



Kingston Field Naturalists

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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

Our Annual Dinner Meeting is 16 May at the Kingston Yacht Club. This is KFN's 70th year! Ron Weir, Honorary President, will help us celebrate and will give a talk entitled "World of Owls". Tickets are \$50 for a choice of fish or beef or vegetarian meal. Venue opens at 6:00 pm, dinner starts at 7:00 pm. For tickets, contact Polly Aiken (pollyaiken13 at gmail.com or 343-363-1342). **Last day to buy tickets is Friday 10 May.** A **silent auction** of natural history books and field equipment will be held. Please note that there are stairs at this venue.

Our next general meeting will be Thursday 19 September at Ongwanada. Speaker Matt Ellerbeck will present: The Conservation of Snakes. Learn about the conservation concerns that are impacting snake populations and the many misconceptions and myths concerning snakes. Presentation will include a meet & greet with several live snake species.



Great Grey Owl
Photo Gaye Beckwith

Thanks to all who have renewed their **membership** this year. If you haven't renewed yet and have misplaced your renewal form, please contact Kathy Webb (Membership Secretary): kw2 at queensu.ca.

Kingston Field Naturalists' Annual BioBlitz

Please join us to find and count all species (and spots!)

Friday 14 June 3:00 pm to
Saturday 15 June 3:00 pm

At Lennox Generating Station
#7263 Hwy 33,
Greater Napanee
GPS: N 44.1450
W -76.8454

Pictured: Six-Spotted Tiger Beetle
Photo: K.Hennige



Featuring:
GUIDED WALKS
with expert naturalists
help in finding and
identifying flora and fauna
BBQ lunch (\$5) on Saturday
activities for children

For program and a map, visit www.kingstonfieldnaturalists.org
Or contact Anne (n8ture.anne@sympatico.ca or 613-389-6742)

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](mailto:n8ture.anne@sympatico.ca)).

Tuesday 21 May 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Lennox Generating Station

This is a chance to visit the site of our BioBlitz in advance of that event. Meet Tim Hortons Gardiners Town Centre, Bath Road at Gardiners Road. Bring a snack, a drink, hat, sunscreen and repellent.

Tuesday 4 June 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Meisel Woods Conservation Area

(north of Parham). Meet at Invista parking lot (north east corner) at 1350 Gardiners Road. Bring water and lunch, hat, sunscreen and repellent.

Tuesday 18 June 9:00 am to 2:30 pm Property of Amanda Gray and Niall Leslie,

Colebrook Rd, with Lennox and Addington Stewardship Council (LASC). Snacks provided by LASC. Meet Invista parking lot NE corner 1350 Gardiners Road. Bring hat, sunscreen, repellent, drink and long pants tucked in socks against ticks.

Tuesday 2 July 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Catarauqui Trail Opinicon Rd.

Meet Kingslake Plaza (Division Street south of Hwy 401). Bring lunch, water, hat, sunscreen, repellent, pants tucked in socks against ticks.

Tuesday 20 August 8:45 to 2:45 Amherst Island with Sandra Simmons and Erwin Batalla ([simbat at bell.net](mailto:simbat@bell.net) 613-389-0144) Meet promptly at 8:45 am (for 9:30 am ferry) at Tim Hortons, Gardiners Town Centre (Bath Road at Gardiners Road). Bring hat, sunscreen, repellent, binoculars, drink, lunch, long pants tucked in socks against ticks.

Tuesday 3 September 9:00 am to 2:30 pm Property of Rose-Marie Burke

Meet Kingslake Plaza (Division Street at Hwy 401). Bring lunch, drink, hat, sunscreen, repellent, long pants tucked in socks against ticks

FIELD TRIPS AND OTHER EXCURSIONS

Wednesdays in May Public Bird Walks at Lemoine Point

See details page 4.

Friday 17 May noon to Sunday 19 May noon Spring Round-Up

See details page 4.

Friday 14 at 3:00 pm to Saturday 15 June at 3:00 pm BioBlitz at Lennox

Generating Station Come for all or part of the time. Help with recording species, join a guided walk and enjoy the BBQ. See kingstonfieldnaturalists.org home page for details and program, or contact Anne Robertson ([n8ture.anne at sympatico.ca](mailto:n8ture.anne@sympatico.ca) or 613-389-6742).

Saturday 13 July (Rain date Sunday 14 July) 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Butterflies

and Dragonflies along Echo Lake Road Leaders: Carol Seymour (613-542-7631 or [thecmors at hotmail.ca](mailto:thecmors@hotmail.ca)) and John Poland (613-378-6605 or [polandj at queensu.ca](mailto:polandj@queensu.ca)) Meet Invista parking lot (north east corner) at 1350 Gardiners Road at 9:00 am for carpooling. We will head to Echo Lake Road, making several stops to search for dragonflies and butterflies. Bring lunch, insect repellent and sun-screen; also, a net if you have one. Return to Kingston for 3:00 pm. In the event of doubtful weather, call John.

Sunday 18 August 8:15 am to 1:00 pm Amherst Island Martin Edwards Reserve

Leader: Peter Good (613-378-6605 or [goodcompany at sympatico.ca](mailto:goodcompany@sympatico.ca)). Meet at the ferry dock for carpooling at 8:15 am. This is a slower-paced field trip during prime time to study early shorebirds returning from the Arctic. Bring lunch. Tentative return on the 1:00 pm ferry.

JUNIORS

Thursday 23 May WILD FOOD PICNIC
****6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at CRCA (Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority) Outdoor Centre.** (2km north of Hwy 401 on Division Street. Turn left off Division St and then right to Outdoor Centre—don't pay!). Please sign up at the Bird Walk or by May 21. NOTE TIMES. This is a full meal with a big variety of Wild Foods. Please bring a **dish for 4 for each person containing at least one wild food.** Bring knife, fork, spoon, plate and mug in a bag. Ask Anne for ideas/suggestions. Dress warmly with long pants tucked in socks against ticks.



Friday 14 June 3:00 pm to Saturday 15 June 3:00 pm. Do join us for the BioBlitz. Information is on the web—kingstonfieldnaturalists.org home page or contact Anne ([nature.anne at sympatico.ca](mailto:nature.anne@sympatico.ca))

Summer Projects. Projects completed over the summer will be due October 25

1. Roland Beschel Prize. This prize is for a project done over the summer. A collection, or observing and recording something in nature, are suitable.
2. Nan Yeomans Prize. This prize is for a diary recording observations over the summer. Once a day or once a week- your choice.
3. Photo Competition. Up to three photos taken over the summer with a short description.

Registration for September Registration forms will be sent out in August for September registration.

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. Sign up by the Thursday before the trip.



Saturday 11 May 5:30 pm to 11:00 pm Night Hike to Gould Lake/HQS/ Frontenac Park areas. Meet 5:30 pm for supper at Tim Hortons Sydenham Road Depart 6:00 pm. Bring warm clothes, pants tucked in socks against ticks, repellent, flash light, field notebook and pencil, drink and snack. Details emailed about May 6.

14-15 June Come to the BioBlitz. Ask Anne about a ride. Come for all or part of the 24 hours. Join a recording group or a guided hike. Enjoy the BBQ.
Details: kingstonfieldnaturalists.org/home page

Registration forms will be sent out in August for the 2019-2020 year.

Club News and Updates

We welcome new members: Brian and Karen Laine, Willy Vestering and Sammi King, Ronald Rocheleau, Frances Tackaberry, James Darling, Laura Gill, and Shelna Paton.

Thanks to the 17 hardy souls who turned up for the Helen Quilliam Sanctuary clean up despite less than ideal weather, and to those who provided treats for the workers.

Thanks also to the juniors and their leaders who cleaned the shoreline at the Martin Edwards Reserve on the same cold, nasty day.

PASSPORT TO NATURE from The Land Conservancy KFLA

The PASSPORT TO NATURE lists outdoor events happening in the Kingston area in the next 10 months. **The Passport to Nature is free** and is available at public libraries, at Kingston City Hall, and at some Kingston downtown businesses. It will be available at the May dinner meeting. Check out the website: <http://www.landconservancykfla.org/>

Wednesdays in May: Public Bird Walks at Lemoine Point

Beware of Ticks! Wear long sleeves. Tuck your long pants into your socks.

Everyone is welcome to this annual event. Each walk is led by avid bird enthusiasts willing to help you learn to identify birds by sight and sound. Bring your binoculars if you have them. Walks are scheduled every Wednesday morning at 6:30 AM and every Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM throughout May, **rain or shine**. The meeting point for all walks is the south parking lot of the conservation area. Take Front Road west (past the airport) to the end.

Leaders:

May 15	6:30 am Kathy Webb /Bill Depew	6:30 pm Janis Grant/ Nancy Spencer
May 22	6:30 am Richard Brault /Dianne Croteau	6:30 pm Anthony Kaduck/ Steve Coates
May 29	6:30 am Paul Mackenzie / Erwin Batalla	6:30 pm Sandra Simmons/ Sharon David

Friday 17 May noon to Sunday 19 May noon Spring Round-Up

Please see last month's newsletter, or the KFN website for details.

We ask that you register with Kurt Hennige (khennige at xplornet.com or 613-876-1804) as soon as possible, indicating which specific location or area you'll be birding or if you would like to be added to an established group or start your own group. We'd like to cover as many different locations in our area as possible.

Peter Good (goodcompany at sympatico.ca or 613-378-6605) will continue as coordinator. All are encouraged to send their sightings as soon as possible to E-Bird or by email to Mark Read (markread at gmail.com). 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.

There will be two Field Trips to local IBA's as part of Spring Round-Up:

Sunday 19 May 8:00 am Napanee Plain IBA. We will meet at 8 am at the Gas Station at Camden Rd/ Main Street Intersection in Newburgh. Please contact Peter Good, the leader, if you wish to take part (goodcompany at sympatico.ca or 613-378-6605).

Birding by Bicycle: Michael and Carolyn will ride the Cataraqui Trail and nearby back roads in search of birds. This area is within the Frontenac Forests IBA. Please visit the KFN website for details on date and time. Contact bonta.johnson at sympatico.ca or 613-531-4578 to register. We may be able to offer a bike shuttle from Kingston with sufficient advance notice.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF THE THIRD CROSSING

The City has been informed that KFN members are concerned about the environmental impact of the work on the Third Crossing.

In response to concerns about the impact on bats of tree removal, and that mitigating bat houses were not going to be installed until the Fall, the City has responded: "As part of our work with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry four bat houses are going to be installed on the east shore. Crews will be onsite before May 1 to install the bat houses. Areas of installation have been carefully selected so that the bat houses have the best chance of attracting native bats. The mix of standard and nursery bat houses will be installed in the north side of the meadow on the Pittsburgh Library property in accordance with the Bat House Builder's Handbook published by Bat Conservation International. A future 18 bat houses are also planned to offset the removal of the 35 snag trees within the east bridge approach. The bat houses are planned on a replacement ratio of 10 bat houses per hectare of impacted woodlands."

KFN will continue to observe the mitigation measures carried out by the City.

Lemoine Point Barn Swallow Watch

The latest news regarding the Lemoine Point Barn Swallow Structure is that when the CRCA inspected it, they found that a single nest had been used. The CRCA has decided to leave the Swallow Structure as it is for 2019. If there is no colonization during 2019, they will consider the installation of drop sides (4ft) for the 2020 season, to see if the extra shade/privacy makes the structure more attractive to Barn Swallows.

There will be an informal monitoring of the Swallow Structure by KFN members again this year. Everybody is invited to participate: just send Chris Hargreaves an email (hargreavescp at sympatico.ca) telling him whether you see any Barn Swallows at Lemoine Point, whether they showed any interest in the Swallow Structure, and the approximate time of your observations. Chris will produce a weekly report and send it to everybody who sends observations, and/or asks to receive a copy of the report.

ONTARIO GOVERNMENT ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT REVIEW

Ontario Nature and several other environmental organizations have launched Province wide campaigns to preserve the Ontario Endangered Species Act. Information on Ontario Nature's response can be found at <https://ontarionature.org/programs/endangered-species/>

Prince Edward Point National Wildlife Area Management Plan has been finalized. You can find the document at http://publications.gc.ca/collections/collection_2018/eccc/CW66-540-2018-eng.pdf David McAvoy asked if there was any record of how public review comments were addressed. The response, from Canadian Wildlife Service states: "There is no formal record of how comments were addressed, although we do keep all comments received on file."

(Editorial comment: seems you *can* fight city hall, but battling Queen's Park may be a bigger challenge!)

Kingston Field Naturalists Executive for 2019 – 2020

Here is the executive of the KFN as elected by the membership at the Annual General Meeting on 18 April 2019. Contact information for executive members is inside the front cover of the Blue Bill. The executive is always eager to hear from you.

Honorary President	Ron Weir
President	Anthony Kaduck
Past President	Alexandra Simmons
Vice President	Kenneth Edwards
Treasurer	Larry McCurdy
Recording Secretary	Janis Grant
Membership Secretary	Kathy Webb
Blue Bill Editor	Peter Waycik
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Member-at-large/Website	Lesley Rudy
Member-at-large/Ontario Nature	John Donihee
Member-at-large/Facebook, Dinner	Polly Aiken
Member-at-large/Publicity	Jackie Bartnik

You should receive your **next newsletter (September)** by 24 August. Check our website kingstonfieldnaturalists.org for updates.
Have a great naturalist summer!