



## Field Trips

**Please read carefully.** Trips will operate rain or shine. Remember to bring lunch, drinks, proper clothing, footwear, sunscreen & insect repellent. For all trips, if you have questions, contact Dave Milsom at [milsomdave@hotmail.com](mailto:milsomdave@hotmail.com) or 705-874-8531. OFO encourages car pooling on all field trips. Participants are reminded that it is the responsibility of every participant on an OFO field trip to comply with the OFO Birding Code of Ethics, and to minimize the risk of injury and/or damages that may result from unsafe or inappropriate behaviour (especially driving, or roadside birding where passing traffic presents a hazard).

### Young Birders

OFO Young Birders field trips and workshops are for birders age 9 -19. The only prerequisites are enthusiasm and curiosity about birds. Parents or guardians are encouraged to attend except where otherwise indicated.

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If you have questions, contact Lynne Freeman at [lynnef.to@gmail.com](mailto:lynnef.to@gmail.com) or 416-671-0325 (email is better).

**Trips may be added or changed so please check the field trips on the OFO web site prior to the trip.**

### 2018-08-05 Durham Region & Lake Ontario Marshes

#### Rayfield Pye, John Stirrat

Meet 7:30 a.m. at Lynde Shores Conservation Area parking lot on Victoria Street in Whitby. Exit Hwy. 401 at Brock Street (Exit 410). Turn left (south) onto Brock Street. Turn right (west) onto Victoria. Go 2.5 km to Lynde Shores on the south side. Visits to Cranberry Marsh, Oshawa Second Marsh, Corner Marsh & Frenchman's Bay. Early Fall migrant warblers, vireos, flycatchers, shorebirds, butterflies.

### 2018-08-25 Palgrave, Tottenham Sod Farms, Schomberg Lagoons

#### Kevin Schacklton

Meet 8:00 a.m. at Patterson Sideroad and Hwy. 50 in the village of Palgrave. Fall migrants - warblers, flycatchers, shorebirds. Possible plovers, Buff-breasted Sandpipers, Baird's Sandpipers.

### 2018-08-26 Rock Point Provincial Park & Eastern Lake Erie Shore

#### Marcie Jacklin

Meet 8:00 a.m. at Dunnville Tims, 936 Broad Street East. Visiting Rock Point Provincial Park may be an option if there is good migration, so be prepared to pay entry fee. Shorebirds, waterbirds, early fall migrants. Shorebirds, waterbirds, early fall migrants.

### 2018-09-01 Toronto Islands

#### Gavin Platt

From Harbourfront in Toronto, catch 7:15 a.m. Ferry to Ward's Island. You will need \$7.50 in coins (\$5.00 seniors and students). Early Fall migrants. The trip involves a lot of walking all day long. Please bring a lunch if you plan to stay all day (some food is also available to purchase on the island).

### 2018-09-06 Moosonee (5-day trip)

#### Martin Parker, Kathy Parker

This trip is full. This birding trip to Moosonee will permit one the opportunity to observe the birds that gather along the Ontario's saltwater coast to rest and feed. There is a possibility of flocks of Longspurs, numerous shorebirds, Rough-legged Hawks, and both Le Conte's and Nelson's Sparrows. There could be a surprise bird as well.



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### **2018-09-08 Colonel Sam Smith Park & western Lake Ontario**

#### **Garth Riley**

Meet 8:00 a.m. at the southernmost parking lot where road ends. Take Kipling Avenue south from Q.E.W. and follow it south of Lakeshore Blvd. to the end. Other locations we may bird include Lakefront Promenade, Jack Darling Park, Rattray Marsh, Shell Park. Fall migrants: warblers, sparrows, shorebirds, waterfowl.

### **2018-09-08 Ottawa (all day to 5 pm )**

#### **Jeff Skevington**

Meet 7:30 a.m. along Cassels Road, outside the gate to the Britannia Filtration Plant. Experience the diversity of Ottawa's avifauna during the peak of Fall migration. Expect to see warblers, sparrows, waterfowl, shorebirds, gulls and others. Study the subtle differences between similar species as we explore the Ottawa River from different vantage points. We start at Britannia, and move slowly west, visiting some of Eastern Ontario's best migratory staging areas. Bring a lunch.

### **2018-09-09 Presqu'île Provincial Park**

#### **Ian Shanahan**

Meet 8:00 a.m. at the Lighthouse parking lot. Park entrance fee. Fall migrants, shorebirds, hawks

### **2018-09-15 Kettle Point and inland lagoons**

#### **Sean Jenniskens**

Meet 8.00 a.m. in parking lot at junction of Highway 21 and Lakeshore Road (County Road 7) on the way into Kettle Point. Look for gulls, terns, shorebirds, jaegers, at Kettle Point. Then inland to nearby sewage lagoons: search for waterfowl, shorebirds. Bring lunch; rubber boots for wet areas.

### **2018-09-16 Point Pelee National Park**

#### **Jeremy Hatt**

Meet 8:00 a.m. at the Visitor Centre in the Park (entry fee). Birding around the Visitor Centre, at the Tip, and in the surrounding area including the onion fields. Fall migrants, raptors, seabirds, shorebirds, Monarch butterflies.

### **2018-09-22 Hamilton, Burlington & Vicinity**

#### **Len Manning**

Meet 8:00 a.m. in Hutch's Restaurant parking lot at Van Wagners Beach on Lake Ontario in Hamilton. From Niagara on QEW, exit at Centennial Parkway, go left onto North Service Road and follow to Van Wagners Beach Road to the restaurant. From Toronto on QEW, exit at Woodward Avenue, turn right at lights, then right at next lights, go under bridge, turn right onto Van Wagners Beach Road to the restaurant. Jaegers, gulls, shorebirds, fall migrants.

### **2018-10-07 Westmeath Provincial Park & Lac Dore**

#### **Mark Gawn**

Situated on the Ottawa River near Pembroke, Westmeath Park is a noted migration stopover for Nelson's Sparrow and occasionally Le Conte's Sparrow. Lac Dore, a fish-filled lake, regularly attracts many small gulls, grebes, and loons along with the occasional rarity. Meet 8:00 a.m. in Cobden at the Civitan Park on the north side of highway 17.

### **2018-10-13 Birding Simcoe Shores**

#### **Jim Coey**

Meet at the City of Barrie Dock Road Municipal Parking lot at 204 Dock Road, south-east corner of Dock Road and Plunkett Ct., at 9.00 a.m. Take 400N to Maplevue East to Yonge St N to Cox Mill (right turn) to Dock Road (right Turn). Easy walking, bring snack and water. We'll look for migrants in the parks and waterfowl on the lake. Lake Simcoe has had some surprising birds over the years. Who knows what will turn up?



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### **2018-10-14 Amherst Island**

#### **Mike Burrell**

Meet at 7:50 am at carpool lot south of 401 at exit 593 (Camden East Road). We'll check Amherst Island (ferry fee) and some other Kingston area hotspots for late migrants including sparrows, waterfowl, gulls and other waterbirds. Trip ends mid- afternoon. Bring cash for the ferry, a lunch although we will pass a Tim Horton's on the way to Wolfe Island Ferry, and be prepared for some moderate walking.

### **2018-10-14 Durham Waterfront**

#### **Geoff Carpentier**

Meet 8 am at Lynde Shores Conservation Area parking lot on Victoria Street, Whitby. Exit Highway 401 at Brock Street (Exit 410). Turn left (south) onto Brock Street. Turn right (west) onto Victoria. Go about 2.5 km to Lynde Shores on south side. Visits to Cranberry Marsh Hawk watch, Oshawa Second Marsh, Corner Marsh and Frenchman's Bay, depending on conditions and water levels. Late fall migrants, raptors, shorebirds and ducks.

### **2018-10-20 Ottawa River**

#### **Tony Beck**

Birding from 1 p.m. to dusk along the Ottawa River. Meet 1 p.m. at Andrew Haydon Park, east parking lot (Ottawa Beach). Possible ducks, geese, shorebirds, gulls. Near sunset, 1000's of birds fly into Lac Des Chenes to roost. Rarities possible such as Lesser Black-backed Gull, Snow Geese, Red Phalarope, Greater White-fronted Geese, Cackling Geese.

### **2018-10-21 Point Pelee National Park**

#### **Ellen Smout**

Entry free to Park. Meet at Park Visitor Centre at 8:30 a.m. Birding Point Pelee Tip, woods, marsh, nearby onion fields. Fall migrants.

### **2018-10-28 Grand Bend, Pinery PP, Kettle Point**

#### **Donald Pye**

Meet at 8:30 a.m. at GB Sobey's parking lot on north side of Huron County Rd. 81, east of traffic lights at Hwy 21. From Hwy 402 take exit 81 Centre Road and proceed north on Middlesex County 81 via Parkhill, after jogging left at Middlesex County Rd.7. Continue on Middlesex, then Huron County Rd. 81 to Grand Bend (+/- 3 hrs. from Toronto). For anyone running late, first stop will be at the beach (from Sobey's go west). Late fall/ early winter migrants, waterfowl, gulls, jaegers, eagles and resident titmice.

### **2018-10-28 Hawk Cliff & Area, South-west of London**

#### **Dave Brown**

Meet 9:30 a.m. at Hawk Cliff. From Hwy. 401 Exit 177, take Hwy. 4 south through western St. Thomas until it becomes Sunset Drive. Continue about 8 km to Union. Go east on County Road 27, Sparta Line Road. Go east one road (about 3 km ) to County Road 22 (Fairview Road). Head south. The 2nd road south is County Road 24 (Dexter Line) and you will meet a stop sign. Looking south, you will see the sign for Hawk Cliff. Go south on the dirt road to the lake. Park along road allowance. Raptors, waterfowl, gulls and late migrants, especially Golden Eagle.

### **2018-11-04 Cobourg Harbour, Presqu'ile Provincial Park**

#### **Ian Shanahan**

Meet Cobourg Harbour parking area at 8.30 am. Rare gulls, loons, grebes and shorebirds possible. Then drive to Presqu'ile Prov. Pk. for late migrants, including Purple Sandpipers.



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### **2018-12-02 Niagara River Gull Watch**

**Josh Vandermeulen, Jeremy Bensette, Marcie Jacklin**

Meet 9:00 a.m. at Sir Adam Beck Generating Station overlook on Niagara River Parkway south of Queenston- Lewiston Bridge to USA. From QEW take Hwy 405 towards USA and exit at Stanley Avenue. YOU MUST EXIT HWY 405 AT STANLEY AVENUE. Turn left, crossing over Hwy 405, then immediately right onto Portage Road which parallels Hwy 405 for 3 km. At Brock Monument traffic circle take first right exit, Niagara Parkway, signed "The Falls". Follow for 1.8 km to Sir Adam Beck overlook on left.

### **2018-12-08 Barrie Lakeshore**

**Jim Coey**

Meet at the City of Barrie Dock Road Municipal Parking lot at 204 Dock Road, south-east corner of Dock Road and Plunkett Ct. at 9.00am. Car pool and easy walking. We will explore the Barrie lake front and parks for gulls, waterfowl and other lingering migrants

### **2018-12-09 Toronto Lakeshore**

**John Schmelefske**

Meet 9:00 a.m. at Humber Bay Park East parking lot. Off the QEW, coming from the west, take the exit to Park Lawn. Go south. Cross Lakeshore Road, then turn right to the parking area. Off the QEW, coming from the east, exit at Lakeshore Road. Turn right onto Lakeshore Road, then left at the lights into Humber Bay Park East. Winter species: ducks, gulls, waterbirds, finches, raptors.