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FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB

Promoting the appreciation, understanding, and preservation of nature in the Ottawa Valley since 1984

February 2025 Bulletin

FEBRUARY MONTHLY MEETING
📝 Michael Runtz's Great Naturalist Quiz Night 📝

DUE TO THE NATURE OF MICHAEL'S QUIZ NIGHT, THE FEBRUARY MONTHLY MEETING WILL BE IN PERSON ONLY

Date: Wednesday February 5 @ 7 p.m.
Location: Arnprior Curling Club, 5 Galvin St., Arnprior

The Great Naturalist Quiz is a fun way to learn more about local plants and animals, and other aspects of natural history.

No advanced knowledge is necessary as you will be part of a small team led by an experienced naturalist that works together to identify specimens and photographs and solve riddles. Points will be awarded for correct and not-so-correct answers.

You are guaranteed to enjoy a chuckle or two during this very popular event!

FUTURE MEETINGS

March 5 - Jillian Taylor, Puffins - Research from Witless Bay Ecological Reserve
April 2 - Marc Avramov, Mosquitoes
May 7 - Ken Allison, Butterflies of the Ottawa Valley
June 4 - Alexa Goodman, Environmental Sustainability

🤩 MFNC MEMBERS' NIGHT
THANK YOU FROM MFNC 🤩

The Club would like to extend a very special thank you to all those who presented at Members' Night in January! The presentations and photographs were incredible keeping everyone engaged and interested all night long.

In no particular order, we would like to thank the following members for their effort in preparing such engaging and interesting presentations:

Jim & Cathy Dick - Tracks in the Snow
Judy & Murray Borer - Cooper’s Hawk and Blue Jay Drama
Barry Goodman - Macnamara Trail Cam Footage
Lacey Smith - Save the Grove Again
Erik Pohanka - Qikiqtarjuaq in Summer 2024
Sheena Baum - Butterflyway Arnprior and Arnprior Seed Library
Laura Huber - Shrews
Michael Runtz - 2024 Arnprior-Pakenham CBC
Grant Smith - Wildlife Photography from Africa

FEBRUARY FIELD TRIPS

🌱Winter Sowing of Native Seeds🌱

When: Saturday February 15, time TBC
Where: Arnprior Library, 21 Madawaska Street

More details to come. Look out for an email from MFNC Field Trips!

MACNAMARA NATURE TRAIL UPDATES

❄️ With the recent snow we’ve received, now is a great time to get out on the trail and decipher the various animal tracks! Can you spot Fisher, squirrel or rabbit tracks?

⚠️ Trail users are advised to stay on the trail to avoid snow-covered hazards such as fallen trees and large rocks.

🐓 Finally, you are more than welcome to bring some birdseed to feed the birds.

A VIEW FROM THE MACNAMARA TRAIL CAM

📸 SIGHTINGS 📸

Snowy Owl

By: Stephen Duff
Date: December 23, 2024
Location: Eagleson Road, Ottawa

Northern Shrike

By: Stephen Duff
Date: December 31, 2024
Location: Old Highway 17

Maybe Coyote Prints?

By: Jim & Cathy Dick
Date: January 5, 2025

Can you guess what they are?

Cooper’s Hawk & Blue Jay Drama

By: Judy & Murray Borer
Date: December 25, 2024
Location: Oakgrove Apiaries, Admaston

This is the view atop a flat roof outside an upstairs window. A Cooper’s Hawk pursued a Blue Jay and pins it to the wall. The Blue Jay made a partial escape but the conflict ensued! Eventually, the Cooper’s Hawk subdues and eviscerates the Blue Jay.

If you’d like to submit a sighting, please email John Lawrence at johndrlawrence8@gmail.com and Roger Magoon at memberships@mfnc.ca with a photo and/or details of your sighting, including date and species information.
Note: Sightings may be posted on our website unless you indicate otherwise.

✅Do you use iNaturalist? Any observation within 30km of Arnprior will automatically link to the club.
✅Do you use eBird? Share any checklist completed within 30km of Arnprior with **mfncbirds** and we will automatically get your sightings!

⚠️ HELP WANTED! ⚠️

Join Our Board of Directors and Help Shape the Future of MFNC!

We’re looking for passionate members to help guide our club into the future! If you’re interested in supporting our mission and helping organize exciting events, we invite you to consider joining our Board of Directors. Your involvement will help us continue to grow and offer enriching experiences for our members.

We also need your help with:

- **Finding Monthly Speakers**: Do you know someone who could give an engaging talk on a nature-related topic? Or perhaps you’d like to share your own knowledge? We're always looking for fresh, inspiring speakers for our monthly meetings.

- **Ideas for Field Trips**: Help us organize memorable outdoor experiences! Whether it’s a birdwatching outing, a hike, or a visit to a local conservation area, your ideas will help us create more opportunities for members to connect with nature.

If you’re interested in contributing to any of these areas or would like more information about joining the Board, please respond to this email with your information and how

you would like to contribute to the club. We'd love to have your help in making our group even better!

✨WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS!✨

- Rob S.
- Jennifer M.
- William D.
- Alexander D.
- Connie D.
- Aj D.
- J. Harbinson
- Peter H.
- Darlene F.
- Alastair B.
- Sue W.

DID YOU FORGET TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

Every membership counts! Memberships are due January 1.

✨As a member you have special access to presentations and field trips by experts in a wide range of natural history topics ✨

COST
Individual: $25
Family: $30

Renew your membership by clicking here

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

Prefer to pay by cheque? Download this form, fill it out, and mail it in to Macnamara Field Naturalists' Club P.O. Box 391 Arnprior, ON K7S 3L9

Check out our website and social media pages!

Noteworthy Dates in February

- February 2: World Wetlands Day
- February 27: International Polar Bear Day

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