

MFNC July 2019 Bulletin

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

Welcome, <<First Name>>



FIELD TRIPS

While we put our regular club meetings on pause for the summer, field trips are continuing through July and August. As with our meetings, guests are also welcome on field trips, with a contribution of \$5 to our club. (Students are free.)

Get the details and any special instructions i.e. what to bring, what to wear, for all field trips on our website at mfnc.ca Advance registration is required for each event, usually at events@mfnc.ca



Birds of the Burnt Lands Alvar
Saturday, July 27, 8 a.m. to noon. Burnt Lands Provincial Park

Leader: Members of the club

Meet: March Rd. at Upper Dwyer Hill Rd., on the SW corner where there is a parking lot. We will carpool a short distance from there.

Details: [Birds of the Burnt Lands Alvar](#)



Grasshopper sparrow

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Ferns on the Macnamara Trail



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Macnamara Trail

Monday August 12, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Leader: Lis Allison

Meet: At 1:00 p.m. at the trailhead on McNab St., Arnprior

Details: [Ferns on the Macnamara Trail](#)



Herps and Birds of Stoney Swamp Saturday, August 24, 9:00 am – noon Stoney Swamp

Leaders: Derek Dunnett and Sophie Roy

Meet: NCC Greenbelt parking lot P8 (on Moodie, south of Hunt Club)

Details: [Herps and Birds of Stoney Swamp](#)



WERE YOU THERE?

Evening birding at the Bill Mason Centre (BMC)

Birders who had been on the last club visit to the Bill Mason Centre (BMC) two years ago noticed significant changes: the wetland seemed to be transitioning into a dryer habitat and the shrubs were filling in areas where they didn't see as much of them before. Participants did, however, have 46 bird species during their 2.5-hour walk there on July 6.

[Read about it here.](#)

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL--Avoid the September lineup! Renew now!

The new MFNC membership year starts September 1, 2019 and runs to the end of August 2020. You can avoid lining up at the September 6th meeting by renewing now for 2019-2020 either [online](#), or by downloading and printing the mail-in membership form at the same link.

We look forward to having you on board for another year of fascinating presentations and adventurous outings!

THE MACNAMARA TRAIL

New signs are being readied for the trailhead. Less exciting but necessary: clean up from newly downed trees is ongoing. It's turning out to be another of those years. Thank goodness for Steve Duffield, who cleared the tree in the photo below.



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Macnamara Trail 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!

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Downed Manitoba Maple near the trailhead



SILENT AUCTION AT OUR FALL BANQUET: YES OR NO?

The silent auctions have always been popular elements of our fall banquet; while they help raise funds for our club they don't happen without help. Do you have experience in organizing one? The clock is ticking and without help, we won't have one this year. Our members are good contributors but without an organizer... If you or a group of you can take this on please contact Judy Seligy at jseligy@gmail.com



EXECUTIVE NEWS

Janet Mason receives Mayor's City Builder Award

In mid-June, our club's vice-president, Janet Mason, was singled out for the Mayor's City (of Ottawa) Builder Award, in recognition of her dedication to nature conservancy.

The city's news release describes the award as a civic honour created to recognize an individual, group or organization that, through outstanding volunteerism or exemplary action, has demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to making our city a better place today and for the future.



We are very fortunate to have Janet on our executive. That's something we have known from day one of her involvement! She has been a force of nature in our Macnamara Trail extension, adapting and driving it forward under shifting conditions. She once stated in one of her project reports – Hope is not a strategy! Janet inspires and generates it, however, and as a

project manager keeps it alive with caring, encouragement and sound reasoning.

Janet's commitment to the environment has been and continues to be extensive. [See the news release](#) for more details.

Although she is active in the club and its activities, we have few pictures of Janet; she prefers to take them instead. Fittingly, here is one taken at the start of a field trip in search of mushrooms on the Macnamara Trail.

- Fresh, fascinating information on female #bird song.
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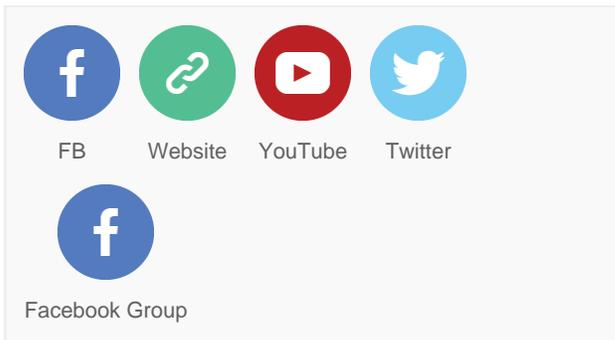
Special Algonquin Park art exhibit of Michael Runtz photos

Did you know that Algonquin Park is hosting a special art exhibit of Michael Runtz's Algonquin Park-related nature photos? The *Algonquin Wild Art Show* opened at the Algonquin Park Visitor Centre on June 28 and runs until July 31, 2019. The art is available for sale and a portion of each sale is dedicated to The Friends of Algonquin Park who, in turn, use these monies to enhance the educational and interpretive programs in Algonquin. [Get more details and see some of the images here.](#)



The Howls of August

Once again Michael will be leading Ontario Parks sponsored wolf howls at two Ontario parks, the first the evening of August 23 at Achray campground in Algonquin Park and the second the evening of August 24 at Bonnechere Park. The programs usually begin at 7 p.m. with a multi-media presentation on the Eastern Wolf followed by travel via car pool to locations where he calls out to the wolves. Details on the [Bonnechere wolf howl are posted here.](#)



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