



# THE SPOTTED TURTLE



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FRIENDS OF MACGREGOR POINT PARK "Naturally Connected"

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Photo: Sarah Martin

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

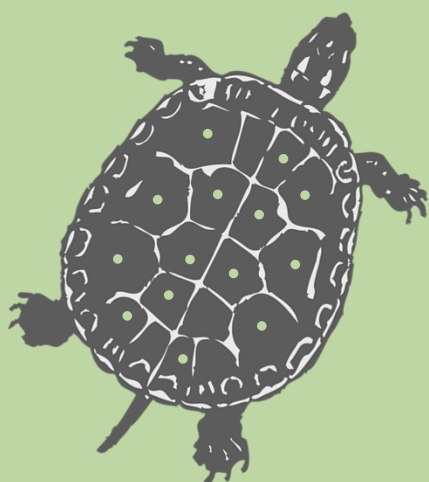
Greetings . . .

The warm sunny days of September have given way to the cooler cloudy days of October. Another busy summer season at MacGregor Point Park has drawn to a close. As fall strengthens its grip, the birds are no longer as vocal (many have already departed on their fall migration to the sunny south), the mosquitoes are no longer a bother and the green leaves of summer are now changing to the vibrant reds, yellows and oranges that we all tend to enjoy before they let loose and fall, heralding the winter that will surely follow. Even some of the poison ivy is sporting bright red leaves. Over the summer the Huron Fringe Gift Shop has been very busy. I thank Kevin and Corina Wain, the gift shop managers, for the time and effort

they have put into seeing that everything ran smoothly. Thanks also to the summer staff, and the Visitor Centre and campground hosts for their dedication to this cause.

Your Board of Directors continues to be active. How to replace a section of boardwalk on the Old Shore Road Trail so that interpretive enhancements/reflection points can be incorporated into the design is under discussion. Other areas of boardwalk that will need attention in the not too distant future are the sections in Ash Swamp and around Turtle Pond – two very important boardwalks as many of the interpretive programs are conducted in these areas. Also, in an attempt to increase the awareness of the Friends

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name around the park and the community, we are starting to look at the possibility of changing/updating the Friends' logo.

Unfortunately this year, due to a lack of volunteers, the annual Wild for the Arts weekend had to be cancelled. From comments made to me at the Friends' booth at Pumpkinfest, this was a disappointment to many in the community. On a positive note, several of the Board members have expressed a willingness to look into reviving this festival. We will be holding a brainstorming meeting this fall for ideas on how to proceed. Revival of WFTA will depend on volunteers coming forward. It is a large undertaking and requires several dedicated volunteers to see it through from initial planning to final clean up. If you are interested in helping with this project, or if you know of someone you think would be, please contact the FOMPP as soon as possible. We look forward to hearing from you.

In closing I urge one and all to come out and enjoy everything your park has to offer this fall.

Bruce McKechnie

1. Colouring is one way to shift the brain's attention and focus.
2. It's relaxing and makes you feel happy.
3. Colouring activates the creative side of the brain and trains your brain to focus.
4. Colouring is an active form of meditation and decreases stress levels.
5. It reminds you of the carefree days of childhood and helps you express your feelings.
6. Colouring gives you a chance to be social—due to rising popularity this often solo activity is becoming a social group hobby.
7. Easy—No skill is required, just crayons or pencil crayons.
8. Colouring helps your fine motor skills and vision.
9. Colouring gives the individual a sense of achievement.
10. Colouring reduces stress and anxiety.
11. Colouring is FUN! Try it below . . . .

## The BENEFITS of COLOURING for ADULTS





# REUSE REDUCE RECYCLE

By Sarah Martin, Editor

## TYPES OF PLASTICS AND WHAT THEY MEAN

THERE ARE SEVEN TYPES OF PLASTICS AVAILABLE TODAY. THE NUMBER IS A RESIN IDENTIFICATION CODE ASSOCIATED WITH THE PLASTIC TYPE. SOME PLASTICS ARE HEALTHIER AND MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY THAN OTHERS, AND SOME ARE NOT. SOME ARE EASIER TO RECYCLE AND OTHERS ARE NOT. THIS LIST HELPS DECIPHER EACH TYPE!



### **POLYETHYLENE TEREPHTHALATE | TAKES 5-10 YEARS TO BREAKDOWN**

FIZZY DRINK BOTTLES AND FROZEN READY MEAL PACKAGES

These containers are usually clear and considered generally safe, but are known to have a porous surface allowing bacteria to accumulate so don't reuse too many times. These containers are also the most common type permitted in curbside recycling programs.

### **HIGH DENSITY POLYETHYLENE | TAKES 100 YEARS TO BREAKDOWN**

MILK BOTTLES AND WASHING UP LIQUID BOTTLES

This material is usually opaque in colour. This plastic is considered safe and of low risk of leaching. Like Plastic #1 this container is also commonly picked up at curbside.



### **POLYVINYL CHLORIDE | TAKES 1000 YEARS TO BREAKDOWN**

FOOD TRAYS, CLING FILM, BOTTLES FOR MINERAL WATER, COOKING OIL & SHAMPOO

This is a tough plastic but not safe to cook food near it - especially the microwave! You should minimize the use of these products in food due to potential contaminants. This type of plastic isn't always collected by the neighbourhood recycling truck.

### **LOW DENSITY POLYETHYLENE | TAKES 500 YEARS TO BREAKDOWN**

GROCERY CARRIER BAGS, BIN LINERS, FOOD WRAPS & SQUEEZABLE BOTTLES

This plastic is generally considered safe for general household use. This plastic is also one that some curbside recycling programs take, and others do not. Check your area!



### **POLYPROPYLENE | TAKES 1000 YEARS TO BREAKDOWN**

MARGARINE TUBS, WIDE MOUTH CONTAINERS, MICROWAVABLE MEAL TRAYS

Like plastic #4, this plastic is generally considered safe and is increasingly included in the plastics picked up by curbside recycling programs. This plastic is also commonly used for medicine bottles, ketchup bottles and straws.

### **POLYSTYRENE | TAKES 1,000,000 YEARS TO BREAKDOWN**

YOGHURT POTS, FOAM MEAT OR FISH TRAYS, HAMBURGER BOXES AND EGG CARTONS, PLASTIC CULINARY, PROTECTIVE PACKAGING FOR ELECTRONIC GOODS AND TOYS

Increasing research shows this type of container leaches potentially toxic chemicals when heated. This plastic is often difficult to recycle and most often not collected at curbside.



### **OTHER | TIME VARIES TO BREAKDOWN**

ANY OTHER PLASTICS THAT DON'T FALL WITHIN A CATEGORY ABOVE. FOR EXAMPLE MELAMINE WHICH IS OFTEN USED IN PLATES AND CUPS

This plastic is a catch all and is found to include the commonly known BPA. This plastic is also difficult to recycle, often not accepted at curbside, and some scientists suggest using caution with this type of plastic for food related use. Given recent environmental awareness plastic #7 is also titled for materials made from corn, sugar cane and potato starch which are safer and more biodegradable. Be aware of the type when you see this number.

Article written with materials from outlawQ8, good housekeeping, Eartheasy Blog, and Eco-Mentors Program.

# 'UFO' Invasions Real, Costly: Scientist

## 'Unwanted Foreign Organisms' are wiping out native species.

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WATERLOO — As a young researcher working on an acid rain project, Tom Stohlgren remembers climbing in the foothills of California's Sierra Nevada, and noticing that all the grasses and plants around him were not native, but invasive species from Europe.

He didn't think much of it at the time, intent as he was on researching what was then "the" big environmental concern. But today, acid rain, while still a serious environmental concern, has moved from the front pages as industries install scrubbers and technology improves. Stohlgren now devotes his professional life to fighting invasive species, which he believes represent the most serious environmental threat of the 21st century.

They're what Stohlgren playfully calls UFOs — unwanted foreign organisms — and human actions are accelerating the pace at which they're invading, he argues.

"This is a biological wildfire. This is Darwin on steroids," he said. "Things are changing very rapidly."



Dr Tom Stohlgren, scientist at Colorado State.  
Photo: Rod Frketich, Record staff

When the continents were all one big land mass about 240 million years ago, animals and plants moved freely from one to the other. But today's exponential growth in global trade and transportation are creating new collisions with the continents, and the species they contain, every day, he argues.

Stohlgren, a senior research scientist at Colorado State University with a bizarre fondness for Hawaiian shirts, is this year's TD Walter Bean visiting professor. He is at the

University of Waterloo for two weeks, giving talks and workshops and meeting with professors and graduate students. Members of the public can hear him speak at a free talk next Thursday at the university's Humanities Theatre.

Invaders of all kinds — zebra mussels and Asian carp in our waterways, emerald ash borers, gypsy moths and Asian long-horned beetles attacking our forests, and diseases like West Nile virus and Asian H1N1 flu — are exacting a huge cost to the economy, to our environment and to human health, he argues.

The economic cost, of trying to contain the invaders, of decreased crop production and the need for increased and new pesticides, of losses of forest resources, is estimated at \$120 billion a year in the United States. "That's more than fires, earthquakes, hurricanes, all natural disasters combined, and yet our effort isn't there," Stohlgren said.

There's also a huge cost to human health, he says, as diseases like West Nile and Lyme disease affect people's lives forever.

While some might argue that change is normal and that it shouldn't be surprising to see some species die out, Stohlgren says the loss of biodiversity has a real cost. "One-quarter of your pharmaceuticals come from pretty rare species in the tropical rain forests," he says. When an invader pushes out a native species, it might be killing off the next promising cancer-fighting drug.

Invasive species can have unintended consequences. The introduction of lake trout in Yellowstone National Park pushed out native cutthroat trout. "Because the lake trout live deep, the eagles and the (grizzly) bears can't get their fish."

Other costs are less tangible. He has a postcard from Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming that shows a meadow filled with invasive plants. "I'm seeing Europe in our national park," he said. "When we lose our biological integrity, we lose a little bit of our cultural integrity."

Solutions are at hand, says Stohlgren. Increasing awareness would get people to understand that releasing pets into the wild, getting on a plane when you're sick, or moving firewood, are perfect ways to spread invaders. We need to boost inspections of cargo and send in a rapid-response strike force to stop invasions early.

*For the original article and further information please visit: <http://www.therecord.com/news-story/5467950--ufo-invasions-real-costly-scientist/#>*

# A note from the Plover Lovers . . .



The Plover Lovers would like to thank the Friends of MacGregor Point and its members for their support over the past summer. Several of our Plover Monitoring volunteers were active members of the Friends, and this demonstrates their commitment to the environment and Species at Risk in Ontario.

The Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*) is a small shorebird which shares nesting habitat with beach goers. In 2015, 75 known pairs were monitored on the Great Lakes, including 4 nests at Sauble Beach. Volunteers spent time at Sauble Beach providing information to people on the beach about these birds, their nesting habits and their success rate.

At Sauble Beach there were a total of 15 adult birds on the beach; however, only 8 formed nesting pairs. The result was that there were 15 eggs, 8 chicks, and three chicks that fledged. Each of these chicks is wearing identifying bands that indicate they were hatched at Sauble Beach in 2015. They will be spending their winter in Florida or Texas on the Gulf coast and will return to the Great Lakes in the spring of 2016.

Piping Plovers are an endangered species of shore bird that have returned to Lake Huron and Georgian Bay after a 30-year absence. Plover Lovers are volunteer monitors who, by serving as citizen scientists on the beach, help ensure the birds' recovery in Ontario. Visit their Facebook page and like "Plover Lovers".

- Norah Toth, Friends Member, Recording Secretary



PHOTO: DENIS LANGLOIS/THE SUN TIMES

## Okay, So I'm a little slow . . .

On behalf of our readers I would like to wish Gregor MacGregor a Happy (belated) 40th Birthday! On August 1, 2015 the Visitor Centre Staff celebrated Gregor's birthday with a cake and live reptile show by Sciensational Sssnakes!

Gregor began her life in a West Virginia wetland, then was a young boy's pet. When he graduated from University he hoped she could be released at Algonquin Provincial Park but this was outside her normal habitat range. The Visitor Centre staff were happy to welcome her as a teaching turtle. She has since been a loving member of our family for close to 15 years!

*Happy Birthday Gregor!!!*



## DID YOU KNOW ...

Gregor is a Spotted Turtle (*Clemmys guttata*), an endangered species in this area. This turtle is recognized by the spots on the carapace (top shell), and reaches an average length of 10 centimeters by adulthood. Spotted Turtles make their homes in shallow fresh water areas, marshes, meadows and bogs.

Due to their endangered status **PLEASE REPORT ANY SIGHTINGS!**



## UPCOMING EVENTS AT MACGREGOR POINT

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### **Weekly Events at MacGregor Point Provincial Park Visitor Centre**

The Visitor Centre is closing for the winter season but be sure to come back in the spring for a series of interpretive programs including: Meet the Naturalist; Children's Programs; Guided Hikes; Outdoor Recreation; Guest Speakers and Special Events as scheduled.

Please note the Huron Fringe Gift Shop is also closed until the spring season. Be sure to check out all the new and exciting products when the store opens again in the spring!

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### **Saugeen Shores Christmas Bird Count**

December 30th, 2015 (Snow Date January 2nd, 2016)

A dedicated group of volunteers will identify and record bird species in MacGregor Point Provincial Park and surrounding area. Come out and help count our area birds! Confirmed attendance is required prior to the event. Please contact event organizer, Norah Toth, at [ntoth@rogers.com](mailto:ntoth@rogers.com) or 519-376-2918 for meeting time and location!

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### **Huron Fringe Birding Festival Registration Active**

February 1st, 2016

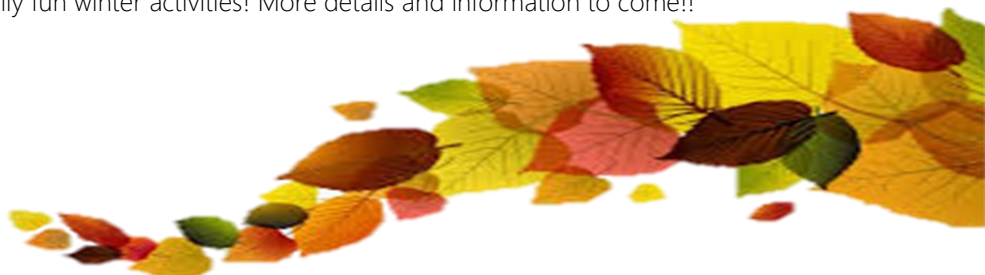
2016 Birding Festival Registration goes live. Be sure to register early to get into your favourite hikes and events at this award winning festival! For more information visit: [www.huronfringebirdingfestival.ca](http://www.huronfringebirdingfestival.ca)

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### **Family Day Weekend and Snowfest**

February 13th-15th, 2016

Come out to the park for some family fun winter activities! More details and information to come!!



For more information and full program details visit [www.friendsofmacgregor.org](http://www.friendsofmacgregor.org), email us at [fompp@bmts.com](mailto:fompp@bmts.com) or call the Visitor Centre at 519-389-6232

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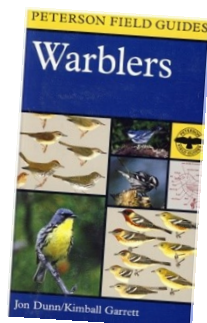


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CONFIRM YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 11

Warblers can be tricky birds to identify, learn some tips and tricks . . .

Try the Peterson Field Guide to Warblers.



The *Peterson Warblers* field guide is a great resource tool in the field for novice to expert. This guide includes all 60 species with field markings, habitats, mating facts and vocalization calls. Over 140 colour photographs and colour distribution range maps are great tools to help distinguish the various types of Warblers.

## VISITOR CENTRE & HURON FRINGE SHOP



The Visitor Centre and Huron Fringe Gift Shop are now on fall/winter hours, open for special events only. Be sure to check back in the spring for new exhibits and information about MacGregor Point!

- Meet one of MacGregor Point's critters
- Shop for a field guide or nature gift
- Learn something new from the Visitor Centre Staff
- Learn about the Park and area features
- Discover something in the many displays and educational tools and resources
- Come out in the spring and see the new exciting nature related stock in the store!

I want



s'MORE

Glorify your s'more by trying these delicious combinations . . .

- Use hazelnut spread, peanut butter, or your favourite jam.
- Add bananas or strawberries. Try a peanut butter chocolate cup.
- Mix it up with two chocolate chip, oatmeal or sugar cookies.
- Use dark chocolate, mint chocolate, or your favourite chocolate bar!

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

for **May 27 to May 30**, and **June 2 to June 5**, 2016

for next year's Huron Fringe Birding Festival.

Registration starts on February 1st, 2016

Program details are available before the festival on the Friend's website:

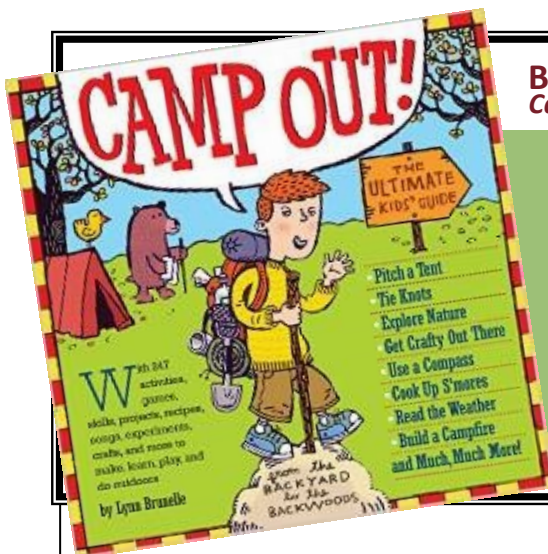
[www.huronfringebirdingfestival.ca](http://www.huronfringebirdingfestival.ca)

Visit our blog for more information on the festival:

<https://huronfringefest.wordpress.com/>







**BOOK OF THE ISSUE**  
*Camp Out! The Ultimate Kids Guide* by Lynn Brunelle

*Camp Out! – The Ultimate Kids' Guide* would make a brilliant Christmas present for those buying for kids of all ages. Complete with 174 activities, games, skills, projects, recipes, songs, experiments, crafts, and more to make, learn, play, and do outdoors! This would also make the perfect activity book to keep at Grandma and Grandpas house for activity ideas for rainy days. I think I might buy one for myself for when I babysit!

*Camp Out! – The Ultimate Kids' Guide* can be purchased from the Huron Fringe Gift Shop for \$10, or \$8.49 with your Friends Membership Card. Note: The Visitor Centre is currently closed for the season - Look for this book in the spring!

*Bookworm Kathleen, 2015 Visitor Centre Staff*

**Are you Camping with children or grandchildren?  
 Give these activities a try to avoid the saying . . . "I'm Bored"**

1. *Scavenger Hunt* - Search for pinecones, maple leaves, snail shells, rocks of certain colours. For small kids make sure everyone has a buddy when they are out exploring!
2. *Camping Olympics* - long jump on a beach, relay races in a play field, use a rope for tying up your camping equipment and play tug-o-war! Younger kids can skip stones or balance like a tree.
3. *Campfire Story Contest* - kids love to tell funny stories and love hearing them. Share funny camping experiences, play a word game, or play the sentence game and each new player finishes another's sentence.
4. *Cloud Watching* - spread out a blanket in the shade and look up to the sky. Use the alphabet to find cloud shapes like apple, bear, cat etc.
5. *Pre Pack Crafts* - before you head off on the trip pack some basic craft materials including glue, scissors, markers, paper etc. Sketch nature pictures, keep an art journal, or fun making leaf rubbings.
6. *Rainy Day Exploring* - rain is no longer a damper on a summer camping trip when you plan for a fun nature walk splashing in the puddles! Make sure you pack an extra pair of socks, pants and any necessary rain gear.
7. *Get a nature guidebook like this month's "Book of the Issue"!*



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# NATURE

## has a sense of humour

As fall continues, the spring migration is long gone. The canopy of the forest shrouds our view and we all have probably realized that this might be a more difficult time to spot those special bird species we've been searching for. At the same time, the birds we see more often might not be as boring as we believe. The behaviours of many birds are entertaining and even funny at times.

My first example is, of course, the Ruffed Grouse. This is a bird that campers have described to me as a 'forest chicken,' and I doubt that I could come up with a more accurate description. Instead of singing to attract mates like many other birds, the Ruffed Grouse dares to be different. The male 'forest chicken' prefers to display their manliness by beating their chests, Tarzan style, from the prestigious vantage point of fallen logs. The Ruffed Grouse is also notorious for scaring people, especially in the winter. These rambunctious birds sleep under the snow and upon sensing danger they burst out of the snow, shocking their potential predator while they fly away. It's undeniable that these birds take the cake in unorthodox lifestyle habits.

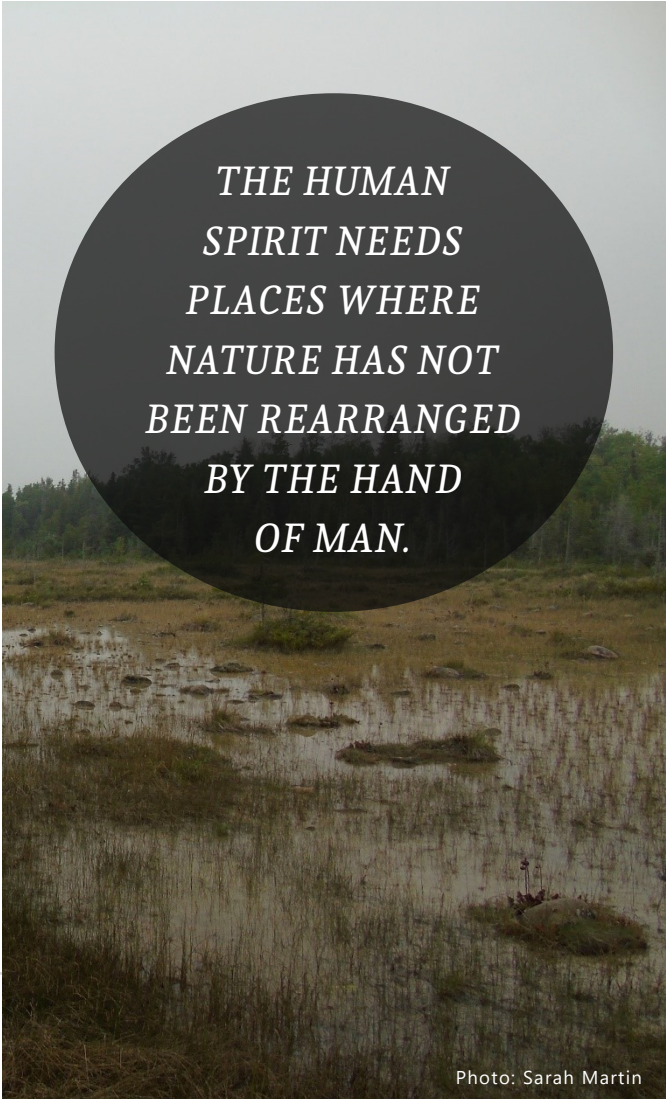
Or do they? There is another close competitor called the American Woodcock. The American Woodcock is a football-sized bird that has eyes placed close to the back of its head so that it can see predators from behind while it is foraging in the forest. It also has an outrageously long bill for finding food. These birds are also trail blazers in the forest with their special mating dance. American Woodcock males attract lady friends first by making a peent sound that resembles me if I plug my nose and speak in a silly voice. These proud males call out while waddling in a circle and raising their shoulders with each cry. When they have the appropriate audience, they will take off into the air to perform their most exciting flight display. Their feathers are specially designed to whistle while they are doing this, and they temporarily

become rock stars playing their air guitars (wings) for an appreciative audience of female woodcocks.


My last example is the Ring-billed Gull, who we are all familiar with for their boisterous presence at the beach or anywhere that hamburgers and fries can be found. The Ring-billed Gull is a very good pilot, though, and trains itself with lonely games of catch, tossing rocks to itself in the air and catching them in flight. Like many human children, Ring-billed Gulls also like to have pet rocks, mistaking rocks for eggs and collecting them in their nests.

These are just a few examples of some of the more common, but very entertaining and unique birds that can be found at MacGregor Point.

Alicia Fortin  
2015 Visitor Centre Staff



*THE HUMAN  
SPIRIT NEEDS  
PLACES WHERE  
NATURE HAS NOT  
BEEN REARRANGED  
BY THE HAND  
OF MAN.*

**WHERE-IS-THIS** 

Do you recognize where this picture was taken in MacGregor Point?

Answer on Page **11**

Photo: Sarah Martin

## MACGREGOR POINT POND RESEARCH

Bailey Bingham, 2015 Visitor Centre Staff

Hello Friends!

This summer I dedicated some time to researching the wetlands of MacGregor Point and their inhabitants. My main studies have thus far involved aquatic macro-invertebrates including dragonfly naiads, predacious diving beetles and water scorpions! The wetlands of MacGregor Point are teeming with life, from the phytoplankton that are too small to see with the naked eye to the giant water bugs that can grow to the size of your thumb! Visitor Centre Staff love to share the wonders of these wetlands through our programming. We do pond studies in the spring with kindergarten students. In this program the kids get to go net dipping and we assist them in identifying some of the invertebrates they collect. Later in the season we continue our wetland programs with children's programs such as Damsels and Dragons (which teaches about damselflies and dragonflies) and Ferocious Flowers (in which we study the carnivorous plants of MacGregor Point such as the Pitcher Plant). We also comment on our wetlands in evening programs and hikes. Clearly these eco-systems are fascinating to our campers and so this year we have created one in the Visitor Centre! A simulated wetland with fish, tadpoles, crayfish and many

species of invertebrate in various stages of development is available for campers' enjoyment in the Visitor Center all season. Come watch the exciting behaviours of our wetland inhabitants. From a water boatman hunting and eating a backswimmer to a dragonfly naiad taking its first steps into the open air, every day is an exciting one. I highly recommend you visit to see this new phenomenal way to experience MacGregor Point's wetlands for yourself. In addition to The Mysterious World of Wetlands display in the Visitor Centre, I have also set out to document the diversity of insect species that we house in just some of our wetlands. Using the Entomological Society of Canada's guidelines for insect collection I have begun a MacGregor Point Collection. By the end of August I hope to have completed an aquatic macro-invertebrates display of collected and pinned insects. I have also set out to collect and pin some of the species of dragonfly that inhabit our wetlands. Be sure to stop by to see the completed versions! If you are interested in learning more about my work with these invertebrates be sure to stop by! I would be more than excited to share some of the astounding facts I have learned about these fascinating creatures.

-Bailey

NOTE: the above article was written and submitted to the Spotted Turtle during the summer. The Visitor Centre is currently closed for the season - be sure to check back in the summer to ask for an update on this pond work!



### Volunteer with the Friends of MacGregor!

If you are interested in getting more involved with The Friends of MacGregor Point Park we are looking for eager individuals to help! Not local? Don't worry! We are happy to correspond through email! Help your park, network with interesting people, hone and develop a whole new set of skills and best of all have fun!

If you are interested and would like more information please contact Matthew Cunliffe @ 519-389-6231 or email [fompp@bmts.com](mailto:fompp@bmts.com)

### HELP US PROMOTE THE FRIENDS OF MACGREGOR

We are trying to make the Friends of MacGregor, and the work of the Friends, better known amongst campers, Park visitors, naturalists, nature enthusiasts, surrounding communities, and all throughout Ontario who have a vested interest in MacGregor Point Provincial Park, Ontario Parks, and nature.

We are asking every reader to help us do this by spreading the word about the Park and the work of the Friends by promoting us in your community, online, and at any event you attend.

We have flyers and newsletters of the work and message of the Friends we can make available to you. Please feel free to pass on the Friends website, and encourage those you know to become a member of the Friends of MacGregor Point Park.

<http://www.friendsofmacgregor.org/>

[ NEW MEMBERS CAN FILL OUT THE MEMBERSHIP FORM ON PAGE 12 ]

WHERE IS THIS? ANSWER: PITCHER PLANT MARL IN ALGONQUIN CAMPGROUND

WHAT AM I? ANSWERS: 1 BLACK THROATED GREEN WARBLER 2 YELLOW WARBLER 3 AMERICAN REDSTART 4 CANADA WARBLER 5 COMMON YELLOWTHROAT

**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP WITH THE FRIENDS OF MACGREGOR**

The Friends of MacGregor Point mission is to be "Naturally Connected", while believing in the support of the values of Ontario Parks, and those of MacGregor Point Provincial Park, the preservation of natural, historical and cultural aspects of the MacGregor Point environment, and the basic principles of environmental conservation.

The projects and programs provided by the Friends help ensure that the natural legacy of MacGregor Point Provincial Park will remain for future generations. Projects are undertaken with funding from membership fees, donations from individuals and various fundraising projects. The Friends of MacGregor are proud of the projects undertaken with the help of many supporting partners.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS INCLUDE . . .

- The seasonal Spotted Turtle Newsletter
- Notice of special and "Member Only" events
- A 15% discount at the Huron Fringe Shop (nature gift shop located in the Visitor Centre)
- Free access to WIFI at the Visitor Centre

Please complete the form below and MAIL to: FRIENDS OF MACGREGOR 1593 BRUCE ROAD 33, RR#1, PORT ELGIN, ON, N0H 2C5  
You can also renew your membership ONLINE by visiting: <http://friendsofmacgregor.org/page/join-the-friends>

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PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS \* \* In order to keep membership costs down and to be environmentally friendly, our newsletter is distributed to members via email. Alternate arrangements for members who do not have internet access can be made by contacting the Spotted Turtle Editor, or Membership Chairperson

EMAIL ADDRESS

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE CONTACTED TO VOLUNTEER AT FRIENDS EVENTS?      YES

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY      INDIVIDUAL (\$20)      FAMILY (\$30)

DONATION \$  OFFICIAL TAX RECEIPTS WILL BE ISSUED FOR ALL DONATIONS

TOTAL \$

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