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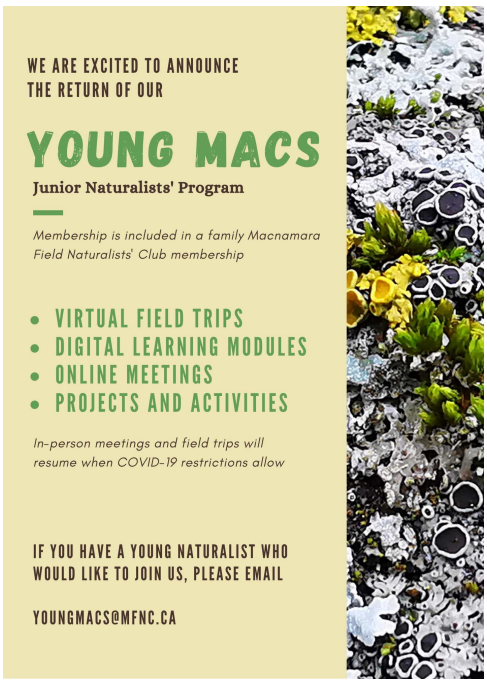
FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB

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

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

THE RETURN OF THE YOUNG MACS



Sarah Stewart is ready to hit the ground running as we restart our Young Macs program with some virtual field trips.

Hers is a homeschool family and she already runs a Junior Naturalists' program. **If you currently have an MFNC family membership, your children can join the Young Macs at no cost!**

If you have a young naturalist who would like to join our Young Macs program, please email mailto:youngmacs@mfnc.ca

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MEETING
June 1, 2021
7:30 p.m.
The world through a bat's ear

Mark your calendar for our club's virtual meeting on June 1, when Dr. Brock Fenton will use images and stories to bring us into the world of bats — their basic evolution, behaviour and diversity, their reproduction and ecology. He will also speak to issues about bats and conservation and bats and public health.

READ MORE HERE.

If anyone has questions about bats before our meeting, please send your questions to bfenton@uwo.ca

Join us at at 7:30 p.m. when we'll start our meeting with local sightings.

JOIN THE MEETING VIA ZOOM
Click this link: https://zoom.us/j/4908487254 **then follow the Zoom instructions.**

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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

SIGHTINGS

Do you have special sightings to share? Send them to mailto:john.lawrence@gartner.com in advance of the meeting. 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.

Here are some of the interesting sightings reported at our May 4 meeting.

The Carp Riverwalk is now an eBird hotspot: check out the Carp–Riverwalk Trail on the Friends of the Carp River website.

The trail is where Janet Mason had two special sightings: on April 28 she heard two Eastern Meadowlarks and photographed one of them, as seen below. On May 15, she added the sighting of a Bobolink.

See more sightings on our website, **including a rare female Painted Bunting and a climbing fox.**

MAINTAINING THE MACNAMARA NATURE TRAIL

In early May this Hobblebush at stop #10 was full of gorgeous white blossoms.

Have you walked the Macnamara nature trail lately? Many thanks to the Romeskies and our volunteers for the many hours they spend keeping it accessible. Visitors appreciate the trail and have rated it 4.5 out of 5 on Google reviews.

As we now reach the final stages of approving the new Macnamara Nature Trail kiosk map and signage, your club executive are, quite frankly, unabashedly excited by what is to come!

Sadly, some people are still blatantly taking their dogs on the trail and there continue to be signs of vandalism, including further damage to the ruins of Arnprior's historic lime kiln. Read more here about the kiln and quarry as well as information on the many rock outcroppings on the trail

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