



**The Heron  
May, 2014**

**Upcoming Club Meeting:  
May 26, 2014 7:00 pm  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
& PLANT EXCHANGE  
visitors welcome**

**Wing 404/Rotary Adult Centre  
510 Dutton Drive, Waterloo**

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**May Meeting**

**Speaker: David Gascoigne, Cats and Threats to our Song Birds**

One of the great crises in nature at the present time is the precipitous decline in our songbirds. Some migratory species have declined by as much as 90% over a short period, and their status gives cause for both alarm and concern. David Gascoigne will discuss this phenomenon and attempt to bring a little clarity to an issue which does not always lend itself to simple solutions.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** September 22, 2014; Mark Nash, Peregrine Falcons  
October 27, 2014; Mary Ann Vanden Elzen, 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the KWFN  
November 24, 2014 – Brendon Larson, Redefining our Relationship to Nature

**2014 Plant Exchange at AGM!!!**

Please bring your extra, donated plants for exchange to our 2014 Annual General Meeting. When you are dividing your (preferably native) plants please leave your previously potted donations for exchange. Place outside of hall doors and be sure to label your treasures. Everyone is welcome to help themselves. Thanks to all in advance! A great way to add to and share some of your garden treasures with fellow naturalists and to finish off another great year!!!

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## **K-W Field Naturalists 2013/2014 Young Naturalist Program**

### **Who Are We?**

We are a club sponsored by the K-W Field Naturalists to encourage kids to enjoy nature. It's a great place for kids (7-12 years of age) to get together, share exciting nature experiences and stories, and learn more about our amazing local environment. The programs will be held at the Laurel Creek Nature Centre, and will take place on Saturday mornings from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon unless otherwise announced ahead of time.

**Contact: Shailyn Drukis at**  
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**Sat. May 24 – Bats and Moths**

## **Welcome New Member!**

**Janice Vasallo**

## **Thank you to our Donors**

**Wendee Gregory-Frei and**

**Dan Frei**

**Graham MacDonald**

**Kevin McCuaig**

**Charlotte McCutcheon**

**Michelle and John Tomins**

## **Cards**

**Get Well Soon card was sent to:**

**Heather Wilson**

## Outings and Events

### The Burrells' Birdathon

Again this year my sons (Mike and Ken) and I will be taking part in the Baillie Birdathon. We have scheduled our Birdathon for May 12 to 16 in the Point Pelee area. We would appreciate your support again. A donation of \$35 or more will permit you to receive BSC's newsletter, Bird Watch Canada, for 1 year. A portion of what is raised comes back to KWFN. You can sponsor us online at <http://birdscanada.kintera.org/birdathon/jimburrell>

Thank you for your continuing support.

### **THE MONTGOMERY COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

At its February Meeting the Montgomery Committee decided to begin tackling the Garlic Mustard that is creeping in to our property and displacing native species especially in the flood plain area. This will be a difficult task and needs a lot of manpower.

We must pull every year for at least three years and probably longer. We must pull it while the plant is in bloom (easier to recognize), and before it goes to seed. We have set a date and hope that as many members as possible will come.

#### **Are you able to help on Thursday May 22 at 9am?**

The committee will provide the equipment needed although members will need to bring their own gloves, boots and water. Bug repellent might also be needed. Cookies and juices will be your reward. If it is pouring rain we will cancel and try to rebook.

#### **We would so appreciate your help!**

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### May Outings

This is our 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary! That's a long time! I hope you get out and join other KWFNers doing what they like to do best; be in natural settings and sharing knowledge. It's also well into spring which means there will be lots to see and hear.

#### **Breithaupt Park Anniversary Outing**

**Janet Ozaruk      519-893-0490**

#### **MeetingTime/Place**

**Tuesday, May 13, 6:00 a.m. (yes, 6 a.m.) at Breithaupt Park. Playground parking lot off Union Blvd., across from Sunset Place (not at the community centre)**

Let's recreate history! The very first outing of the newly formed KWFN took place on May 13, 1934 at 6 a.m. when 13 people gathered in Breithaupt's Woods to study birds, flowers, etc. The party identified from 50 to 70 species of birds and several spring flowers and plants. Join us now, 80 years later, on an easy-to-get-to outing at a leisurely pace that will start your day off right and still let you get to work on time.

### **KWFN 80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OUTING MONTGOMERY WILDLIFE SANCTUARY**

**Marco DeBruin      519-658-5372**

**Meeting Time/Place: SUNDAY, 25 MAY 2014 at 1:30 p.m. at the Montgomery Property.**

Drive 9km west from New Dundee on Bridge Street to the bridge over the Nith River. The property is on your left, just before the bridge.

Come celebrate KWFN's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a walk in The Montgomery Wildlife Sanctuary.

This 18 acre property was purchased by KWFN in 1973. It was named in honour of Fred Montgomery who taught at K-W Collegiate Institute and the Ontario Agricultural College. Fred Montgomery was a founding member of KWFN and was involved in assessing the natural features of the property.

As we explore the area you will discover that the ecological features are bountiful. There are four distinct zones to the property, Forested Floodplain, Riparian Zone, Flood Channels and Upland Forest. Birds can be found at any time of year, but this time of year especially we should hear abundant birdsong.

This time of year is also an opportune time to see the wide variety of plant and insect life found here.

The trail is a 1.2km loop and is marked with 11 numbered posts. Descriptions and information about what is seen at each of these posts is found in The Montgomery Trail Guide. (Elements of Change such as wind, ice and flood may have altered these)

It is a good idea to wear boots as some areas may be damp....and don't forget your binoculars and camera.

**Outings and Events**

**KWFN 80th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
MAY 10, 2014**

**At rare Charitable Research Reserve  
ECO Centre/Slit Barn Site, 768 Blair Rd. Cambridge (Blair)**

**Tree Planting Ceremonies 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Lunch –Mix and Mingle 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.  
Guided Walks 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
Self-directed Exploration on rare Trails**

**PARKING NOTICE**

**Please carpool – Park at Carpool lot Fountain Street at Hwy 401  
Free SHUTTLE to/from ECO Centre  
VIP, Handicapped, High Occupancy Cars only at ECO Centre as space allows**

***Allow time to get parked and transported to the ceremony site.***

**RSVP**

To RSVP, please send an email to David Gascoigne, [theosprenest@sympatico.ca](mailto:theosprenest@sympatico.ca)  
Indicating: - name(s) of the people in your party, Phone & email  
- category(ies) of the walk in which the members of your party would like to participate, (Botany, Birds, Geology)

OR -- Cut and mail the form below to:  
**David Gascoigne, 606 Osprey Drive, Waterloo, ON N2V 2A5**

I/we will attend the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I/we wish to participate in a guided walk (*insert number of people*)

Botany  Birds  Geology  Archaeology **FULL**

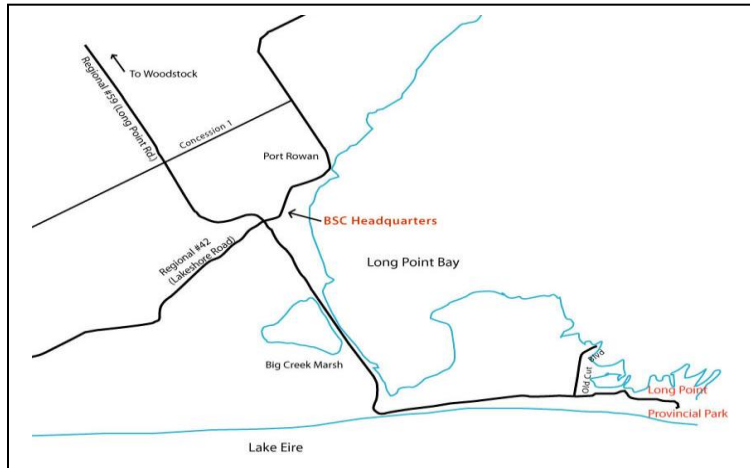
**Long Point, Long Weekend Outing****Peter Coo and Dawn Miles** [pcoo@sympatico.ca](mailto:pcoo@sympatico.ca)**Meeting Dates: May 17 and May 18, 2014**

To Long Point we go again, to seek for Warblers and other birds in all sorts of colours – Green, Yellow, Blue, Scarlet, Indigo and Black(burnian). This year's outing will be split over two days. Naturally, those not staying over in the Long Point area may well want to attend only one of these excursions.

**Part 1: Saturday, May 17 - Wetlands and forests in the Port Rowan area.** Meet at **3:00 p.m.**, at the Bird Studies Canada Parking Lot– south side of Lakeshore Road, just east of Regional Road #59, Port Rowan. The afternoon is a fine time for looking for shorebirds and waterfowl; we will visit the various 'hot spots' on the Long Point mainland. Travelling will mostly be by car, with some short walking stretches, and will wrap up at about 6:00.

**Part 2: Sunday, May 18 - Long Point Provincial Park** (entrance fee applies\*). Meet at **9:00 a.m.**, in the day use ("beach") parking area of the Park, at the far east end.

This outing will be done on foot; the primary focus will be on songbirds in the day-use and camping areas of the Park. I have found that, during the migration season, this is one of the best birding spots I've ever seen. We should see an abundance of wood-warblers and other migrant species. This will be an easy walk, on flat terrain, and we should be done around 11:30 am.

**Meet and Greet – Bechtel Park**

**Meeting Time/Place: Tuesday, May 27 at 9:30  
near the trail head past the soccer fields**

Come out for a leisurely stroll through one of Waterloo's better known parks. Bring water and whatever field guides you feel necessary.

**Grand Valley Trail Birding****Peter Coo & Dawn Miles** [pcoo@sympatico.ca](mailto:pcoo@sympatico.ca)

**Meeting Time/Place: Saturday, May 24, 8:00 a.m. at the Tim Hortons Parking Lot, 1475 Victoria St. N. at Lackner Blvd., Kitchener.**

The Grand Valley Trail is a wonderful resource, which we are fortunate to have virtually in our own back yard. However, over many years of hiking it, I have found that large stretches of it are woefully under-used – particularly by the bird-watching community. This hike (which I hope to make the first in a series) is an attempt to remedy that situation. We will be birding a section along the Grand, just out on the east side of Kitchener. Many birds will be singing on territory by this time, but there will probably still be some migrants still moving through as well - so be ready for anything! Bring binoculars, field guides, and (yes, sadly) insect repellent. This hike will last about 2 1/2 hours.

**Bruce Botany Weekend****Pat and Paul Bigelow** [patpaul@pbigelow.ca](mailto:patpaul@pbigelow.ca)**519-888-7516****Meeting Dates: June 7 - 8**

We will be visiting a number of sites throughout the Bruce Peninsula to view gorgeous orchids, profusions of rare alvar flowers, and interesting fen plants. Although this is a plant oriented weekend, we won't turn a blind eye to the birds. We expect to spot a number of warblers and grassland birds in our travels.

If you think you might possibly be interested, please contact us so that we can keep you updated with any last minute changes and offer suggestions for accommodations. The itinerary is still being planned, so let us know what your interests are.



## KWFN is a Species at Risk!

You've been fighting to save the Jefferson Salamander, Blanding's Turtle, and the Peregrine Falcon -and now you are being called on to help save Ontario's newest Species at Risk – the Kitchener-Waterloo Field Naturalists!

For 80 years, the KWFN has been an integral part of the naturalist community, working actively to acquire and share knowledge of natural history, protect and preserve wildlife, and support public interest in nature and its preservation ... and now the KWFN itself is at risk of extinction.

Without a full complement of Board members, the club cannot carry on. Current open positions are:

- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Conservation Director (one nomination is in)
- Director-at-Large

Time is running out. The new Board directors and officers need to be voted in by the membership at the AGM on May 26. Please send me an email at [janeto@golden.net](mailto:janeto@golden.net) and I would be happy to forward you all the details relating to responsibilities and procedures for the position you are interested in.

Nature needs the KWFN – and the KWFN needs you!

## PLANTS FOR POLLINATORS

by  
**Anne Morgan**

We depend on pollinators for one third of all our food, and survival of pollinators depends on nectar and pollen. When we are planning our garden for the coming year, let's include some flowering plants to help the pollinators. They need continuous bloom from early spring through to late fall, as well as groups of plants in flower at the same time. Single blooms are always best and a variety of native species is ideal. Don't forget flowering trees and shrubs as well as the annuals and perennials. Here is a list of some recommended pollinator friendly plants all of which are easy to grow.

**ANNUALS:** snowdrop, crocus, grape hyacinth, alyssum, cosmos, dahlia, marigold, poppy, sunflower, Tithonia, feverfew, zinnia (all single)

**PERENNIALS:** anise hyssop, bergamot, gas plant, hellebore, heuchera, evening primrose, flax, forget-me-not, gladiolus, goatsbeard, heather, hollyhock, aubrieta, rose, salvia, sedum, coreopsis, geranium (not pelargonium), turtlehead, globe thistle, clover, phlox, coneflower, alliums

**HERBS:** lavender, mint, catnip, sage, rosemary, coriander, fennel, oregano, dill, rue, parsley

**TREES/SHRUBS:** fruit trees, maples, linden, oak, birch, ash, walnut, poplar, willow, hawthorn, serviceberry, redbud, hoptree, weigela, Oregon grape, red osier dogwood, currant, Deutzia, Buddleia, St. John's wort,

**NATIVE PLANTS (for all insects);** Hepatica, bloodroot, mountain mint, goldenrod, asters, milkweeds, Joe pyeweed, bee balm, wild senna, mullein, cup plant, bergamot, Opuntia, coneflowers, penstemon, violas, Liatris, black-eyed Susans

For more information go to [www.pollination.quelph.ca](http://www.pollination.quelph.ca)

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER by Graham Macdonald

April, May, June – pretty girls' names, the months of Spring, the start of renewal, reawakening from a long Canadian Winter. April showers bring May flowers – certainly the green shoots of new growth are just appearing, promising a feast of colour to come.

“Spring is sprung, the grass is riz, I wonder where the birdies is” – well, some are back: glossy grackles, speckled starlings, blackbirds starting to show off their gaudy epaulettes, bluebirds, roaming robins, stately tundra swans and dancing cranes, mallards wandering our gardens in search of a nest site - we welcome them. Others are leaving, without our regrets, for we know we shall perhaps see them next winter – the spectacular snowy owls, the tree sparrows and well-tailored juncos.

Spring brings out other fauna – deer wandering into the fields and hedgerows now free of snow, the skunk searching for grubs under my lawn, chipmunks and squirrels, perhaps a possum, certainly cottontails bold as brass. This year I saw a vole for the first time – you know, those little varmints that make tracks on the lawn under the snow – really a cute little critter. What a wonderful world – let's keep it this way.

Our harsh winter and ice storms are fading from sight and memory, but the damage to trees is very apparent. I am sure that they will recover – just drive the 401 into eastern Ontario and Quebec to see the amazing recovery of the canopy since the monster ice storm of 1998. Nature is remarkable in its ability to adapt to, even take advantage of, what we regard as disaster. An open canopy gives more light to the understory and new growth flourishes; the broken branches and fallen trees are recycled on the forest floor. We seek permanence and stability and control – Nature thrives on change and diversity. Are humans compatible with Nature? Surely not in our current mode – we need to change too.

Our club is starting to change, to adapt to new environments and realities. The board's and the members' responses to my questions and suggestions are caring and thoughtful and I draw much hope and encouragement from this. I look forward to your help and ideas as Spring explodes into Summer. Start by helping the club celebrate eight decades of nurturing Nature – come help plant a tree on Saturday 10 May, our 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## An Interview with Larry Lamb by April Morrissey

On April 10, 2014, I had the privilege and honour of interviewing Larry Lamb. Larry is a seasoned Botanist, ecologist, naturalist, and a long term member of KWFN and much loved by our club. Programs done by Larry are always sure to be very informative, enjoyable and often quite humorous!

Upon my arrival at Larry's home, I was immediately impressed by his amazing property. It boasted 2 beautiful Great Horned Owls and a genuine, intrinsic setting that made me feel like I had encountered a peaceful and idyllic natural area, when in fact I was still in the heart of Kitchener Waterloo! Birds were everywhere, including a Red Bellied Woodpecker, Yellow Rumped Warbler, Downey Woodpecker, and a Phoebe to name a few! We sat down to talk, surrounded by windows that could treat me to this magical sight, and we began our conversation, and interview questions, intended for the purposes of KWFN's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Here is just a taste of our conversation:

### 1. When did you join the club and become interested in nature?

I was quite young when I became interested in nature. He describes himself as “worse than a geek when I was in high school”. He hated high school as he used to collect butterflies and nobody did that. Ever. But that was who he was. Aren't we happy that he loves our ecology as much as he does!?

### 2. What ways have you have been involved with KWFN/or environmental issues?

Larry has been very intimately involved with wetland conservation and promoting the Environmentally Sensitive Area designations. He feels the ESA's are “an amazing thing that preserves the natural history tapestry of the landscape”.

He also speaks passionately about the deliberate burning of the Waynco prairie (done 4-5 years ago) and stated “it was by far the most significant historical event in Waterloo Region's history.” Larry strongly feels that it is the most important event in his career and it was the best contribution he has made.

Larry also spoke about the creation of storm water ponds and their importance to the diversity that they bring to the city.

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His early involvement with the establishment of the ESA's was done with Jean Peebles. Larry's involvement helped us assist in helping to create the attributes that make the additions to the ESA important and consequentially has been used by so many others.

Larry and Craig Campbell also helped to work on these very important management plans.

He also speaks regretfully about what he now believes to be the worst moment in Waterloo Region's history. He strongly feels that the moment when the Branchton prairie rail line, for hiking, was stopped, that this was a truly sad and devastating time for him.

### **3. How has the KWFN changed over the years? (Demographics?)**

Larry remembered the club as fluctuating, in numbers, over the years. The challenge in getting volunteers is not new.

He misses the younger members that were involved, not long ago, and also some of our long term members that are now gone.

### **4. Species Lost? Species Gained??**

Once found in Cambridge, the "Harbinger of Spring" is no longer found. Lost also is the native Chestnut and the Red-Headed Woodpecker.

Now found, is the Walking Fern and Holly Fern. Our region now can see an increase in Sandhill Crane nesting (which is incredible) and Turkeys have been definitely increasing. Red-Bellied Woodpeckers are new to this area (as a result of climate change). Black Gum (Tupulo) seems to be surviving outside of its range and may be able to re-seed further north. Larry concludes that this is a result of a warming climate.

Larry finds it very exciting that there is now video footage of a Badger and he is now able to see Titmouse, Mockingbird, and the Spice-bush Swallowtail which have shown up for the first time in 40 years! Wow! Also, he finds it encouraging to now also being able to see Osprey, Bald Eagle and Red-Bellied Woodpecker, in Waterloo Region.

### **5. Most pressing concerns?**

Larry's most pressing concerns are the alien invasive species now found in this region. Some of the notable offenders are Garlic Mustard, Phragmites, Periwinkle, European Buckthorn, Privet, Barberry, Autumn Olive, and much more.

Larry emphasized the need of our local nurseries to be aware and be prevented from selling the invasive plants. He also talked of the incredulous stories of people going

through great efforts to pull out invasive plants while nurseries continue to sell them!

Also, he spoke of his concern about "bio-racism", meaning that some new immigrants are bringing invasive plants from their home country into our landscape which spread and invade into our natural areas.

Larry emphasized that invasive species are his biggest concern for this area and he is not very optimistic that it will not have a disastrous effect on our ecology.

He states "Species at risk only matter if they are found in their natural habitats."

Native invasive plants are okay if they are found in their natural habitat.

### **6. Is there any other issues you would like us to know?**

There is a need for more people to be skilled in their knowledge of the natural world. The ability to be able to know and identify plants, butterflies, etc. is much needed. Larry felt that our government is not recognizing the importance and the increasing desire of people placing value on our natural world and environmental issues. Larry stated "interest in ecology is a good money making career if skills of identification are learned".

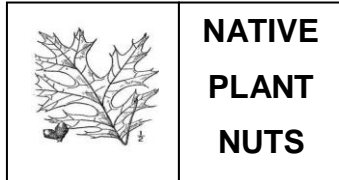
Larry also cannot understand why KWFN is not recognized more. KWFN provides so much valuable information and provides very important outlets for young naturalists and outings. He cannot understand why our cities and organizations do not recognize the value in our club and should be offering us money for our efforts.

I think we can all agree with that! In celebrating our 80<sup>th</sup> year, perhaps this may be our chance to finally receive the recognition that we deserve!

Most importantly, we all need to thank Larry Lamb for the outstanding commitment and passion that he has shown to us and our region. He truly has been a gem to KWFN and has offered much of himself to our club, over the years. I have always been amazed at his incredible knowledge of botany and every plant species in our area but also birds and butterflies, too. Thank you, Larry, for being a part of Kitchener Waterloo Field Naturalists.



## Bloodroot By Wayne Buck



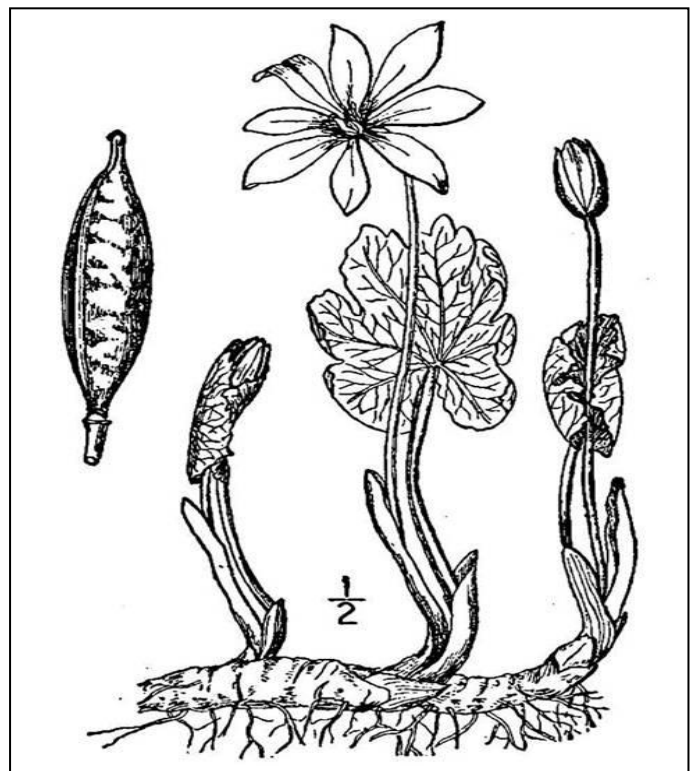
One of the native wildflowers I always look forward to seeing in spring is Bloodroot. It is one of our earlier spring ephemerals, usually making an appearance in early April just after the snow is gone. Large patches of the white flowers are a cheery sight after the long cold winter; surely a sign of warmer weather if ever there was one. When the plants emerge from the ground, the white flowers are wrapped in the grey-green leaves. The leaves are somewhat round in shape with scalloped edges with 2 long lobes at the base and are born on a thick stalk about 15 cm long. Leaves are about 10-15 cm across and persist for several weeks, making them an excellent groundcover for those shaded areas many native-plant gardeners love with their beautiful jade-green colour and pleasing shape.

The flowers arise from rhizomes that are not far below the surface making them one of the easier native plants to divide and transplant. This is best done in the fall when the plants are dormant. The roots contain a reddish coloured sap from which the plant's scientific name, *Sanguinaria canadensis*, is derived. *Sang* comes from the Greek word for blood from which words like sanguine are also derived. The juice from these plants was used by First Nation people as rouge. It contains several bitter compounds including a chemical called sanguinarin which according to Wm. Cullina in his book "The New England Wildflower Society Guide to Growing and Propagating Wildflowers of the United States and Canada", "that can be poisonous but tastes so awful that it is unlikely that a poisonous dose could be accidentally ingested." My search for information revealed that it is used in some medications as an expectorant and a topical disinfectant although one website said that its use on open wounds killed the surrounding healthy tissue causing a thickening of the scab that formed. The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Centre website said that Native Americans also used the red dye from the roots as war paint, dye for baskets and clothing and as an insect repellent. They also said "May be fatal if ingested! Symptoms include nausea, vomiting, faintness, dizziness, dilated pupils, fainting, diarrhea, heart failure."

Agriculture Canada website cited a legend of First Nation people, which held that , "Bachelors of the Ponca tribe used bloodroot as a love charm. Applying the red juice to the palm and shaking hands with the woman they wanted to marry was believed to induce consent."

The seeds are contained in a long slender pod somewhat resembling an upright pea pod fastened to the end of the stalk. The seeds are large enough to be easily seen for collection. Like most spring ephemerals, they should be sown immediately and not stored or allowed to dry out. They are light brown in colour and contain a small white body called an elaiosome which contains an oil, making them attractive to ants which carry them back to their burrows. Back in their nest, the ants consume the oil from gland and toss the remaining seed into their midden or rubbish pile to germinate at a later date when the soil is sufficiently disturbed.

These wildflowers are truly spring ephemerals; the petals lasting for only a few days, falling to the ground in large numbers making a white carpet under the unfolding grayish-green leaves. I love to watch the bees busily working in the blooms, being one of their earliest sources of nectar and pollen to feed the growing brood back in the hive. The bees get covered with the brilliant yellow pollen from the stamens in the centre of the flower.





By Fraser Gibson

## Round 2 Goes to the Turbines

In January, the Ministry of the Environment and Gilead Power argued against the Environmental Review Tribunal (ERT) ruling that revoked the approval of the Ostrander Point wind turbine project. Justice Nordheimer decided that the Tribunal erred in its ruling. The Prince Edward County Field Naturalists (PECFN) are disappointed with the Divisional Court ruling, and will seek leave to appeal it to the Ontario Court of Appeal. The cost of the ERT appeal and subsequent defense of its decision has been very expensive and the PECFN need your help.

To learn more about how you can support their efforts, visit <http://www.saveostranderpoint.org/>.

## Best Practices Guide to Natural Heritage Systems Planning

The dual crisis of climate change and biodiversity loss demands a broad approach to how we build and grow communities. Ontario Nature's Best Practices Guide to Natural Heritage Systems Planning will help planners do just that. The guide features 50 examples of effective natural heritage systems policies taken from more than 20 municipalities across southern and eastern Ontario, and explains how planners identified and protected greenways of connected natural cores and corridors.

For more information or to obtain an electronic copy of the guide, contact Josh Wise at: [joshuaw@ontarionature.org](mailto:joshuaw@ontarionature.org).

## Red-eared Sliders Can Reproduce in Ontario

Red-eared sliders, popular turtles as pets, are winding up in the wild in Canada posing a disease threat to native species. Compounding this threat is the finding by Scott Gillingwater, a Species at Risk Biologist with the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority that red-eared sliders can successfully overwinter and reproduce in Ontario.

If you see these or other turtles in the wild, please report them to the Ontario Reptile and Amphibian Atlas.

## THE HURON FRINGE BIRDING FESTIVAL

### Receives Recognition as one of the TOP 100 Festivals in Ontario for 2014

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The Huron Fringe Birding Festival was built on the skills of the local field naturalist's clubs in Grey and Bruce counties. Now in its 17<sup>th</sup> year, the Festival attracts participants with all levels and skills. The Festival is based on birding, but also allows attendees to explore other aspects of nature.

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TO protect and preserve wildlife.  
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