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Macnamara
FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB

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

Welcome, **Karen**

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS: recognizing your milestones

Some of our members have been with the club 20 or more years — an attainment worth recognizing. We used our June 2021 meeting, our send-off to the summer break, to highlight our nature enthusiasts with 10 or more years of participation in the club. You'll find their names as well as the criteria we used to determine their numbers here on our website**.**

Photo: Founding members of the Macnamara Field Naturalists' Club, 1984 (left) Adolph Vogg, Kevin McDonald, Verna McGiffin, Michael Runtz, Eric Ridgen, Sloan Watters

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Welcome!

A warm welcome to the following new member who joined since our last bulletin: Deborah Allsopp

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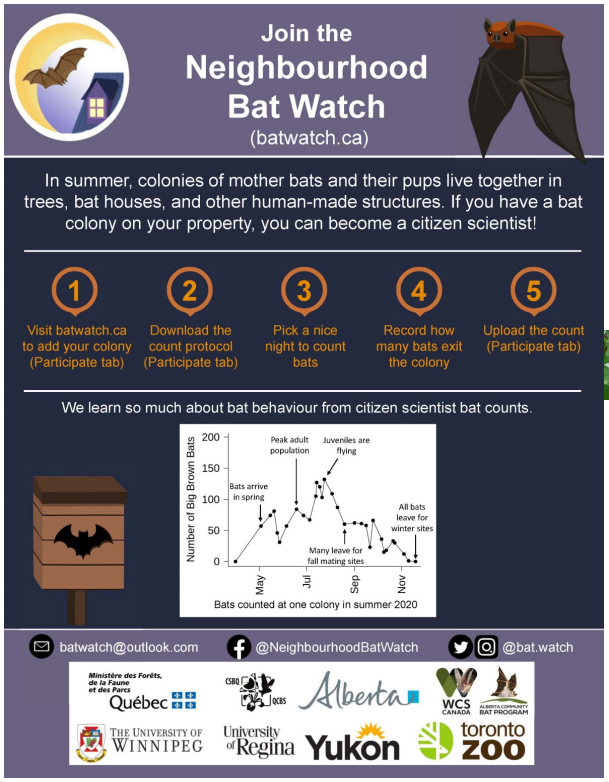
Join the Neighbourhood Bat Watch

Wasn't Brock Fenton's bat presentation terrific! If you have a bat colony on your property you can join the neighbourhood bat watch and become a citizen scientist. See the poster full size for the details.



Learning about snakes

Did you know Ontario is home to 15 different snake species, some 50% of which are provincially at risk?

A lack of information about population trends makes it difficult to effectively assess their conservation status, reports *Ontario Nature,* which is calling for more people to learn about snakes and assist in a province-wide effort! Interested?

You'll find more details including a contact email in their webinar on the Long-term Monitoring Protocol (LTMP) for Ontario snakes.

Northern Watersnake
Photo: Linda Sewell

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 our virtual options.

Annual Memberships:
Family $30, Individual $25

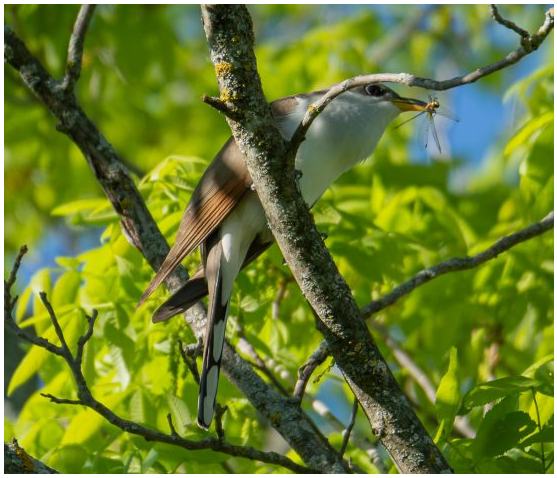
Purchase your membership for 2021:
https://mfnc.ca/membership

FIELD TRIPS

Yes, we are once again organizing field trips! Be sure to check your email regularly for notices.

SIGHTINGS

Here are some of the interesting sightings reported at our June meeting.



On May 24, Arlene Harrold saw a Yellow-billed Cuckoo — a more southern bird and a rare visitor and photographed at High Lonesome, Pakenham,

Several members reported hearing other cuckoos on the Macnamara Trail.

What's behind the cuckoo visits… Michael suggests a tie-in to the influx of Gypsy Moth (LDD) caterpillars dropping in masses from leaves. Sadly, spraying affects a lot of the lepidoptera species (moths, butterflies and skippers).

See more sightings on our website**, including a rare drooping sedge found on the Macnamara Trail by Owen and David Ridgen.**

SHOWING THE WAY — THE MACNAMARA NATURE TRAIL HAS FRESH NEW SIGNAGE

Michael Runtz and Britta Gerwin just happened to return from their outing on the Macnamara Trail as the installation of the new kiosk sign was completed. **Have a look!**

Once on the trail, you'll appreciate the many days of work that have been put in by the Romeskis and their helpers to bring the main trail, the Nopiming Loop and three spur trails to top condition.

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