



# Kingston Field Naturalists

## May 2021

### KFN

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and links to other sites:  
<https://kingstonfielddnaturalists.org>

Blog: <http://kingstonfielddnaturalists.blogspot.com>

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

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Cecropia moth caterpillar  
Photo J. Elliott

Meetings are normally held at 7:30 pm on the third Thursday of each month.  
Social starts at 7:00 pm. (See below.)  
Telephone users should contact Carolyn Bonta (613-531-4578)  
for the meeting ID and passcode.

### Thursday 15 April will be our Annual General Meeting

The KFN AGM will take place via Zoom. The link will open at 7 pm; the meeting will begin at 7:30 pm. From 7-7:30 there will be a slide show and a breakout room where Mark Read will be hosting a Q and A on the **Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas**. See page 4 for Zoom meeting updates.

**Rideau Waterway Land Trust** will give a short presentation about their fund-raising drive toward the purchase of a parcel of land, known as the Warren property, near the Queen's University Biological Station on Opinicon Road. To learn more about the importance of preserving this property please visit [RWLT.org](http://RWLT.org) and go to the link under "News and Updates"

The **business portion** of the meeting will begin after 7:30 pm. The meeting Agenda, the Treasurer's Report, the proposed 2021/22 Budget and minutes of last year's AGM will be up on the website soon. The meeting will also include short reports about our activities in the past year and the election of the 2021/2022 Executive. After the formal part of the meeting, two executive members will present short talks.

**Shirley French** will present a video about curiosity and playfulness of wildlife. These activities teach animals about their environment and about other species with which they coexist. These behaviors prepare them for life.

Last month David Bree introduced us to many species of moths. **Janet Elliott** will give a more in depth look at the Giant Silkworm Moth.

### On Thursday 20 May

**Joanne Barnaby, Traditional Knowledge Specialist/Facilitator,**  
will present

### Using Traditional (Indigenous) Knowledge to Solve Environmental Problems

Joanne's presentation will focus on Indigenous and traditional knowledge systems and world views, the development, collection and transmission of TK, and its use in modern environmental and conservation decision-making. She will highlight the benefits which can be derived from the use of TK in modern environmental decision making.

Please see page 5 for more information.

**It's membership renewal time.** The KFN membership year extends from April 1 to March 31 of the following year. For directions on how to renew your membership, please see page 4.

## **Rambles, Field Trips, and other outings**

**There will be no outings in April. May outings will proceed as COVID restrictions allow.**

**Please check the KFN website.**

**RAMBLES** are slow walks to notice nature in all its forms.

Please register for details of meeting place (n8ture.anne at sympatico.ca or 613-389-6742).

**Times are *on site* and do not include driving times. Please bring a drink and prepare for sun, flies and ticks. Masks will be worn.**

Cancellation, if necessary, will be sent to those who have registered.

Please do not join us if you have COVID contacts.

**Tuesday 20 April Belle Isle CANCELLED**

**Tuesday 4 May Roger Candy Trail CANCELLED**

**Tuesday 18 May 9:30 - 11:30 am Brewer's Mills**

**Tuesday 1 June 9:30 - 11:30 am Opinicon Road, Pangman Trail**

## **FIELD TRIPS**

**There will be no field trips in April.**

### **Saturday 8 May Prince Edward Point Birding**

Trip leader: Anthony Kaduck (kaduckintransit at gmail.com or 613-767-8398)

Join fellow KFN members to explore the Prince Edward Point National Wildlife Area, a noted hotspot for spring bird migration.

The trip involves short walks of 1-1.5 km on footpaths and an unpaved road. The terrain is mostly flat. No services other than washrooms are available at the point, so it would be advisable to bring drinks and lunch. Because parking space is limited and to ensure that physical distance can be maintained, this trip will be limited to six vehicles and 16 people (plus the leader and co-leader). Check the website in the next few weeks for further details.

**MAY BIRD WALKS** this year will be members only, not open to the general public.

May is the prime bird migration month. Warblers (our local gems) and several other species are passing through Kingston on their way to their breeding ground. This is the opportunity to observe these species before the trees and shrubs leaf out.

This year, the May bird walks will take place at Lemoine Point Conservation Area on Wednesday mornings (**12, 19 and 26 May**). Walks will begin at 6:30 am. Walks are open to members of the KFN only. To register for one or more of the dates above, contact Erwin Batalla (simbat at bell.net or 613-389-0144). Each walk will be limited to 12 participants including the leaders. For contact tracing, you will need to provide an email or phone number and answer the usual health questionnaire. Masks will be worn. Cancellation, if necessary, will be sent to those who have registered.

### **Friday 11 June 3:00 pm to Saturday 12 June 3:00 pm BioBlitz**

If COVID restrictions allow, our 2021 BioBlitz will be at Fourth Lake Nature Reserve of the Land Conservancy for KFLA (west of Parham). There will be **no guided hikes**.

Detailed information has gone out to those who attended a BioBlitz in the past. If you would like to be added to this list and receive details of this year's BioBlitz, please contact Anne (613-389-6742 or n8ture.anne at sympatico.ca).

Cancellation due to COVID is still a possibility.

BioBlitz information will be on the website soon (kingstonfieldnaturalists.org).

## **JUNIORS**

### **Family Field Trips**

**There will be no field trip on 24 April.**

**Please note changed date due to COVID regulations:**

**Saturday 22 May 9:00 am to 2:30 pm**

**KFN Helen Quilliam Sanctuary north of Sydenham: a road side cleanup and spring wild flower walk**

Meet in town at 9:00 am to carpool or drive together **or** meet there at 9:45 am. Return in town at 2:30 pm.

Dress well for the weather. Bring a snack, lunch, and gloves for garbage pickup.

Sunscreen and repellent as well as tick precautions advised.

Please register by Thursday 20 May with details of how you will travel (n8ture.anne at sympatico.ca or 613-389-6742). Details of meeting point will be given on registration.

Numbers may be limited by COVID restrictions.



### **SUMMER PROJECTS Start now!**

We hope you will complete a summer project for a prize in the fall. Prizes available are the Roland Beschel Prize, Nan Yeoman's Prize and Photo competition. These projects are for hands on field projects (nature collection, diary etc.) NOT computer oriented. Ask Anne for details.

Projects completed over the summer will be due 28 October 2021

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 projects.
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. This prize is for up to three photos taken over the summer with a short description.

## **TEENS**

**Saturday 17 April** Unfortunately this outing must be cancelled due to COVID restrictions.

### **FRIDAY 14 May 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm Night Hike**

Variety of locations to include observations of frogs, woodcock, owls and the night sky. Details of transportation to be discussed by email. Please register by Wednesday 12 May. For details contact Anne (613-389-6742 n8ture.anne at sympatico.ca).

### **Friday 11 June or Saturday 12 June BIOBLITZ**

See information elsewhere in this Newsletter. Independent attendance. Please ask for details if interested.



## Club News and Updates

**Welcome to new members** Amy Holland and Alaina Boyd, Leisa and Travis Horton, Rudy Pohl, Dawn Crawford, Yvette Shirtliff and Stuart Watson, Tammy Browning & family, Jo Bennett and Karl Pruner, Claude Roy, Vladimir Branicki & family, Eurico de Sousa, Jane Bailey and Mandy Berglund, Bill McMartin, Dawna Bate & Family, Susan Gagnon, Kim Hay and Kevin Kell, Erika Wood, Brian Laine & Family, Shayne Morrissey, Ted Glas and Gisèle Maillet, Oriane Tournayre, Paivi Kattilakoski.

### Membership Renewal Notice

Thank you to all who have already renewed your memberships for the 2021/22 membership year – over 40% of you to date. For the rest of you who wish to renew your memberships, you can proceed in one of the following ways:

1. Join or renew online via PayPal at the website:  
<https://kingstonfieldnaturalists.org/membership/>. Please note that you do not need a PayPal account to renew online: once you click the "Pay Now" button, you can proceed as a guest by clicking the "Pay with a credit or Visa debit card" button.
2. Download and print the membership form from the website and mail it with a cheque payment to: Kingston Field Naturalists, PO Box 831, Kingston, Ontario K7L 4X6.
3. Request a paper copy of the membership form to mail in with a cheque.

Feel free to contact Kathy Webb, Membership Secretary, if you have any questions: [kw2 at queensu.ca](mailto:kw2@queensu.ca).

### Zoom Meeting Updates for 15 April

- Annual General Meeting information will be on website soon.
- If you have any observation pictures that you would like to show, please send them to Ken ([info at kingstonfieldnaturalists.org](mailto:info@kingstonfieldnaturalists.org)) by Wednesday 14 April.
- To enter a breakout room you will need to be running an up-to-date Zoom app on your mobile device or using the downloaded Zoom client on your regular computer. You may enter and exit the breakout room as often as you wish. The room will close after 25 minutes.
- This month in the break out room Mark Read will be hosting a Q and A on the Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas. This important citizen science project was first held from 1981-85 and then again from 2001-05. We are in the first year of Atlas-3 which will provide valuable data on the status of breeding birds in Ontario.
- **No computer? Don't miss the meeting:** Join our monthly meetings by telephone! Contact Carolyn Bonta (613-531-4578) 1-2 days in advance of a meeting to obtain the Meeting ID and Passcode.

### Message from the Nominating Committee

At the April AGM, KFN members will vote in the election of the club's executive. The nominating committee has put together a slate of volunteers willing to stand for election. We are still looking for someone willing to assist the Treasurer with a view to taking on the role after next year's AGM.

The Treasurer is a Director and senior member of the executive, and essentially is the Club's financial manager and bookkeeper. It's an important job and one without which we cannot continue as a club. If you are interested in serving the club in this capacity, or would like to learn more about what the responsibilities involve, please contact Anthony or one of the other members of the Nominating Committee:

Anthony Kaduck ([kaduckintransit at googlemail.com](mailto:kaduckintransit@googlemail.com) or 613-767-8398),  
Alexandra Simmons ([simbat at bell.net](mailto:simbat@bell.net)) or  
Paul Mackenzie ([mackenzp at queensu.ca](mailto:mackenzp@queensu.ca))

## **JOANNE BARNABY, Traditional Knowledge Specialist/Facilitator**

will be our speaker on 20 May.

### **Using Traditional (Indigenous) Knowledge to Solve Environmental Problems**

Joanne Barnaby has over four decades of experience working with northern, National and Aboriginal governments on matters related to Traditional Knowledge (TK). Ms. Barnaby served as a Special Advisor on Aboriginal Rights to the Premier of the NWT and an Advisor on TK to the Canadian Delegation on the United Nations Biodiversity Convention. She also served two terms on the Board of the Science Institute of the NWT as was a founding Director of the Dene Cultural Institute, working to bring traditional knowledge systems forward in a modern-day context.

Joanne has led the development of an Indigenous Knowledge Policies and worked with scientists and Aboriginal elders to build working relationships and explore how TK and science-based knowledge systems can be used together effectively. Joanne has worked with mining companies, government regulators and utilities companies on diverse matters related to environmental protection and conservation, including mine closure and reclamation planning, fish, wildlife and water monitoring and matters of cultural, social and environmental sustainability.

Joanne's presentation will focus on Indigenous and traditional knowledge systems and world views, the development, collection and transmission of TK, and its use in modern environmental and conservation decision-making. She will highlight the benefits which can be derived from the use of TK in modern environmental decision making.

### **Pictorial guide to the Birds of Kingston**

A new resource for birding in the Kingston area is available on the website. Erwin Batalla has selected 120 species commonly seen in the region and pictures from Phil Harvey are illustrating them. All images were taken in the Kingston 50-km circle. We hope that this simplified guide will encourage you to observe birds during the Spring migration. Check it out at [kingstonfieldnaturalists.org](http://kingstonfieldnaturalists.org)

### **Other meetings only a Zoom away**

**Land Conservancy for Kingston Frontenac Lennox & Addington** are having their AGM on 14 April at 7:00 pm. Their Guest speaker will be **Rob McRae**, the Program Director for Eastern Ontario, Nature Conservancy of Canada. He will be discussing "Valuable Landscapes for Conservation in the KFLA region". **Registration is required.** Go to <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/2021-annual-general-meeting-tickets-148075217963> to register.

**Friends of the Salmon River and Friends of the Napanee River**, with support from Hastings Stewardship Council, are presenting a winter speaker series. All events are free and will be recorded and made available on a YouTube link following the event. On 20 April 7:00 pm Amanda Tracey from Nature Conservancy of Canada will present "Invasive Species in Central and Eastern Ontario – including Phragmites, Dog Strangling-Vine, Gypsy Moth and more". For more information and to register, visit [friendsofsalmonriver.ca](http://friendsofsalmonriver.ca)

**The South Shore Joint Initiative (in Prince Edward County)** is also hosting zoom meetings. You can find their schedule, and recordings of previous meetings at: [https://www.ssji.ca/south\\_shore\\_events](https://www.ssji.ca/south_shore_events). On Monday 26 April, Kyle Blaney will present his stunning photographs in "Beauty Close to Home". Registration is required.

**Rotary Club of Kingston** Great Lakes Cleanup has been postponed to Saturday 29 May.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas UPDATE**

**From Mark Read, Regional Coordinator and KFN Rare Birds Committee Chair**

Since my last notice, preparations for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas have progressed significantly with a wealth of resources now available on the website (<https://www.birdsontario.org/#>). This is also where you can register as a participant which is necessary if you wish to contribute data. Although the main breeding period for the majority of birds local to our area is still a couple of months away, some species, such as Great Horned Owls and Bald Eagles, are already on nests.

Although the atlas runs for a total of 5 years, having people assigned to squares from the outset is hugely beneficial as this will allow us to 'do the groundwork' in the first 2-3 years. Once we have much of the basic work covered off, we'll then be able to start filling the gaps as well as targeting breeding evidence for species that may have been missed to date. The Kingston area (Region 21) is one of the bigger ones in southern Ontario with 75 10x10km squares extending from roughly Charleston Lake in the east to as far west as Belleville. The atlas region also extends much further north than the traditional KFN circle, reaching beyond Hwy 7 in the west. Currently, we still have 29 squares waiting for a lead atlasser, many in the 'far west'.

Most of the KFN area falls within 'Region 21'. However, Prince Edward County, Hay Bay, and the 401 corridor from Deseronto to Belleville lies within 'Region 20'. Regions to the east and north of the KFN study area may also be of interest. To contact a Regional Coordinator, see below:

Region 21 – Kingston (Mark Read): [kingston@birdsontario.org](mailto:kingston@birdsontario.org).

Region 20 – Prince Edward (Nick Bartok): [princeedward@birdsontario.org](mailto:princeedward@birdsontario.org)

Region 22 – Leeds and Grenville (Stew Hammill and Gerard Phillips):  
[leeds.grenville@birdsontario.org](mailto:leeds.grenville@birdsontario.org)

Region 25 – Silver Lake (Mark Read and Richard Knapton): [silverlake@birdsontario.org](mailto:silverlake@birdsontario.org)

I realise some of the above may seem somewhat intimidating but once registered, anyone can contribute data to any square at any time (during the breeding season). It is absolutely not necessary to take on a full square. Casual observations from your own properties or local parks will be essential to mapping distribution of breeding species at a refined level; beyond that seen in Atlas 2. However, if you are interested in committing to a whole 10x10km square, please contact the correct regional coordinator, as identified above, for more information.