

Minutes KFN General Meeting Thursday February 20, 2020

Janet Elliott asked members to save red plastic yogurt container tops and bring them to the next general meeting. They will be used to make directional (arrow shaped) trail markers for use by the Land Conservancy and the KFN.

Anthony Kaduck reminded the audience that the Dragonflies and Damselflies of Kingston booklet can be purchased from Gaye Beckwith.

Jackie Bartnik moved that the minutes from the January meeting be accepted; the motion was seconded by Larry McCurdy. The motion was passed by a show of hands.

Members Observations

Howard Ross recently observed a Red-bellied Woodpecker calling from a nest hole at Lemoine Point CA.

Mike Evans has 2 Tree Sparrows, and a chipmunk has already emerged at his home.

Gaye Beckwith photographed a banded Canada Goose at Napanee. Since some of the digits on the band were not visible, he did not get any information about its origin. Anthony reminded the group that if you can get complete ring numbers, there are websites available where the information can be reported.

Martin Roncetti saw a Flicker on Monday evening near the barn swallow structure at Lemoine Point CA.

Nancy Spencer saw a Fisher at Little Cataraqui CA.

Maureen Addis Martin observed a Pine Marten (new name is American Marten) and moose tracks in the Depot Lakes Area.

Peter Greathead said a Merlin was observed eating a Mourning Dove in his neighbour's backyard.

Kevin Bleeks saw 2 Peregrine Falcons in downtown Kingston, one at Princess Towers and one at the steeple of St Mary's Cathedral. On Feb 20 he observed male and female Red Crossbills in Flinton.

Jenny Newton recently saw the Spotted Towhee (which has been there all winter), a Snowy Owl on the ice and 200 Long-tailed Ducks at Prince Edward Point NWA.

Janet Scott told us that Project Snowstorm has tagged 2 more Snowy Owls on Amherst Island. The owls can be followed at the Project Snowstorm website.

Anthony reminded the audience about upcoming events; details are in the KFN Newsletter.

Alexandra Simmons reminded the audience that the Nominating Committee (Alexandra Simmons, Janet Elliott, Gaye Beckwith) is working on a slate for the 2020-2021 KFN Executive, to be voted on at the April General Meeting

Speakers: Anthony Kaduck and Ken Edwards gave a presentation about the Birds of Colombia. It was organised by geographical regions and illustrated with photos taken by them on their trips there in the last couple of years. They were thanked by Alexandra Simmons.

Seventy-five people were present.