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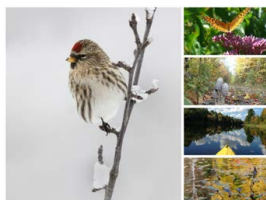
On January 16, 15 Macnamarans, along with their enthusiastic and excellent leader, Jon Ruddy, ventured around Arnprior and Pakenham looking for birds of prey. Along the way, they found a huge flock of Snow Buntings, photographed by Ian Somerville.

DID YOU FORGET?

Memberships, which include guided field trips like the above outing, monthly meetings (Sept. to June) and Club communications, **run September 1 through August 31 and must be renewed annually. Unsure if yours is current? Check with [Olga Janoska](#)**



The Macnamara Club executive sadly share news on



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Expansion

Janet Mason

the recent death of **Joel Byrne**. [Read more from Michael Runtz](#). Joel, photographed here with his door prize at our 2013 banquet, will be much missed by all of us. We share this moving [haiku, which he contributed to *The Lady's-Slipper*](#) in 2006.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **March 1, 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 water's surface.
- **April 5, 2016:** **Colin Jones**, lifelong naturalist and Provincial Arthropod Zoologist at the Natural Heritage Information Centre, will speak on the **Dragonflies and Damselflies of Ontario**.

[Get more details](#) about these and other upcoming meetings on [mfnc.ca](#).

FIELD TRIPS

- **Sunday, February 28, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.** [Snowshoe and Social](#), Fitzroy Provincial Park. **Family-friendly outing! (rescheduled from earlier date)**
- **Saturday, March 19, 1 p.m.** **YOUNG MACS.** [Wildlife in a Sugarbush](#) Register at youngmacs@mfnc.ca
- **Sunday, April 3, 7 p.m.** [Owl Prowl](#). **Leader: Michael Runtz**

Get detailed, up-to-date field trip information on the website and be sure to check it for last-minute changes before heading out. **Register for each trip at events@mfnc.ca**

TRAIL EXPANSION UPDATE

Phase 1 – West Link & Island Chain



We're making progress! Get the details from Janet Mason at our March 1st meeting.

Reserve Saturday, Nov. 12 for the 2016 Macnamara Banquet

Like to plan ahead? Then be sure to reserve **Saturday**,

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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

-  For some animals, the season of love is nigh. New Nature's Way by Michael Runtz. (Metroland Media has not posted Michael's online for two weeks now, so here is a clipping saved from the Chronicle-Guide.) [\[see more\]](#) 2/25/16 6:03PM
-  Forest buffers can protect the amphibians that serve the ecosystem; think about how our Trail fits into that system by the wetlands it borders. [\[see more\]](#) 2/25/16 9:04AM
-  While we didn't see lynx tracks on our late January snowshoe in the Carp Hills, we did see fisher tracks, coyote scat and followed trails to two porcupine dens. We found so many interesting things to see and do on the ridge that we didn't come off the trails until almost 5 o'clock, one-half hour past our scheduled end time! [\[see more\]](#) 2/24/16 6:20PM
-  Close to home! [\[see more\]](#) 2/24/16 6:13PM
-  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/t029pyb17kee1yb/Invasive%20Species%20101.pdf?dl=0> [\[see more\]](#) 2/22/16 10:38AM

November 12 for our annual banquet. Guest speaker will be **Jean Laurialt** on **Monarch Butterflies**.



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