



Kingston Field Naturalists

September - October 2022

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 general meeting will be

Thursday 15 September

Samantha Cava from Nature Canada

will be speaking about the Nature Canada project to create a National Marine Conservation Area in the eastern part of Lake Ontario.

Samantha Cava graduated from the University of Guelph with a BSc degree in Wildlife Biology and Conservation and from Seneca College with a post-graduate diploma in Environmental Project Management. In her professional career she has worked with various government institutions and environmental NGOs. Currently, she is a Nature Network Organizer at Nature Canada. Her experience and passion lie in current and emerging environmental initiatives in Canada as they relate to protected areas establishment and Indigenous-led conservation.

The economic, cultural, and ecological values associated with the Great Lakes are indispensable, and yet remain largely unprotected. However, there is an opportunity to contribute to the federal government's effort to create 10 new National Marine Conservation Areas (NMCAs) in the next 5 years. Nature Canada is pushing for collaboration between the federal and provincial governments, in close partnership with First Nations, to advance the establishment of new NMCAs in the Great Lakes, starting with Lake Ontario. This presentation is meant to provide you with an overview of this campaign, what has been done to date, and what you can expect in the near future.

Zoom meeting updates for Thursday 15 September:

- You will receive a Zoom link a few days before the meeting. The Zoom link will be opened at 7 pm. The formal meeting begins at 7:30 pm.
- There will be no breakout room this meeting; come to share your summer sightings and hear what others have observed.
- Join our monthly meetings by telephone. Contact Janet Elliott (613-547-2674) 1-2 days in advance of a meeting to obtain the Meeting ID and Passcode.

Our October general meeting will be Thursday 20 October. Quinn Fletcher of the Winnipeg Bat Laboratory will be speaking about project Neighborhood Bat Watch. This presentation will be a collaboration of the KFN, the Land Conservancy for KFLA and the Friends of Frontenac Park.



Monarch Butterfly
Photo: J. Elliott

Monarch Butterfly ACNE929 was tagged and released on 21 August 2021 during *Flight of the Monarch Day*. The day was held at the Moses Hudgin Log House on Ostrander Point Road, Prince Edward County and sponsored by the *South Shore Joint Initiative*. ACNE929 was subsequently found on 13 February 2022 on the Cerro Pelón mountain in Mexico: 3,483 km from the release site in Prince Edward County! For more information see: https://www.ssj.ca/the_south_shoreliner_13

- **Please do not walk on the berm at the Martin Edwards Reserve. See page 2.**
- **October - November newsletter will be sent the week of 10 October.**

Rambles, Field Trips, and other outings

Please check the website for any updates.

TICKS are looking for hosts! Wear long sleeves, tuck long pants into socks, use repellent. Ten minutes in a hot dryer kills the ticks that come home on your clothes.

RAMBLES take place every first and third Tuesday. Rambles are slow walks to notice nature in all its forms. Be prepared for ticks, wild parsnip, flies of all types, poison ivy. Bring hat, sunscreen, water. For detailed directions please register by the Sunday before the trip with Anne (n8ture.anne at sympatico.ca or 613-389-6742).

Tuesday 20 September 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Milburn Creek property of NCC

Bring lunch and water.

Tuesday 4 October 9:00 am to 2:30 pm Helen Quilliam Sanctuary, Art Bell Trail

Bring lunch and water.

Tuesday 18 October 9:00 am to noon K and P Trail

FIELD TRIPS

Saturday 10 September 7:30 am to 1:00 pm Blue Mountain Fungi and Feathers

(rain date September 11) Leader Gary Hillaby We will meet at the carpool lot at Highway 2 and 401 (Gananoque). Fungi and mushrooms will be a focus as we ascend to the summit of Blue Mountain. This edge of Charleston Provincial Park can provide great opportunities to observe nature both on the ground and in the air. We might even see the elusive Pitch Pine. Bring the usual outing accessories (bug spray, sunscreen, water/snack). Register at fieldtrips at kingstonfieldnaturalists.org or call 613-547-8121.

Wednesday 14 September 9 am to 1 pm Paddle the Napanee River

Meet at the west end of Petworth Road, Harrowsmith (GPS coordinates: 44.424513, -76.754899). We will paddle north on the Napanee River into Napanee Lake; approximately 4 km each way. Your kayak or canoe should have all of the province's watercraft safety devices, including a personal flotation device (PFD). Leaders: Kathy Webb and Bill Depew. To participate and for event updates in case of changes due to weather, please register with Kathy at [kw2 at queensu.ca](mailto:kw2@queensu.ca)

Tuesday 18 October to Thursday 20 October Moose Prowl in Algonquin Park

Leader Gary Hillaby We will have a carpooling spot in Kingston but we will "convoy up" in Bancroft to make our way into the park. We will be in the park dawn till dusk for the days we are there trying to see moose and anything else the park is offering. We would like to see how many members are interested. Contact Gary Hillaby for more details (fieldtrips at kingstonfieldnaturalists.org or 613-547-8121).

Saturday 26 November 7:00 am to 4:00 pm Snow Geese and Fromage

(rain date 27 November) Leader Gary Hillaby Our targeted waterfowl is the Snow Goose on this annual field trip. We will be starting our search in the Kemptville area this year and working our way east to Lancaster and the Glengarry Cheese Company. We will meet and "carpool up" at the carpool parking lot at Highway 15 and 401 at 7:00 am. To register contact Gary at fieldtrips at kingstonfieldnaturalists.org or call 613-547-8121.

Martin Edwards Reserve Amherst Island

The trail along the berm on the Martin Edwards Reserve is still closed as repair work is ongoing. Access to the point is still possible along the gravel beach. **Please do not walk on the berm.**

JUNIORS

Junior registration forms for 2022-2023 have been mailed to past members. Forms are available from the KFN website (kingstonfieldnaturalists.org/youth), n8ture.anne at sympatico.ca or 613-389-6742.

Deadline for registration was Friday 9 September.



Thursday 22 September 6:30 to 8:00 pm WELCOME
Indoor meeting at Centennial Public School, Norman Rogers Drive.

Saturday 24 September 9:00 am to noon Field Trip to Westbrook area

Details will be sent to registered members. Please confirm attendance by Thursday 22 September

Saturday 22 October Field trip

Thursday 27 October Indoor meeting

TEENS



Teen registration forms for 2022-2023 have been mailed to past members. Application forms are available on the KFN website (kingstonfieldnaturalists.org/youth) or n8ture.anne at sympatico.ca or 613-389-6742.

Deadline for registration was 8 September.

Saturday 10 September Canoe trip, Otter Lake

Details were emailed to registered members.
Registration deadline was noon 7 September.

**Saturday 15 October Spectacular Seeds Hike
at Robertson Cottage**

**Saturday 12 November Taxonomy Hunt
at Elbow Lake Environmental Education Centre**

Saturday 10 December Christmas Bird Count

Club News and Updates

Welcome to new members: Walter Dick, Robert Burtch, Gihyun Yoo, Melanie Myers & Mike Guindon, Kathleen Burtch, Andrew Miller & family, Shane Mitchell & family, Nasrene MacDonald, Kathy Sage, Ruth McCurdy, Darren Kelly, Barry Hodgins, Ugo Piomelli, Janice Stewart, Brian Morin, Joanne Bird, Laura Murray, Rosemary Mosco, Marta Straznicki, Jan Allen.

KFN CRESTS!! Crests featuring the KFN logo are available for purchase. These crests are about 8 cm in diameter and have an iron-on backing which makes them easy to apply to a hat, backpack or jacket. Crests can be purchased from ramble or trip leaders for \$2 or through the website (<https://kingstonfieldnaturalists.org/membership/>) for \$3 (to cover costs of mailing and PayPal). Be sure to include your shipping address with your online order.

CONGRATULATIONS TO KURT HENNIGE

Kurt was awarded ONTARIO NATURE'S 2022 NATURAL HISTORY AWARD for his tireless efforts to protect wild birds in Ontario. Kurt has been a terrific help in many KFN Conservation Committee projects over the years! This is a very well-deserved award.

THANKS TO KATHY WEBB Kathy lead a bird walk organized by River First YGK in Belle Park on Sunday 21 August. The walk was one of a series planned to raise awareness of the variety of wildlife in the Inner Harbour area.

If you have any suggestions for speakers for our general meetings, please contact Ken Edwards (rkfe at queensu.ca)

SOUTH SHORE NATIONAL MARINE CONSERVATION AREA

A zoom meeting was held involving Samantha Cava of Nature Canada, Ann Parker - constituency office manager for MP Mark Gerretsen, and Chris Hargreaves, KFN Conservation Committee Chair, during which Sam described Nature Canada's campaign for the creation of a National Marine Conservation Area in the eastern basin of Lake Ontario. The presentation was well received by Ann, who will suggest to MP Gerretsen that he support the campaign. Samantha will be giving a presentation about the proposed Marine Conservation Area to the KFN General Meeting on Wednesday 15 September.

KINGSTON INNER HARBOUR REMEDIATION PLAN

Transport Canada / Parks Canada have now set up a website describing their proposal to remediate the Kingston Inner Harbour: <http://www.kihproject-projetpik.ca/Home/IndexEN>
The website includes a link open for public comments until September 30.
The proposed remediation will cause great damage to the current ecosystem, particularly the turtles. The advocates give no indication as to how long it would take for the harbour to recover to its current level of ecological vitality, before entering what they consider will be a better state. (Chris Hargreaves worries that evidence they used to justify the cleanup is not detailed, and may rely heavily on a single fish discovered in 2014, whose lesions may have been caused by a boat's propeller, not pollution.)

Saturday 13 May to Friday 19 May 2023 Southwestern Ontario Field Trip

Leader: John Licharson We will be heading back to Western Ontario, May 13-19, 2023, to bird Point Pelee National Park, Rondeau (and other) Provincial Park(s), Hillman Marsh, Blenheim and Tilbury Lagoons and the Lake Saint Clair area as well as any other spots to which a twitch may become desirable. The group will be limited to eight participants. Contact John Licharson (jlicharson at tllacanada.com or 613 three-eight-six-seven-seven-two-zero).