



Kingston Field Naturalists

November 2019

OUR
70TH
YEAR

KFN

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<https://kingstonfielddnaturalists.org>

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<https://www.facebook.com/Kingstonfielddnaturalists>

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Meetings are held at 7:30 pm on the third Thursday of each month from September to April **Social begins at 7:00 pm.**
Ongwanada Resource Centre, Portsmouth Avenue, Kingston

Thursday 17 October Mike Burrell will present Best Places to Bird in Ontario

Since they were kids, Mike and his brother Ken have been obsessed with birds and have travelled across the province in search of them. Mike will share their favourite spots, strategies and stories and tell how he and his brother decided which places would make the cut for their new book, *Best Places to Bird in Ontario*.

Mike grew up in the Waterloo area in southwestern Ontario and inherited his passion for natural history from his parents. He currently serves as the archivist of the Ontario Bird Records Committee, coordinates eBird in Ontario, reviews Christmas Bird Count data for the province and works as a zoologist with the Ontario Natural Heritage Information Centre in Peterborough. Mike is also a member of the bird specialist subcommittee of the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC). He is considered one of Canada's top birders. See <http://burrellbirding.ca/best-places-to-bird-in-ontario/> for more information about the book.

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Thursday 21 November will be our 70th Anniversary Party!! We will celebrate with pictures and stories and cake!

If you have any photographs, or stories, or memorabilia you would like to share at this time, please contact KFN vice-president Ken Edwards (rkfe at queensu.ca or 42 Watts Cres, Kingston, ON, K7M 2P3) ASAP. We will try to include as many as possible in either the November meeting or an issue of the Bluebill.

As part of our anniversary year, we have new name tags. Please get yours as you enter the meeting room and leave them at the end of each meeting.

An anniversary is a time to celebrate the past but may also be a time for looking forward. With this in mind, the KFN executive welcomes thoughts and suggestions about future directions of the club.

BOOK SALE! Of used natural history books during the social (7:00 to 7:30) before the fall meetings. Prices will be "pay what you will"; please bring your toonies and small bills.

CAUTIONS!

This is deer hunting season! In South Frontenac, cross bow hunting is allowed from 1 October to 31 December. Gun hunting is allowed from 4 to 17 November and from 2 to 8 December. Hunting is allowed on Sundays. When hiking and birding, wear bright colours, make noise.

Be prepared for Ticks. Wear long sleeves. Tuck long pants into socks. Use repellent.

RAMBLES are slow walks to notice nature in all its forms. Contact Anne Robertson for more information (613-389-6742 or n8ture.anne at sympatico.ca).

Tuesday 15 October 9:00 am to 1:30 pm Property of Ed Fletcher near Sydenham
Meet Rona parking lot SE corner. Bring drink and lunch.

Tuesday 5 November 9:00 am to 12:30 pm Parrott Bay (north side)

Meet Tim Hortons Gardiners Town Centre. Bring drink and a snack.

Tuesday 19 November 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Frink Centre (Plainfield Conservation Area north of Belleville) Meet Invista Centre 1350 Gardiners Road (NE corner of parking lot). Dress warmly and bring lunch and a hot drink.

Tuesday 3 December 9:00 am to noon Cataraqui Creek

Meet at Cataraqui Creek crossing on Malabar Dr (near junction with Dolshire St north of Bath Road, west of Centennial Blvd). Dress warmly. Optional lunch after at Tim Hortons, Gardiners Town Centre, Bath Road.

FIELD TRIPS AND OTHER EXCURSIONS

Friday 1 November noon to Sunday 3 November noon Fall Round-Up Our 54th!

See page 4 for details. As part of Fall Round Up there will be three field trips:

Saturday 2 November there will be two IBA Water Fowl Blitzes; participants are needed.

For Amherst Island, we will meet at 9 am at Janet Scott's house on 350 Third Conc. Please contact Janet Scott (jiscott at kos.net or 613-389-4608) or Bonnie Livingstone (bonnie.livingstone at gmail.com or 613-389-8516) if you wish to take part.

For Wolfe Island, take the 7:30 am ferry to meet Mark on the Island side. Please contact Mark Read (markdread at gmail.com or 613-217-1246) for more details.

Sunday 3 November 10:00 am As part of the Round Up, Kurt Hennige and Mike Farrell will lead a field trip to the **Lennox Generating Station wetland** west of Bath. Contact Kurt for more details (khennige at xplornet.com or 613-876-1804). Meet for **10 am** in the parking lot immediately east of the telephone island at the main gate of the Lennox Generating Station (Hwy 33 @ County Road 21). Our leaders will take participants on a walk around this property looking for waterfowl and late migrants.

Tuesday 12 November Opening Ceremony for Sylvester-Gallagher Nature Reserve on Amherst Island We will meet at **8:30 am** near the Tim Hortons at Gardiners Town Centre and proceed to the Amherst Island ferry terminal to catch the **9:30 am boat**. The opening ceremony should take place at about 10:30 am. Tom Sylvester will speak about his father's foresting efforts. It will be followed by light refreshments and a cake. Also, there will be a quick tour of the property. We expect to return to the mainland on the 1 pm ferry. For more details contact Erwin Batalla (simbat at bell.net or 613-389-0144).

JUNIORS

MEETINGS

Are at McArthur Hall (Union St at Sir John A Blvd)
Meet in Room A334 **6:30 to 8:00 pm**

Thursday 24 October SPIDERS
Thursday 14 November FABULOUS FALL FUNGI
Thursday 28 November AMPHIBIANS



FIELD TRIP

Saturday 26 October 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Depot Creek Nature Reserve near Verona Theme: Naturalists Notice Nature. Meet McArthur at 9:00 am return 2:00 pm. Bring lunch and a drink. Wear suitable clothing. **Please sign up by Thursday 24 October** at meeting or email Anne (n8ture.anne at sympatico.ca) so sufficient transportation and hand-outs may be prepared.

Saturday 23 November 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Robertson Cottage Dress warmly with good boots or shoes and bring snack, lunch and a drink. Meet at McArthur to carpool. **PLEASE sign up at meeting on November 14 (and no later than Thursday November 21)** by email to n8ture.anne at sympatico.ca) so transportation and hand-outs may be organised. Where required by law car seats must be supplied.

T shirts and zip hoodies Last orders will be taken at meeting on October 24.
Summer Projects completed over the summer are due October 24.

TEENS

Details of Teen meetings are sent to members about a week before the trip. Your response at that time is appreciated so transportation can be organised and other arrangements made.



Saturday 19 October 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Millen Property of Land Conservancy for Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington. Clean up and hike. Earn some volunteer hours. Meet Invista parking lot at 1350 Gardiners Road (NE corner). Details to follow.

Friday 8/Saturday 9 November MOSTLY MAMMALS
Overnight at Elbow Lake Environmental Education Centre. Indoor and outdoor sessions. Dale Kristensen will join us on Friday evening. We will be staying in cabins. Meet in town after early supper on Friday; return Saturday afternoon. Details will be sent by email.

Saturday 14 December Christmas Bird Count around Frontenac Park with Carolyn Bonta and Michael Johnson

Saturday 11 January BIRD IDENTIFICATION COURSE

Club News and Updates

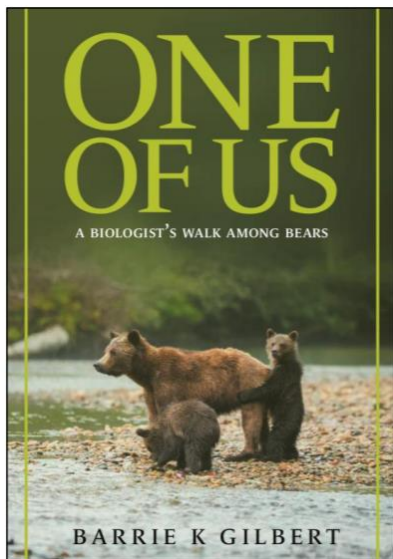
We welcome new members: Nickolas Bartok, Judith Christensen, Penny Vandyke

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Request for Support passed

At the September general meeting, Mark Stabb from the Nature Conservancy of Canada gave a presentation on properties in our area that NCC is currently negotiating to purchase. Following Mark's talk, President Anthony Kaduck, moved (seconded by Larry McCurdy) that: *Kingston Field Naturalists donate \$6,000 to the Nature Conservancy of Canada for proposed land purchases in Prince Edward County and on Wolfe Island.* The motion carried easily. You can learn more about these projects at <http://www.natureconservancy.ca/en/where-we-work/ontario/featured-projects/>



One of Us: A Biologist's Walk Among Bears by Barrie Gilbert

Drawn from his decades of experience, *One of Us: A Biologist's Walk Among Bears* explodes myths that depict grizzlies as bloodthirsty beasts that "kill for pleasure" and reveals the intelligent, adaptable side of these astonishingly social animals. He also explains their pivotal role in maintaining and protecting their fragile ecosystems. Accordingly, Gilbert pulls no punches when outlining threats to bear conservation. Most importantly, this book extolls a new way of appreciating grizzly bears, the same way we regard wolves, whales, chimpanzees, and gorillas. Barrie's book is available at Novel Idea or through his website: barriegilbert.ca

Friday 1 November noon to Sunday 3 November noon Fall Round-Up DETAILS

- All people interested in birds, including backyard birders, feeder watchers and bird photographers, are encouraged to participate in this event.
- As in Christmas Bird counts, the Round Up will rely heavily on Section Leaders. Each Section Leader will bird on their own or take interested participants to count birds in their section.
- The counting period will be 48 hours from noon on Friday (1 November) to noon on Sunday (3 November).
- Birds will be counted only within the KFN Bird Area which is a radial distance of 50 km, centred on Macdonald Park, Kingston. See the KFN website for more details.
- Peter Good (goodcompany@sympatico.ca or 613-378-6605) is the coordinator. Contact him, or Kurt Hennige (khennige@xplornet.com or 613-876-1804), for more information or to be added to an established group or become a Section Leader.
- Janis Grant (janis.grant@icloud.com or 613-548-3668) will be the potluck host. If you are planning to attend the potluck on Sunday 3 November, please advise Janis by the end of day, Thursday 31 October. The potluck will be held at 346 King Street West in Kingston. Plan to arrive at 5 pm for supper at 5:30 pm.
- All are encouraged to send their sightings as soon as possible to E-Bird. Erwin Batalla will create a master list for the event, crunching the data to produce some statistics to share with everyone in the next Bluebill.