

# MFNC April 2019 Bulletin

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

Welcome, <<First Name>>

### While the clock ticks on Ontario's Endangered Species Act review

As you have heard and read the Ontario government is currently undertaking a 10-year review of the *Endangered Species Act*, a review that environmentalists and opposition politicians fear could open the door to weakened protections and development of key habitats.



The public comment period is now over and while we await the government's release of its proposed amendments *Ontario Nature* is reaching out to political leaders and MPPs to ensure like voices are heard.

Our club joined other kindred organizations supporting [a letter](#) that Ontario Nature emailed to all Ontario MPPs on March 19 then followed up with hard copies. The letter urges MPPs "to uphold the spirit and intent of the ESA as well as its focus on demonstrable benefit to species, and to ensure that it is not weakened during the ongoing review."

Photo: *Endangered Golden Eagle* Michael Runtz

### Join us March 31 at the Arnprior Life: Recreation & Culture Fair

Before the month is over, Arnprior will be hosting its first Recreation & Culture Fair and **our club will**



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#### Macnamara Trail



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be part of it!

Free to all, the event takes place on Sunday, March 31 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Arnprior's Nick Smith Centre Community Hall at 77 James Street.

Drop by and say hi. Even better — volunteer to take a turn at our club's display. We're to be there for 9:00 a.m. with set up complete no later than 9:45 a.m. Can you spare a couple of hours in the morning or afternoon? Please contact Karen Runtz at [kruntz@xplornet.com](mailto:kruntz@xplornet.com) by Wednesday, the 27th.



## MEETINGS

**Tuesday, April 2, 2019**

**Heather Kharouba**

*Climate change and the timing of species interactions*



**At our meeting, Kharouba will also discuss how her lab is addressing issues for species of local interest like the Monarch butterfly**

The "spring forward" resetting of our time-tellers this month put many of us out of synch for a day or more, grumbling at the disturbance to our natural sleep rhythm. Then we adjusted.

There is, though, a more insidious shifting of time in our natural world that is proceeding in a gradual, subtle way to most, but with serious disruptive effects. There is clear evidence that climate change is disturbing natural rhythms and lifecycles, the cues that animals take from the natural world, so they no longer line up — creating an ecological mismatch.

U of O's Heather Kharouba knows more than most about this topic and will give us data and context on the key biological issues in her talk on *Climate Change and the Timing of Species Interactions* at our April 2 meeting.

**Read more:** [Falling out of synch](#) – plants, animals and

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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

- We can count on lots of writing down who saw what bird first at tomorrow night's Macnamara meeting! [5/6/19 1:06PM](#)
- Open access biodiversity library. <https://www.biodiversitylibrary.org> [5/5/19 10:02AM](#)

## climate change

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### FIELD TRIPS

Get the details and any special instructions for all field trips on the website at [mfnc.ca](http://mfnc.ca). **Advance registration is required for each event, usually at [events@mfnc.ca](mailto:events@mfnc.ca)**

**Frogs and Salamanders** — a \*kid-friendly\* event. **Saturday, April 27, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Location tbd**  
**Leader: Frog Conservationist Matt Ellerbeck**  
Matt will be exploring various ponds in the Club's area. Check [mfnc.ca](http://mfnc.ca) about what to wear and bring. Details on the exact location and meeting place will also be posted on the website later in April.



**Spring birding at Presqu'île Provincial Park**  
**Saturday, May 11**

**Leader: Doug McRae**

This will be an all-day outing in the park where we will watch for spring migrants. **Limited to 25 members.**

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### News on the trailhead refresh

The days of the faded trail map greeting visitors at the Macnamara trailhead are numbered! The fresh updated version of the map will include the new Nopiming Loop and be protected under a new plexiglass installation.

The new plants will arrive in April and weather and club volunteers permitting, we'll be organizing their planting for early May. More details will follow.

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### Voting for a national lichen

Remember the buzz some two years ago when the Royal Canadian Geographical Society ran its contest for Canada's national bird?



Well, this year lichen-loving Canadians will be invited to cast their vote on a national lichen says research scientist Troy McMullin, who is overseeing the initiative at the Canadian Museum of Nature.

The national competition will follow the selection of provincial choices. [Read more here.](#)

Photo: *Nova Scotia's choice: The Blue Felt Lichen.*

A game for birders.

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/birding-meets-gaming-unconventional-new-board-game-180971685/> 5/4/19 9:58AM

- Come to our next meeting, Tuesday, May 7, Arnprior, for a virtual tour of rare #Ottawa Valley trilliums and other marvellous mutations. MFNC members free. Guests welcome, \$5.  
<https://www.insideottawavalley.com/whatson-story/9304440-a-virtual-tour-of-rare-ottawa-valley-trilliums-and-other-marvellous-mutations> 5/2/19 1:09PM



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#### Latest Tweets

- <https://t.co/yinhzGfBYV> 10:08AM
- Tomorrow, May 7, 2019, Arnprior. <https://t.co/glZNwNuL7h> 9:30AM
- <https://t.co/jcPPxtllZY> 11:15AM
- <https://t.co/KXvTqqLeNq> 11:01AM
- May 7, 2019, #Arnprior: A virtual tour of rare #Ottawa Valley trilliums and other marvellous mutations...  
<https://t.co/xLggFnxn6U> 1:01PM

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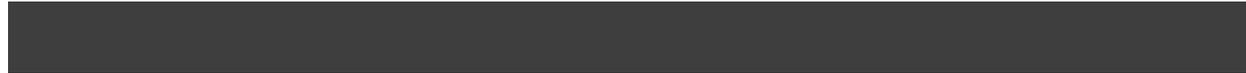
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