

# January 2016

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## Promoting the appreciation, understanding, and preservation of nature in the Ottawa Valley

Welcome, <<First Name>>

### Six New Species on the Pakenham-Arnrior Christmas Bird Count!

The weather on Boxing Day couldn't have been better for the Pakenham-Arnrior Christmas Bird Count—our president's 50<sup>th</sup> consecutive. With no wind, light overcast skies, no snow on the ground, all water unfrozen, and mild temperatures (ranging from -5 °C to +3 °C), the conditions for hearing and seeing birds were ideal.

Forty participants tallied 7,498 birds of 62 species; six species were new for the count, and record high numbers were set for several others.



This Red-throated Loon near Marshall Bay was the first ever seen on the count.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

- February 2, [Great Naturalists' Quiz Night](#)  
Combine laughter, learning and camaraderie and you have an annual Macnamara highlight—The Great Naturalists' Quiz Night—and an awesome way to learn about local natural history.



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MacnamaraTrail

With Art Goldsmith away in the wilds of Florida, will Gord Vogg's team win AGAIN?

- **March 2, 2016: Dr. Grégory Bulté**, biology instructor at Carleton University, will speak on [The Sex Life of the Northern Map Turtle: What goes on above and below the surface.](#)

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## FIELD TRIPS

- **Sunday, January 24, 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.:** [Exploring Nature on Snowshoes in the Carp Hills](#) **Leaders: Jeff Skevington and Gord Vogg** **Host: Janet Mason.** Explore a 297-acre private property. Beaver ponds and lodges, gneissic outcrops, Provincially Significant Wetlands, and rugged pine/oak uplands are showcased.
- **Saturday, February 20, 1:00 p.m.:** **Kid-friendly Snowshoe and Social.** Join us for a nature outing on snowshoes on Fitzroy Provincial Park trails. For the kids, a chance to look for animal signs in the snow. **Details to follow.**
- **Saturday, March 19, 1:00 p.m.:** **YOUNG MACS:** [Wildlife in a Sugarbush.](#) Young Macs and adults will visit a family sugarbush to see how it operates, and to look for signs of wildlife. All going well, we'll also be sampling some of the sweet stuff. Register by email to [youngmacs@mfnc.ca](mailto:youngmacs@mfnc.ca)

**Registration at [events@mfnc.ca](mailto:events@mfnc.ca) is required for all field trips. Please check details for all events (meetings and field trips) at [mfnc.ca](http://mfnc.ca).**

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## NEW BOARD MEMBER

At its meeting in January 2016, Board members reviewed the roles of the Executive confirmed at the Club's December meeting: **Michael Runtz**, President; **Karen Krueger**, Vice-President, **Judy Seligy**, Secretary; **Cathy Stewart**, Treasurer; **Maureen Carrier**, Field Trips; **Karen Runtz**, Bulletins/Publicity; **Olga Janoska**, Membership, and its newest member, **John McEwen**, Meeting Speakers.

**Welcome to the Board, John!**

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Expansion

Steve Duffield  
613-623-6072  
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### Meetings:

First Tuesday of the month  
at 7:30 p.m.  
Arnprior Curling Club  
15 Galvin Street

### Annual Memberships:

Family \$30, Individual \$25

### Guests welcome:

\$5 per meeting  
Students Free!



Macnamara Field Naturalists' Club



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About us: Following in the footsteps of

naturalist and photographer Charles Macnamara, the Macnamara Club has explored, documented and enjoyed the rich natural history of the Lower Ottawa Valley since the club's founding in 1984. Members meet the first Tuesday of every month except July and August at the Arnprior Curling Club, 15 Galvin Street, in Arnprior. Expert speakers share their knowledge and take members in easy steps into their special worlds. Field trips throughout the year investigate everything from geology, to birds in migration, to rare orchids.

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### Latest Posts

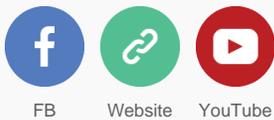
- It's #InvasiveSpeciesWeek . Spread the word...NOT the species! Here's an Invasive Species 101" article we published in the Fall 2013 edition of The Lady's-Slipper. You can access this as an interactive pdf with working links here: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/t029pvyb17kee1yb/Invasive%20Species%20101.pdf?dl=0> [[see more](#)] 2/22/16 10:38AM
- "Winged dispersers that transport seeds over long distances are likely to become more important, as they enable plant populations to shift their range." [[see more](#)] 2/19/16 2:04PM
- One of the downsides of e-commerce. Emissions are also a concern. [[see more](#)] 2/18/16 8:45AM
- The award-winning film The Messenger is coming to the Wakefield International Film Festival in Wakefield this Saturday and Sunday. Michael Runtz is featured as a member of a panel discussion with Joanne Jackson, the producer of the film, following the 4 p.m. screening on Saturday. More details and tickets at <http://wakefieldfilmfestival.weebly.com/> [[see more](#)] 2/18/16 8:22AM
- Recently the identity of the Pakenham Bullock's Oriole was questioned, but the conclusions may have been faulty. Photo:Bullock's Oriole Photo: Female Baltimore Orioles look very different than the Pakenham oriole. <http://www.insideottawavalley.com/opinion-story/6262065-long-live-the-bullock-s-oriole/> [[see more](#)] 2/15/16 2:05PM



The Friends of Huntley Highlands (FHH) invite MFNC members to explore nature on the **new Crazy Horse Trail**, a 7-km backcountry experience on iconic Canadian Shield in the Carp Hills. The group is writing a nature guide for the trail and would love input from field naturalists on the natural history, geology, plants, animals, and habitats. You can send your observations and comments to [huntleyhighlands@gmail.com](mailto:huntleyhighlands@gmail.com) and post to the [FHH Facebook page](#).

For more information check out [their page on the Huntley Highlands website](#).

**Photo:** When Janet Mason checked the large beaver pond on the Carp Barrens on January 11, she found thousands of gallons pouring into it from multiple sources.



**WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU — RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW *Please***

**Did you forget to renew your membership?** We're now four and a half months into the new membership year (2015-16) and **one out of three are yet to be renewed.**

You can register and pay membership fees—\$25 for individuals and \$30 for families—online via our website at [mfnc.ca](http://mfnc.ca). It's easy and efficient. You can also renew at our Feb.1 meeting or by mail—send your cheque (made out to Macnamara Field Naturalists' Club) to Macnamara Field Naturalists' Club, P.O. Box 391, Arnprior ON K7S 3L9.

**We depend on your membership fees in order to continue offering great monthly meetings with expert speakers, year-round field trips and special projects and activities.**

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