

MFNC February 2018 Bulletin

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

Welcome, <<First Name>>

MEETING

Tuesday, February 6
Great Naturalists' Quiz by Michael Runtz



Anticipation has been building for our annual quiz night, cancelled in 2017 due to bad weather. Who will get bragging rights in 2018?

New to quiz night? Participants are divided into teams that will compete to answer riddles and identify items from nature. It's all good fun, combining learning, laughter and camaraderie, and an awesome way to learn about local natural history.

NO experience is necessary! Find [more details on our website](#).

FIELD TRIP

Saturday, February 17, 1 p.m. to 4: p.m. Snowshoe & Social, Fitzroy Provincial Park
Leader: Karen Krueger

Join us for a nature outing on snowshoes through the trails of Fitzroy Provincial Park where Karen Krueger will show us some of her favourite spots. After the outing, join us for a social gathering back at Karen's home. **Please check [details for this event at mfnc.ca](#). Note that registration at [events@mfnc.ca](#) is required for this and all club field trips and all are subject to cancellation due to poor weather.**

Families take note —
Arnprior Library to hold March Break Nature Walk on the Macnamara Trail



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Meetings:

On Wednesday, March 14, Macnamara Club members Alicia Salyi and Maureen Carrier will lead a nature walk on the Macnamara Trail as part of the March break family activities offered by the Arnprior Library. Participants will meet at the trail at 1 p.m. then go back to the library afterwards for hot chocolate and a question-and-answer session. **Advance registration for the walk is a must. Watch for the online form to be posted on the [library's youth services page](#) in mid-February.**

Batting for the Bats



Big Brown Bats generally hibernate in buildings in Canada due to cold temperatures, while farther south they hibernate in caves.

The discovery of two distressed bats had three area residents scrambling one recent cold January weekend.

It started with a message sent Saturday, January 6, to our club Facebook page by worried Arnprior resident Eve Clouthier.



I found a small brown bat in arecycling bin in the hall way of the apt. bldg where I live. It is alive but what do I do with it? It apparently is an endangered species. Can someone msg back please.

Karen Runtz picked up the message and that was the start of a rescue story that turned out successfully with not one, but two bats ending up with some 50 others rescued in December from Almonte. [Read on.](#)

How to stop worrying and see our Facebook posts



As you may have heard, Facebook is re-calibrating what it shows in everyone's news feeds.

As a result, individuals will see fewer posts from people and pages they already follow, including ours. **But, by making one small**

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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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

- <https://www.facebook.com/OuterPlaces/videos/1509307609163706/> 1/30/18 9:58AM
- In our area, though, it seems we will only see a partial eclipse, starting at 5:51 a.m. and ending at 7:51 a.m. 1/29/18 9:10AM
- <https://www.facebook.com/OuterPlaces/videos/1509307609163706/> 1/28/18 9:18AM
- <https://blog.nature.org/science/2016/01/14/promise-peril-wild-seed-harvesting-prairie-restoration/?src=e.cgs> 1/27/18 9:49AM
- "If a cardinal's red feather were ground into powder, the powder would be red. Grinding a green feather from the speculum of a Green-winged Teal would make yellow powder. And the feathers of a bluebird would reduce to a drab brown powder." <https://www.birdwatchingdaily.com/featured-stories/where-feather-colors-come-from-why-cardinals-are-red-and-grackles-are-shiny/> 1/26/18 9:57AM

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setting change, you will get most, if not all, of our Macnamara Club posts. [What to do:](#)

Time for the Great Backyard Bird Count

The [Great Backyard Bird Count](#) is a four-day annual event that creates a snap shot of where birds are around the world. People are asked to count birds for at least 15 minutes on one or more days of the count (Feb 16-19, 2018) and enter their sightings at www.BirdCount.org. The information gathered by tens of thousands of volunteers helps track changes in bird populations on a massive scale. The GBBC is a joint project of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society with partner Bird Studies Canada.



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