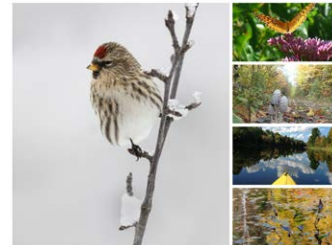




Promoting the appreciation, understanding, and preservation of nature in the Ottawa Valley

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The MFNC executive wishes you and your loved ones health and happiness this holiday season and in the year ahead!

MEETINGS

 Tuesday, January 8, 2019
Members' Night

Yes, you've read the date right! Because the first Tuesday in January falls on New Year's Day, our annual Members' Night is moved to January 8.

New to the club?  Members are encouraged to join the "share and tell" that differentiates our first meeting of each year, be it prized nature or natural history possessions or experiences! 



Please sign in at the door with the item or topic you wish to showcase. If you are showing photos, there should not be more than five and they should be on a USB key. You may also bring prints to put on a table.

Members without a show and tell will be asked to make a voluntary donation of \$1. 😊

Welcome Yvonne Wissing and Ritchie Lawrence to the Macnamara executive

We had a great turnout for our Annual Meeting and welcome Yvonne Wissing and Ritchie Lawrence to our executive.

After the business part of the evening was addressed, research scientist Danielle Fraser shared how Conservation Palaeontology leverages the past to understand our future.

"Dr. Fraser's presentation to members of the MFNC was fascinating. And most pertinent given that we are in a period of global climate change that's unsettling so many of us," posted club member Mark Fisher on Facebook.

Missed the meeting? You can read the executive reports on the website at <http://mfnc.ca/executive-reports-2018/>

FIELD TRIPS

Get the details and any special instructions for each field trip at mfnc.ca.



105th Pakenham-Arnprior Christmas Bird Count
Wednesday, December 26, 2018
Leader: Michael Runtz

The annual Pakenham-Arnprior Christmas Bird Count is a full-day event with a potluck dinner/compilation afterwards.

[Get more details and how to register here.](#)

Catch the Algonquin Wild event with Michael Runtz

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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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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.

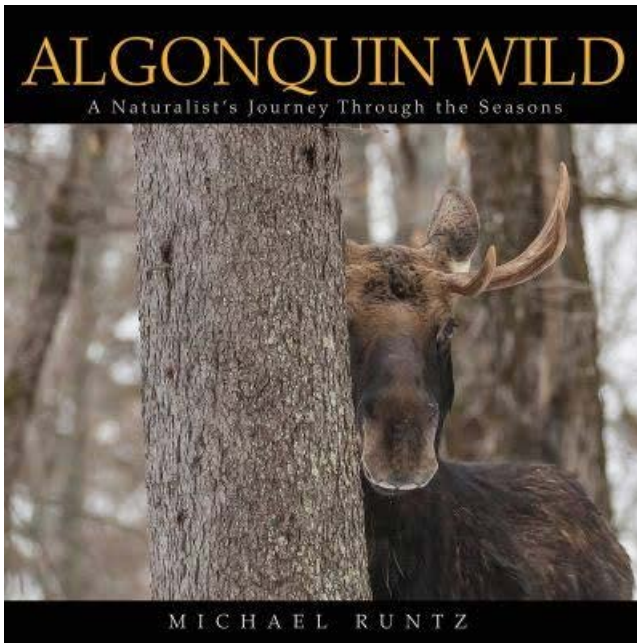
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Latest Posts

- Nature takes its time... *1/15/19 11:06AM*
- You know how excited we still get when we see a bald eagle? Imagine this! *1/12/19 8:31AM*
- Clones sourced from 2000 - +3000-year old Coastal Redwoods
<https://qz.com/1519250/> *1/11/19 8:20AM*
- About ways to avoid window hits. *1/10/19 8:02AM*
- Beautiful pic of a junco. *1/9/19 9:01PM*



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Great opportunity to get a signed copy of Michael Runtz's just-released book , *Algonquin Wild*, at his book signing this Thursday, December 20, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Mill Street Books, Almonte. Details at [Mill Street Books](#).

Did you renew your membership?

Many thanks to those members who have renewed their Macnamara membership for 2018-19. **If you have not renewed your membership, please note that the renewal time has lapsed as our year runs from September to September.** As you know, membership entitles you to enjoy presentations and field trips given by experts in a wide range of areas of natural history topics. And by renewing, you are also helping to promote the appreciation, understanding and preservation of our local natural history.

Not sure if your membership is current? Check with Monique Boivin at boivin_m@hotmail.com

It's easy to [renew electronically](#) . All payment and membership data is processed through a secure server via PayPal. You do not need a PayPal account to register. Just a credit card and a love of nature! A mail-in option is also available by [downloading and printing this form](#).

Concern for Cormorants

Our provincial government has proposed removing the protected status of Double-crested Cormorants, allowing countless thousands of these birds to be slaughtered and left to rot.



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- <https://t.co/XYpMsyOwqv> 11:45AM
- "Pining" for the good company of like-minded souls in nature? The wait is over! Our first meeting of the New Year i...
<https://t.co/uRfsbnGAZJ> 10:31AM
- #NationalBirdDay #Ottawa
<https://t.co/aElhrySv9j> 11:50AM
- RT @bethdevog: Many different animals using a log to cross a stream. I've never seen a snake traverse a curved log before---so cool! https: ... 10:36AM
- White is the colour of the North. Michael Runtz. The facial feathers on this Snowy Owl not only keep it warm on col...
<https://t.co/Zgx37XOWts> 11:51AM
- And the count for the year is mounting...
<https://t.co/zAeoE9RVfH> 11:12AM

Up to 50 a day could be killed by hunters, with the open season being from mid-March to the end of December! And they can be shot from stationary boats.

Michael Runtz provides details in his latest weekly newspaper column with [Prejudice once again rears its ugly head](#). As he notes, "While EBR 013-4124 may not bring about the extinction of Double-crested Cormorants, it will certainly have negative effects on their population and on the ecosystem they are part of. More alarming is the thought that this bill could open the door for similar treatment of other native species."

Concerned? January 3 is the deadline for commenting on the proposal. Please do so by visiting <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/013-4124>.



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