



Kingston Field Naturalists

September and October 2021

KFN

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Meetings are normally held at 7:30 pm on the third Thursday of each month from September to April. Social starts at 7:00 pm.

Our next meeting will be Thursday 16 September Our speaker will be Julia Zarankin

Julia Zarankin is the author of *Field Notes from an Unintentional Birder*, a memoir. She will be presenting an unconventional view of birding!

Our September meeting will be via Zoom.

See page 4 for notes about breakout rooms and how you can contribute to the slide show.

Our October meeting will be Thursday 21 October by Zoom.

Details of our speaker for the evening are still being finalized. Please check the website. Next newsletter will be available Thursday 14 October.

An Opportunity to Increase the KFN's Endowment Fund

The KFN has an endowment fund, managed by the Community Foundation for Kingston & Area (CFKA), which provides an annual income to help pay for the costs of owning and managing our Nature Reserves. This endowment was created through generous bequests from estates, and donations in memory of deceased KFN members. The fund is not yet large enough to pay all the costs associated with our Nature Reserves and we hope to eventually increase it to be able to do so.

In an effort to assist local charities to increase their endowments, **the CFKA has offered to match contributions, up to a total of \$1000 per fund, between now and 31 December.** This is a great opportunity to increase our endowment fund, and the KFN executive has agreed to use donations to our Habitat Preservation Fund to take advantage of this offer. We are asking our members to consider a donation to help us provide for the future of our protected properties. Donations to our Habitat Preservation Fund between now and 31 December will be used for that purpose. These donations can be made by cheque or through Paypal on our website. Members also have the option of donating directly to the CFKA, selecting the KFN Environmental Protection Fund from the list of agency funds listed on the CFKA website. If you have any questions feel free to contact our Treasurer Larry McCurdy (613-389-6427 or larry@mccurdy.biz).

Rambles, Field Trips, and other outings

Please be aware of ticks! Wear long sleeves, tuck long pants into socks, and use repellent.

Please check the website for any updates on rambles and field trips.

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

Registration is still required for COVID tracking. Registrants will be sent details of meeting place about a week ahead of each ramble. Please contact Anne (nature.anne at sympatico.ca or 613-389-6742). Please be aware of problem plants and insects and dress accordingly. Hat, sunscreen and water also recommended. **Please register!**

Tuesday 21 September 10:00 am to 1:30 pm on site Jones Creek Trails, St Lawrence Islands National Park (Thousand Islands Parkway). This will be a longer walk (2-3 km) and further afield. Bring lunch. (Times from town: 9:00 am to 2:30 pm.) Details on registration with Anne.

Tuesday 5 October 9:30 to 11:30 am on site Property of Tessa Clarke (Kingston Mills). Details on registration with Anne.

Tuesday 19 October 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Sutherland-Bayley NCC property (one hour drive north on Canoe Lake Rd). From town at 9:00 am. Back 2:00 pm.

Tuesday 2 November 8:45 am to early pm Amherst Island Martin Edwards Reserve
Meet 8:45 am at Gardiners Town Centre (Bath Road at Gardiners Road) near Tim Hortons to carpool to 9:30 am ferry. Return on 1:00 or 2:00 pm ferry. Cost \$10 per car, return. Fewer cars is better. Good time for shorebirds. More details on registration.

FIELD TRIPS Please contact the leader to register for these trips.

Saturday 18 September 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Paddle The Gan (rain date Sunday 19 September)

Leader Gary Hillaby (416-884-2774 or fieldtrips at kingstonfieldnaturalists.org)

We will meet at the public launch on River St in Gananoque. We will head north on the Gananoque River seeing what the area offers for nature lovers. All watercraft (canoes/kayaks) and operators should be capable of passing a Ministry of Transport Safety Inspection. In other words you should have life jackets, bailers, etc,etc

Sunday 3 October 9:00 am to ~ noon Belle Island (rain or shine)

Leader Erwin Batalla (613-389-0144 or simbat at bell.net)

We will meet at 9 am at the Tim Hortons at the intersection of John Counter Blvd and Montreal St. We will walk the trail at Belle Park and look for migrating passerines in the park and ducks in the inner harbour. Trip will conclude before noon.

Saturday 16 October 7:30 am to 2:00 pm Wolfe Island Birding (rain date Sunday October 17)

Leader Gary Hillaby (416-884-2774 or fieldtrips at kingstonfieldnaturalists.org)

We will be exploring potential hotspots on the island looking for fall migrants. We will meet at the parking lot of the Kingston Military Community Sport Centre at 7:30 am sharp to arrange carpooling. Those that are unable to carpool can line up for the 8:00 am ferry.

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Indoor meetings

An email will be sent to registered members if indoor meetings become possible.

Summer projects are due 28 October.

Field trips

Saturday 25 September 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Depot Creek Nature Reserve, Bellrock near Verona. *Please register with Anne* (n8ture.anne at sympatico.ca) *by Tuesday 21 September* if you would like to attend and details will be emailed. Meet in town to carpool or convoy to the site. Dress appropriately remembering hazardous plants and ticks (long pants tucked in socks and long sleeves, good walking shoes). Bring lunch and snack. Remember water and hat.

Next Field trip Saturday 30 October.



TEENS

Friday 15 October Owl Banding at Prince Edward Point (about 1½ hours' drive from Kingston). Leave town 5:00 pm. Bring supper. Return about 11:00 pm depending on owls and weather conditions. Please register with Anne (n8ture.anne at sympatico.ca) by Monday 11 October for more details.



Future meetings

Saturday 13 November **Fun with Ferns**

December **Christmas Bird Count**

Club News and Updates

Welcome to new members: Skyler Freeman, Wendy Hogan and Ronald Rathburn, Walter Sliva & family, Carol Sparling & family, Noreen McQuoid, Cassandra Duchaine.

Zoom Meeting Updates for 16 September

- You will receive a **zoom link** a few days before the meeting. The ZOOM link will be opened at 7 pm with the first 30 minutes dedicated to socializing and a slide show. The formal meeting begins at 7:30 pm.
- There will be two **breakout rooms**: Socializing can be done in the breakout room called "socializing". A second breakout room for Q's and A's about the club, hosted by members of the executive, will be in the room called "Q and A". To access these rooms look for the breakout room icon on your screen, click on it and choose the room you are interested in. You may enter and exit at will. The rooms will be closed at 7:25 pm.
- If you have any **photos, videos or information you would like to share** with club members, please send them to Ken (info at kingstonfieldnaturalists.org) by Wednesday 15 September, or contact Ken Edwards directly at rkfe@queensu.ca
- **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.

Thanks to Gaye Beckwith and his crew for a comfy station at Martin Edwards Reserve!



Gaye Beckwith constructed an outhouse for the Martin Edwards Reserve. Here he is enjoying the view from the porch!



Mike Evans helping put up the outhouse walls.

The Amherstview Sewage Lagoons are a good place for viewing butterflies, dragonflies and birds. KFN members have permission to visit the lagoons, but there are rules: There is a padlocked gate at the entrance and climbing the gate is not tolerated (*contact Kurt Hennige: khennige@xplornet.com for the lock combination*); the narrow unmowed paths between some of the lagoons are off limits; and carry your KFN membership card in case you are asked to show identification. A site guide for the sewage lagoon will be posted on the website soon.