



The Egret

the Newsletter of the Essex County Field Naturalists' Club

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ECFNC Monthly Meetings

Except for our outdoor meetings in July and August and our annual dinner in November, monthly members' meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm at Ojibway Nature Center, 5200 Matchette Road, Windsor, 519-966-5852.

Visit our Website at essexcountynature.com

A great big *Thank You* to everyone who submitted articles and photos to the Egret this month. We always appreciate your submissions and couldn't run this newsletter without them!

Upcoming ECFNC Activities

January 2nd- Special Talk - Josh Vandermeulen's Big Year

January 8th – Member Meeting – Meghan Vankosky: Bugs as biological indicators

February 12th – Members Meeting - Mike Burrell from Bird Studies Canada

February 16th – Outing – Tom and Phil's Great Adventure in Ojibway Shores

March 12th – Members Meeting – The Annual General Meeting

March 16th – Outing - Late Winter birding walk with Kory Renaud

April 26th – Outing - Eastern Bluebirds walk with Don Bissonnette.

May 10th – Outing - Eastern Bluebirds walk with Don Bissonnette.

About the Club ...

The Essex County Field Naturalists' Club was incorporated in March 1985. We are a registered charitable organization which promotes the appreciation and conservation of our natural heritage. ECFNC provides the community opportunities to become acquainted with and understand our natural world through identification, maintenance and preservation of the natural areas within Essex County and surrounding regions. ECFNC is affiliated with Ontario Nature/Federation of Ontario Naturalists. *The Egret* is published quarterly. To receive information on the Essex County Field Naturalists' Club or to submit articles, letters, reports, etc., please write to:

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Detroit River Canadian Cleanup Liaison: Steve Marks/Phil Roberts

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Egret Editorial: Sheeva Nakhaie (chair), Betty Learmouth,
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Little River Enhancement Group: Ian Naisbitt (chair), Jesse Gardner Costa
Fish Book: Dave Kraus
Website: Sarah Baldo, Sarah Renaud, Sheeva Nakhaie (co chairs)
Social Media: Sarah Renaud, Russ Jones and Steve Marks
Arising Issues in the County: Phil Roberts

Annual Dinner Pictures!



Shirley Grondin, Jesse Gardner Costa and Karen Cedar Photo: Betty Learmouth



Guest Speaker Maurice Bottus Photo: Betty Learmouth



Award Winner Karen Cedar, receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award from Jesse Gardner Costa. Photo: Tom Preney



Award Winner Shirley Grondin, receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award from Jesse Gardner Costa. Photo: Tom Preney



Some pictures of the mounted moths and butterflies that were brought in by Maurice Bottus. Photo: Tom Preney

Essex County Field Naturalists' Club's Annual Dinner**By: Betty Learmouth**

The Essex County Field Naturalists' Club's annual dinner was held at the Fogolar Furlan Club on Saturday, November 2, 2013. David Kraus, the evening's Master of Ceremonies, welcome fifty-nine friends and members of the Essex County Field Naturalists' Club.

A delicious dinner was served family style including Antipasto Verde, penne with Blush Sauce, Tossed Salad, Chicken Saltimbocca – skinless chicken stuffed with Foutina cheese and prosciutto, Eggplant Parmigiana, Garden Blend Vegetables, Roasted Sweet Potatoes, Coffee/tea and Desserts at the Sweets table.

ECFNC President Jesse Gardner Costa presented Annual Achievement Awards to Shirley Grondin and Karen Cedar for their dedication to the Essex County Field Naturalists' Club and its activities.

ECFNC member Tom Preney welcomed guest speaker Maurice Bottus, known as Moe and the "Bug Guy." Moe had brought along a table display of some of the beautiful and colourful moths and insects in his personal insect collection. Moe credited his father, who recently passed away, for his influence with regard to Moe's study of moths since his teenage years.

Moe told his audience that there are 10,000 species of moths in North America. About 2,500 species of moths are found in Ontario. Only 750 butterfly species are found in North America. Moe discussed a number of moth topics including the difference between a moth and a butterfly. Moe spoke about theories of migration pertaining to moths. Moe discussed why moths stay at lights. Certain moths come in to lights at a specific time, with moth watchers almost able to set their watches for these species such as the Luna Moth.

Moe spoke about stinging caterpillars, such as the Io Moth caterpillar. Other species included Sphinx Moths, Tussock Moths, Tiger Moths and Underwings. Moe explained how sugaring attracts moths such as the Underwings. The recipe for a sugaring mixture is rotten fruit such as bananas, brown sugar and beer. The bananas smell good to the moths, while the beer causes intoxication of the moths.

Locally, Devonwoods Conservation Area woodland is an urban island with numerous numbers of moth species to be found there. The first week of July and into October is most productive for finding Underwings at Devonwoods Conservation Area.

Other nocturnal insects include parasitic wasps, Mayfly, Katydid, Stink Bug and Mantids. There are lots of questions about the behaviour of moths. Observers need to look at temperatures, humidity, cloud cover, rain and if bats are present.

The best conditions for nocturnal moths are right here in Essex County with moonlit nights and high humidity. June is the best month for large moths while the Catocala (Underwing Moths) are present for two months.

Oaks at Devonwoods Conservation Area appear to attract Underwing Moths. Moe sugars here more than any other site. The moths come only to living trees. Moe stated Fireflies are remarkable at Devonwoods Conservation Area. Predators of Underwing Moths are bats at night and wasps during the day.

ECFNC President Jesse Gardner Costa thanked all who attended the dinner and supported the silent auction. A special thank you to JoAnn Grondin for her organization of the silent auction. Thank you for JoAnn, Shirley Grondin and Carl Maiolani for setting up the silent auction.

ECFNC 29th Annual Dinner, Saturday, November 2, 2013
By JoAnn Grondin, Heritage Committee Coordinator

Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank several people for their help with our fabulous 29th Annual Dinner. This dinner could not take place without their help.

Set up: Shirley Grondin, Carl Maiolani and JoAnn Grondin.

Desserts: Cathy Lapain, Shirley Grondin, Theresa Benoit, Eleanor Sfalcin and JoAnn Grondin. I apologize if I have missed anyone.

Reception Desk: Pauline Renaud.

Cashiers: Shirley Grondin, Bonnie Ross and Cathy Lapain.

For a spectacular MC job: Dave Kraus.

Guest Speaker : Mr. Maurice Bottos. Mr. Bottos gave a very informative presentation on "Insects of the Night". He explained the difference between moths and butterflies. He presented interesting facts on the different orders and families of nocturnal insects and why they are attracted to light. He also brought some great insect samples for us to look at. Thank you to Betty Learmouth for submitting the in-depth article of Mr. Bottos' presentation.

Tom Preney for introducing our guest speaker and Jesse Gardner Costa for thanking him.

Congratulations to Shirley Grondin and Karen Cedar, our Outstanding Achievement Award recipients. Both are very deserving of this award for all their hard work for our Club. Thank you to Jesse Gardner Costa for presenting the awards to Shirley and Karen.

A special thank you to Pauline Renaud for drawing the names of the door prize winners.

The people who donated door prizes: I know that I don't have all the names of the people who donated door prizes, so rather than miss someone, I will thank everyone collectively.

For the donation of silent auction items: Marion Doyle, Bushnell Outdoor Products, Clair and Jim McAllister, Linda Menard Watt, Steve Marks, Wild Republic, Karen Cedar, Michelle Dobrin, Claire Sanders, Vicky Lucier, Cathy Lapain, The Wizard Gift Corporation, Shirley Grondin, Bowman Renaud Tax Services (Carl Maiolani), Russ Jones, Robyn Lambe, Bob Hall-Brooks, Hiram Walker & Sons Ltd, Maria and John Potts and JoAnn Grondin. More information is given in the separate list of donations. Thank you to all who attended. It was a great evening. It is nice to visit with old friends and to enjoy great food too!

Donations - ECFNC 29th Annual Dinner, Nov. 2, 2013

No.	Article/Name	Donated by
1	Audubon Life List Journal - Slightly used	Marion Doyle
2	Grandmother Remembers	Marion Doyle
3	4 Piece Garden Hand Tool Set	Marion Doyle
4	Tilley Raffia Hat - never worn	JoAnn Grondin
5	Suunto Compass	JoAnn Grondin
6	20-60x65 NatureView Tan Porro Scope	Bushnell Outdoor Products
7	Travel Bag - black and pink	Claire and Jim McAllister
8	Gold Plated Frame - 3" x 5"	Claire and Jim McAllister
9	T Shirt - Extra Large	Claire and Jim McAllister
10	T Shirt - Large	Claire and Jim McAllister
11	T Shirt - Large - door prize	Claire and Jim McAllister
12	1 table runner/4 placemats/4 napkins	Claire and Jim McAllister
13	Large Table Runner/small runner	Claire and Jim McAllister
14	Glass bottle shapped decoration - door prize	Claire and Jim McAllister
15	CD - Christmas - Magic Moments - door prize	Claire and Jim McAllister
16	The Secret Language of Birds	Linda Menard Watt
17	Taste a new way to cook - by Sybil Kapoor	Linda Menard Watt
18	Yard and Garden Projects	Linda Menard Watt
19	The Encyclopedia of North American Birds	Linda Menard Watt
20	Martha Stewart's Healthy Quick Cook	Linda Menard Watt
21	Sweethearts of Sarawak	Linda Menard Watt
22	Memory Challenge - Book Lovers Game	Linda Menard Watt
23	Wine Holder	Linda Menard Watt
24	Water Fountain - door prize	Linda Menard Watt
25	Food Dehydrator	Linda Menard Watt
26	Votive candles - door prize	Linda Menard Watt
27	Framed original oil by L. Bunn	Steve Marks
28	Nature's Accent 4 x 6 Frame - Moose	Wild Republic
29	Nature's Accent 4 x 6 Frame - Wolf	Wild Republic
30	Cuddlekings Rat	Wild Republic
31	Cuddlekings White-Tailed Deer	Wild Republic
32	Cuddlekings Red Fox	Wild Republic
33	Cuddlekings Elk	Wild Republic
34	Cuddlekings Raven	Wild Republic
35	Cuddlekings European Red Squirrel	Wild Republic
36	Cuddlekings Vampire Bat	Wild Republic
37	Cuddlekings Canadian Goose	Wild Republic
38	Cuddlekings Hedgehog	Wild Republic
39	Audubon Red Squirrel	Wild Republic

40	Audubon Barn Owl, Yellow Rumped Warbler, Rock Dove	Wild Republic
41	Snowy Owl	Wild Republic
42	Audubon Prairie Chicken, California Gull Chick, American Gold Finch	Wild Republic
43	Audubon Belted Kingfisher, Great Blue Heron, Brown Thrasher	Wild Republic
44	Audubon Cerulean Warbler, Greater Roadrunner, Emperor Penguin Chick	Wild Republic
45	Audubon Smith's Longspur, Cerulean Warbler, Mourning Dove	Wild Republic
46	Audubon Great Blue Heron, Wood Thrush, House Finch	Wild Republic
47	Audubon Black Capped Chickadee, Green Winged Teal, Chukar	Wild Republic
48	Audubon Black Morph Gray Squirrel	Wild Republic
49	Audubon Moose	Wild Republic
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51	ProStart Remote Control Car Starter	Karen Cedar
52	8" x 8" mixed media fibre art	Michelle Dobrin
53	Framed Ducks Unlimited Pintail Ducks Picture	Claire Sanders
54	Canvas Tote Bag with hummingbird/flowers	Vicky Lucier
55	Salad Bowl Set made from Shan Mur Fir Tree	Cathy Lapain
56	Birdfeeders Guide	Cathy Lapain
57	Young Birder's Guide	Cathy Lapain
58	Birder's Companion	Cathy Lapain
59	How to Charm a Bird	Cathy Lapain
60	Blank Flower Note Cards	Cathy Lapain
61	Underwater Counting	Cathy Lapain
62	Three Orca Whales Greeting Cards	Cathy Lapain
63	Basket of Jams - 12 - 8 oz jars	Cathy Lapain
64	Fish Book	Cathy Lapain
65	Ocean Breeze Paper Block	The Wizard Gift Corporation
66	Ocean Breeze Paper Block	The Wizard Gift Corporation
67	Coastal Passion Metal Holder Gift Set	The Wizard Gift Corporation
68	Coastal Passion Metal Holder Gift Set	The Wizard Gift Corporation
69	Ocean Breeze Desk Set	The Wizard Gift Corporation

70	Ocean Breeze Desk Set	The Wizard Gift Corporation
71	Ocean Breeze Diecut Notepad	The Wizard Gift Corporation
72	Coastal Passion Folded Note cards	The Wizard Gift Corporation
73	Coastal Passion Folded Note cards	The Wizard Gift Corporation
74	Ocean Breeze Magnetic List Pad	The Wizard Gift Corporation
75	Ocean Breeze Magnetic List Pad	The Wizard Gift Corporation
76	3 Tupperware Bowls with Expandable Lids	JoAnn Grondin
77	Four jars of jam	Shirley Grondin
78	Four jars of jam	Shirley Grondin
78	Table runner made from material from Africa	Shirley Grondin
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81	2012 Canadian Tax Return -Bowman Renaud Tax Services	Carl Maiolani
82	2012 Canadian Tax Return -Bowman Renaud Tax Services	Carl Maiolani
83	Tufted Titmouse Print	Russ Jones
84	5" x 7" mated photo of a Giant Swallowtail Butterfly by Jeff Lambe	Robyn Lambe
85	5" x 7" framed unmatted photo of a singing male Yellow Warbler by Jeff Lambe	Robyn Lambe
86	8" x 10" framed and matted photo of a male Indigo Bunting	Robyn Lambe
87	1 package of 6 matted photo cards with envelopes	Robyn Lambe
88	1 package of 11 printed cards with envelopes	Robyn Lambe
89	Bottle of Carribean Rum	Bob Hall-Brooks
90	Vancouver Island Birds	Claire & Jim McAllister
91	Instant I Bar	Hiram Walker & Sons Ltd.
92	Vintage Broach	Maria and John Potts
93	Sparkly Broach	Maria and John Potts
94	Cat Broach	Maria and John Potts
95	Sayval Blanc - White Wine	Maria and John Potts
96	Roi des Rouge - Red Wine	Maria and John Potts

Fall Festival at Ojibway Nature Centre, October 14, 2013

Photos and article by: Betty Learmouth

The weather on Thanksgiving Day, October 14, 2013 was exceptional with no wind, sunny skies and warm temperatures. Leaves were turning colour with many families and visitors attending to view the changing season.

The Friends of Ojibway Park (FoOP) had set up for their hotdog sale beside the Nature Centre's main door along with a display of FoOP's new t-shirts.

A nature hike was held at 1:00 p.m. to the Ojibway pond and nearby woodland. The hike's leader, Jennifer Nantais, spoke about several of the prairie plants by the walkway. Jennifer also provided information about the phragmites growing in the vicinity of the pond. The pond area was quiet but hikers did glimpse a crayfish moving across the pond floor.

In the woodland, the hikers observed Poison Ivy and learned how to identify this vine which had nearly covered the trunk of a Pin Oak.



A male Praying Mantid, which is smaller than a female Praying Mantid, was found clinging to a stalk of Goldenrod near the Nature Centre.

The group visited the bird feeding observation area which had attracted several Mourning Doves, a White-breasted Nuthatch and a Black-capped Chickadee. Jennifer told the group that all sorts of wildlife enjoy this feeding area.

At 2:00 p.m. a second nature walk was held, with its destination the Ontario Tallgrass

Provincial Prairie Nature Reserve located across Matchette Road and along Titcombe Road. Hikers for this nature walk included 26 Grade Five students from Colombia, South America, who were enjoying a month long visit with Academie Ste Cecile as they worked on their English language skills.

Paul DesJardins lead the students while a second group of adults and teenagers was lead by Claire McAlister.

The groups headed down Titcombe Road, admiring the towering prairie grasses including Cord Grass, Indian Grass and Big Blue Stem. A highlight of the walks were the plants on the prairie which has completed their blooming such as Flat-topped Aster. A native shrub, American Hazelnut, also received attention as the involucre which is composed of two leafy with large irregular teeth held nuts in clusters within the involucre.



Another wonderful Ojibway Fall Festival concluded at 4 p.m.

ERCA honours six individuals for their conservation efforts**Submitted by: Betty Learmouth**

The Essex Region Conservation Authority honoured six individuals as Conservation Champions at their November 2013 Board Meeting. This article appeared in the Tecumseh Shoreline November 22, 2013 with information about each Conservation Champion including Shirley Grondin.

Shirley Grondin

Shirley Grondin has been an active member of the Friends of Turkey Creek for close to ten years and has been a dedicated participant in cleaning up the creek and tending to the native plant garden.

Grondin has also been a member of the Essex County Field Naturalist' Club since the mid-190s, and is part of the team that works tirelessly in maintaining the Shaughnessy Cohen Savannah on Pelee Island.

She has been a member of the Friends of Ojibway since its beginning in 1993 and also devotes her time and expertise to a wide variety of citizen science monitoring programs including Frogwatch, Marsh Monitoring Program, Christmas Bird Counts, the annual butterfly count, Breeding Bird Atlas, etc.

In her spare time, Grondin is an avid hiker, birdwatcher, kayaker, and canoeist.

Conservation Champion Award Winners submitted by JoAnn Grondin (Left to right: Shirley Grondin, Phil Roberts, Lynda Corkum, David Kraus and Betty Learmouth)! Other Field Nat winners (not show here) include: Gerry Waldron, Ian Naisbitt, Paul Pratt, and Daniel Mennill!





Upcoming Events and Activities!

Jan. 8th — Members Meeting - Meghan Vankosky: Bugs as biological indicators. Meet at Ojibway Nature Centre at 7:30 pm.

January 9, 2014 – Canada South Land Trust Event - Tom Hince will present a program entitled “A Year in the Life of a Birding Guide.” Tom will share his top 100 images and stories from 2013 with highlights including visits to Brazil, Ecuador, Florida, the Yukon and Northwest Territories. And it’s not just birds – the presentation will include lots of big mammals (including some Homo sapiens you may know), insects and even a few cute frogs and other critters. Tom’s presentation will take place on Thursday, January 9, 2014 in Room C of the Essex Civic Centre at 7:30 p.m. Your donation of \$20.00 would be appreciated. Refreshments will be served. Please call Betty at 519-944-0825 or email bettlear@mnsi.net to indicate you will be attending.

Jan. 12th – Membership Outing - Join Josh Vandermuelen for his presentation on his Big Year Birding experience. His presentation is approximately 2 hours long. Meet at Ojibway Nature Centre at 2:00 pm. This is a special event and donations are greatly appreciated.

Feb. 12th - Members Meeting - Mike Burrell from Bird Studies Canada will be talking to our group about the Ontario Important Bird Areas program (www.ibacanada.org). The IBA program is an international initiative to identify, monitor and conserve the world’s most important sites for birds. The Program uses scientific criteria to identify potential IBAs. Sites can qualify based on the regular presence of significant numbers of species at risk, species with restricted ranges, habitat-specific species and for large concentrations of congregatory species (greater than 1% of their continental or global population). Meet at 7:30 p.m. at Ojibway Nature Centre.

February 14-17 – The Great Backyard Bird Count - The Great Backyard Bird Count is an annual four-day event that engages bird watchers of all ages in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of where the birds are. Everyone is welcome—from beginning bird watchers to experts. It takes as little as 15 minutes on one day, or you can count for as long as you like each day of the event. It's free, fun, and easy—and it helps the birds. Participants tally the number of individual birds of each species they see during their count period. They enter these numbers on the GBBC website. See here for more details: <http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc/whycount.html>

Feb 16th – Outing - Tom and Phil's Great Adventure - Join Tom Preney and Phil Roberts for a walk in search of owls and other winter birds through Ojibway Shores as we continue to survey the property for species. Meet at 2:00 pm at the Dog Park on Broadway (near Black Oak park).

March 6, 2014 – Canada South Land Trust – This date is the Annual General Meeting for the Land Trust. Guest speaker is Steve Marks who has chosen the topic of Essex County's reptiles and amphibians. Steve is working with reptiles and amphibians as a member of the Parkway project. The AGM will be held in Room C of the Essex Civic Centre at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Please call Betty at 519-944-0825 to indicate you will be attending.

Mar 12th - Join members for our Annual General Meeting. Meet at Ojibway Nature Centre at 7:30 pm. Annual Reports, beverages and snacks!

Mar. 16th – Outing - Late Winter birding walk. Kory Renaud will lead a late winter (or early Spring) birding walk at Hillman Marsh. Meet at 9:00 am in the Hillman Marsh parking lot.

April 11, 2014 - Canada South Land Trust Annual Dinner - Paul Pratt will present a talk on Brazil's coastal forests and birdlife within this endangered habitat. The CSLT annual dinner will be held in the Caboto Club in the DaVinci Room. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and dinner is served at 7:00p.m. A silent auction is planned with donations welcome. Call for more details at 519-944-0825 or email bettlear@mnsi.net

Apr. 26th – Outing - Eastern Bluebirds walk with Don Bissonnette. Join Club member Don for a nice spring hike in search of Eastern Bluebirds and hopefully other birds and some wildflowers. Meet at the Greenway Parking lot at the Arner Townline (County Road 23), just North of No 20. Start time is 9:30 am and is expected to end around 11:30 am.

May 10th – Outing - Eastern Bluebirds walk with Don Bissonnette. Join Club member Don for a nice spring hike in search of Eastern Bluebirds and hopefully other birds and some wildflowers. Meet at the Greenway Parking lot at the Arner Townline (County Road 23), just North of No 20. Start time is 9:30 am and is expected to end around 11:30 am.

Advertisement: 12 new and unused Purple Martin Gourds with pole etc. are for sale. They must be purchased as a completely set. Able to provide advice on set up and maintenance. Please contact Anne and Ron Muir (519-736-6507).

**Essex County Field Naturalists' Club
Membership Form – Due January 1, 2013**

Individual membership \$20.00 / year _____ Family membership \$25.00 / year _____
Student (full-time) \$15.00 / year _____ Sustaining membership \$30.00 / year _____

Tax Receipt Eligible: Life membership \$500.00 _____

Donation _____

Publications: Wildflowers of the Canadian Erie Islands by Mary Celestino \$15 _____
Fishes of Essex County and Surrounding Waters By Lynda D. Corkum \$25 _____
www.fishesofessexcounty.com

Name _____

Street _____ City _____

Province _____ Postal Code _____ Phone Number _____

E-mail _____ I wish to receive the Egret by email.

Please contact me to volunteer at ECFNC events!

Thank you!

*Make cheques payable to: Essex County Field Naturalists' Club
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Field Nats exploring Ojibway Shores for the inventory of biological diversity. Be sure to come out to the next event and help preserve this significant habitat