

## **Parry Sound Nature Club**

### *2024 Calendar*

<b>Date &amp; Details</b>	<b>Event Description</b>
January 17th	<p><b>Why Did the Turtle Nest on the Road?</b></p> <p>The unique rocky landscape of Eastern Georgian Bay is home to several turtle species that are at-risk from the use and development of roads. In particular, female turtles are especially vulnerable to road threats because of their nesting behavior. Join Jenna to learn about the region's unique turtle nesting habitat and the Maamwi Anjiakiziwin Project's new, collaborative approach to protect these turtles during road construction. This presentation highlights the partnerships, insights, methods, and key findings from a 3-year road ecology project.</p>
February 21	<p><b>The State of the Bay</b></p> <p>The Georgian Bay Mnidoo Gamii Biosphere (GBB) released a new State of the Bay ecosystem health report in 2023. For the third edition of the report, it was clear that a deeper understanding of the changes happening to the lands and waters would be created by bringing together stories from elders, knowledge holders, researchers, and scientists. Join Katrina Krievins, Aquatic Conservation Programs Manager with GBB, to hear about the new approach to State of the Bay utilizing "Two-Eyed Seeing" or "Seeing Both Sides". Learn about the changes in Georgian Bay and how you can help!</p>
March 20	<p><b>Trees for Turkeys</b></p> <p>Though we often see Wild Turkeys on the ground, these "strange but endearing" birds sleep in tree branches at night. This behaviour, known as roosting, is the research focus for Kayla Martin, a master's student at Trent University. Kayla will tell us if turkeys pick specific roost trees to stay sheltered from the elements.</p>
April 17	<p><b>Ants of the Tropics and Parry Sound Area</b></p> <p>Leaf-cutter Ants, Army Ants, Turtle Ants! Trips to central and south America can and should be full of awe-inspiring ant observations. The tropics are blessed with an amazing diversity of ant species. But who knew we had Amazon Ants raiding the nests and kidnapping the young of other ant species right here in Georgian Bay.</p> <p>Come and hear about the fascinating natural history and behaviours of some of these tropical ant species, as well as some ants that just might be in your backyard.</p>
May 15	<p><b>History of Invasive Carp</b></p> <p>There's the story we hear on the news any time invasive carp threaten</p>

	<p>to break through the electric barriers put in place in Chicago to stop them from reaching the Great Lakes about how these voracious invasive fish arrived in North America - and then there's the story we don't know of what events led a cadre of fisheries experts from a small Arkansas county to import the continent's most notorious invasive species. Andrew Reeves is an award winning environmental writer whose first book <i>Overrun: Dispatches from the Asian Carp Crisis</i> was reviewed everywhere from the Wall Street Journal to the Literary Review of Canada.</p>
June 19	<p><b>Things That Sting</b>  Mark and Joanne are the beekeepers of Muskoka Craft Honey, managing 100+ colonies with apiaries located across Muskoka and Parry Sound. A graduate of the Niagara College beekeeping program, Mark has been working with honeybees and other stinging insects for 10+ years. Their presentation will focus on the most common stingers located in our region and give some context to who and what they are. In addition, they will have products available for those seeking a sweet treat.</p>
September 18	<p><b>Seeking Sable with Ted Krug</b>  Sable Island is a crescent shaped sandbar in the Atlantic located on the edge off the Continental shelf 169 kilometers from the nearest landfall. With its location between two different ocean currents it has more fog than any other location. At its widest point it is just over 1 kilometer wide. This island has only one tree but is the home for over 500 wild horses and the largest Grey Seal colony in the world. It is also the home of several endemic species which includes a ground nesting bee and the Ipswich Sparrow. At the last census the human population was 7.</p>
October 2	<p><b>FILM: The Erie Situation</b>  In 2014, the citizens of Toledo, Ohio had to go without running water for three days when a bloom of highly toxic algae entered the drinking water plant from Lake Erie. This should have been a wake up call for politicians, big agriculture, and citizens everywhere that freshwater resources are at risk of becoming toxic.</p> <p>The Erie Situation explores the confluence of science, public sentiment, politics, and the powerful farming lobby as Ohio wrestles with how to confront the drivers of toxic algae in one of the Great Lakes.</p>
October 16	<p><b>Killbear's Steps Towards Reconciliation</b>  Kenton Otterbein, Chief Park Naturalist at Killbear Provincial Park, will share the steps that Killbear is taking towards reconciliation with Wasauksing First Nation and Shawanaga First Nation.</p>

November 6	<b>FILM: Leaning into the Wind</b> Leaning into the Wind follows artist Andy Goldsworthy on his exploration of the world and himself through ephemeral and permanent workings on the landscape, cities and with his own body. As Goldsworthy introduces his own body into the work it becomes at the same time even more fragile and personal and also sterner and tougher, incorporating massive machinery and crews on his bigger projects.
November 20	<b>Winter Tracking: Finding Who's Been Here</b> Join local Naturalist Diana Clements as she shares with us her experiences of tracking lynx near Elk Lake, Ontario. You will learn some general tracking information and see photos of lynx prints and sign, as well as those of many other Ontario species.
December 14th	<b>Christmas Bird Count</b> Join us for this long standing and important tradition of tracking bird numbers and species. All levels of birding skills are welcome.