



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 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 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.

2019-02-24 Amherst Island and optional extension to Kingston and Wolfe Island

Mark Read

Meet 8:00 am at the Amherst Island ferry dock (44.193057, 76.741106) to catch the 8:30 am ferry. Carpooling from the dock encouraged. Bring a packed lunch and a hot drink. Wintering owls and raptors. Registration required at ofocanada.ca. Max: 20 participants.

2019-02-24 Fisherville Area, Haldimand-Norfolk

Dave Milsom (705-874-8531), Barry Coombs

Meet 9:00 am in the parking lot of the high school at the north end of Cayuga on County Road 54. Hawks, owls, Snow Bunting, Lapland Longspur, sparrows.

2019-03-17 Long Point Area

Diane Salter, Doug Tozer, Adam Timpf, Stu Mackenzie

Meet 9:00 am in the main parking lot of St. Williams Forestry Station on County Road 24 west of the intersection with County Road 16. Waterfowl, swans, Sandhill Crane, early spring migrants.

2019-04-06 Point Pelee Photography

Jeremy Bensette

Meet 7:30 am at parking lot of Mersea Park on Point Pelee Drive. All OFO members who photograph birds and nature are welcome. Possible visit to Point Pelee National Park. Entry fee required.

2019-04-13 Point Pelee National Park

Ellen Smout

Meet 7:30 am at Marsh Boardwalk parking lot in Point Pelee National Park. Entry fee required. Bird the marsh boardwalk, North-West Beach, Visitor Centre area, and Tip.

2019-04-14 Spring Waterfowl Migration East of Ottawa

Mark Gawn

Meet 8:00 am along Petrie Island Causeway on Trim Rd at the bottom of the hill north of Jeanne D'Arc Blvd. After a stop at a Tim's, we will search for migrating geese, ducks, Sandhill Crane, raptors and early spring migrants. Trip ends at 1:00 pm.



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2019-04-14 Prince Edward County

Mike Burrell

Meet 8:00 am at the Sobeys parking lot on Main Street in Picton. Explore the Prince Edward County South Shore IBA for early migrants, waterfowl and interesting birds on the lake. Bring rubber boots. Trip ends early afternoon. Registration required at ofo.ca.

2019-04-20 and/or April 21 (Sunday) Spring Birding on the Bruce Peninsula

Martin Parker, Kathy Parker

Meet 8:30 am each day at the parking area for the Spirit Rock Outpost and Lodge on Hwy. 6 at the north end of Wiarton. Saturday's birding will concentrate on the Cabot Head area. Sunday's birding will focus on the Lake Huron shoreline. Red-necked Grebe, other waterbirds and hawks. Accommodation available at the Spirit Rock Outpost and Lodge. Phone (519) 534-5168. Bring a packed lunch.

2019-04-20 Algonquin Provincial Park

Ron Tozer

Meet 9:00 am at the Visitor Centre at km 43 on Highway 60, where your required park permit can be purchased. Search for Spruce Grouse, Black-backed Woodpecker, Canada Jay, Boreal Chickadee. Bring your lunch or buy lunch at the Visitor Centre restaurant. Trip will end in the late afternoon.

2019-04-21 Minesing Swamp

Mark Cranford

Meet 8:30 am at Tim Hortons in Angus on Simcoe County Road 90 west of Barrie. Marsh birds, early spring migrants, shorebirds, and waterfowl.

2019-04-27 Peterborough Area

Dave Milsom (705-874-8531)

Meet 8:00 am at the Peterborough Zoo parking lot on Water Street just south of Trent University. Early spring migrants and late winter birds.

2019-04-28 Ravens and Raptors in Ottawa

Langis Sirois

8:00 am to noon. Meeting place will depend on the location of birds so will be posted on ONTBirds and the OFO website or register at ofo.ca to receive notification. Ravens, Peregrine Falcon, Bald Eagle.

2019-04-28 Durham Lakeshore

Geoff Carpentier

Meet 8:00 am at Lynde Shores Conservation Area parking lot on Victoria Street, Whitby. Pay the minimum charge as we'll only be here for a short while before we move on to explore other sites. Early spring migrants, dragonflies, and butterflies. Bring lunch.

2019-04-28 Rondeau Provincial Park

Donald Pye

Meet 8:00 am at the Rondeau Provincial Park Visitor Centre. Park entrance fee required. Spring migrants.

2019-05-03 to May 6 (Monday) Introduction to Pelee Island Birding

Martin Parker, Kathy Parker

Weekend outings to Pelee Island to view spring migrants alighting after a night of migrating northwards. Spend mornings at Fish Point Provincial Nature Reserve then explore other island birding locations. Trip cost is \$285/person based on double occupancy. Price includes three night's accommodation at the Wandering Dog Inn, continental breakfasts, lunches and entrance to the Pelee Island Heritage Centre. Suppers and ferry not included. Pre-registration required with the Parkers at mparker19@cogeco.ca. Space is limited.



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2019-05-04 Toronto Islands

Gavin Platt

Catch the 7:15am ferry to Ward's Island from the Harbourfront Ferry terminal in Toronto. \$7.50 in coins (\$5.00 for seniors and students) required. Spring migrants. Walking trip. Bring lunch.

2019-05-05 Munster-Richmond Area, Ottawa

Colin Gaskell, Dave Moore

Meet 7:00 am in Bells Corners at Loblaws parking lot in the corner closest to the intersection of Moodie Drive and Robertson Road. Look for forest, field and wetland species with stops at the northern edge of the Marlborough Forest, the Richmond Conservation Area and the Burnside Pit. Trip ends by 1:00 pm.

2019-05-09 to May 13 (Monday) Migrants on Pelee Island

Martin Parker, Kathy Parker

Weekend outings to Pelee Island to view spring migrants alighting after a night of migrating northwards. Spend mornings at Fish Point Provincial Nature Reserve then explore other island birding locations. Trip cost is \$285/person based on double occupancy. Price includes three night's accommodation at the Wandering Dog Inn, continental breakfasts, lunches and entrance to the Pelee Island Heritage Centre. Suppers and ferry not included. Pre-registration required with the Parkers at mparker19@cogeco.ca. Space is limited.

2019-05-19 Murphy's Point Provincial Park, Lanark

Mark Read

Meet 7:00 am at the Lally Homestead Parking Lot on CR21, approximately 2.5km SW of main park entrance. Migrants and breeding species such as Golden-winged and Chestnut-sided Warblers, Yellowthroated Vireo, Black-billed and Yellowbilled Cuckoos and more. Park entrance fee of \$14.50 (\$11.50 seniors) is required. Trip ends at noon.

2019-05-20 Lac Deschenes IBA, Ottawa

Bernie Ladouceur

Meet 6:30 am at the north-east corner of Lincoln Fields Shopping Centre parking lot, off Richmond Road. Breeding species and migrating gulls, terns, shorebirds and waterfowl. Trip ends at noon.

2019-05-25 Leslie Street Spit, Toronto

John Carley

Meet 8:00 am at the Tommy Thompson Park parking lot at the intersection of Leslie Street and Unwin Avenue. Late migrants, breeding birds and butterflies.

2019-05-25 Tiny Marsh

Kevin Shackleton

Meet 6:45 am at Tim Hortons, 68 Yonge Street South in Elmvale. Plan for a full day with a hike around the Tiny Marsh Trails, a visit to Wasaga Beach for Piping Plover, the Collingwood Harbour for late migrating waterfowl and the Collingwood Airport area for grassland species.

2019-05-25 Opinicon Road, Napanee Plain and Amherst Island

Chris Heffernan

Meet 7:00 am on Opinicon Rd. just east of Perth Rd. Intersection. Golden-winged and Cerulean Warbler, Yellow-throated Vireo, Indigo Bunting, Black-billed and Yellow-billed Cuckoos. Stop at the Napanee Plain near Newburgh for grassland species such as Loggerhead Shrike. In the afternoon take the ferry to Amherst Island for shorebirds and ducks. Ferry fee required.



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2019-05-26 Carden Alvar

Jean Iron

Meet 9:00 am in Kirkfield at parking lot of Lady Mackenzie School on the right of Kirkfield Road 6, about 0.5 km north of Kawartha Road 48. Driving and easy walking. Loggerhead Shrike, Upland Sandpiper, Golden-winged Warbler, Grasshopper, Clay-colored and Vesper Sparrows, and other grassland species.

2019-06-01 Presqu'ile Provincial Park

Dave Milsom (705-874-8531), Matthew Tobey

Meet 8:00 am at the Beach 1 parking lot in the park. Late migrating shorebirds, warblers and others. Park entry fee is required.

2019-06-01 Lanark County

Ken Allison

Meet 7:30 am at the park beside the Five Span Bridge in Pakenham, about 30 minutes from Ottawa. Walking on good trails in mostly wooded areas. Eastern Bluebird, Scarlet Tanager, Indigo Bunting, Broad-winged Hawk plus many warbler species. Trip ends at noon.

2019-06-07 Rainy River

Nick Escott, Chris Escott

Meet Friday 7:00 am at the junction of Worthington Road and Hwy. 11, about 10 km east of Rainy River, 3 sideroads east of town. American White Pelican, Sharp-tailed Grouse, Marbled Godwit, Sandhill Crane, Black-billed Magpie, Connecticut Warbler, Le Conte's Sparrow. Possible Great Gray Owl, Western Kingbird, Yellow Rail, Piping Plover. Trip ends at noon on Saturday. Registration is required at ofo.ca. Registration closes May 1.

2019-06-08 Nature Journaling and Bird Sketching at Point Pelee National Park

Sarah Rupert

Meet 9:00 am at the Visitor's Centre for a day of nature journaling and bird sketching. We'll spend the morning in the Visitor Centre classroom practicing the basics of sketching. After lunch, we'll head out into the park and area to put our new skills to work. Park entry fee required. Bring a sketchbook or journal, a pencil, your lunch and a folding chair. Registration is required at ofo.ca. Maximum 15.

2019-06-15 Happy Valley CA and Palgrave CA, King Township

Kevin Shackleton

Meet 7:30 am at entrance to Happy Valley Conservation Area. Park at the barricade facing south. Warblers, tanagers, thrushes, Red-shouldered and other hawks, swallows, and Eastern Bluebird. Hooded warblers are possible. In the afternoon, tour Palgrave Conservation Area for Pine Warbler, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Blue-headed Vireo, Purple Finch, Willow Flycatcher and Golden-crowned Kinglet.

2019-06-15 Breeding Birds of Evergreen Brick Works, Toronto

Lynne Freeman

Meet 7:30 am at the pond behind the Farmer's Market Building. Breeding habits of urban birds. Trip ends at 10:30.

2019-06-15 and June 16 (Sunday) Bruce Peninsula

Alfred Raab, Kiah Jasper

On Saturday meet 7:00 am at Tim Hortons in Hepworth, about 12.5 km south of Warton on Hwy. 6. On Sunday, meet 7:00 am at Tobermory Airport parking lot, west of Hwy. 6 on Warner Bay Road. Bruce birds include Brewer's Blackbird, Common Raven, Virginia Rail, Clay-colored Sparrow, Grasshopper Sparrow, Sandhill Crane, Upland Sandpiper and breeding warblers. Arrange accommodations.



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2019-06-22 Birds Songs and Calls Workshop Forests and Grasslands

Ian Shanahan

Meet 1:00 pm Saturday at the Park Lighthouse. "Look for birds with your ears" is a useful guiding principle, especially during the breeding season. Join this mobile, in-field workshop to apply time-tested listening techniques in a broad range of nearby habitats. Registration required at ofo.ca. Maximum 15. Trip ends 1:00 pm Sunday.

2019-06-23 Photography Field Trip at Colonel Sam Smith Park, Etobicoke

Claude King, Dave Milsom (705-874-8531)

Meet 7:00 am at end car park next to the main park at the foot of Kipling Ave. All levels of photographers welcome. Those requiring photo tips for their specific camera should bring their manual. Registration required at ofo.ca. Maximum 25.

2019-08-04 Durham Region and Lake Ontario Marshes

Rayfield Pye, John Stirrat

Meet 7:30 am at the Lynde Shores Conservation Area parking lot on Victoria Street, Whitby. Early fall migrant warblers, vireos, flycatchers, shorebirds and butterflies.

2019-08-10 Birds of Moonbeam, Cochrane Area

Ken Williams, Angie Williams

Meet 9:00 am at the entry to the Moonbeam trails (follow the signs when you get to Moonbeam). Warblers, sparrows, flycatchers and possible migrating shorebirds and ducks. Trip ends at noon.

2019-08-24 Palgrave and Tottenham Sod Farms, Schomberg Lagoons

John Schmelefske

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

2019-09-08 Toronto Islands

Gavin Platt

Catch the 7:15 am Ferry to Ward's Island from the Harbourfront Ferry Terminal. You will need \$7.50 in coins (\$5.00 for seniors and students). Early fall migrants. The trip involves walking all day. Bring a lunch.

2019-09-08 Ottawa West

Jeff Skevington

Meet 7:30 am on Cassels Road, outside the gate to the Britannia Filtration Plant. Fall migrants: warblers, sparrows, waterfowl, shorebirds, gulls. Bring lunch. Trip ends at 5:00 pm.

2019-09-08 Presqu'ile Provincial Park

Ian Shanahan

Meet 8:00 am at the Lighthouse parking lot in the park. Park entrance fee required. Fall migrants, shorebirds and hawks.

2019-09-08 Niagara Hotspots and Eastern Lake Erie Shoreline

Marcie Jacklin

Meet 8:00 am at entrance to Rock Point Provincial Park near entry kiosk. Park entrance fee required. Shorebirds, waterbirds, and other fall migrants.



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2019-09-09 Fall Birding at Moosonee

Martin Parker, Kathy Parker

Observe the birds that gather along Ontario's saltwater coast. Trip includes boat trip to tidal mudflats and a visit to Moose Factory Island. Trip starts Monday morning in Cochrane as the group boards the train for Moosonee. Depart Moosonee on Friday then bird Cochrane on Saturday. Cost is \$825/person based on double occupancy (single supplement \$250). Price includes Moosonee accommodation, breakfasts, lunches and return train travel from Cochrane to Moosonee. Registration required with the Parkers at mparker19@cogeco.ca. Space is limited.

2019-09-14 Introduction to Cochrane Birding

Rhonda Donley, Roxanne Filion

Meet 9:00 am at the Station Inn Restaurant in Cochrane. Sandhill Crane staging; Sharp-tailed Grouse, Le Conte's Sparrow, Eastern Bluebird, Spruce Grouse.

2019-09-14 Hamilton, Burlington and Vicinity

Richard Poort

Meet 8:00 am at Hutch's Restaurant parking lot at Van Wagner's Beach, Hamilton, on Lake Ontario. Jaegers, gulls, shorebirds, and fall migrants.

2019-09-14 Kettle Point and Inland Lagoons

Sean Jenniskens

Meet 8.00 am at the parking lot at the junction of Hwy. 21 and Lakeshore Road (County Road 7) on the way into Kettle Point. Gulls, terns, shorebirds, jaegers, at Kettle Point. Waterfowl, shorebirds at inland lagoons. Bring lunch and rubber boots.

2019-09-15 Point Pelee National Park

Jeremy Hatt

Meet 8:00 am at the Park Visitor Centre. Entrance fee required. Birding around the Visitor Centre, the Tip, and the surrounding area. Fall migrants, raptors, seabirds, shorebirds and Monarch butterflies.

2019-09-21 Colonel Sam Smith Park and Western Lake Ontario

Garth Riley

Meet 8:00 am at the southernmost parking lot in the park where the road ends. Fall migrants: warblers, sparrows, shorebirds and waterfowl.

2019-09-27 OFO Annual Convention in Hamilton

TBA

Three days of birding, workshops and evening events. Registration required at ofo.ca. Registration opens May 31. Open to OFO members and guests.

2019-10-06 Amherst Island and Kingston Area Hotspots

Mike Burrell

Meet 7:50 am at the carpool lot south of 401 at exit 593 (Camden East Road). Ferry fee required. Late migrants including sparrows, waterfowl, gulls and waterbirds. Bring lunch. Trip ends mid-afternoon. Registration required at ofo.ca.

2019-10-06 Westmeath Provincial Park and Lac Dore

Mark Gawn

Meet 8:00 am in Cobden at the Civitan Park on the north side of Hwy. 17. Nelson's Sparrow and Le Conte's Sparrow are possible, small gulls, grebes, and loons.



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2019-10-12 Barrie

Jim Coey

Meet 9:00 am at the City of Barrie parking lot at Simcoe and Bayfield. Late migrants: gulls and staging waterfowl.

2019-10-12 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. 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? Easy walking, bring snacks and water. Gulls, waterfowl and late lingering migrants.

2019-10-19 Durham Waterfront

Geoff Carpentier

Meet 8:00 am at Lynde Shores Conservation Area parking lot on Victoria Street, Whitby. Late migrants, raptors, shorebirds, ducks.

2019-10-19 Ottawa River

Tony Beck

Meet 1:00 pm at Andrew Haydon Park, east parking lot (Ottawa Beach). Ducks, geese, shorebirds, gulls. Near sunset, thousands of birds fly into Lac Des Chenes to roost. Trip ends at dusk.

2019-10-20 Point Pelee National Park

Jeremy Hatt

Meet 8:30 am at the Park Visitor Centre. Park entry fee required. Point Pelee Tip, woods, marsh, and nearby onion fields. Fall migrants.

2019-10-26 and October 27 (Sunday) Fall Birding on the Bruce Peninsula

Martin Parker, Kathy Parker

Attend one or both days. Meet 8:30 am at the parking area for the Spirit Rock Outpost and Lodge on Hwy. 6 at the north end of Wiarton. Saturday, bird Cabot Head area for Sandhill Cranes, Red-necked Grebes, scoters and other waterbirds. Sunday's birding will focus on the Lake Huron shoreline. Accommodation is available at the Spirit Rock Outpost and Lodge. Tel: (519) 534-5168. Bring lunch.

2019-10-26 Colonel Sam Smith Park, Etobicoke

Andrew Keaveney

Meet 8:00 am at the south parking lot at the foot of Kipling Avenue, just below Lakeshore Boulevard. Fall migrants, ducks, grebes, and gulls.

2019-10-27 Hawk Cliff and Area, South-west of London

Dave Brown

Meet 9:30 am 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.

2019-10-27 Grand Bend, Pinery PP, Kettle Point

Donald Pye

Meet 8:30 am at Grand Bend Sobeys parking lot on north side of Huron County Rd. 81, east of traffic lights at Hwy. 21. For anyone running late, first stop will be at the beach west of Sobeys. Late fall/early winter migrants, waterfowl, gulls, jaegers, eagles and resident titmice.



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2019-11-03 Cobourg Harbour and Presqu'ile Provincial Park

Ian Shanahan

Meet 8:30 am at Cobourg Harbour parking area. Rare gulls, loons, grebes and shorebirds possible. Then drive to Presqu'ile Provincial Park for late migrants, including Purple Sandpipers. Park entrance fee required.

2019-11-17 Colonel Sam Smith Park, Etobicoke

Andrew Keaveney

Meet 8:00 am at the South parking lot at foot of Kipling Avenue, just below Lakeshore Boulevard. Late fall migrants, winter arrivals, ducks, grebes and gulls.

2019-11-30 Niagara Hotspots and Gull Workshop

TBA

Niagara Falls Trip time, location and leaders to be announced. Registration required at ofo.ca. Registration opens October 1. Non-OFO members are welcome.

2019-12-01 Niagara River Gull Watch

Josh Vandermeulen, Jeremy Bensette, Marcie Jacklin

Meet 9:00 am at the Sir Adam Beck Generating Station overlook on Niagara River Parkway south of the Queenston-Lewiston Bridge to USA. Ten or more species of gulls are possible.

2019-12-07 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 We'll look for lingering 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? car pool and easy walking and usually cold. Gulls, waterfowl and winter finches.

2019-12-08 Toronto Lakeshore

John Schmefelske

Meet at 9:00 am at Humber Bay Park East parking lot. Winter ducks, gulls, waterbirds, finches and raptors.

2019-12-12 Barrie Lakeshore

Meet 9:00 a.m. at the base of the Leslie Street Spit (a.k.a. Tommy Thompson Park), parking lot near the intersection of Leslie Street and Unwin Ave. Walk the spit for winter birds including Snowy Owls, Snow Buntings, Northern Shrike, sparrows, waterfowl and gulls.