MFNC January 2021 Bulletin

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FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB

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

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

The sun is up on a new year. Wishing you and yours a safe, healthy and happy 2021 with lots of great sightings.

MEETINGS
January 5, 2021

As you read in our December bulletin, while our annual January meeting tradition of members showcasing a prized nature or natural history possession or experience lives on, what we show and how we show it – via Zoom – is a bit different this year.

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1. Try to package your "show and tell" into five minutes. If you are showing photos, there should not be more than five. Please email John Lawrence the visuals (photo or PPT) of the item or topic you wish to showcase by Monday, January 4.

2. Don't forget to send us a "backyard" photo reflecting some aspect of nature taken this year "at home," (not beyond your yard/property). Please include: when it was taken (i.e. any date in 2020) + a sentence or two or three about your subject and email it to Karen Runtz by January 3.

3. Birders aren't competitive, are they? 😉 A JUST-ADDED members night twist!

Do you have bird feeders? Or even if you don't. You are invited to participate in our members' "at home" challenge. Choose a day this weekend, Saturday or Sunday, and count the birds at your feeder or in your yard for up to 24 hours, 12:01 a.m. to 11:59 p.m.

Because the nighttime hours are included, you can count an owl if you hear it, but most of your observations will be between dawn and dusk. Spend as much time observing as you like, a few minutes or several hours. Record each species and, for each, the largest number of that species that you see at any one time. Have your notes with you at our meeting.

Good birding!

ON THE SUBJECT OF COUNTING BIRDS!

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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Hmm... Maybe Michael Runtz could be persuaded to do a show and tell on the recent Pakenham-Arnprior CBC that tallied a record 11, 558 birds of 55 species. He wasn't surprised to see Canada Geese on the count as there is still lots of open water and a lack of snow is allowing them to continue foraging in local corn fields.

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 5., 2021 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 want to try the free service with friends.

Click this link:
https://zoom.us/j/4908487254 then follow the Zoom instructions.
Members who do not already have a Zoom account will be asked to download Zoom – it takes less than one minute.
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Welcome!
A warm welcome to the following new members who have joined since our last meeting:

Ross Macdonald with Sonia Schindler and

Andrew Macdonald

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!

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