



## COMING EVENTS

•**Friday, November 29, 2002, 7:30 pm**, HKPR Health Unit, Rose Glen Rd., Port Hope.

**TOPIC:** Ecology of the Night - Darkness as a biological imperative. In the developed world, our ability to enjoy the brilliance of the night sky is being compromised by the over zealous use of artificial light. Scientists are now indicating that light pollution may also be disturbing biological systems. Peter Goering will explore these ideas, which are leading to a symposium to be held in Muskoka in the fall of 2003.

**SPEAKER: Peter Goering** is a retired architect who lives in Toronto and cottages on Lake of Bays. In addition to serving as director of the Muskoka Heritage Foundation, Peter has chaired the Built Heritage Committee. He assisted in establishing Canada's first Dark Sky Reserve at the Torrance Barrens Conservation Reserve.

Life at the cottage has spurred Peter to involve himself in a number of initiatives in the District of Muskoka. He has actively tackled issues including local logging practices, protection of wolves and the development of the Lake of Bays Official Plan. Peter implemented a Managed Forest Plan on the cottage property and subsequently established Muskoka's first conservation easement. A member of the Muskoka Field Naturalists, Peter's interest in environmental matters has led him to participate in various annual bird study projects.

•**Saturday, December 14, 2002:** Annual Christmas Bird Count. Details on page 12. Contact Roger Frost, 905-885-9615, [ekrf@eagle.ca](mailto:ekrf@eagle.ca), for more information

•**Friday, January 31, 2003, 7:30 pm** Cobourg Public Library. **SPEAKER: Paul J. Wilson, M.Sc., Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor, Biology Department Trent University; Research Scientist, Forensic Supervisor & Scientific Administrator of the Natural Resources DNA Profiling & Forensic Centre.

**TOPIC: Eastern North American Wolves and Coyotes.** The presentation will focus on the identification of a new wolf species in eastern North America and its relationship with expanding coyotes and gray wolves. Paul will present the biological and conservation implications of recent genetic

## A President's Perspective on A.K. Sculthorpe

by Carole Payne

Dusk. Get on your coat. We're going over to Willow Beach to hear the woodcock. We'll go over to the horse ring for half an hour and see what birds are coming through. See, if you're patient and you just sit and watch, you can see all sorts of things. Get in the car. Ted Macdonald just called about a Little Gull in the harbour. Tonight we are picking up Margaret Marsh and then we are going to a WBFN meeting. You'll like it. (I guess I did!). Fiddleheads and fresh asparagus in the spring, wild turkey release, goldfinches and woodpeckers at the feeders, puffballs in the fall, summer tanager in the winter. Let's go for a drive and pick teasel - they'll make great branches for the Styrofoam trees for the Christmas bazaar. Today I am going to show you all the orchards where the apple blossoms are in full glory. I am making a giant bouquet for someone's party and I need tall grasses. I know the perfect spot. Bring the scissors. You are a good naturalist and you know a lot more than you think. No, that's not a hawk- it's a crow. Have you got an hour to help me water trees in the town? Deliver the Curlew so we can save the postage? Let me tell you about how we got Peter's Woods. They're cutting all the ditches and hedgerows in Hope Township. I think Willow Beach should do something. Don't forget to bring the nametags - it's so important for people to greet each other by name. When I became president of Willow Beach I really didn't know what I was doing. I learned. You will, too. I think it's wonderful that you're the president.

Well, A.K. my mentor, my friend - you got me into this presidency thing and I'm still counting on you to get me through. We all are. We are already missing you fiercely and I don't expect the feeling will ever subside. Thank you for being with us a while.

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*Below is a report from the WBFN Land Trust Committee. This report was discussed in detail by the Executive at the October meeting. We encourage our members to read it carefully and come to the November meeting prepared to comment on the content.*

## **REPORT FROM LAND TRUST COMMITTEE**

*by Bryan Baxter*

During late 2001, Bob Short, President of WBFN at that time and Russ Lake, Chair WBFN's Property Committee, asked that I chair a committee to determine the feasibility of WBFN's participation in a land trust program and to report back to the Executive Committee by October 2002. I am indebted to the following persons who willingly or not so willingly accepted the responsibility to serve on the Committee:

- Margaret Bain
- Russell Lake
- Bob Short
- Jim Tedford

In addition, we are pleased that President Carole Payne attended our meetings to contribute to our deliberations.

At the outset, the Committee interpreted our mandate as being "to assist the Willow Beach Field Naturalists in its dedication to protect and enhance the natural heritage of Northumberland County, we will review Land Trust programs to determine the feasibility of WBFN's participation in same". Subsequently, a workplan was prepared to:

- a) consult with the Ontario Land Trust Alliance Inc.,
- b) identify Land Trust programs,
- c) review experiences of other Nature Groups and/or Land Trusts,
- d) determine the interest of local property owners, and
- e) prepare a report for the WBFN Executive Committee.

Christopher Baines, Land Securement Co-Ordinator with Ontario Land Trust Alliance Inc. traveled from Toronto to attend one of our meetings to explain the history and role of Land Trusts citing examples of successful ventures, including Land Trusts that were associated with a Field Naturalists group as well as stand alone organizations. After preparing a detailed consultation agenda to obtain information on the

pros and cons of establishing a land trust, including, the composition of the Board of Trustees, property selection criteria and process, property management, public relations, and financial administration, we contacted neighbouring organizations. The Hamilton Field Naturalists own property that is managed by their Sanctuary Committee. The Thickson's Woods Land Trust exists in Whitby independent of the area Field Naturalist group. The Georgian Bay Trust Foundation Inc. is quite successful and has an ambitious agenda. Brighton and Kawartha areas are not pursuing a Land Trust program while Kingston Field Naturalists are in process of considering the formation of a Land Trust for that area. In addition, Margaret attended the annual meeting of the Federation of Ontario Naturalists in Long Point to obtain valuable information for our discussions.

During the process, we discovered there are many Land Trusts in Europe and United States with recent increasing popularity in Canada where there are currently one hundred and three of which thirty-two are located in Ontario. Land Trusts may be created for local, regional, provincial or national interests and may be public or non-public and usually for the conservation of land or public housing. While Land Trusts are non-government, they exist for the benefit of the public and may be a registered charitable organization dedicated to the protection and management of natural areas and open spaces. They work directly with land owners and are usually community supported through memberships, donations, and volunteer involvement.

Specific activities of Land Trusts might include, but not limited to, the following:

- purchase of threatened land
- encouraging outright donation of lands
- managing lands according to the Trusts objectives, often involving volunteer

- participation, or management arrangements with other agencies or groups
- acquiring conservation easements to secure permanent protection of natural features without direct ownership
- disposing of lands to a suitable management agency
- working co-operatively with landowners
- providing environmental education programs
- raising funds through private donations
- utilizing government funding programs

It appears that WBFN does not have any policy on Land Trusts, however, the Constitution does provide that the Property Committee, under the direction of the Executive Board, shall administer real property of the WBFN and shall search for and consider additional land areas that the WBFN might buy in order to preserve valuable natural features.

To determine the level of local interest, members of our Committee have confirmed positive discussions with at least three property owners with the possibility of a few others. In addition, there are ongoing discussions with Cameco Corporation regarding the Wesleyville ravines property and a Land Trust could have the flexibility to be creative in finding a solution for the preservation of the area.

The Committee has come to the conclusion that it is appropriate and desirable to create a Land Trust for the preservation of local and regional areas of natural significance within Northumberland County. Members of the Brighton & Presqu'isle Naturalists have been contacted to determine there is no interest in a Land Trust at this time and concurred with our intent to proceed with a county-wide program. While there may be benefits to establish a Land Trust as a committee of WBFN we opted to propose a Land Trust as a new organization although requiring that members of the Board of Directors must be members of WBFN to provide a close working relationship between the two organizations and to ensure the interests of WBFN are represented. There should not be any financial implications for WBFN as the Land Trust would be a separate legal entity responsible for fund raising, although, there is a proposal to transfer the Property Committee funds to the Land Trust. Members of the current and previous

Property Committee support the transfer of the funds to the Land Trust. We believe that start-up costs, i.e. incorporation, registration, memberships, should be less than one thousand dollars.

If the recommendation is approved, this Committee is prepared to conduct a search to propose names of persons who possess the necessary skills for the Board of Directors.

Most of our information has been obtained from the following sources and their valuable contributions are acknowledged with thanks:

- Christopher Baines, Ontario Land Trust Alliance Inc.
- Margaret Bain for the Ontario Land Trust Handbook and the Thickson's Woods Land Trust Report
- Bob Short for the Kingston Field Naturalists and Kawartha Field Naturalists Reports
- Jim Tedford for the Hamilton Field Naturalists Report
- Russell Lake for the Brighton discussions
- Carole Payne for the website search.

For your consideration, the following recommendations have been prepared to proceed with the establishment of a Land Trust for our area:

- 1) that The Northumberland Community Land Trust be established for the preservation of the natural, historic and cultural heritage of Northumberland County, providing there is a significant natural area in each project;
- 2) that the Board of Directors of the Trust consist of seven to nine persons who must be or must become members of the Willow Beach Field Naturalists;
- 3) that members of WBFN's Property Committee become members of the Trust, after which, the Property Committee shall cease to exist;
- 4) that funds held by WBFN's Property Committee be made available to the Trust on the basis of a dollar for dollar raised by the Trust;
- 5) that the Land Trust become a member of The Ontario Land Trust Alliance Inc.;
- 6) that the Land Trust become incorporated and registered as charitable institution.

# CLOSE ENCOUNTER WITH A PILEATED WOODPECKER

by John Lyons, Northumberland Heights

April 27, 2002 – At about 4:30 p.m., a male Pileated Woodpecker, in close pursuit of another Pileated of the female persuasion, misjudged his height and undulated right against my home! There was a terrific crash and he fell into bushes outside our living room windows.

The bird was still alive, stunned, with a runaway heartbeat. Not knowing what else to do, I covered him with a towel and left him alone.

It was a very cold and wet day, so about 2 hours later, I inspected the woodpecker intending to “tuck him in” to conserve warmth. “Woody” took it upon himself to attempt escape – but only described a small circle and fell onto the lawn. He huddled there and began “cooing” in a soft voice. Finally, he tucked his head under his back feathers and seemed to doze off. Several hours later, it was almost dark and snow was on the way.

Thinking Woody had died, I dropped a soft, light blanket over him. He didn’t move, but when I picked him up, he struggled! Woody was very much still on this side. He was then loosely rolled up in a blanket, placed in a cardboard box, and then left in the garage over night.

Sunday, April 28 – Rainstorm, wind, sleet, snow. Woody would never survive the day. With advice from various WBFN types, I found a large box and jammed a rough stick side to side inside. Woody was gently removed from his cocoon and set onto the log. He instantly grabbed on and stayed there.

The box was then closed up and left in the cool, quiet and dark of the garage. Later, I dripped a little water down the stick and Woody managed to lap up a little. I didn’t know he was equipped with such a long tongue!

Monday, April 29, 8 a.m. – No wind, sunny and cool. Woody had been without food or drink for a day and a half – and he still looked good. He was placed up in a maple tree outside our kitchen window. He grabbed onto the tree and stayed there.

I backed away and retreated inside. Woody spent some time looking around, took a drink from the melting snow, then tucked his head under his back feathers and dozed. Three hours later, he again studied his surroundings and flew off.

How about that!

Thanks to Kit Chubb of Avian Care and Research Foundation, Verona, ON, 613-374-2923, for her expert advice in this success. Ms. Chubb tells me that over 50% of injured birds being taken to her facility die from stress caused by the move and much better results are obtained from care at the site of the injury.

*Editor’s Note: Mr. Lyons did all the right things in this rescue. He placed the bird in a secure dark place to keep it calm and safe from predators, he did not try to feed the bird, and he consulted a licensed bird rehabilitator for advice.*

## FINALLY!

The Ontario Ministry of the Environment has finally banned the use of Dombind as a dust suppressant on Ontario’s roads, effective in early November 2002. Recent communications from the Ministry admitted that Dombind contains dioxin, a persistent environmental toxin. Provincial environmental groups have been fighting this product’s use for nine years. WBFN has made numerous representations to the MOE opposing the use of Dombind.

## TRIP TO OWL FOUNDATION

*by Simone Mérey*

On October 6, four eager birders went to Vineland for a guided tour of the Owl Foundation. We saw Great Horned Owls in many plumages, some flying around, a Pygmy Owl, two Burrowing Owls, many Eastern Screech Owls, a few shy Long-eared Owls, one Short-eared Owl, one Elf Owl, and two Barn Owls and two Peregrine Falcons. Some of the Barred Owls hooted for us. The Boreal Owl, the Saw-whet Owl and the Hawk Owl were inside Kay McKeever's home.

The northern owls, the Great Gray, Hawk and Snowy Owls that were outside in the cages were affected by the West Nile virus and died. In spite of this setback, Kay was cheerful and positive. She is having a special cage built that will isolate these birds and prevent the flat fly and mosquito from spreading infection.

When possible, owls are released and returned to the wild in the area where they were found. Utmost care is used to prevent the owls being imprinted by humans. The owls are observed via twenty cameras with the monitors all together in the house, building a permanent behavioral record on tape.

In order to feed these predators, 2600 mice are shipped to the facility every week. A paid staff of four and a small number of volunteers take care of 120 owls plus the ones to be returned to the wild. Audrey E. Wilson has her own plaque there as a donor. Our annual donation helps pay for expenses, including the upkeep of cages that allow for breeding as well as a corridor system to enable the young to leave the territories of the parents. Research students are coordinated via the University of Guelph. We felt privileged to have had this tour. We loved the Siamese cat that ignores the blind Saw-whet.

### AN INVITATION

Ed Heuvel and Barry King will be making a presentation, with slides, to Alnwick/Haldimand LACAC about the proposed Russ' Creek Cemetery Tallgrass Project, on Tuesday Dec. 3, at the Grafton Town Hall (A/H Municipal Hall) on County Road #2 (Hwy. 2). It is hoped that the 2-acre prairie will be as successful as Red Cloud (3 km. east). Members of the WBFN are invited to attend to show their support for the project. The LACAC meeting starts at 7:30 pm, but the exact time of the Russ' Creek

### **BAILLIE BIRDATHON 2002**

WBFN has received \$194.50 from Bird Studies Canada as its portion of the Baillie Birdathon receipts for 2002. Our thanks to Ian Tate and John Geale for their participation in this event on behalf of WBFN.

### **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

Judith Goulin, RR#6, Cobourg  
The Hansen family, RR#2, Pontypool  
David and Larene MacDonald, Port Hope  
Barry and Margaret Robinson, Cobourg  
Beverly Watson, Cobourg  
Dr. V. Jean Wilson, Cobourg

## **Carling Collection Curlew Print Raffle**

This fine print by Canadian Wildlife artist Terry M. Shortt depicts an Eskimo Curlew in flight. A bird in flight is a rarity as birds are usually shown on a tree or on the ground. Carole Payne cleaned the print and it was professionally framed. Carling commissioned this print when it was illegal to advertise beer and we are seeking more information from Carling. The print will be on display at the November meeting.

We have decided to use this gift to the club as a fund raiser. If you have not already received them, each WBFN member will find one book of ten tickets enclosed with this issue of the *Curlew*, to sell at \$2 each or 3 for \$5. We need to have the stubs returned by the January meeting for the draw at the February meeting. Please give the money to any member of the executive, or come in person to the meeting, or mail a cheque to Willow Beach Field Naturalists, P.O. Box 421, Port Hope, ON L1A 3W4. We sincerely request that our members fully participate in this venture as we endeavour to improve our financial status and support the community.

If you wish to obtain more tickets, contact Simone Mérey at 905-885- 8347 or

## **CARS, BOATS AND OAKS ON THE BAY OF QUINTE**

*by Ed Heuvel*

Imagine, if you would.....a summer cruise on the St. Lawrence River through the scenic Thousand Islands, past Kingston and the islands of Lake Ontario, to the mouth of the Bay of Quinte, and onward to an imposing three-storey hotel, beside the shore of the Bay of Quinte, near Belleville. The ship is a beautiful steam driven paddle wheeler named "The Brockville." It is filled with well to do ladies and gentlemen, off to enjoy a weekend or a week's holiday at a picturesque location, highlighted by this elegant structure, and accented with large verandahs completely encircling all three levels. Already present at the hotel are ladies with parasols and men with derbies, all strolling down toward the dock to meet the incoming boat. Those on board are filled with anticipation of afternoons of boating, picnicking, or walks beside the Bay of Quinte through a park-like landscape filled with century old oaks and the limestone barrens farther away from shore.

These afternoons will be followed by evenings of fine dining, wine, dancing, and the pleasure of company with others from throughout eastern Ontario.

The site is known as Massassauga Park and the hotel at the site was a popular resort during the Victorian Era between 1870 and the early 1900s. With the arrival of the first motor vehicle in Prince Edward County, in 1900, and the subsequent wide spread use of cars for personal transport, the popular vacation spot soon began to lose money and the resort was closed by the 1940s. There were no roads leading to the resort, so imminent closure of the hotel was only a matter of time.

The oaks remained, and Nature carried on with little interference, with certain trees and shrub species gaining a foothold and growing unchecked. The former splendour of the park-like savanna was rendered all but unrecognizable. The land on which the resort

stood was purchased by the Prince Edward Region Conservation Authority in 1971.

The site's limestone barrens were recognized and investigated as an area of Alvar habitat during the 1990s by the International Alvar Conservation initiative. This Alvar Working Group's findings were published in 1999 by the Nature Conservancy in the publication, "Conserving Great Lakes Alvar". The area supporting the oaks had, by this time, become filled in by young Red Cedar and European Buckthorn and was noted by this group.

In 1999, the presence of open grown oaks at the site was noted by Ed Heuvel of Halloway Farms Consulting who, with Quinte Conservation, contacted Wasyl Bakowsky of the Natural Heritage Information Centre to evaluate the site. The area was confirmed to be a Bur Oak Savanna associated with the Alvar habitat and was considered provincially rare and globally imperiled. The non-native and native shrubs in the area were very dense and were impacting negatively on the native ground cover, which in some areas had disappeared entirely due to heavy shade. Some of the oaks were losing lower branches due to the same cause. It was felt that the site was in need of restoration activities (primarily in the form of shrub removal) to ensure the survival of the oaks and to restore the ground cover to a more open condition.

A plan was formulated with the support of Quinte Conservation (in 1996 the Prince Edward Region Conservation Authority became one of three local conservation authorities forming Quinte Conservation), The Friends of Massassauga as well as the Quinte Watershed Cleanup. Funding was sought and granted through the Eco-Action program at Environment Canada. Additional funding was granted by TD Canada Trust-Friends of the Environment, Community Fish and Wildlife Improvement Program - Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (CFWIP-OMNR) and the Bay of Quinte Remedial Action Plan Habitat

Enhancement Program. Along with equipment and technical expertise from Quinte Conservation and Halloway Farms, clearing of the under storey species on a 10-acre plot at the site were commenced in July of 2001. Operations continued with additional assistance provided by the Lennox Addington and Prince Edward County Ontario Works Program. Work continued until late September, 2002.

The results were amazing. As operations gradually teased out the oaks from the shrubs enveloping them, each was found to be a beautiful individual, in spite of the harsh growing conditions. In shape, each is unique with twisted trunks and branches that spread with reckless abandon in all directions. The trees were obviously very healthy with lush green leaves, but stunted by the harsh environment of the site. The average age of the oaks was found to be approximately 200 years. Also discovered at the site were 175+ year old, rare hybrids of Chinquapin and Bur Oak, known as Deams Oak.

Operations opened up the habitat so that dozens of the centuries old oaks can now be seen in the savanna habitat. This habitat includes not only the oaks, but also centuries old Shagbark Hickory and Red Cedar. The views have now been widened to what is believed to be pre-settlement conditions, and the area presents sweeping vistas of the open grown oaks with the Bay of Quinte serving as a backdrop. The aesthetics of the site have been increased dramatically with the clearing of the shrubs in this area. The preservation of these aesthetics and the continued maintenance of the natural heritage of the site, however, depends greatly on the continued management of the site.

Future plans for the site include an improved interpretive program, continued clearing of additional areas of oak savanna, and monitoring of the ground cover to measure the success of the operations in 2001 and 2002. It will be exciting to see if seeds

from plants that once grew in the former oak savanna, and have been lying dormant all these years, will reappear in their newly refurbished habitat. Already, Alvar species such as Early Buttercup, Prairie Smoke, Side Oats Grama, and Blue-eyed Grass are tantalizingly close to the rehabilitation site. A number of interpretive walks have been planned by Quinte Conservation, Prince Edward County Field Naturalists and the Quinte Field Naturalists. Why not come along?

*Note:* Massassauga Point is also home to White Trout Lily. It is a Carolinian species which one would not expect to find in Prince Edward County. However, although not generally recognized, the climate of Prince Edward County has many Carolinian aspects. Trout Lily is notorious for producing many leaves and very few flowers. With the increased light on the savana, the flower production has increased considerably.

Bill Crowley

## RECENT SIGHTINGS

*compiled by Ted McDonald*

Red-throated Loon	Oct 19/23	1	off Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Common Loon	Oct 10	59	off Lakeshore Rd. Cob	LW
	Oct 28	42	off Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Red-necked Grebe	Oct 12	1	off Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Nov 3	1	off Lake St. PH	SM
Horned Grebe	Oct 11	18	off Lakeshore Rd. Cob	LW
	Nov 3	30	off Candlewick Woods	RE, EK
<b>BROWN PELICAN</b>	Oct. 13, 14	1 juv.	Cobourg Harbour	CEG, M.Obs.
Double-crested Cormorant	Oct 15	80	off Lakeshore Rd. Cob	LW
	Nov 3	1	Port Hone yacht basin	ERM
Black-crowned Night Heron	Oct 3	2	off Lakeshore Rd. Cob	LW
Turkey Vulture	Oct 3	7	over Port Hone	NW
	Oct 14	65	over Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Oct. 14	50	over Cobourg Harbour in 10-15 min.	MB
	Oct 25	16	over Ontario St N. Cob	AEW
Greater White-fronted Goose	Oct 26-Nov 9	2	Garden Hill area	RE, EK
Snow Goose (Blue Phase)	Oct.9	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
(Blue Phase)	Oct. 26- Nov 9	1	Garden Hill area	RE, EK
(White Phase)	Oct. 26-Nov 9	1	Garden Hill area	RE, EK
Canada Goose (orange neck collar)	Oct. 26-Nov. 9	1	Garden Hill area	RE, EK
Brant	Oct 4-10	1	Cobourg Harbour	MB, CEG
	Oct 22	15	Cobourg Harbour	BL
Mute Swan	Oct 11	3	off Lake St. PH	EB
Gadwall	Oct 4	6	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
American Wigeon	Oct 7	7	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Oct 18	2	foot of D'Arcy St. Cob	BL
	Oct 18	3	Lake St marsh PH	GMCD
Black Duck	Oct 15	6	off Lakeshore Rd. Cob	LW
	Nov 9	70	Garden Hill pond	RF
Mallard	Nov 9	300	Garden Hill pond	RF
Northern Shoveler	Oct 4	6	Cobourg Harbour	CEG, MB
	Oct 31	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG

## Sightings - cont'd.

Northern Pintail	Oct 6	3	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Nov 2	1	Gage's Creek area	RF EK
Green-winged Teal	Oct 17	11	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Oct 19	12	Lake St marsh PH	SM AT
	Nov 9	26	Garden Hill pond	RF
Redhead	Oct 20	20	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Ring-necked Duck	Oct 26	1	Garden Hill Pond	RF EK
Lesser Scaup	Oct 22	3	foot of D'Arcy St. Cob.	BL
	Nov 2	7	off Lake St PH	RF EK
<b>Harlequin Duck</b>	Oct 19	1 f/	near foot of D'Arcy St.	MB
Surf Scoter	Oct 23	2	off D'Arcy St. Cob	CEG
	Oct 26	2	foot of D'Arcy St. Cob	MB
White-winged Scoter	Oct 19	66	off Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Black Scoter	Oct 24	1	off Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Long-tailed Duck	Oct 15	1	off Lakeshore Rd. Cob.	LW
	Nov 2	50	off Lake St PH	RF
Bufflehead	Oct 19	4	off Lake St PH	SM AT
	Nov 2	100	off Lake St PH	RF EK
Common Goldeneye	Oct 19	10	off Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Nov 2	100	off Lake St PH	RF EK
Hooded Merganser	Nov 2/3	4/1	Lake St PH	RF/SM
	Nov 3	8	Brand Rd. pond PH	RF EK
Common Merganser	Oct 15	15	off Lakeshore Rd. Cob.	LW
Red-breasted Merganser	Oct 15	16	off Lakeshore Rd. Cob.	LW
Osprey	Oct 15/17	1	over Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Bald Eagle	Oct 23	1	over Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Northern Harrier	Oct 29	1	Deer Park Rd. PH Ward 2	NW
Northern Goshawk	Oct 12/27	1	over Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Red-shouldered Hawk	Oct 26	1	Garden Hill Pond	RF EK
Rough-legged Hawk	Oct 18	1	Lake St. PH	GMCD
	Oct 19	1	over Cobourg Harbour	MB
	Oct 26	1	Perrytown	RF EK
Merlin	Oct 15-25	1	Cobourg Harbour area	CEG
	Oct 23	1	TV antenna Legion Village Cob.	MB
Peregrine Falcon	Oct 19	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Wild Turkey	Oct 26	40	n of Garden Hill	ERM
Black-bellied Plover	Nov 2	1	Port Hone west beach	RF
American Golden Plover	Oct 17	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Semi-palmated Plover	Oct 25	1	Lake St PH	ERM
Killdeer	Oct 18	1	Lake St marsh PH	GMCD
	Nov 2	2	Lake St marsh area PH	RF EK
Greater Yellowlegs	Oct 18	1	Lake St marsh PH	GMCD
	Oct 18	1	off D'Arcy St. Cob.	BL
	Oct 23	6	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Nov 9	2	Garden Hill pond	RF
Lesser Yellowlegs	Nov 2	5	Port Hone west beach	RF
Spotted Sandpiper	Nov 2	1	Gage's Creek area	RF EK
<b>HUDSONIAN GODWIT</b>	Oct 14	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Sanderling	Oct 3	14	Port Hone west beach	MB
	Oct 23	2	off D'Arcy St. Cob.	BL
	Nov 2	1	Gage's Creek area	RF
White-rumped Sandpiper	Oct 21	3	Cobourg Harbour	MB CEG
	Oct 30	1	Cobourg Harbour	MB
	Nov 2	2	Gage's Creek area	RF

Sightings - cont'd.

Pectoral Sandpiper	Oct. 18	6	Lake St. marsh, PH	GMCD
	Oct. 22	1	off D'Arcy St., Cob.	BL
	Nov. 2	1	Garden Hill pond	RF, EK
Purple Sandpiper	Oct. 19	2	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Dunlin	Oct. 19	2	Lake St. marsh, PH	GMCD
	Oct. 21	25	Cobourg Harbour	MB
	Oct. 22	9	off D'Arcy St., Cob.	BL
	Nov. 2	28	Gage's Creek area	RF
	Nov. 2	3	Garden Hill pond	RF, EK
Bonaparte's Gull	Oct. 27	1	east beach, PH	ERM
	Nov. 2	3	Garden Hill pond	RF, EK

Sightings - cont'd.

	Lapland Longspur	Oct. 26	5	Cobourg Harbour	MB
	Snow Bunting	Oct. 21	15	Cobourg Harbour area	MB
<i>Obs</i>		Oct. 28	35	rocks at foot of D'Arcy St.	MB
<i>Cor</i>	Red-winged Blackbird	Nov. 4	7	n. of Colborne	KB
<i>Ca</i>					
<i>Mc</i>					
<i>Wa</i>					

### CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT 2002

The annual Christmas Bird Count will be held on Saturday, December 14. This is the 103rd Audubon Christmas Bird Count. WBFN has contributed data to this continent wide count since 1972, although the club has conducted its own Christmas Bird Census since 1954.

This is a strenuous day of birding, starting at dawn (or earlier for the keeners who like to search for owls) and continuing through most of the daylight hours. It is not necessary to be an expert birder to participate. Less experience birders will be teamed with more experienced.

Feeder Watchers are also welcome. Count the maximum number of birds at one time of any one species seen during the day and telephone your totals to Norma Wallace (905-885-5552) at the end of the day.

The count will be followed by a pot luck supper at Welcome United Church at 5:30 p.m. Members who cannot participate in the count are welcome to join the counters for supper.

If you would like to participate, contact Roger Frost at 905-885-9615, [ekrf@eagle.ca](mailto:ekrf@eagle.ca)