

# MFNC November 2018 Bulletin

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

Welcome, <<First Name>>

### TICK-TOCK, TICK-TOCK



Although we gain an hour this weekend, there's no time to waste if you still want to get a ticket to the 2018 Macnamara banquet.

**We're down to the last few.** By the time you read this, they may be gone.

[Read more here.](#)



### MEETING

**Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018**

**Understanding the decline of the Evening Grosbeak**  
**Forest Bird Biologist Carl Savignac**



Once one of the most common and best known birds seen at local feeders, Evening Grosbeaks —“Avian vacuum cleaners” as one writer described them — are now a species of special concern.



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#### Special Committee

At our next meeting, forest bird biologist Carl Savignac will review this bird's natural history and summarize the threats and limiting factors known to be responsible for its decline.

[Read more here](#)



## FIELD TRIPS

Field trips will be posted on our website once details of the outings are confirmed. Check [mfnc.ca](http://mfnc.ca) for the latest information.

## WERE YOU THERE?

Did you miss one of our outings? You'll find summaries and photos of all field trips including this one on the website.

## Geology of the Ottawa Region with Dr. Wouter Bleeker



At the first stop, Dr. Bleeker introduced the Nepean Formation Sandstone dating back some 500 million years. Also in this area were interesting stromatolite fossils and concretions in the sandstone, holes left behind as crystals dissolved. Read [more about the geology stops](#) here.

## ON THE TRAIL

### West Link extension work in progress

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## MacnamaraTrail

### Extension

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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

- Saw-whet owl calls are more varied and complex than you might think.  
[https://www.audubon.org/news/can-you-hear-difference-between-these-saw-whet-owl-calls?fbclid=IwAR31hPQIS-TTDvj7odKm3KJxS3z-yWzzq-zub01AzW4VclPm7mOrM\\_tJWP8](https://www.audubon.org/news/can-you-hear-difference-between-these-saw-whet-owl-calls?fbclid=IwAR31hPQIS-TTDvj7odKm3KJxS3z-yWzzq-zub01AzW4VclPm7mOrM_tJWP8) 11/17/18 7:30AM
- Canadian researchers have discovered a new kind of organism that's so different from other living things that it doesn't fit into the plant kingdom, the animal kingdom, or any other kingdom used to classify known organisms. Hemimastigotes are more different from all other living things than animals are from fungi.  
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/technology/hemimastigotes-supra-kingdom-1.4715823> 11/16/18 9:13AM
- Calls of animals tell different stories - Michael Runtz



The intrepid four who came at 8 a.m. October 28 to work on the Macnamara trail extension faced challenging weather and terrain. Remember the biting taste of winter that hit our area that Sunday? [Read more and see photos](#) of the boardwalk work in progress here:

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### Trailhead refresh... sadly, vandalism continues

This summer we announced that our club had received a generous donation from a private, family-run charitable foundation that will allow us to repair and enhance the Trail and its entrance. Read [our update here](#).

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### Have notecards will travel



The alarm calls of this Cooper's Hawk led the author to a Barred Owl, which the hawk clearly didn't like being nearby.

<https://www.insideottawavalley.com/opinion-story/9005184-calls-of-animals-tell-different-stories/> 11/15/18 7:50AM

- New trail/sanctuary near Carleton Place. 11/14/18 7:47PM
- Broad bouts of laughter commingled with groans... yes, the sounds punctuating a Michael Runtz quiz at our 2018 Macnamara Banquet held at the Sand Point Golf Course Here Olga Janoska recorded our table's answers. Katharine Fletcher did your table win? I know you topped us. (KR) 11/12/18 9:35AM

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Yes, we still have Macnamara notecards! Some travelled with two of our executive to the recent City of Ottawa Wildlife Speaker series event - *Animals in Winter*, where they were part of our display to raise awareness about our great nature club and trail. [Interested in buying some?](#)

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## IN THE COMMUNITY

### Carp Hills Rock Barrens — Interim conservation measures on city lands

The City of Ottawa has introduced [Interim conservation measures](#) for the protection of City-owned properties in the Carp Hills. These measures focus particularly on the Carp Hills Rock Barrens that lie along Thomas Dolan Parkway, although they apply to all of the City's natural properties in the Carp Hills. The action comes as a result of a public meeting and recommendations by the [Friends of the Carp Hills](#).



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