



2026-2027

Speakers and Outings



Brown Marmorated Stink Bug Photo by Jeff Hiebert

Membership

Membership form is located at:
<https://norfolknature.org/membership/>
You may submit your payment by e-transfer to Treasurer.NFN@gmail.com OR by cheque.

If you have any questions or wish to learn more details about joining, send an email to: info@norfolkfieldnaturalists.org

Fees are:

- Individual Adult: \$30
- Family: \$50
- Life Individual Adult: \$500
- Life Family: \$750

Donations to NFN are appreciated.
Charitable Registration #119058691

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About Norfolk Nature

NN members participate in monthly meetings from September to May.

Guest speakers present programs on interesting and relevant natural history and conservation issues. Field outings to local areas of interest to naturalists are held throughout the year.

Club members receive *The Lotus*, a newsletter with articles on our natural history and club activities. Norfolk Nature has taken an active role in protecting local areas of natural significance by participating in planning exercises and helping other groups raise funds for land acquisition and protection. NN is the steward of Rowanwood, a natural sanctuary on Big Creek near Walsingham.

Meetings: Meetings are held at the Simcoe Recreation Centre, 182 South Drive, Simcoe.

Field Outings: Bring binoculars and field guides if you have them. Please wear clothing and footwear appropriate for the weather and hiking conditions. Pre-registration is required. It is always a good idea to call for directions, information on trail conditions, what to bring, and any last-minute changes. No pets please.

Come join us!

Meetings

September 2026 to May 2027 — Second Tuesday (except for October), 7:00 p.m.

September 8 at 7:00 p.m.

“Snakes of Ontario”

Don Scallen of the Halton North Peel Naturalist Club will talk to us about the many snakes of Ontario – those limbless, scaly, elongate reptiles - that live in our province.

Annual Meeting

October 20 at 7:00 p.m.

“A Pileated Woodpecker Story”

Anca Gaston will show a film in which she follows the adventures of a pair from the time they find a nesting tree to their young fledging.

November 10 at 7:00 p.m.

“An Amateur’s Fossil Adventures in the High Rockies”

Beth Gilhespy will give a terrific presentation about her time volunteering on a Royal Ontario Museum fossil dig at a new Burgess Shale site in the Rockies.

December 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Members’ Night

Members are invited to email up to 20 electronic photos or a short video no more than 10 minutes long of nature events or trips to info@norfolkfieldnaturalists.org. (Please only send 5 at a time as email systems may not handle a larger volume per each piece of email.) Members may also bring a USB stick to the meeting.

January 12 at 7:00 p.m.

“Bruce Trail: 856 kms of Discovery”

Acclaimed teacher, Audrey Armstrong, and award-winning photographer, Willy Waterton will lead us through a pictorial presentation of their end-to-end hike of the Bruce Trail.

February 9 at 7:00 p.m.

“All About Whip-poor-wills”

Lauren Weeks, a Master’s student at the University of Waterloo and one of our winners of the 2025 Harry B. Barrett Bursary will be telling us about her work with these interesting birds.

March 9 at 7:00 p.m.

“Songbird Ecology Evolution”

Beth MacDougall-Shackleton, a professor at Western University, will tell us about some of her current songbird research.

April 13 at 7:00 p.m.

“Penguins of Antarctica”

David Brewer, a Norfolk Nature member, will provide information about the various penguin species which make Antarctica home.

May 11 at 7:00 p.m.

“The Benefits of Gardening with Native Plants”

Kevin Kavanaugh of South Coast Gardens will give us another presentation about the benefits of gardening with native plants.

Special Events

Christmas Bird Counts

Join one of the local Christmas Bird Counts and spend the day in the field identifying and counting all the birds you see or hear. Data collected during these annual events provides vital information on the distribution of winter bird populations.

Saturday, December 19, 2026

Long Point Count (Norfolk County)

Contact Stu Mackenzie,

stu.a.mackenzie@gmail.com

Sunday, December 20, 2026

Woodhouse Count (Norfolk County)

Contact Adam Timpf, adam.timpf@gmail.com

Monday, December 28, 2026

Fisherville Count (Haldimand County)

Contact: Sarah Sharp,

sarahgrace273@gmail.com

Long Point Butterfly Count

Saturday, July 3, 2027

This all-day event is like a Christmas Bird Count and involves identifying and counting local butterflies. Join one of our “winged jewels” experts and help tabulate the species and numbers of butterflies in Long Point and surrounding area — part of the North America-wide annual count. Contact Adam Timpf, adam.timpf@gmail.com for details.