MFNC March 2018 Bulletin

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Macnamara FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB

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

Welcome, **<<First Name>>**

MEETING
Tuesday, March 6
How we know what we know about dinosaur ecology

Jordan Mallon and fossilized companion at the Canadian Museum of Nature

There are only 100 palaeontologists in the world and a dozen in Canada. Jordan Mallon, our March meeting speaker, is one of them.

A postdoctoral fellow researching dinosaurs at the Canadian Museum of Nature, Mallon is particularly interested in questions relating to dinosaur ecology.

His talk will present recent advances in dinosaur ecology (where they lived, what they ate, when they were active, etc.), with a focus on the new technologies and fossil finds that have combined to inform our understanding.

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MacnamaraTrail

He'll also show how the past can inform the present: e.g. how studying mammal fossils and the changes undergone over their timelines can help predict how living mammals might respond to global change.

Read more: Sleuthing for answers with palaeontologist Jordan Mallon

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FIELD TRIP
Sunday, March 25, 7 p.m.
Owl Prowl, Arnprior/Pakenham area
Leader: Michael Runtz

The evening of our ever-popular owl prowl in the Arnprior/Pakenham area is fast approaching. Find the details including where to meet and how to dress at mfnc.ca. Registering at events@mfnc.ca is a must as is the need to check the website for updates i.e. cancellations or rescheduling due to inclement weather. Numbers are limited. **Please check details for this event at mfnc.ca.**

What we saw at Spence's

The day of our field outing to David and Helen Spence's West Carleton property turned out to be sunny and spectacular with the forest providing lots of protection from the cold and wind. Nineteen of us roamed around the beautiful trails, all of us bundled up in our warmest winter wear and stuffing "Hot Shots" into boots and mittens. Find more about what we saw here.

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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

- https://www.almanac.com/blog/astronomy/astronomy/where-snow-goes *2/27/18 10:23AM*
- There is, sadly, lots of buckthorn on the Macnamara Trail. Some of the garlic mustard near the start of the trail was removed last summer but it will need more work this year. *2/26/18 6:33PM*
- Vote for your favourite Feederwatch bird pictures. https://feederwatch.org/birdspotter2017-18/#62650 *2/25/18 9:00AM*
- A rare yellow cardinal was seen in Alabama. http://www.audubon.org/news/why-northern-cardinal-yellow *2/24/18 1:07PM*
- https://blog.nature.org/science/2018/02/19/the-pileated-woodpecker-in-winter/?src=e.cgs *2/24/18 9:44AM*

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Latest Tweets

- Rare yellow cardinal. https://t.co/I8HQs7IDl3 *6:52PM*
- https://t.co/tnO45Idy0V *9:21AM*

Update on *The Lady's-Slipper*

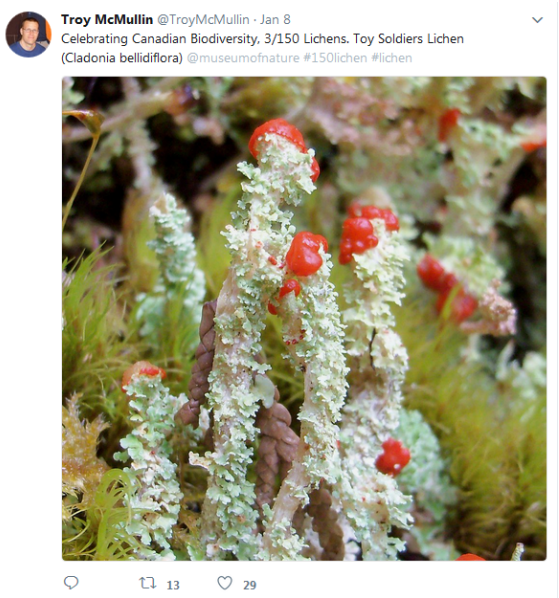
Work has begun on a new edition of *The Lady's-Slipper* with a late spring publication target. The issue will include a feature on founding member Eric Ridgen, details of the 2017 Christmas bird count, a feature on orchids of the Arnprior area, another about the flora and fauna of the Carp Hills, an article written by Sherry Sadler, a delightful spring poem, a bird match quiz, and more.

Wishing you had submitted something too? It's still possible, but the window of opportunity closes at our next meeting, on March 6. Send an email to Karen Runtz at kruntz@xplornet.com with your details.

Liking the Lichen

Did you make our September 2017 meeting with Dr. Troy McMullin on the secret life of lichens? He shared some fabulous images that evening and if you follow his Twitter account you'll see more, like this screen save we took of one of his postings.

The festivities of Christmas may be past but we can always use a carryover of its spirit, right!



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- Red is the colour of winter: #Nature's Way/Michael Runtz. With their mating season just around the corner, Red Foxe… https://t.co/39tEbEjtnR *10:55AM*
- https://t.co/YXmh7i6lAO *3:47PM*
- https://t.co/raXAXu6sDC *1:54PM*

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