

# MFNC August 2017 Bulletin

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

## What Did You Do on Your Summer "Vacation?"



Hopefully you had time to renew in nature during our break from meetings this summer. July and August zipped by for your busy club executive, who juggled a range of tasks — some planned and others on the fly, like tackling the massive Manitoba Maple downed by a storm at the Macnamara trailhead.

Some of the club executive looked after trail clearing, signage and a tour while others undertook a preliminary reworking of the constitution, creating a code of ethics in nature and exploring contributions of club material to the Arnprior & McNab/Braeside Archives.

The heavy summer rain and storms took a toll on the Macnamara Trail, starting with our highly anticipated June 27 club walk of the planned extension. A sudden change in the forecast tied to a severe thunderstorm warning led us to cancel the event.

[Read more.](#)

## Bio-inventory of Trail Extension



Did you catch the [results of the bio-inventory](#) of the future trail extension done on May 28? More than a hundred species were recorded by our team of eight experienced

naturalists over the space of three hours. [Read more:](#)



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### Meetings:

First Tuesday of the month  
at 7:30 p.m.

## Beat the September Line-ups: Get your 2017-18 Membership Now



Annual

memberships expire **August 31**. Why not [register and pay for your 2017-18 membership fees now](#). It's easy and efficient. You can also renew 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. Download the form from the website. Go to Activities>Membership

**We depend on your membership fees**—\$25 for individuals and \$30 for families— **to continue offering great monthly meetings with expert speakers, year-round field trips and special projects and activities.**

### UPCOMING MEETINGS



**Tuesday, September 5**

#### The Secret Life of Lichen

Join research scientist Dr. Troy McMullen to explore the often overlooked, but beautiful and fascinating world of lichens. Learn about their roles in different ecosystems and how they are used in medicine, science and space. Gain a new appreciation for the small things in life! [More details here](#).

### FIELD TRIPS



**Sunday, August 27, 1:00 p.m.**

#### Learning More About Our Native Ferns

**Leader: Lis Allison**

The Ottawa area is particularly rich in native fern species—we have over 40 different species here. Join us for an *Afternoon of Ferns* at Lis Allison's home on the Carp Road. Lis will talk about the classification and identification of ferns, with particular attention to our local ferns, many of which you will see in her extensive garden. [Details on the website](#)

### The Wolf Howls of August

Macnamara president Michael Runtz will be leading two Public Wolf Howls in late August—the first on Friday, August 25 in the [Achray campground area](#) (the east side of Algonquin Provincial Park), and the second on August 26 in [Bonnechere Park](#). Each event starts with a multi-media presentation on the Eastern Wolf then participants travel by car pool to destinations where Michael calls out for wolves. With luck, the wolves will return his howls. See the [mfnc.ca](#) Community News for details.

Arnprior Curling Club  
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**Annual Memberships:**  
Family \$30, Individual \$25

**Guests welcome:**  
\$5 per meeting  
Students Free!



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#### Latest Posts

- An unexpected encounter in Algonquin. Nature's Way/Michael Runtz. This beaver is enjoying a meal of Virgin's Bower that it harvested from a nearby meadow. <https://www.insideottawavalley.com/opinion-story/7501018-an-unexpected-encounter-in-algonquin/> 8/21/17 8:14AM
- Do you want to help scientists gather data and research about wildlife behaviour during the eclipse? (Even if you're not in the path of the totality, you can still contribute data to the research cause.) <https://blog.nature.org/science/2017/08/14/eclipse-how-animals-react-citizen-science/?src=e.cgs> 8/20/17 1:37PM
- <https://www.allaboutbirds.org/two-tips-for-telling-a-birds-age-by-its-molt-patterns/> 8/20/17 9:31AM
- <https://www.facebook.com/CanadianMuseumofNature/posts/10159167273585125> 8/19/17 9:29AM
- The Bullock's Oriole is "flying" home. 8/16/17 10:38AM



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- <https://t.co/CdsvM67NVB> 7:38PM
- <https://t.co/88Lofj0MEi> 11:08AM
- <https://t.co/UdDAVOKi3G> 4:26PM
- <https://t.co/GGmEX3uUlb> 9:41AM
- <https://t.co/msEGMYM9OS> 10:26AM

## The Nature of Charles Macnamara 2017 Banquet, Saturday, November 4



Don't wait to [get your tickets](#) for our 2017 banquet, which will be held on **Saturday, November 4** at a new venue — the Sand Point Golf Club, 38 Golf Club Rd, Braeside, Ontario.

**Our featured speakers will be** Arnprior & McNab/Braeside **archivist Laurie Dougherty and acclaimed photographer, author and naturalist Michael Runtz** on *The Nature of Charles Macnamara*.

[Read more:](#)

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### Send Us Your Photos and Articles

A new issue of *The Lady's-Slipper* is in the works and we need your photos and articles. *The Lady's-Slipper* is the Club's digital magazine featuring articles, stories, events, and even original poems about the natural world in our part of the Ottawa Valley. So don't hold back — share your observations and experiences. Send your material to [kruntz@xplorner.com](mailto:kruntz@xplorner.com) by October 15, 2017.



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