MFNC January 2021 Bulletin

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Macnamara
FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB

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

Welcome, **Karen**

MEETINGS
January 5, 2021

Members' Night with a twist!

Yes, our annual January Member's Night tradition lives on. You are invited to showcase your prized nature or natural history possession or experience but via Zoom this year. Please email us the visuals (photo or PPT) of the item or topic you wish to showcase by Monday, Jan. 4. Try to package your "show and tell" into five minutes and keep your photos to less than five. The written word i.e. poetry is always welcomed as well. ***We miss Joel's haikus.***

We're also introducing a new option this year, challenging members to submit a single photo

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reflecting some aspect of nature taken this year "at home," (within your yard/property). Include:
-when it was taken (i.e. any date in 2020)
-a sentence or two or three about your subject
-email it to kruntz@xplornet.com by January 3, 2021

Sightings continue

We'll still be recording your special sightings as well so send the details in advance to John Lawrence at john.lawrence@gartner.com . Include your name, the date and location of your sighting and any questions you may have; photos aren't required but are helpful if you have one. As in our regular meetings, Michael will offer his comments.

Did you miss last month's sightings? We've summarized them for you here, included some photos.

Greater Yellowlegs
Dave Forsyth

NEW TO ZOOM?

Our January meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. but if you're new to Zoom, we recommend that you sign in at least 15 minutes early (at 7:15 p.m.) to test your audio/video; before then, to learn more about Zoom's features you might also

ez760@ncf.ca

Meetings:
Due to ongoing measures to combat the spread of COVID-19, our in-person first-Tuesday-of-the-month meetings at the Arnprior Curling Club have been suspended until further notice. Check your email for club updates on virtual options.

Annual Memberships:
Family $30, Individual $25

Guests welcome:
$5 per meeting
Students Free!

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MILKWEED SEEDS ANYONE?

Braeside resident Norma Moore has collected and offered our club quite a few milkweed seeds for those who might want to plant them to help restore habitat for Monarchs. We suggested she separate them into 10 envelopes that we could then offer to the first 10 members who indicate they are interested in getting some. Send an email to kruntz@xplornet.com if that includes you.

These are obviously not meant for gardens, but for non-landscaped areas and most likely, because they will have to be planted in the spring, the seeds will need to be stratified.

Escape

Yearning to "get away?" Art Goldsmith has published a blog post based on his October 23 Presentation on *Biodiversity at home and abroad* as "a whimsical foray into the mysteries and nature of species." He has filled the post with lots of photos and maps (100+) to situate you on the journey that he and Jan undertook.

Welcome!

A warm welcome to the following new members who have joined since our last meeting:
Lynda Jamieson
Joan Gregoire

Just a reminder! Memberships for the 2021 year are now due. Renew yours online. We look forward to having you on board for another year of fascinating presentations and adventurous outings!

Macnamara Nature Trail

Who knows what “creatures” you’ll encounter on the Macnamara Trail this winter while out on your snowshoes and cross-country skiis. Remember to share your photos on our Friends of the Macnamara Trail Facebook page.

During the winter months trail maintenance is on a per-needed basis only. If you notice anything that needs attending to, please notify the trail coordinators at trail@mfnc.ca

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