MFNC
May 2022 Bulletin

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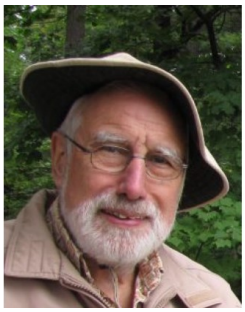
Macnamara FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB

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

Welcome, **Karen**

MEETING
May 4, 2022
7:00 p.m.
All the gold you dreamed of….



At our April meeting Cassandra Robillard enthralled us with bryophytes, tiny plants that grow close to the ground. Shifting dimensions from the miniscule to the astronomical, Dr. Peter Watson, the speaker for our May 4 meeting, will transport us to a fascinating realm of a cosmic nature!

The observations of the collision of two neutron stars on August 17, 2017, is probably the most important single astronomical event since Galileo first saw Jupiter's moons in 1608. Dr. Watson's talk will tell the (sometimes confusing) story of the lead-up to the event, what we learned, where we go from here, and where your wedding-ring came from! Read more details here.

Members will access this Zoom meeting via https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4908487254

A WARM WELCOME to new club members Richard Young, Karen McBride and Nonie Smart.

Five Monday-night Bird Song ID "extras"

April 25 - May 30, 2022

7:00 p.m.

Finding birds is a lot easier if you can identify birds by their songs. Take it from Ken Allison, a birder for more than five decades. For five Mondays starting on April 25 he will acquaint interested MFNC members with the calls and songs of birds commonly found in our area.

Tune in on April 25, May 2, May 9, May 16 and May 30.

Note the special Zoom co-ordinates for these sessions, included here**.**

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Not an MFNC member? A voluntary donation of $5 to the Macnamara Field Naturalists Club through *Canada Helps* would be most welcome.

Kildeer Photo: Stephen Duff

Sightings reported at our April meeting

The sights and sounds of early spring were welcomed at our April 6 meeting supported by the photos of a quality we have come to expect from club regulars like Stephen Duff. See all the April sightings here.

Red-tailed Hawk Photo: Stephen Duff

SIGHTINGS: Send your new local sightings to johndrlawrence8@gmail.com by May 2. Please flag your email as Sightings.

Avian Flu is spreading

As a volunteer with Safe Wings Ottawa, MFNC member Roger Magoon often has contact with injured and/or dead birds; keeping an eye out for Avian Flu — the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) — is essential. The virus is spreading like wildfire among larger birds such as geese, ducks and owls in particular. Read more on symptoms and what to do.

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Meetings:

We expect to resume our in-person first-Wednesday-of-the-month meetings at the Arnprior Curling Club in September 2022. In the interim we'll be continuing with our virtual options.

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Family $30, Individual $25

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