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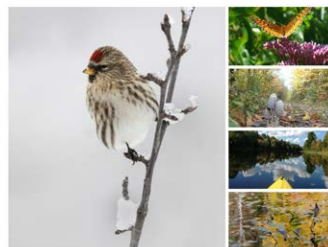
Promoting the appreciation, understanding, and preservation of nature in the Ottawa Valley

Welcome, Test First Name

ARNPRIOR'S ROYAL OAK: A CONSERVATION COMMITTEE SUCCESS STORY



The Royal Oak planted as a sapling in 1860 by the 19-year-old Prince of Wales at Arnprior's Galilee Retreat Centre has been [recognized as a heritage tree](#) under Trees Ontario's Ontario Heritage Tree Program. It all started last fall when MFNC Conservation Committee member Chris Grubisic sent details of the historic oak to Trees Ontario to apply for the honour. Chris was tenacious in her follow up and delighted when it was approved in time for Earth Day April 22.



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **Tuesday, May 3. Dog-strangling vine: understanding its invasiveness and controlling its spread**



One of the most invasive alien plants in Ontario, Dog-strangling vine (DSV) is overtaking green spaces around the province and elsewhere, including rare habitats. DSV also impacts wildlife that relies on the displaced native species for food or breeding.

DSV has no natural enemies and is resistant to traditional pesticides. But Dr. Naomi Cappuccino, associate professor at Carleton University, has been studying biological controls that she will be sharing at our May meeting.

Photo: by [Hilbert](#), Dog-strangling vines form dense stands that overwhelm and crowd out native plants and small trees.

FIELD TRIPS

- **Saturday, May 14, 8:00 a.m. – 12 p.m. : Visit to the Innis Point Bird Observatory.**

Learn about its important research and monitoring activities and observe bird banding at this busy time of the year when migration is at a peak. **The trip will be limited to the first 24 members who register at events@mfnc.ca** Rain date, May 15.

- **Saturday, May 22, 10 a.m. Young Macs Mid-**

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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

-  **New Nature's Way:** A good list for a listless lister. On April 16, Michael set himself the challenge of listing 100 birds that same day. Did he reach his goal? As he notes: "During peak migration in mid-May, it is easy in eastern Ontario to see

May Spring Wildflowers Walk

Join us to see the ephemeral spring flowers and to observe other signs of late spring at the Macnamara Trail. Register by email at youngmacs@mfnc.ca

Registration at events@mfnc.ca is required for all field trips. Please check details for all events (meetings and field trips) at mfnc.ca. Field trips are subject to cancellation due to poor weather. Before leaving, be sure to check the website for updates.

FROGS, SALAMANDERS AND OTHER CREATURES



The leeches, spiders and dragonfly larvae found at the first pond marked the start of an exciting evening that built as we netted frogs and salamanders at our next

destination.

[Read more.](#)

CHECK OUT OUR E-TRAIL GUIDE

The Trailhead will soon be restocked with reprints of the Macnamara Trail guide. But did you know we now have an [interactive version](#) you can download from our website under Resources? Once you've added it to your smartphone or other such device, you can navigate directly to the associated information via each numbered stop.

100 species of birds in a single day. It's considerably more challenging to do that in mid-April." These Northern Shovelers, aptly named for their massive bills, were encountered in the Brighton Reconstructed Wetlands.

<http://www.insideottawavalley.com/opinion-story/6506549-a-good-list-for-a-listless-lister/> [see more] 4/27/16 4:23PM

- Delayed openings in Algonquin Park due to weather. [see more] 4/27/16 3:59PM
- The Royal Oak planted as a sapling in 1860 at Arnprior's Galilee Retreat Centre has been recognized as a heritage tree under Trees Ontario's Ontario Heritage Tree Program. It all started last fall when MFNC member Chris Grubisic sent details of the historic oak to Trees Ontario to apply for the honour. The Royal Oak was planted by the 19-year-old Prince of Wales, eldest son of Queen Victoria, who later became Edward VII, on his tour to New York and Canada. <http://www.insideottawavalley.com/news-story/6510032-arnprior-s-royal-oak-receives-provincial-recognition/> [see more] 4/26/16 9:42AM
- The monarch's biological compass. [see more] 4/25/16 12:06PM
- Oriole nest! [see more] 4/25/16 12:05PM

COMMUNITY NEWS

Algonquin Wildlife Research Station Needs Used Canoes

The not-for-profit Algonquin Wildlife Research Station (WRS) in Algonquin Park is seeking donations of used canoes and associated equipment, and/or financial support in order to purchase these materials.

Don't forget to check out other Community News postings on the bottom right of our homepage!



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

Did you forget to renew your membership? We're more than half-way into the new membership year (September 1, 2015-August 31, 2016) and many have not yet renewed.

You can register and pay membership fees—\$25 for individuals and \$30 for families—online via our website at mfnc.ca. It's easy and efficient. You can also renew at our May 3 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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