



## 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.**

### **2017-09-30 Young Birders. Raptor Migration and Point Pelee in the Fall**

#### **Jeremy Hatt**

Meet at 8:00 am at the Holiday Beach Hawk Tower, Amherstburg (near Windsor). Observe migrating raptors and passerines. Entrance fee at Holiday Beach. Bring drinks and lunch.

### **2017-10-01 Young Birders. Raptor Migration and Point Pelee in the Fall**

#### **Jeremy Hatt, Sarah Rupert**

Meet at 7:30 at the Point Pelee National Park Visitors Centre. Entrance fee is not required. Enjoy what many birders consider the best time for birding at Point Pelee National Park. Bring drinks and lunch.

### **2017-10-07 North Shore Lake superior between Marathon and Thunder Bay (2-day trip)**

#### **Nick Escott**

Exact location(s) to be determined. Possible pre- and post- trips Oct 6 and Oct 9. If interested, please contact leader Nick Escott [ngescott@shaw.ca](mailto:ngescott@shaw.ca) well in advance so he knows how many people may be coming from southern Ontario. There may be a limit on how many birders we can accommodate, since overnight accommodations will be required. This trip is in memory of Alan Wormington, who loved the north shore of Superior, and organized the only OFO field trip that has ever been offered in Thunder Bay District, in October 1988.

### **2017-10-08 Westmeath Provincial Park and 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.

### **2017-10-14 Barrie**

#### **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. 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 snack and water.



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### **2017-10-14 Young Birders. Raptor Migration at Hawk Cliff; A joint event with the Thames Talbot Land Trust Rebecca Launchbury (TTLT)**

Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the parking area on Hawk Cliff Rd. Take hwy 24 (Dexter Line) east from Port Stanley then south on Hawk Cliff Rd, or follow Fairview Ave south from St. Thomas. Tour Hawk Cliff woods and learn about the restoration projects in this magnificent forest. Enjoy fall raptor migration. Dress for the weather and bring lunch, drinks and snacks.

### **2017-10-15 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.

### **2017-10-15 Amherst Island Spring**

#### **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.

### **2017-10-21 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.

### **2017-10-22 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). Late fall/ early winter migrants, waterfowl, gulls, jaegers, eagles and resident titmice.

### **2017-10-22 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.

### **2017-10-29 Hawk Cliff and 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.

### **2017-11-05 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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### **2017-11-25 Young Birders. Hamilton Waterfowl**

**Caleb Scholtens, Peter Scholtens**

8:30 am start. Hamilton and surrounding area. Meet at Plains Road beside Wedgewood Golf Centre near where the 403 and highway 6 meet. Hamilton is a waterfowl haven. Learn the finer points of waterfowl identification. Dress warmly and bring drinks, lunch and snacks.

### **2017-12-03 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

### **2017-12-09 Barrie Lakeshore**

**Jim Coey**

Meet at 9:00 am at the City of Barrie Dock Road Municipal Parking lot at 204 Dock Road, south-east corner of Dock Road and Plunkett Ct. We will explore the Barrie lake front and parks for gulls, waterfowl and other lingering migrants car pool and easy walking. This can be a very cold outing. Gulls, waterfowl and winter finches.

### **2017-12-10 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.

### **2017-12-10 Young Birders. Deep Winter Birding; A joint event with the TOC**

**Isabel Apkarian, Caroline Biel**

Meet at 8:00 am at the entrance to Tommy Thompson Park, foot of Leslie St., south of Lakeshore Ave. Search for wintering songbirds and waterfowl. Owls are a possibility. Dress warmly and bring warm clothes, drinks and snacks. The park is usually colder and windier than the rest of the city.