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FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB

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

October 2025 Bulletin

🦓 OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING 🦓

A Safari in Uganda - the Pearl of Africa with Christine Eberl

Date: Wednesday October 1 @ 7 p.m.
Location: Arnprior Curling Club, 5 Galvin St., Arnprior
Who: Members of MFNC, non-members may attend and make a $5 donation to the club.

A native of Ontario, Christine has had a lifelong passion for all things related to Natural History. After receiving her Masters degree in Red-throated Loon ecology at the University of Ottawa, she worked for Environment Canada's National Wildlife Research Center assisting with its Arctic Seabird and Shorebird research programs. A lifelong birder, she began exploring the birds outside of Canada's borders 15 years ago and now does yearly excursions to foreign lands in pursuit of new species. Christine is recently retired and spends her time traveling, exploring the great outdoors, gardening and riding her horse.

If you can't make it in person - it's better in person, we have snacks🍪 - you can join us via Zoom at https://zoom.us/j/4908487254.

⚠️ Help Needed ⚠️

➡️ Do you enjoy the refreshments and snacks offered at the monthly meetings? We are looking for someone to help set up the refreshments and snacks at break. **Unfortunately, if we don't get any help, the refreshments will be discontinued in November.**

➡️ Are you interested in shaping the future of the MFNC? If yes, we are looking for help on the Board of Directors.

✅ **If either of these positions are of interest to you, please respond to this email. We look forward to hearing from you!**

✨ANNUAL BANQUET - SAVE THE DATE✨

Our annual banquet and auction will be taking place on **Friday November 14, 2025**.

This year, we are lucky to have renowned explorer and photographer Mike Beedell!

Mike has been a contract photographer for over three decades, producing outstanding imagery for a broad cross-section of clients including National Geographic, Canadian Geographic, the Canadian Museum of Nature, the CBC, and many more.

More details to come!

🎉 SPECIAL TRAIL CELEBRATION 🎉

In honour of recent work done at the trail, including the Points of Interest (POIs) project and boardwalk restorations, the Club is putting together a special celebration to thank our great volunteers for all of their work.

We invite everyone to join in on this celebration which will include a walk along the trail, snacks and a special scavenger hunt! All are welcome!

This celebration will take place on

Saturday October 18, with a rain date of October 19.

We hope to see you all there!

MACNAMARA NATURE TRAIL UPDATES

➡️ The Gooodwins Bay bypass trail is now open; new signage and yellow trail markers have been installed.

🦆 A second bird-feeding station has been installed near the Nopiming bridge. Additional bird feeders will be put up in the coming weeks.

🪑 A new bench has also been installed along the main trail.

📸SIGHTINGS📸

If you'd like to submit a sighting, please click on the link below, it will bring you to a form where you can enter your sighting and include a photo.

Submit Sighting Here!

✅ 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!

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 on the button below.

Renew Your Membership

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 October

- **October 4** - World Animal Day
- **October 6** - World Habitat Day
- **October 21** - World Reptile Day
- **October 21** - World Earthworm Day
- **October 24** - International Day of Climate Action
- **October 29** - Sustainability Day

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