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# THE HERON

## WINTER 2025

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### REMINDER!

Renew your WRN membership for the 2025-2026 season. Register online or in-person at a meeting.

[waterlooregionnature.ca/membership/](http://waterlooregionnature.ca/membership/)

### NEXT MEETING

Join us for a nature presentation on November 24 @ 7:30PM

### WRN EVENTS

To stay up to date all on upcoming outings and events visit:

[waterlooregionnature.ca/events](http://waterlooregionnature.ca/events)

## Citizen Groups Oppose Industrial Development Beside Huron Natural Area

By Shane Mulligan

Local opposition to an industrial development beside the Huron Natural Area has grown momentum in recent months, but a decision may come down soon. “Protect HNA” campaigners are urging Mayor Vrbanovic and Council to reject the proposed Industrial Business Park subdivision (Application Number: 30T-23201) at 1700 Strasburg Road, which would introduce 10 industrial blocks immediately adjacent to Huron Natural Area and Aster Meadow Natural Regeneration Area—both among Kitchener’s Core Natural Heritage Features.

HNA’s 250-odd hectares and 7 km of trails are popular for birding, walking, painting, learning, playing, and just being in nature. An important site for recreation, environmental education, and spiritual connection, HNA is also an area of deep cultural and historical significance to Indigenous communities—archaeologists have found evidence of up to 9000 years of Indigenous settlement and stewardship!

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To learn more visit: 

<https://linktr.ee/ProtectHNA>



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All parking access is off Dupont Street.

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**Submission Deadlines:**

**Next Issue February 20th**

**Fall Issue July 20th**

**Winter Issue October 20th**

Waterloo Region Nature is always looking for volunteers to fill positions of responsibility and sit on the Board of Directors. Please reach out to pastpresident@waterlooregionnature.ca to learn more.

# President's Corner

By Rebecca Koroll

Happy Fall to all our WRN members,

I hope you've had time to enjoy the fall chorus of colours in the community and catch the fall bird migration in the region or elsewhere. I hear some people caught the party of Blue Jays in Toronto the last week of October, but they had a long day on November 1st and had to leave the city. Tough loss, but we've also had some great astronomical delights in the sky with northern lights being visible and two comets now visible on the horizon. We've had a busy fall at WRN thanks to our committed volunteers that spend time planning and carrying out programming. For this, the Board and myself say *thank-you!* If you missed October's volunteer appreciation meeting, we spent the evening enjoying a delicious potluck and honoured over 100 people who have contributed to WRN from June 2024-June 2025. These individuals were made up of one-year and ten-year volunteers, and new this year we added five year and 15+ year categories to honour. We'll be featuring them again during the November meeting for those who couldn't make it to the last meeting, if you see them give thanks, WRN would not be possible without everyone's hard work and dedication.



Thanks to a generous donation of over \$2,200 in materials by Feather Friendly, Bird Friendly Kitchener (a subcommittee of WRN) worked with the City of Kitchener and Central Kitchener Public Library to [install anti-collision markers on their Sheriff John Motz Courtyard windows](#).

Because of our volunteers, every reader can enjoy a bird-friendlier experience!

The snow is on the way! A reminder to all our outing participants to dress for the weather, if you haven't joined an outing yet, check out our schedule of events on the website and get excited to join others outdoors this winter. Shoulder season is always such a tranquil time to enjoy nature. Soon enough we'll be graced with returning winter residents and my kid's favourite, spotting some of our chubbier overwintering residents. If you're new to WRN and haven't heard, a popular resource for those interested in birding is the ['Waterloo Region Birds' Facebook page](#) to share sightings and learn from the local birding community. This online community includes experienced birders and enthusiastic amateurs and is a welcoming spot for all. Even if you don't know exactly what you're looking at, members share sightings, photos, and knowledge with one another. It is also time to start thinking about the Christmas Bird Count. This is one of the most anticipated events in the birding calendar as it gathers enthusiasts in Waterloo Region for a day of winter birding. More information will be available on the WRN website in the coming weeks, or you can visit: [www.birdscanada.org/bird-science/christmas-bird-count](http://www.birdscanada.org/bird-science/christmas-bird-count).

Lastly, if you're looking to get involved with WRN, we are still in search of a Membership Director. We'd love to hear from you if you (or you and a friend) have time to support the club and board in this position as our previous director Judy, has stepped down now. Thanks Judy for all your work as membership director!

Enjoy the holidays and incoming snow with friends and family, and an early happy new year to you all.



# OUTINGS, ACTIVITIES, THINGS TO DO &

Fall is upon us, and it's a great season for mosses, mushrooms, migrating birds, raptors, and hiking through leaves! And of course winter is coming, with crisp morning air, long starry nights, snowy fields, snow buntings, sweaters, grateful birds at our feeders, hot chocolate, and lots more! Whatever your favourite activity, it can be even better with good company. We are grateful to the various property owners, land stewards, and outings leaders for making these outings possible and rewarding for all.

## Outings FAQ

### **Are outings for members only?**

Non-members are welcome to attend.

### **Do I need to register in advance with the leader?**

Many leaders like to know who's coming and/or limit numbers, so registration is required for many (but not all) outings. Please check the listings on the website for details.

### **Are outings weather dependent?**

Weather is part of nature too, and most outings will go ahead "rain or shine" – within reason. Leaders will do their best to communicate to registered participants (or by email announcement) any last-minute changes due to weather, illness, or site issues.

### **Why do we all need to sign a "waiver form"?**

WRN's insurance vendor has asked that all participants be required to complete a consent and risk acknowledgement. This simply confirms that you realize outings sometimes have risks—nature is like that—and you are accepting responsibility for your safety. And that you're OK (or not) appearing in an event photo. And that you won't endanger others, etc.

### **All these outings sound great, but how will I remember them all?**

We'll send you reminders about upcoming outings. We know you're busy.

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## UPCOMING OUTINGS

The following outings are confirmed for Fall–Winter 2025. All outings are free, unless otherwise noted. In the event of change or cancellation, WRN members on the outings mailing list will be notified by email. Please keep an eye on the website for additional outings notices and to register, and get in touch if you want to lead your own outing! [outings@waterlooregionnature.ca](mailto:outings@waterlooregionnature.ca)

### **An easy walk with birds and more** **Registration Required!**

When: Saturday, November 22 from 9:00am to noon

Where: The Mill Race Trail, St. Jacobs. Meet at the parking lot on the Three Bridges Road near the bridge over the Conestogo River, St. Jacobs

Leader: David Gascoigne      [davidmgascoigne@gmail.com](mailto:davidmgascoigne@gmail.com)      226-747-7299

The Mill Race Trail is an easy walk, for the most part on flat level ground. You will be able to feed Black-capped Chickadees from the hand, with a very good chance that White-breasted Nuthatches will join them. Occasionally even a Downy Woodpecker will take seed from your hand. We may also see Red-bellied Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, and by mid-November, migrants like Dark-eyed Junco, American Tree Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow and possibly others should have taken up residence for the winter. Cedar Waxwings are often seen, a late Rusty Blackbird is always possible, perhaps even Pine Siskins. Mink and Muskrats may put on a show for us. The Conestogo River should yield waterfowl and gulls. At the halfway point we will visit the Eco Café in St. Jacobs to have a coffee and use the washrooms.

Dress according to the weather, bring your binoculars, snacks if you think you need them, and lots of enthusiasm. Please register by emailing David.

### **Wintering birds of Wellesley and Peel Townships** **Registration Required!**

When: Saturday, January 24 from 8:30am to noon  
(alternative date: February 15)

Where: Meet at the Food Basics Plaza on Erbsville Road (opposite Laurel Heights SS)

Leader: Jim Burrell      [jim.g.burrell@gmail.com](mailto:jim.g.burrell@gmail.com)  
519-496-7044

We will drive the roads of parts of the two Townships looking for overwintering birds. This area is known for raptors. Bring binoculars, water and snacks. There are no washrooms on this route. Please register by emailing Jim by January 17. Maximum 20 participants.



### **How to identify trees in winter when their leaves are gone** **Register Online!**

When: Saturday, February 7 from 10:00 to 11:30am

Where: Wilmot Recreation Complex, 1291 Nafzeiger Rd., Baden. Meet inside FRONT entrance to POOL area (less congested than ice pad entrance)

Leader: Wayne Buck      [waylyn2@cwisp.ca](mailto:waylyn2@cwisp.ca)

This winter outing will look at how to identify trees when their leaves are no longer present. The trail is level. Washrooms are available at the beginning and end. Dress for 1+1/2 hr outdoors according to the weather. A tree identification guide could be helpful. Please register on the website. Maximum 12 participants.

## Early spring migrants: Lake Erie shoreline **Registration Required!**

When: Thursday, March 12 from 8:30am to 3:00pm

Where: Meet at the carpool lot on Fountain St.,  
Cambridge and the 401

Leader: Jim Burrell                      jim.g.burrell@gmail.com  
519-496-7044

We will travel to the north shore of Lake Erie to seek out early spring migrants to Ontario. Bring binoculars, scopes, water, lunches and snacks. We will make stops for washrooms and our lunch. Please register by emailing Jim by March 5. Maximum 20 participants.



*Wilson's snipe (Photo: Becky Matsubara, Audobon Photography Awards)*

## Carden Alvar, 2026 **Save the date!**

When: Victoria Day Weekend, May 16—17, 2026

Where: Carden Alvar, near Kirkfield, Ontario

Leader: Stewart MacDonald              stewjmacdonald@aol.com

Due to popular demand, Stewart is planning another excursion to the Carden Alvar, on the Victoria Day Weekend 2026. The excursion on the Victoria Day weekend 2025 was attended by 35 birding and botany enthusiasts and expert guides familiar with the area. The group encountered a total of 103 species of birds including Least and American Bittern, Short-Eared Owl, Vesper Sparrow, Golden-Winged Warbler and other species unique to the Alvar.

For those interested in experiencing this truly extraordinary venue in 2026, keep the Victoria Day weekend free. Registration details, along with other pertinent information, will be available on the Waterloo Region Nature website in early 2026. Until then, if you have any questions about this outing, feel free to contact Stewart by email.

## Waterloo Region Nature Kids!

*By Rachelle Swayze*



*Photos: Jenna Quinn*

Having fun and learning about nature is what Nature Kids is all about!

In September, we looked for insects at Bechtel Park and learned from WRN Teens Owen. You can read more about here. Our October outing was at Breithaupt Park where we learned about squirrels and why they are so busy this time of year. In November, we will learn about map making at the GeoTime Trail in Waterloo and in December we will trim trails at SpruceHaven with the Teens.

Our exciting winter plans include the Christmas Bird Count for Kids, examining and assembling deer and coyote skeletons, looking for and identifying animal tracks, and feeding chickadees.

Nature Kids is for kids ages 7- 12 who attend outings accompanied by an adult. We have fun outside and learn about the plants, animals and insects that share their home with us. We meet the last Saturday of each month September – May, 10 am – 12 pm.

You can register at [waterlooregionnature.ca/kids](http://waterlooregionnature.ca/kids)

## WRN Teens Report

By Anita Smith

WRN Teens kicked off the fall season with a visit from a falconer. What a thrill it was to have Julia, owner of Free Bird Falconry, share three of her birds with us! Along with a Harris Hawk she also brought an American Kestrel and a very noisy Peregrine Falcon. Each of the birds was patient with the large audience and it was delightful to see their different personalities.

Julia shared so much information with us and showed us firsthand about how telemetry and the radio transmitters help her track her birds if they decide to go off on a little adventure of their own. Lots of great questions were asked (and answered) and many photos were taken as well.

Salamander and treefrog monitoring continues at SpruceHaven in St. Agatha. The numbers of

Eastern Red-backed Salamanders has been very encouraging and we have even seen some in the Leadback phase. Grey Treefrogs have been using the tubes along with the occasional Spring Peeper. On a particularly warm fall morning the forest floor was alive with Spring Peepers and Wood Frogs as well. The trail cameras at SpruceHaven have also revealed an active family of deer.

One glorious Saturday afternoon the teens were invited to join a hike at Huron Natural Area. We learned about wetland ecosystems, discussed the differences between bogs, and marshes, focused on a few key wetland plant species and had time to explore various sections of this amazing park. From the boardwalk we spotted Mallards, Phoebes and even a Great Egret. At the pond we spotted lots of turtles, various species of frog and some very large snails. While walking we noticed a number of different fungus species and insects of all sizes and species. How grateful I was to learn from some of the youth experts who so willingly shared their thoughts, and dealt with the many, many questions. Thank you!

WRN Teens would also like to say a special THANK YOU to Ruth Kroft for her generous donation of equipment and books to our group. We will put everything to good use and thank Ruth for thinking of us!



Kestrel by WRN Teen Roderick Hornby



White-tailed deer on trail camera from Anita Smith

## Monthly Member Meeting & Nature Presentations

Anyone with an interest in nature is welcome to attend our free monthly meetings. We start with a few announcements of noteworthy upcoming events, conservation issues or projects and we invite all to share their recent local noteworthy nature sightings. The **main presentation begins shortly after 8pm** featuring a guest speaker on one of a variety of interesting topics.

Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month at 7:30pm in **hybrid** format. Join in person at Reception Hall, Waterloo Knox Presbyterian Church, 50 Erb St. West, Waterloo or register at [waterlooregionnature.ca/meetings/](http://waterlooregionnature.ca/meetings/) to join on zoom.

**Upcoming Meetings:** For full presentation descriptions and to register to attend online visit:

[waterlooregionnature.ca/meetings/](http://waterlooregionnature.ca/meetings/)

### WRN Meeting Give & Take Table

Do you have an overabundance of nature-related reading material at home that you would like to pass on to someone else? Would you like to pick up some new reading material? If so, be sure to stop by the Give & Take Table at the monthly club meetings. Feel free to bring in your extra field guides, books, magazines (from within the past three years), etc. that would be of interest to other club members.

Have a browse and pick up something new-to-you to take home. Items will be stored meeting to meeting, and recycled or donated after three months' time.

### **Monday, November 24, 2025 @ 7:30pm — DNA-based methods in conservation of fish species-at-risk**

In November, we'll be joined by Robert (Bob) Hanner, Professor in the Department of Integrative Biology and Biodiversity Institute of Ontario at the University of Guelph. His research focuses on the "assembly and curation of genetic resource collections, involving everything from fieldwork methodologies to bioinformatics approaches. With the window of sampling opportunity closing for much of the World's biodiversity, the global DNA Barcoding initiative offers an outstanding opportunity to compile a well-characterized genetic resource collection of immense scope." Let's join Bob as he presents DNA-based methods in the conservation of fish species-at-risk (SAR).

Co-presenting with Bob, is Morgan Humphrey. Morgan completed her BSc Honours Thesis in his lab and has just submitted her work for publication that involves both eDNA and camera trapping for Brook Trout and she also has some very nice imagery of redds that she collected in collaboration with another MSc student.

This will be a hybrid meeting and you can choose to attend either in-person or via Zoom. To attend via Zoom, register at [waterlooregionnature.ca/meetings/](http://waterlooregionnature.ca/meetings/).



### ***Future Meeting Dates:***

Monday, April 27, 2026  
Monday, May 25, 2026 (AGM)

**Monday, January 26, 2026 @ 7:30pm — Recent studies into the migration of bats**

Migration is a crucial, yet demanding component of the life history of many animals, often spanning thousands of kilometers and posing significant challenges to survival. In Canada, three bat species undertake long-distance latitudinal migrations, all of which are listed as endangered due to the increased mortality during migration caused by wind turbines. Our research focuses on the habitat requirements of one of these species, the Silver-haired Bat, during migratory stopovers. While out in the field working on this project we got word of a remarkable observation made by two citizen scientists. They observed an large diurnal migration of Silver-Haired Bats over Lake Michigan. Over 400 bats were seen flying towards shore, with more than 100 observed roosting at a nearby park in Chicago. While systematic studies allow us to test hypotheses about the natural world, it is often these rare observations that highlight how much we have yet to understand about natural phenomena such as migration.



Beatriz Nogueira e Figueira is a graduate researcher at the University of Waterloo under the supervision of Dr. Liam McGuire, specializing in the ecology and physiology of migratory bats. As an early-career scientist, Beatriz is driven by a vision of connecting people with nature through education, and advancing research that supports the long-term protection of Canada's most vulnerable wildlife.

This will be a hybrid meeting and you can choose to attend either in-person or via Zoom. To attend via Zoom, register at [waterlooregionnature.ca/meetings](https://waterlooregionnature.ca/meetings).

**Monday, February 23, 2026 @ 7:30pm — Regenerative tourism**

Our February speaker is Peggy Vacalopoulos. Peggy recently completed her Master's in the Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies at the University of Waterloo, where she explored regenerative tourism and hospitality as tools for social justice, reconciliation, and sustainable community development.

Recognized as an SSHRC scholar and recipient of the Travel and Tourism Research Association's Graduate Researcher Award, Peggy is passionate about bridging the gap between academia and practice. Peggy's talk will focus on moving beyond sustainability to regeneration and how we can incorporate those values in our everyday lives.

This will be a hybrid meeting and you can choose to attend either in-person or via Zoom. To attend via Zoom, register at [waterlooregionnature.ca/meetings](https://waterlooregionnature.ca/meetings).

**Monday, March 23, 2026 @ 7:30pm — Bird migration and banding**

Our March speaker is University of Waterloo PhD student Ryan Leys. Ryan's presentation will be on bird banding. It will touch on his background from when he started banding to what he's learned and the research he's done. He will also share his experiences he's had along the way and what other research can be done at banding stations (bat & butterfly research, etc.), and what can be done with the data.

This will be a hybrid meeting and you can choose to attend either in-person or via Zoom. To attend via Zoom, register at [waterlooregionnature.ca/meetings](https://waterlooregionnature.ca/meetings).



## Ontario Nature Report

By Janet Ozaruk

### Lake Partner Program Renewal Confirmed

The Federation of Ontario Cottage Associations (FOCA), one of Ontario Nature's Nature Network Provincial Partners, was happy to announce that the Lake Partner Program was saved! This program involves stewards collecting data on water quality in partnership with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) and is vital to ensuring healthy lake ecosystems. The program was set to be cancelled but FOCA, and many community groups and individuals fought to save it. They have a new agreement with MECP that enables them to continue the program over the coming five years, with the support of hundreds of volunteer Lake Stewards throughout the province. Lake Partner Program data is accessible through the FOCA website for anyone interested.

### Chance to Expand Sauble Dunes Nature Reserve

Ontario Nature has an amazing chance to expand their Sauble Dunes Nature Reserve by purchasing 66 acres of adjacent land. Previously slated for development, this land supports 24 species at risk and 41 rare species. The property directly abuts Chief's Point Wetland, a Provincially Significant Coastal Wetland complex, partially on Saugeen Ojibway First Nation reserve land. It is also a part of the Sauble Falls North Area of Natural and Scientific Interest. This is a rare opportunity to protect a portion of this important habitat. Ontario Nature welcomes donations to safeguard globally rare habitat and the unique wild species that live there! To learn more, contact Lisa Kamenar at 416-444-8419 ext. 233 or [lisak@ontarionature.org](mailto:lisak@ontarionature.org). Ontario Nature will acknowledge donors who give more than \$1,000 for their generosity on a sign at the nature reserve.

### Ontario Nature Welcomes New Executive Director

Andrés Jiménez Monge is Ontario Nature's new Executive Director.

## Citizen Groups Oppose Industrial Development Beside Huron Natural Area

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Local campaigners point out the area provides critical ecosystem services and essential habitat for various plant and animal species—including at-risk and endangered and/or threatened species (the Blanding's turtle and Tri-coloured bat) and species of special concern (Grasshopper Sparrow and Snapping turtle)—along with other turtles, bats, songbirds, owls, hawks, turkeys, amphibians, and mammals like coyotes and deer.

They are concerned the proposed development totalling almost 40 acres would destroy four unevaluated anthropogenic wetlands, while increasing habitat fragmentation, noise pollution, and road mortality among the already vulnerable turtle population.

Opponents believe the plan disregards more sustainable development alternatives like repurposing exist-

ing nearby commercial properties and vacant lots. They also point out there is ample unused industrial land and vacant building space in the immediate area that is ripe for occupation or redevelopment.

Some have said they would like to see the City and property owner (Gateman–Milloy) collaborate on a solution (like a land donation) to increase the size of HNA and connect Aster Meadow with the larger Strasburg Creek watershed.

The City's Planning and Strategic Initiatives Committee was scheduled to discuss the proposal on October 27. Council is expected to make a decision at its regular meeting on November 10.

For links to a petition and to learn more visit <https://linktr.ee/Protecthna>.

# Membership Report

By Paul Bigelow

A reminder to members to renew your membership for the September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026 year. You can renew online or you can mail a cheque along with the renewal form you can print from the WRN website. [waterlooregionnature.ca/membership/](http://waterlooregionnature.ca/membership/)

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## Welcome to our New Members!

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**Nominate a WRN Member by December 15th**

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Contact Rebecca for more info: [president@waterlooregionnature.ca](mailto:president@waterlooregionnature.ca)

## In Memory

**Boyd Snider** (October 7, 2025)  
Former long-time member

**SUBMISSIONS NEEDED!**

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TO acquire and disseminate knowledge of natural history.

TO protect and preserve wildlife.

TO purchase and hold appropriate parcels of land for the advancement of conservation.

TO support public interest in nature and its preservation by supporting the enactment of wise legislation and by other means as falls within the scope of the Corporation.

### **General Information**

Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month, September to May with the exception of December. Our meetings are free and visitors are always welcome. Outings are scheduled almost every month.

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