

The Huron Fringe Birding Festival uses online registration and payment at www.friendsofmacgregor.org.

We limit the number of participants on each event for your enjoyment and out of respect for the environment. Additional events may be added and incorporated into the registration process on the website.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All events start promptly at the Visitor Centre in MacGregor Point Provincial Park. Please arrive 15 minutes early so that groups can depart on time. Morning events usually return to the Visitor Centre by 11:30 am; afternoon events by 4:30 pm. Field Trip Information is found at the end of the Schedule of Events.

Viewing scopes will be available at the Viewing Tower on the Tower Trail 8:30 am to noon on Saturdays and Sundays.

Coffee and pastries are available in the Visitor Centre every morning. The Southampton Rotary hosts a BBQ lunch from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm daily.

FRIDAY MAY 22

All Day

- A1 6:00 am **BIRDING THE 45TH PARALLEL** – Michael Carlson
Bruce Road 9 is known as the 45th Parallel Road. Michael will explore birding opportunities on the Bruce Peninsula near this latitude. *(easy, car-pool, bring lunch)* (limit 20)
- A2 6:30 am **LOVING LAGOONS IN LOWER BRUCE** – Judith King
Explore the Ripley and Kincardine lagoons, and then the shore of Lake Huron. The emphasis will be on warblers, with as many as 20 species possible at the lagoons. *(easy, car-pool, bring lunch)* (limit 20)
- A3 6:30 am **BIRDING INVERHURON & AREA** – Marshall Byle
During this birding adventure we will visit Inverhuron Provincial Park and the Tiverton lagoons. In the park explore ancient dunes, river banks and varied forests. *(easy, car-pool, bring lunch)* (limit 20)

Morning

- A4 7:00 am **BIRDING MacGREGOR'S BOUNDARY** – Mike Burrell
Join Mike for a morning of birding some of the hotspots around the edge of MacGregor Point. We will rack up a surprising list without going too far. *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 20)
- A5 7:30 am **BIRDS OF WOODLAND, WETLAND & FOREST EDGE: TOWER TRAIL** – Justin Peter
Diverse habitat along the Tower Trail makes it a mecca for an eclectic mix of warblers, flycatchers and thrushes. Justin will help us find these birds and will share tips about bird behaviour. *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 20)

Afternoon

- A6 1:30 pm **BIRDING OLD SHORE ROAD TRAIL SOUTH** – Mike Burrell
Join Mike for a leisurely walk in search of songbirds, waterbirds and probably a few reptiles and amphibians. There will be a special stop on the new boardwalk at Watersnake pond. *(easy)* (limit 20)
- A7 1:30 pm **NATURE RAMBLE – TOWER TRAIL** – Terry Crabe
Ramble along the Tower Trail to the Ducks Unlimited wetland. This event is geared for a wide level of birders who simply want to enjoy the MacGregor Point landscape. *(easy)* (limit 20)
- A8 1:30 pm **PHOTOGRAPHING THE MacGREGOR POINT SHORELINE** – Kerry Jarvis
This photography workshop will explore the park shoreline. Kerry will share photographic tips and techniques. Open to all skill levels. Tripods are recommended. *(easy, car-pool, bring compact and/or digital SLR)* (limit 12)

FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

Difficulty levels

Easy – Walking leisurely on groomed and maintained trails. Walking shoes are recommended. Participants should be able to walk up to 1.5 kilometres (1 mile) without any problems.

Moderate – Walking on maintained trails some of which may be rough or rocky. Brisk walking may be required to get from one location to another in a timely manner. Participants should be able to walk up to 4.5 kilometres (3 miles) without any problems.

Difficult – Walking on trails that have uneven terrain. There may be some walking off trail. Participants should be able to negotiate walking on slippery surfaces, where there is unsure footing or where they are climbing over rocks and logs.

Car-pooling

Walkie-talkies enhance your birding experience while driving. We encourage you to bring your own for the events. We have some to share, but not enough for every vehicle. To reduce our carbon footprint, we encourage car-pooling. If you are a passenger, please consider giving a donation to the driver to help with expenses.

Festival headquarters are at MacGregor Point Provincial Park, located approximately five kilometres south of Port Elgin, Ontario on the shore of Lake Huron. The park address is: MacGregor Point Provincial Park, 1593 Bruce Road 33, Port Elgin, Ontario, Canada NOH 2C5

2015 FESTIVAL FEES

PACKAGE RATES

INDIVIDUAL:

8 Day Festival \$140 4 Day Weekend \$100
Saturday & Sunday/Family Weekend \$75

STUDENT:

8 Day Festival \$85 4 Day Weekend \$60
Saturday & Sunday/Family Weekend \$45

CHILD:*

8 Day Festival \$55 4 Day Weekend \$40
Saturday & Sunday/Family Weekend \$30

* 5 - 12 accompanied by an adult

SINGLE EVENT FEES

Please Note: Single Event Fees Only Apply If you are **NOT** Purchasing a Festival or Weekend Pass.

HALF DAY EVENT: Individual \$20 / Student \$15 / Child \$9

EVENING EVENT: Individual \$10 / Student \$10 / Child \$8

ALL DAY EVENT: Individual \$40 / Student \$30 / Child \$18

All additional fees are listed per event / Fees include Park entrance fee.

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Contact the registrar at birdfest@rogers.com or phone 519-389-6231 for contact information

Detailed refund information is available on the website.

Evening

- A9 7:15 pm **TIPS & TECHNIQUES ON WATERFOWL IDENTIFICATION** – Fred Jazvac
Headaches caused by difficult waterfowl identification can't be solved by aspirin. Fred will present tips and techniques used to deal with the complications that waterfowl present to birders. *(indoors)* (limit 60)

SATURDAY MAY 23

All Day

- A10 6:00 am **CAPE CROKER – FROM BLUFFS TO SHORES** – Joy Albrecht
Explore abandoned fields, Georgian Bay shoreline and wetlands of the Cape Croker peninsula. We will also visit the woodlands of Malcolm Bluff Shores Nature Reserve. *(moderate, car-pool, bring lunch)* (limit 20)
- A11 6:30 am **HURON SHORE TO MALCOLM BLUFFS** – Mike Burrell
We'll cover all the birding bases – shorebirds, ducks, grassland and forest birds. You'll be amazed at the diversity. We may even find a Cerulean Warbler on territory. *(easy, car-pool, bring lunch)* (limit 20)
- A12 6:30 am **BIRDING SOUTH BRUCE PENINSULA** – Todd Pepper
The southern Bruce Peninsula boasts varied habitats within the Huron Fringe and along the Niagara Escarpment. Participants will benefit from Todd's knowledge of birdsong and breeding bird behaviour. *(easy, car-pool, bring lunch)* (limit 20)

Morning

6:00 am to noon **BIRD BANDING** – Brendan Toews

- A13 6:00 am **BIRDING BY EAR** – Michael Carlson
Do you have difficulty remembering songs/calls and which birds make them? Michael is a natural at mnemonics. This field workshop will help you solve the mysteries of birdsong. *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 20)
- A14 6:00 am **SEX & THE SINGLE WARBLER** – Mark Wiercinski
In nature, spring is all about sex and Mark is the right one to make sure you know what it's all about. *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 20)
- A15 7:00 am **BIRDING MacGREGOR'S BOUNDARY** – Justin Peter
Join Justin as he explores old fields, edge habitat and abandoned orchards around the edges of MacGregor Point. We will use soundscape (birdsong) to find birds effectively. *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 20)
- A16 8:00 am **BIRDING THE EDGE** – Terry Crabe
Bird the Lake Huron shoreline on a leisurely walk along the Old Shore Road Trail. We will walk through a variety of habitats that should enable us to view a variety of birds. *(easy)* (limit 20)
- 11:00 am **EAGLE OPTICS**
During the lunch break Eagle Optics will have binoculars and scopes on display and for sale.

Afternoon

- A17 1:30 pm **KEEPING THE BIRDS & THE BEES ON THE FARM** – Art Wiebe & Janice McKean
Art and Janice will point out farming practices that enhance wildlife habitat as you walk the trails around their ponds and pastures. *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 20)
- A18 1:30 pm **A LOT TO NATURALIZE: HOW TO ATTRACT CRITTERS TO YOUR YARD** – Kerry Jarvis
Interested in turning your yard into a natural wildlife paradise? Join Kerry as he showcases his recently converted property, "Casita de Mariposa". *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 20)
- A19 1:30 pm **WOULDN'T IT BE PLOVERLY** – Stewart Nutt
Join Stew to visit endangered Piping Plover at their nesting grounds located nearby. You will observe courtship (Plovers) as well as other behaviours and learn about the perils these

birds face, and how local involvement has helped this species recover. *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 20)

- A20 1:30 pm **BEING A BLUEBIRD LANDLORD** – Dennis & Gwen Lewington
Bluebirds are cavity nesters and natural cavities are not very abundant. Dennis and Gwen will take you on their "Bluebird Trail" which they have been monitoring for over 32 years. *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 20)

Evening

- A21 4:30 pm **SOCIAL**
- 5:30 pm **BANQUET & PRESENTATION – LESSONS FROM LOONS: WHAT OUR WILDERNESS SYMBOL IS TELLING US** – Doug Tozer
The Common Loon is a popular indicator of the state of the environment. Doug will discuss revolutionary discoveries about how loons survive and reproduce and whether human activities are negatively influencing the loon's unique way of life. *(St. Paul's Anglican Church Hall, Southampton, Chicken Buffet, Harrigan's Catering)* (early bird price – \$35 extra per person; after April 15 or for banquet/presentation only – \$45 extra per person) Casual, bar available, pre-registration required, silent auction. Contact registrar by May 1 with dietary restrictions. (limit 90)

SUNDAY MAY 24

All Day

- A22 6:00 am **A BIG DAY ON THE BRUCE** – Michael Carlson
Are you a lister? Do you tick? From warblers just after dawn to Whip-poor-will at dusk, you will keep tallying up your numbers. Your day's list could be over 100 species. *(moderate, car-pool, bring lunch)* (limit 20)
- A23 6:30 am **FLOWERPOT ISLAND – A REMOTE GEORGIAN BAY HABITAT** – Don Wilkes
An exhilarating open-air jet boat will take you from Tobermory to the showcase island of Fathom Five National Marine Park. Flowerpot Island is famous for shoreline flowerpots, perched caves, rare orchids and birdwatching. If Lake Huron is too rough, a "Tip of the Bruce" tour will be a worthy ... no amazing ... substitute! *(difficult, car-pool, jet boat, bring backpack & lunch)* (\$40 extra per person) (limit 22)
- A24 8:00 am **INVERHURON – BIRDING & BOTANY HIKE** – Scott Taylor
The diversity of habitat and its shoreline location make Inverhuron Provincial Park an excellent place to look for migrating songbirds and unique plants. Join Scott on a day-long exploration. *(easy, car-pool, bring lunch)* (limit 20)

Morning

6:00 am to noon **BIRD BANDING** – Brendan Toews

- A25 6:00 am **WRESTLING WITH WARBLERS** – Mark Wiercinski
Warblers are very annoying to identify! They move around a lot and hide behind the most inconvenient leaves and branches. Mark's humour and tips about habitat and sounds will definitely keep you interested. *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 20)
- A26 7:00 am **AROUND THE EDGE OF MacGREGOR** – Ken Burrell
Birding enthusiast and expert Ken will lead us around the periphery of MacGregor Point. We will look for Indigo Bunting, Rose-breasted Grosbeak and many other bird species. *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 20)
- A27 7:30 am **BIRDING THE J/I LINE** – Todd Pepper
Grasslands are in decline and grassland bird species are in jeopardy. Join Todd on a driving tour which will concentrate on pastures in nearby Bruce County. *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 20)
- A28 8:00 am **UP WITH THE BIRDS** – Doug Martin
This hike has been a tradition since before the beginning of the festival – a morning walk along the Tower Trail to the Viewing Tower. The species list has rivalled many other events. Can we do it again? *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 20)

The Huron Fringe Birding Festival is presented by the Huron Fringe Birding Festival Committee, the Friends of MacGregor Point and MacGregor Point Provincial Park.

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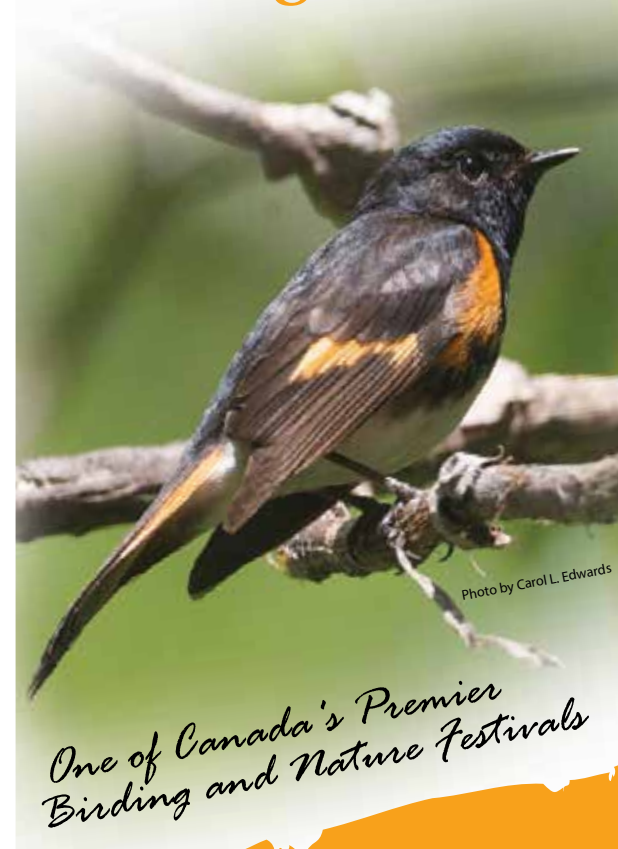


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& May 28 – May 31, 2015

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Afternoon

- A29 1:30 pm **WOULDN'T IT BE PLOVERLY** – Stewart Nutt
Join Stew to visit endangered Piping Plover at their nesting grounds located nearby. You will observe courtship (Plovers) as well as other behaviours and learn about the perils these birds face. You will find out how local involvement has helped this species recover. *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 20)
- A30 1:30 pm **TREE IDENTIFICATION USING LEAVES & NEEDLES** – Jim Coles
We will identify the conifers and the hardwoods in the vicinity of the Visitor Centre by leaf and needle characteristics. The use of botanical keys will help differentiate between species. *(easy)* (limit 20)
- A31 1:30 pm **O'KEEFE GRANGE – A HERITAGE APPLE FARM** – Bill & Lyn O'Keefe
Bill and Lyn have spent years collecting and growing over two hundred varieties of apple and pear trees. These citizen scientists will share their knowledge and passion. *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 20)
- A32 1:30 pm **DOWN & DIRTY – WILDFLOWER PHOTOGRAPHY** – Doug Pedwell
Participants will explore, through photography, the wildflowers growing along the Old Shore Road Trail. All types of cameras welcome. Be prepared to get down and dirty. *(easy, car-pool, bring camera)* (limit 15)
- A33 1:30 pm **NATURE SKETCHING & JOURNALING** – Sarah Rupert
Nature journaling documents your adventures and helps you hone your observation skills. Everyone can keep a nature journal. Sarah will show you how to start sketching and really observing nature in the field. *(easy, bring pencil & notebook)* (limit 20)

Evening

- A34 7:15 pm **WARBLERS** – Sarah Rupert
Warbler identification in the field is often obscured by brief and obstructed views. Sarah will talk about the identification features that are often missed and how we can enhance our observations. *(indoors)* (limit 60)

MONDAY MAY 25

All Day

- A35 6:00 am **HOTSPOTS OF THE LOWER BRUCE** – Alfred Raab
Habitats will be varied. We will visit Sauble Beach; Boat, Isaac and Sky lakes; grasslands around Ferndale and Black Creek Provincial Park. Alfred is a favourite leader for local birding outings. *(easy, car-pool, bring lunch)* (limit 20)
- A36 6:30 am **CABOT HEAD – A BIODIVERSITY HOTSPOT** – Rod Steinacher
This driving tour will visit the Bruce Peninsula Bird Observatory (BPBO), the Bruce Alvar Nature Reserve and a nearby Nature Conservancy property. Rod is a retired science teacher and always eager to share his knowledge. *(easy, car-pool, bring lunch)* (limit 20)
- A37 8:00 am **THE BRUCE RE-BECKONS** – Willy Waterton
Join Willy in a quest to rediscover Sherwood Fox's Bruce Peninsula, based on his landmark 1952 book "The Bruce Beckons". You will spend the day exploring Fox's Bruce. *(easy, car-pool, bring lunch)* (limit 20)

Morning

- A38 6:00 am **BRANT TRACT, PAISLEY & BLIND LINE** – Judith King
Judith will introduce you to some local birding hotspots. Mixed forest, riparian habitat and fields will be visited on this outing. *(easy, car-pool, bring water)* (limit 20)
- A39 7:00 am **BIRDING MacGREGOR** - Scott Taylor
A late spring walk around the Ducks Unlimited wetland is sure to turn up migrants. Join Scott to hear about the importance of wetlands for migrating birds and to identify some of these spring beauties. *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 20)

Afternoon

- A40 1:30 pm **FUN FROG FROLIC: OBSERVING FROGS AT MacGREGOR POINT** – Kerry Jarvis
Searching for frogs in the park can be a lot of fun! Join Kerry as he looks and listens for several species of frogs, and the American Toad. If you have them, bring close-up binoculars and camera. *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 20)
- A41 1:30 pm **BIRDING & EBIRD ENTRY** – Mike Burrell
Grab your binoculars AND your notebooks. After a short walk; Mike will introduce you to eBird. You'll find out how easy it is to contribute your observations to this massive citizen science project. *(easy)* (limit 20)
- A42 1:30 pm **BOTANY ON THE FRINGE** – Laura Cook
The Huron Fringe is made up of wave-cut terraces, gravel bars and sand dunes. Within MacGregor Point, this habitat contains unique shoreline plants including Dwarf Lake Iris. Laura will introduce you to these plants and more. *(easy)* (limit 20)

Evening

- A43 7:15 pm **ONTARIO'S TRUE NORTH** – Mike Burrell
For several years Mike has visited Ontario's little known north coast at sites on James and Hudson bays. During a visual journey of these amazing landscapes you will learn about their plants, animals and habitats. *(indoors)* (limit 60)

THURSDAY MAY 28

All Day

- B1 6:30 am **BACK ROADS OF SAUGEEN TOWNSHIP** – James Turland
The back roads offer relaxed touring and good birding. We will visit the Saugeen River, Lake Huron shoreline and numerous trails around the township. *(moderate, car-pool, bring lunch)* (limit 20)
- B2 7:30 am **GEOLOGY OF THE NORTHERN BRUCE PENINSULA** – Bob Gray
Join Bob in exploring the unique geology of the Bruce Peninsula and Ontario's Niagara Escarpment. *(easy, car-pool, bring lunch)* (limit 20)
- B3 9:00 am **BUTTERFLY WORKSHOP** – Audrey Armstrong
This workshop will teach you how to nurture butterfly populations by learning about their lifecycle. You will learn how to create monarch friendly habitat including growing your own butterfly garden. *(easy, indoor/outdoor, car-pool, bring lunch)* (limit 20)

Morning

- B4 7:30 am **BIRDING THE SAUGEEN AMPHITHEATRE** – Joy Albrecht
The amphitheatre gardens above the Saugeen River will be the setting for this hike. Stone stairways and walkways will take you to viewpoints over the river and riparian habitat. *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 20)
- B5 8:30 am **BEGINNING BIRDING FOR ADULTS** – Doug Pedwell
This event is for those who wish to learn about the world's number one hobby – Birding. Topics include binoculars, field guides and identification marks of birds. *(easy, indoor/outdoor, car-pool)* (limit 20)

Afternoon

- B6 1:30 pm **BOTANY OF THE FRINGE** – Barbara Palmer
The Huron Fringe is made up of former cobble beach ridges, swales and ancient miniature dunes. Barbara will help you identify the unique plants found here. *(easy)* (limit 12)
- B7 1:30 pm **WOULDN'T IT BE PLOVERLY** – Stewart Nutt
Join Stew to visit endangered Piping Plover at their nesting grounds located nearby. You will observe courtship (Plovers) as well as other behaviours and learn about the perils these birds face. You will find out how local involvement has helped this species recover. *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 20)

Evening

- B8 7:15 pm **THE WONDERS OF BIRD MIGRATION** – Dave Brewer
Dave gets lost in Toronto but Bobolinks navigate to Argentina.

Are they smarter than Dave? Dave's talk about bird migration will discuss navigation. He will look at historical interpretations and recent techniques including satellite tracking and geolocators. *(indoors)* (limit 60)

- B9 7:45 pm **SUNSET PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP** – Willy Waterton
After the sun sets is when some of the most stunning light occurs. This workshop will give you tips on taking images of the setting sun and twilight using cameras from smart phones to DSLRs. *(easy, bring camera or smart phone, tripod)* (limit 10)

FRIDAY MAY 29

All Day

- B10 6:30 am **MALCOLM BLUFFS & CAPE CROKER** – Alfred Raab
Bird in a variety of habitats within the Malcolm Bluffs Nature Reserve and Cape Croker peninsula. The cliffs above the shoreline provide spectacular vistas. *(moderate, car-pool, bring lunch)* (limit 20)
- B11 7:00 am **PASTURES, STREAMS & WOODLOTS** – James Turland
Pasturelands in Bruce County are home to a number of grassland species. This driving tour will take you through varied habitat and result in an extensive birding list. *(easy, car-pool, bring lunch)* (limit 20)
- B12 8:30 am **LANDSCAPE PHOTOGRAPHY** – Kerry Jarvis
Grey and Bruce counties beckon all photographers to capture their raw beauty. Learn techniques which will enhance your landscape photography skills as you discover some majestic vistas in Grey Bruce. Tripods recommended. *(easy, car-pool, bring lunch, compact or digital SLRs)* (limit 20)

Morning

- B13 7:30 am **TOWER TRAIL** – Joy Albrecht
Join Joy as she leads you along the Tower Trail, a favourite spot for local birders. Late migrant boreal forest species will be sought. You will visit the observation tower and bird blind. *(easy)* (limit 20)

Afternoon

- B14 1:30 pm **ROADSIDE BOTANY RAMBLE** – Larry Lamb
Explore various roadside habitats in the vicinity of the Visitor Centre. Learn to use identification keys and Newcomb's Wildflower Guide (bring yours along!) *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 12)
- B15 1:30 pm **DRAGONS & DAMSELS** – John Reaume
We will search for the ultimate insect predators – damselflies and dragonflies. Should the weather not cooperate we will have an indoor presentation / slide show. Binoculars and butterfly nets recommended. *(easy)* (limit 12)
- B16 1:30 pm **PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP: LANDSCAPES & NATURE WALK** – Fran Sanagan
Fran will facilitate this hands-on workshop. Participants will learn how careful observations of the environment around them will improve their photos of nature and landscapes. *(easy, bring camera/tripod)* (limit 15)

Evening

- B17 7:15 pm **BIRDING BY EAR** – John Reaume
This presentation will review tips used to study and identify birdsong. Using a technique popularized by the Peterson Field Guide's Birding by Ear series, we will learn many of the common songs heard in the spring chorus. *(indoors)* (limit 60)

SATURDAY MAY 30

All Day

- B18 6:30 am **WINGED PURSUITS – HUNTING BIRDS, BUTTERFLIES, DRAGONFLIES & DAMSELFIES** – Nathan Miller
Join Nathan as he pursues the winged jewels of MacGregor Point and Bruce County. We will focus on finding birds during the morning and insects later in the day. *(easy, car-pool, bring lunch)* (limit 20)
- B19 7:00 am **BIRDING THE INLAND LAKES** – Mike Cadman
Inland lakes serve as a bird migration route for safe passage between Lake Huron and Georgian Bay. Mike is a songbird biologist and will share his knowledge of songbirds and their habitats. *(easy, car-pool, bring lunch)* (limit 20)
- B20 8:00 am **WALKING FOR THE FERN OF IT** – Brett Woodman
Brett will introduce you to areas along the escarpment where hunting for ferns also leads to a variety of interesting habitats. His birding and wildflower identification skills will enhance this all day field trip. *(difficult, car-pool, bring lunch)* (limit 20)

Morning

- 6:00 am to noon **BIRD BANDING** – Dave Brewer
- B21 6:30 am **GRASSLAND BIRDS OF THE J/I LINE – SPECIES AT RISK** – Mark Peck
Pastureland makes it possible to find Upland Sandpiper, Bobolink, Meadowlark, Grasshopper and Clay-coloured Sparrow. Join Mark to have great looks at these and other grassland specialties. *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 20)
- B22 8:00 am **BIRDING THE OLD SHORE ROAD TRAIL** – Bill Crins
Fen and edge habitats along the Lake Huron shoreline are featured during this walk north from the Visitor Centre. Bill is an active birder and interpretive naturalist. *(easy)* (limit 20)
- B23 9:00 am **SCOPING IT OUT** – Andalyne & Richard Tofflemire
It's more than just identifying what you see. We will focus on how birds and bugs interact with each other. But don't expect to cover a lot of distance because there's soo... much to see right at your feet and above your head! *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 20)

Afternoon

- B24 1:30 pm **PUZZLED BY SEDGES?** – Bill Crins
"Sedges have edges, rushes are round and grasses are hollow right up from the ground." Bill will provide you with tips about identification and open your eyes to a new world on the forest floor. *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 12)
- B25 1:30 pm **ROADSIDE BOTANY RAMBLE** – Larry Lamb
Explore various roadside habitats in the vicinity of the Visitor Centre. Learn to use identification keys and Newcomb's Wildflower Guide (bring yours along!) *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 12)
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Bill and Lyn have spent years collecting and growing over two hundred varieties of apple and pear trees. These citizen scientists will share their knowledge and passion. *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 20)
- B27 1:30 pm **PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP: LOOKING AT MacGREGOR CLOSE UP** – Fran Sanagan
Fran will be facilitating this hands-on workshop where participants will learn how to look at nature close up, through a macro setting or lens. *(easy, car-pool, bring camera/tripod)* (limit 20)

Evening

- B28 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm **BRUCE COUNTY BEEF DINNER** – Harrigan's Catering, Southampton
(MacGregor Point Provincial Park, additional charge of \$17. Dinner combined with B29 as a single event \$23. Pre-registration required) (limit 60)
- B29 7:15 pm **ONTARIO NEST RECORD SCHEME & PROJECT NESTWATCH** – Mark Peck
Join Mark as he discusses the metamorphosis of the Ontario Nest Records Scheme into Project NestWatch. Learn how as a citizen scientist you can have fun providing valuable information to conservation initiatives. *(indoors)* (limit 60)
- B30 9:15 pm **AN EVENING OF ASTRONOMY – WHAT'S UP IN THE NIGHT SKY FOR 2015** – John Hlynialuk
John will talk about sky events for 2015. Outdoors, weather permitting, members of the Bluewater Astronomical Society will make their telescopes available for viewing the night sky. *(indoors/outdoors)* (limit 30)

SUNDAY MAY 31

All Day

- B31 6:30 am **DEBATING THE ISSUES – BIRDING BAYVIEW TO BOGNOR** – Mark Wiercinski
Invasive species, forest fragmentation, hedgerow removal and wetland modifications are happening in southern Ontario. On this walking / driving tour Mark will talk about issues affecting bird populations. *(difficult, car-pool, bring lunch)* (limit 20)
- B32 8:00 am **BIRDS & BEACHES: HOW DO OUR BEACHES LOOK FROM THE SKY?** – Karen Alexander
During this shoreline tour of varied coastal areas, Karen will describe how different types of beach stewardship can influence the health and quality of coastal ecosystems. *(easy, car-pool, bring lunch)* (limit 20)

Morning

- 6:00 am to noon **BIRD BANDING** – Dave Brewer
- B33 7:00 am **BEYOND ID – FOREST BIRD MONITORING** – Mike Cadman
You will visit monitoring stations along the Lake Ridge Trail where Mike will demonstrate the field protocol for conducting the Forest Bird Survey. Mike will highlight signs of breeding birds. *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 20)
- B34 8:00 am **BEYOND ID – NEST FINDING** – Mark Peck
You will take your love of birding to the next level. Find out how citizen scientists provide valuable conservation information, improve their observation skills and learn about the behaviour of breeding birds. *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 20)

Afternoon

- B35 1:30 pm **BIRDS OF PREY** – Wild Ontario
Enthusiastic, knowledgeable staff and volunteers are supported by non-releasable birds of prey during a program that is loaded with fantastic facts, a healthy dose of humour, an inspiring message and lots of "WOW" moments. *(outdoors)*
- B36 1:30 pm **BEYOND ID – SHRUBS & TREES** – Bob Gray
Bob will help you use identifying features, including bark characteristics and leaf shape, to identify trees and shrubs found in a variety of habitats within the park. *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 12)

Evening

- B37 8:00 pm **SUNSET WALK** – Doug Pedwell
Join Doug for a leisurely stroll along the shore of Lake Huron to discover the sights, sounds and smells of a late May evening in MacGregor Point Provincial Park. *(easy)* (limit 20)

FAMILY WEEKEND

One parent/guardian must accompany children from the same family. This person is allowed to participate in the event free of charge. See the website for parent/guardian registration details.

SATURDAY MAY 30

Morning

- 6:00 am to noon **BIRD BANDING** – Dave Brewer
- FAM1 9:00 am **BIRDING 101 FOR FAMILIES** – Doug Pedwell
Birding is a family-friendly hobby. Doug will talk about the equipment needed, how to recognize family friendly field guides and, of course, how to identify birds. (limit 40)

Afternoon

- FAM2 1:30 pm **AFTERNOON ADVENTURES** *(Children will be divided into two groups. Each child will attend both afternoon programs.)* (limit 40)
- BINO BOY & ELYTRA GIRL** – Andalyne & Richard Tofflemire
Time to go on an outdoor adventure! With Bino Boy's binocular vision and Elytra Girl's power of magnifying, we'll be out to discover all that can be found in an exciting, entertaining way!
AND CHICKADEE NEST BOXES – Kerry Jarvis
Build your own chickadee nest box. No carpentry skills are required. Imagine the thrill of seeing a Black-capped Chickadee choose your nest box to raise its family! *(Chickadee nest box kit - \$10 extra per child)*

Evening

- FAM3 7:15 pm **DOWN WITH DR. ENTO – CAMPFIRE PROGRAM** – Matt Cunliffe
Fascinated by the insect world? Learn more about these incredible creepy crawlers from world renowned Dr. Ento... Mologist through songs, games and trivia! 6 legs, 3 body parts, 1 campfire

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Morning

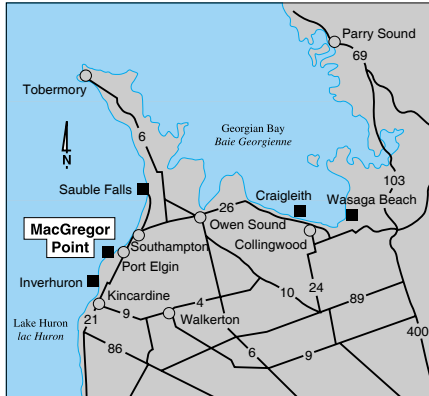
- FAM4 9:00 am **MORNING EXPLORATIONS** *(Children will be divided into two groups. Each child will attend both morning programs.)* (limit 40)
- POND EXPLORATION** – Andalyne & Richard Tofflemire
Join Richard and Andalyne for an informal, hands-on look at the critters that make the pond their home. Dip nets, basins and hand lenses will help us see the often unseen animals that live in pond water.
AND BIRDING 102 FOR FAMILIES – Doug Pedwell
This hike will take place at the Duck's Unlimited wetland where we will use the bird blind and the tower to see what is in the wetlands. *(car required)*

Afternoon

- FAM5 1:30 pm **BIRDS OF PREY** – Wild Ontario
Enthusiastic, knowledgeable staff and volunteers are supported by non-releasable birds of prey during a program that is loaded with fantastic facts, a healthy dose of humour, an inspiring message and lots of "WOW" moments. *(outdoors)*

MacGREGOR POINT PROVINCIAL PARK

MacGregor Point Provincial Park's location on the shore of Lake Huron sets the stage for our festival. Our backdrop for the festival includes the migratory flyway along Lake Huron, Bruce and Grey counties and the beautiful Bruce Peninsula. We attract hike and event leaders from across Ontario and beyond.



THE FRIENDS OF MacGREGOR POINT

The Friends of MacGregor Point present this Festival as one way to ensure the preservation of the natural legacy of MacGregor Point for future generations. For information about the Friends and events planned for 2015 visit our website www.friendsofmacgregor.org Park camping reservations - www.ontarioparks.com Local tourist information - www.sunsets.com