



Kingston Field Naturalists

September - October 2023

KFN

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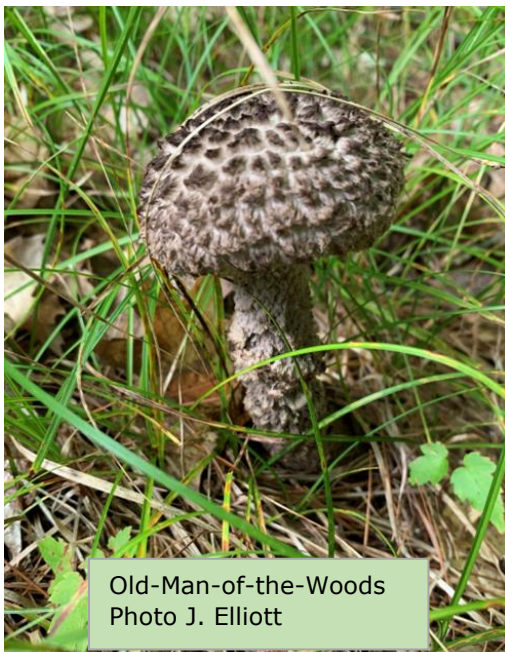
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Meetings are normally held at 7:30 pm on the third Thursday of each month from September to April. Social starts at 7:00 pm.

Thursday 21 September will be our first general meeting of the year

Megan Quinn from Nature Conservancy of Canada will be speaking about the loss of biodiversity and current efforts to increase the amount of protected land for the preservation of nature.

Megan is the Conservation Coordinator for Eastern Ontario at the Nature Conservancy of Canada. She moved from Northern England to Canada in 2004 and has graduated from the Ecosystem Management Technician and Technology programs at Sir Sandford Fleming College. After working with a variety of environmental non-profits, Megan joined the Nature Conservancy of Canada. Megan also sits on the Young Professionals Committee of the Canadian Committee for the International Union for Conservation of Nature (CCIUCN). She is a Sustainable Development Goal Impact Mentor with the United Nations Association in Canada (UNAC) where she advocates for authentic youth involvement. In February 2022 Megan attended the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (COP15) as part of the Nature Conservancy of Canada's (NCC) youth delegation.



Old-Man-of-the-Woods
Photo J. Elliott

Thursday 19 October meeting

The theme for the KFN speaker series for 2023/2024 will be the loss of biodiversity and efforts that are underway to halt and reverse this trend. Details of our October speaker are still being finalized.

Our general meetings for the 2023/2024 year are scheduled to be in Ongwanada Resource Centre off Portsmouth Avenue. Social starts at 7:00 pm, meetings begin at 7:30 pm.

Our general meetings will be available by Zoom; you will receive a Zoom link by email a few days before the meeting. You can also join the meeting by phone: contact Janet Elliott (613-547-2674) before the meeting to obtain the meeting ID and the Passcode.

Rambles, Field Trips, and other outings

Please check the website for any updates.

Be prepared for ticks! Wear long sleeves and pants tucked into socks.

RAMBLES are slow walks to notice nature; they take place on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Please register with Anne (n8ture.anne at sympatico.ca or 613-389-6742), by the Sunday prior to the trip, to receive detailed directions. Good walking shoes or boots, a snack and a drink as well as protection against poisonous plants and nasty insects advised. Walking poles may be useful.

Tuesday 19 September 9:00 am to 12:30 pm K and P north from Unity Road,
west of Elginburg

Tuesday 3 October 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Foley Mountain, Westport

Tuesday 17 October 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Meisel Woods (Crowe Lake)
Rideau Lakes Conservation Authority (Last long distance ramble this year!)

FIELD TRIPS

Saturday 16 September 8:30 am to 3:00 pm Fungi and Feathers at Blue Mountain

Leaders Janet Elliott and Janis Grant The main focus will be on fungi and lichens but as always we look at whatever else nature is offering. Some participants may want to reach the summit for the view of Charleston Lake and see the elusive Pitch Pine. You will need to bring a snack/lunch. There will be two carpool/meeting spots for this outing: meet at the carpool lot at Highway 15 and 401 at 8:30 am, or at the carpool lot near the Casino in Gananoque at 8:50 am. To register contact Janet Elliott (janet.l.elliott at gmail.com or 613-547-2674).

Saturday 21 October 7:30 am to 2:00 pm Fall Birds at Howe Island

Leader Gary Hillaby We will be going to Howe Island to look for migrating birds. Birds passing over Howe are attracted to the solitude of the island and the beautiful shoreline. We will meet at the Howe Island Ferry at 7:30 am. To register contact Gary Hillaby (fieldtrips at kingstonfieldnaturalists.org or 613-547-8121).

Kurt's Wednesdays Bird Walks

Kurt is leading Wednesday morning birding trips, once a month from April to October to five of the six Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA) in our region. Each trip will be 4 hours in the areas close to Kingston (Wolfe and Amherst Islands and Napanee Plain) and up to 6 hours for Frontenac Forests and Prince Edward County South Shore KBA's.

Participants will be limited to 10 people and are required to contact Kurt at least 3 days before the trips to receive information on meeting points. While the focus will be on key target species, many other species will be counted as well. This could involve spending long times on scopes to get good counts. Patience will be required!

If you are interested, contact Kurt (khennige at xplornet.com or 613-876-1804).

Wednesday 25 October 8 am to 1:30 pm Wolfe Island for IBA target species count.

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INDOOR MEETINGS

Thursday 28 September 6:30 to 8:00 pm at **Centennial Public School**, Norman Rogers Drive. First indoor meeting. This important introductory meeting prepares members for meetings for the rest of the year and includes some natural history information.

Meetings are planned for the fourth Thursday each month.

Next meeting 26 October.



FIELD TRIPS

Saturday 28 October First Field trip

SUMMER PROJECTS

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 26 October 2023

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 Yeoman's 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

Friday 29 September 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm Owl banding
at Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory.

Rain date Saturday 30 September *****NOTE DATE*****

This trip, specially arranged with the Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory, will give an opportunity to observe the process of bird banding close up and to learn some of the natural history of these species. Details on registration for this trip by 26 September please.

(This trip takes the place of the 14 October Teen meeting.)

Next meeting Saturday 11 November.



Club News and Updates

Welcome to new members: Marie Kuppens, Julia Murray, and John Street.

Thanks to KFN executive member Rose-Marie Burke. In the past Rose-Marie held a number of positions on the KFN executive including publicity, member-at-large, and secretary. She took "early retirement" in 2016, but responded to the call and became our recording secretary again in 2021. Rose-Marie is a long-time member of KFN and acts as our historian, reminding us of projects we have worked on in the past. Thank you, Rose-Marie!

Volunteer Opportunity For many years our book auction at the annual dinner was successful, but apparently we have saturated the local market for bird guides of exotic locales and other natural history books. We are looking for someone who would be interested in selling these books online. There are multiple boxes of books, some newer, some not-so-new, and some antiques. If you are interested, please contact Janet Elliott (janet.l.elliott at gmail.com). Please!

Publications from Ontario Nature

Ontario Nature has published the following free guides that can be downloaded in pdf format:

1. Nature of the North. A Traveller's Guide to Nature in Northern Ontario that can be downloaded in PDF format at the following site.

<https://view.publitas.com/on-nature/nature-of-the-north/page/1>

2. Species at Risk in Northern Ontario

<https://view.publitas.com/on-nature/species-at-risk-in-northern-ontario-guide/page/1>

3. Northern Forest Foraging Guide can be found at the following link

<https://onnaturemagazine.com/northern-forest-foraging-guide-2.html>

4. Backyard Habitats Guide

<https://onnaturemagazine.com/backyard-habitats-guide.html>

5. Bat Guide

<https://onnaturemagazine.com/bat-guide.html>

6. Butterfly and Moth Guide

<https://onnaturemagazine.com/butterfly-and-moth-guide.html>

7. Reptiles and Amphibians Guides

<https://ontarionature.org/programs/community-science/reptile-amphibian-atlas/>

The latest Issue of Ontario Nature Magazine can be downloaded in pdf format from the following site. <https://view.publitas.com/on-nature/summer-2023/page/1>