

MFNC November 2017 Bulletin

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

Welcome, **Karen**

 **ANNUAL MEETING, Tuesday, December 5**
Featuring Michael Runtz: *Why the world needs beavers*



Our last meeting of 2017 will be special in more ways than one. It's our club's Annual General Meeting where the directors will present their annual reports and plans for 2018. They've been as busy as beavers! We've heard that special treats will also be "on the board"... did someone say cheese?

And topping the evening, look forward to a visual feast by Michael Runtz, who will show us *Why the world needs beavers*.

We'll be posting the [individual reports prior to the meeting at this link](#) on our website. Check them out as they become available.

FIELD TRIPS

 **Tuesday, December 26**
104th Annual Pakenham-Arnprior Christmas Bird Count
Leader: Michael Runtz

What will this year's Pakenham-Arnprior Christmas Bird Count bring? The 2016 count was conducted under very challenging conditions. Cold weather prior to the count resulted in much of the usually open water in the count circle freezing over. Freezing rain and at times blowing snow and ice pellets made it not only difficult to find birds but also hazardous to get



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around. But our 2017 count will happen under much better conditions, right?

If you want to keep track of your feeder birds or participate in the count (some skill is involved), please contact Michael Runtz at mruntz@start.ca or at 613-387-2503.

Participants are assigned an area to cover and paired so no one goes alone. It is a full day event with a potluck/dinner/compilation afterwards.

Fall birding around Arnprior



In mid-November, a group of Macnamarans led by Michael Runtz travelled to four areas around Arnprior that are known to be good sites for birding – excellent at this time of year with migrant waterfowl and shorebirds joining our resident birds. Find [more details and photos here](#).

100 and counting: nailing the way on the Macnamara Trail



Janet Mason worked with Jock MacNeil, who hauled the ladder and helped with the nailing, to place new markers along the Macnamara Trail.

Banquet 2017 feedback

Meetings:

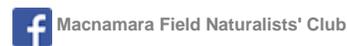
First Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.
Arnprior Curling Club
15 Galvin Street

Annual Memberships:

Family \$30, Individual \$25

Guests welcome:

\$5 per meeting
Students Free!



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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

- Joel was a long-time member of our club. Help the Mississippi Madawaska Land Trust raise money to buy his Big Creek property and turn it into the Byrne Big Creek Nature Preserve. A fitting tribute. *11/22/17 10:06AM*
- A case study: how light affects bird migration and what we can do about it. http://ebird.org/content/ebird/news/ebird-science-bright-lights-in-the-big-city-impacts-of-artificial-lighting-on-bird-migration/?utm_source=Cornell+Lab+eNews&utm_campaign=e10cd139ad-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_11_16&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_47588b5758-e10cd139ad-312337233 *11/20/17 8:47AM*
- Are you a garficionado? https://blog.nature.org/science/2017/11/13/gar-wars-a-fish-force-awakens/?src=e.cgs&utm_source=Cool+Green+Science&utm_campaign=d65b057b8d-&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1cb1ca7250-d65b057b8d-206750069 *11/19/17 9:08AM*
- <https://www.facebook.com/jmbutterflybnb/videos/1282344185245467/> *11/18/17 9:08AM*
- "Biodiversity does not respect political borders." *11/17/17 10:23AM*



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- <https://t.co/1RjcgWJ99E> *10:48AM*
- <https://t.co/lVmG9JsTcP> *3:53PM*
- <https://t.co/19RpvUs8ls> *10:11AM*
- "The fish accepted the robot into their schools without any problem. And the robot was also able to mimic the fish'... <https://t.co/qf1RjZqNHv> *11:39AM*



Mary Jack and Cathy Stewart share a banquet moment.

The executive received lots of positive feedback about the quality of the new banquet venue (the Sand Point golf club), the buffet and our presenters, Michael Runtz and Laurie Dougherty, who spoke on *The Nature of Charles Macnamara*. Thanks to Judy Seligy for pulling it all together.

Check out [more banquet photos here](#).

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, events, photos and 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@xplornet.com by November 30, 2017.



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