoor Meeting..... | Wolves and Coyotes in Ontario..... | 7:30 pm..... | Arboretum |
| Sat Nov 10..... | Outdoor Activity..... | Starkey Hill Walk and Picnic..... | 12 noon..... | Starkey Loop Parking Lot |
| Sun Nov 18..... | Outdoor Activity..... | Fire Stories..... | 5:00 pm..... | Mounstberg CA |
| Thur Nov 22..... | Bird Wing Hike..... | TBD..... | 9:00 am..... | WBU |
| Mon Nov 26..... | Bird Wing Meeting..... | TBA..... | 7:30 pm..... | Ellington |
| Thur Dec 6..... | Bird Wing Hike..... | Niagara Falls (<i>note date correction</i>)..... | 8:00 am..... | WBU |
| Sun Dec 9..... | Outdoor Activity..... | Urban Speed River Walk..... | 10:00 am..... | Boathouse |
| Thur Dec 13..... | Indoor Meeting..... | Potluck Supper/Members' Presentations..... | 6:00 pm..... | Arboretum |
| Sat Dec 15..... | Bird Wing Hike..... | Niagara Falls, David Brewer..... | 8:00 am..... | WBU |
| Sat Dec 16..... | Guelph Christmas Bird Count | | | |
| Mon Dec 17..... | Bird Wing Meeting..... | TBA..... | 7:30 pm..... | Ellington |
| Thur Dec 20..... | Bird Wing Hike..... | Metz-Arthur..... | 9:00 am..... | WBU |
| Wed Jan 9..... | Bird Wing Hike..... | Owl Prowl..... | 7:00 pm..... | WBU |
| Thur Jan 10..... | Bird Wing Hike..... | Metz-Arthur-Hawkesville..... | 9:00 am..... | WBU |
| Thur Jan 10..... | Indoor Meeting..... | Wildlife of Madagascar..... | 7:30 pm..... | Arboretum |
| Thur Feb 14..... | Indoor Meeting..... | | 7:30 pm..... | Arboretum |

BIRDING ORIGIN FOR BOND NAME

Ian Fleming took the name for his character from that of the American ornithologist James Bond, a Caribbean bird expert and author of the definitive field guide *Birds of the West Indies*; Fleming, a keen birdwatcher himself, had a copy of Bond's guide and wrote *Casino Royale* at his estate in Jamaica. *From Wikipedia*