

MFNC April 2017 Bulletin



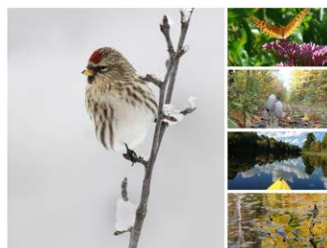
Promoting the appreciation, understanding, and preservation of nature in the Ottawa Valley

SEE YOU THERE?



Two more sleeps until dazzling duo Rory MacKay and Michael Runtz deliver *Axes to Ashes; Singing Saws to Howling Wolves: How LUMBERING changed the NATURE of the Ottawa Valley* at the Saint John Chrysostom Parish Hall, Arnprior. The event, a fundraiser to extend the Macnamara Trail, takes place this Friday, April 28.

The Arnprior Library, Arnprior Museum, the Arnprior and MacNab/Braeside Archives, Arnprior's Rotary Club and The Friends of the Carp Hills are joining us with displays, and



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Rory MacKay is also bringing some treasures, so come early. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the talks start at 7 p.m.

Advance tickets— \$15 and \$10 for ages 18 & under—are available at the Arnprior Library and Gilligallou Birds (Almonte and Ottawa) and [online at mfnc.ca](http://mfnc.ca). Tickets are \$20 at the door, at the Saint John Chrysostom Parish Hall, 295 Albert Street, Arnprior, Ontario.

See [The Arnprior Chronicle-Guide](#) for more information. Spread the word and join us if you can!

Along the Trail with Macnamara



Mourning Cloaks, which spend the winter as dormant butterflies, can currently be seen sunning themselves [along the Macnamara Trail](#) as well as in local woodlands writes Michael Runtz in his weekly column in *The Arnprior Chronicle-Guide*, *Renfrew Mercury* and *West Carleton Review*. Don't receive these weeklies? We usually share them on our Macnamara Facebook page as well.

Sharing is Great

If you've had a notable experience on the Macnamara Trail and have a story or a special photo, we'd love to hear about it.

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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

- 📅 Time to get the hummingbird feeders out!
<http://www.hummingbirds.net/map.html> [see more] 4/25/17 8:07AM
- 📅 Along the trail with Macnamara/Michael Runtz. Mourning Cloaks, which spend the winter as dormant butterflies, can currently be seen sunning themselves along the Macnamara Trail as well as in local woodlands.
<https://www.insideottawavalley.com/living-story/7245977-along-the-trail-with-macnamara/> [see more] 4/24/17 8:18AM
- 📅 Exciting news! [see more] 4/22/17 10:40AM

It would be great to share your experience with our wider audience in a future newsletter or on Facebook — our club page or our Friends of the Macnamara Trail group page. Not on Facebook? Send your news in an email to info@mfnc.ca.

Scott Catterill posted this exciting news and photo on our Friends of the Macnamara Trail page last Saturday.



Just outside the entrance to the Macnamara Trail (by the ball diamonds) is an Osprey nest - with what appears to be two "adolescent" offspring. Just look for the nest on top of one of the light poles - you can't miss it.

UPCOMING MEETINGS



Tuesday, May 2, 2017:

Wild Growing Trees of Eastern Ontario in a Globalized World: Observations, Trends and Outlooks

The treed landscape of eastern Ontario and wider North America is changing rapidly. Tree ecologist Owen Clarkin will discuss the history of trees in our region, present-day observations, and trends to consider as we look to the future.

[More details here.](#)

FIELD TRIPS



Saturday, May 13, all day

Spring Birding in Presqu'île Provincial



A close look at the white-throated sparrow. [[see more](#)] 4/21/17 11:16AM



Many ways you can find a place for nature, wherever you are. [[see more](#)] 4/21/17 10:57AM



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- Among the largest Swamp White Oaks in Canada. #trees
<https://t.co/OUswmCalbY> 9:55AM
- Watch these Northern Flickers courting.
<https://t.co/19X0qlzIER> 3:06PM
- Mourning Cloaks r sunning themselves along Arnprior's Macnamara Trail as well as in local woodlands....
<https://t.co/ZGfoG1QAWW> 10:30AM
- <https://t.co/ZrQ2kR7siH> 9:10AM
- <https://t.co/2fVaXkHh7A> 11:45AM

Park, Brighton, Ont.

Leader: Doug Mcrea

This will be an all-day outing in the park where we will watch for spring migrants. There should be a good variety of warblers by this time of year, along with ducks and many other species of interest. We will begin early in the morning so it is advisable to stay in the area overnight Friday. There are accommodations nearby and camping is available in the park. The group will be limited to 25 members so please register early at events@mfnc.ca . Send questions to the same address. More information will be provided to registrants.

YOUNG MACS



Saturday, May 6

Innis Point Bird Banding

7:00a.m.-1:00p.m.

Super family outing. The Innis Point Bird Observatory on the Ottawa River can only be visited by special arrangement. This is a rare opportunity to observe bird banding at this busy time of the year when migration is at a peak. Details soon on mfnc.ca. Contact: Angela Skevington angela_skevington@yahoo.ca

Thank you, Olga



The executive sends out special thanks to long-time member Olga Janoska, not only for her membership role on the executive, but also for the years she and her son Brad looked after the setting up of tables and chairs, and the opening and closing of the premises for our meetings at the Curling Club. It is this kind of essential but

behind-the-scenes work that enables us to start and finish our meetings smoothly and efficiently from September to June every year.

With Olga retiring from this role, we need someone to take up the keys to open and close the Curling Club at the start and finish of every meeting and help with the setting out of chairs. If you can help with this job, please send an email to info@mfnc.ca.

MFNC at City of Ottawa Wildlife Event



Our club was one of several Ottawa-area organizations represented at a special City of Ottawa event leading up to National Wildlife Week and featuring our president Michael Runtz. Interest was high among the many visitors to our display staffed by Mary Marsh, Karen Runtz and Monique Boivin. And yes, we sold more notecards!

2017 Owl Prowl a Real Hoot



Those who registered before the cut-off for the 2017 owl prowl were treated to [exciting encounters](#) including an excellent view of a Northern Saw-whet Owl called in by leader Michael Runtz .



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