



# The Egret

*the Newsletter of the Essex County Field Naturalists' Club*

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## Upcoming ECFNC Activities

**September 16 & 17 – Second weekend of Hawk Fest**

**September 23<sup>rd</sup> – Peche Island Day**

**October 1<sup>st</sup> – Kennette Property Trip**

**October 11<sup>th</sup> – Fossils of Arkona Talk**

**October 22<sup>nd</sup> – TD Tree Days in Windsor**

**November 4<sup>th</sup> – 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dinner!**

**December 13<sup>th</sup> – Members Meeting**

## **ECFNC Monthly Meetings**

Except for 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. We also have monthly outings, posted in the 'Activities and Excursions' section of this newsletter as well as on our website. Visit our Website at [essexcountynature.com](http://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!

**It's that time of year again!**

**Get your tickets for the  
Essex County Field Naturalists' Club  
33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dinner**

**Guest Speaker: Jody Allair  
"Southern Ontario's Forest Birds At Risk"**

**For more information, please see the flyer on  
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## 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:

### Essex County Field Naturalists' Club

c/o Ojibway Nature Centre  
5200 Matchette Rd.  
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### Information

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**Point Pelee National Park**  
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519-776-5209

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### Chairpersons/Liaisons:

Ontario Nature Liaison: JoAnn Grondin  
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Essex County Land Stewardship Liaison: Linda Menard-Watt  
Ojibway Liaison: Tom Preney  
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Windsor Essex County Environmental Committee: Jesse Gardner Costa  
Canada South Land Trust Liaison: Dave Kraus  
Detroit River Canadian Cleanup Liaison: Claire Sanders and Steve Marks

### Committees:

Egret Editorial: Jessica Rose  
Field Trips: Alexis Hand (chair), Paul Pratt, Ian Woodfield  
Heritage: JoAnn Grondin (coordinator), Dave Kraus, Betty Learmouth, Jim McAllister, Gerry Waldron, Shirley Grondin, Cathy Lapain, Rachel Hasson  
Little River Enhancement Group: Ian Naisbitt (chair), Jesse Gardner Costa  
Fish Book: Dave Kraus, Jesse Gardner Costa  
Website: Sarah Baldo, Kory Renaud (co chairs)  
Social Media: Kory Renaud and Sarah Baldo  
Membership: Jeremy Hatt (chair), Paula O'Rourke, Carl Maiolani, Jessica Rose

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## ESSEX COUNTY FIELD NAURALISTS' CLUB 33<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL DINNER SPEAKER: JODY ALLAIR **Southern Ontario's Forest Birds at Risk**

Like canaries in a coalmine, our at-risk forest birds have important information to convey. Find out exactly who these remarkable birds are, what threats they face, and what we might do to help.

Jody Allair is an avid birder and naturalist who enjoys sharing his enthusiasm for the natural world. Jody has been birding and banding since his teens, when he began volunteering at Long Point Bird Observatory (LPBO). He has worked at the LPBO, the Royal Tyrrell Museum of Palaeontology and has held bird watching courses and field trips. He has been a Biologist and Science Educator for Bird Studies Canada (BSC) since 2006. Jody conducts various educational activities in addition to his research and fieldwork. He has been seen on TV teaching Rick Mercer how to band Saw-whet Owls. He leads birding trips with Eagle-Eye Tours to Alberta, Mexico, and New Zealand.

### Tickets:

Ojibway Nature Centre – 519-966-5852  
Pelee Wings Nature Store – 519-326-5193  
Carl Maiolani – 519-972-1399  
JoAnn Grondin – 519-734-0056

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Club

Dante Costa Hall  
1800 N. Service  
Rd., Windsor

Doors open: 5:30  
pm

Dinner: 7:00 pm

Silent Auction,  
door prizes, share  
the wealth draw,  
cash bar,

Great Meal!!

Reconnect with  
friends, make new  
friends, have fun!

Please note dietary  
restrictions on the  
back of your ticket

**TICKETS**  
**\$40.00 EACH**

# *The Egret Needs* *YOU!*

- ❖ Do you attend monthly meetings?
- ❖ Have you been on a club outing?
- ❖ Did you participate in a nature related activity?
- ❖ Do you have an interest in a particular group of flora or fauna and want to share your knowledge?

## **Tell the club about it!**

Submit an article (detailed or brief) to let members know what's going on in the club and in Windsor-Essex County.

Please submit articles to Jessica Rose at [roset@uwindsor.ca](mailto:roset@uwindsor.ca)

**The Egret depends on your submissions!**

## **Activities and Events**

For further information concerning the ECFNC excursions, visit [www.essexcountynature.com](http://www.essexcountynature.com), or contact the executive (please see contact page). Let us know your ideas for upcoming excursions. Consider volunteering as an excursion leader!

### **Sept. 16th and 17th - Hawk Festival**

The second weekend of the Hawk Festival, taking place at Holiday Beach Conservation Area.

### **September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 – Peche Island Day**

Peche Island Day will take place on Saturday September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017. Stay tuned for more information on this exciting event by visiting [www.detroitriver.ca/pecheislanday2017](http://www.detroitriver.ca/pecheislanday2017). Please note that those interested in attending, must register in advance, as there is limited space for this event.

### **October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 – Kennette Property Trip**

#### **Sunday, From 2:00-4:00pm**

Hear about the process of developing 16 acres of property into a natural habitat. Since 1977 Ernie and Linda Kennette have planted over 12,000 trees and shrubs (approximately 40 different Essex County Native Carolinian species that were started from seed), hired a contractor to excavate a 1.5 acre wetland pond, planted a tall grass prairie and constructed a snake hibernaculum. During the walk we will discuss: (a) Plant identification, (b) The benefits of intensive weed control, and (c) Wildlife that they have attracted.

#### **Directions:**

From Windsor – take 401 to Manning Rd., From Leamington take Hwy 77 to 401 to Manning Rd. Head South on Manning Rd. going through the traffic light at Hwy 46, turn East on North Talbot Road ( the road south of the “Home Gallery”).

### **October 11, 2017 -Fossils of Arkona - with Paul Bourque**

#### **7:30pm, Ojibway Nature Centre**

The middle Devonian fossils around Arkona Ontario are invertebrates from a shallow marine environment and are known internationally for their excellent quality. Rock hounds and retailers visit this area regularly. Paul will present the geologic and environmental background along with an overview of the animal groups represented. He will also bring his collection of fossils from the Arkona area for your inspection. Paul has a degree in geology and physical geography and has continued his interest and study on the topic. He has also conducted field trips to the Arkona area and delivered other talks related to geology.

### **October 22, 2017- TD Tree Days in Windsor**

Come out and help reforest a part of the Little River watershed! This event will take place Sunday October 22 2017 between 9am and 12pm at the green space near Florence and Wyandotte Street in east Windsor. Snacks and refreshments are available for volunteers and students can earn community service hours. Boots and long pants recommended.

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED** due to limited spots:

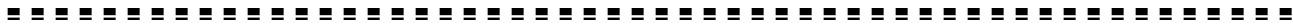
<https://www.tdtreedays.com/en-ca/events/753>

**November 4<sup>th</sup> Our 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dinner** - Join us for this exciting event with our guest speaker Jody Allair from Bird Studies Canada. He will be speaking on "Southern Ontario's Forest Birds at Risk". Please view the flyer on the previous page for further details. We look forward to seeing you there!

**December 13<sup>th</sup> – Members Meeting**

**7:30pm at Ojibway Nature Centre**

Come and share photos and stories related to your nature experiences and sightings. This is a relaxed evening of club member participation and pre-holiday mirth. Please join us for some light refreshments and social time. \*If you would like to share photos, please bring them on a USB drive



**Essex County Field Naturalists' Club  
Membership Form – Due annually**

Individual membership \$20.00 / year \_\_\_\_\_

Family membership \$25.00 / year \_\_\_\_\_

Student (full-time) \$10.00 / 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](http://www.fishesofessexcounty.com)

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Please contact me to volunteer at ECFNC events!

*Thank you!*

*Make cheques payable to: Essex County Field Naturalists' Club*

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