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Macnamara FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB

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

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

Ringing in the New Year

January 4, 2023 Meeting: Members' Night via Zoom

Our club's January Members' Night tradition lives on in 2023 but with a twist. To simplify the process this year we invite you to showcase a prized nature or natural history possession or experience **via Zoom.** We will ***not*** be meeting in person at the Arnprior Curling Club in January.

Try to package your "show and tell" into five minutes and keep your photos to less than five. The written word is always welcome as well. You might prefer to read a poem you've written or talk about a new trail you've explored or an interesting nature book you've read the past year. Got a favourite nature quote? Share it with us!

Please email the visuals (photo or PPT) of the item(s) or topic(s) you wish to showcase to Roger Magoon memberships@mfnc.ca **by Monday, January 2, 2023**.

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JOIN THE MEETING VIA ZOOM

Click this link:

https://zoom.us/j/4908487254 then follow the Zoom instructions.

Heads up! Our 2023 quiz night will be February 1, 2023 and held IN PERSON at the Arnprior Curling Club. More details will follow.

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Sightings
We will still record your recent sightings so please send them along as well to Roger Magoon memberships@mfnc.ca **by January 3, 2023. Please identify the email as *Sightings*.**

Among the sightings reported at our December 2022 meeting was a resident ermine that had taken up residence in Ann Lambert's shed. Ann noted that "it has the cutest face but a very nasty bite!" Check out other December sightings here.
Compiled by John Lawrence.

2022 Pakenham-Arnprior Christmas Bird Count
Michael Runtz and Ryan Zimmerling were happy to find two Peregrine Falcons and Easter Screech-Owl that had been spotted three days prior to the count by David and Owen Ridgen. A Gadwall, only the second record of the 109-year-count, was another highlight of the day. More details of the count will be shared in our February newsletter.

These two falcons were using a church steeple as a resting site and a perch for spotting prey.

Macnamara eBird and iNaturalist accounts
Are you on *eBird*? With help from Roger Magoon, Maureen Carrier has set up an MFNC *eBird* account with the username *mfncbirds*. Members with an eBird list for an area within a 30km radius of our trailhead are asked to share that list to our new *mfncbirds* account. **Got questions? We can answer them at the meeting**. Roger will also speak to members at our next meeting about using our club's *Macnamara Field Naturalists* iNaturalist project.

Photography Workshop with Janice Street
Don't you find the best photographs pull you in and keep you looking? The images in Janice Street's portfolio have that effect.

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Bittersweet berries and corn

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Workshops and Portfolio: https://janicestreet.ca/

The new year brings an opportunity for club members to take *their* photography to a new level: a workshop with Janice Street from 1-3 p.m. on Sunday, January 15, with cookies and coffee followed by questions.
Limited to 10 people only, the workshop, which will be held at 6078 Carp Road, will be “first come, first served.” The cost is $20 per person, payable by cash or cheque to Janice at the workshop. **Find more details here.**

Please register at: gracewood.sewell@sympatico.ca

Reminder: memberships are due January 1, 2023

Every membership counts!
As you know, membership entitles you to enjoy presentations and field trips by experts in a wide range of areas of natural history topics.
The cost of an individual membership remains $25, family memberships $30, and apply to couples or families in the same household.
Renew your membership for 2023 online. If you would prefer to register by mail and pay by cheque, download the form by clicking on this Membership Form, filling in the printed page and mailing it in.

Not sure if your membership is current? Check with Roger Magoon at memberships@mfnc.ca

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