

Parry Sound Nature Club

2023 Calendar

Date & Details	Event Description
January 18th	Here & Gone: Migration Catch it before its gone! We're joined by David Bree, former natural heritage leader at Presqu'ile Provincial Park, for a look at look at the phenomenon of migration, how "we" discovered it (banding+) with some specific example of birds, dragonflies and of course must talk about the monarch story.
February 15th	The Natural History of Hummingbirds This presentation was inspired by a trip to Colombia where you can find 192 species of hummingbirds. There are many ecological niches in the Americas, which have contributed to hummingbird development, adaptation and evolution. The presentation will review where you can find hummingbirds and how they have adapted to their various environments.
March 15th	Meet the Mosses Hundreds of mosses, liverworts and hornworts grow in Ontario. Heck, there could easily be hundreds even within your favourite park! Being smaller than other plants, bryophytes (such as mosses) often fly under our radar 'til we take time to stop and look closely. Sometimes it can be intimidating to pick up that hand lens and get started...but now's your chance to be warmly welcomed on a guided adventure in beginner bryology.
April 19th	Films That Make You Think: First We Eat Mary St. Centre, 24 Mary St, Parry Sound First We Eat is a documentary by Parry Sound's filmmaker Suzanne Crocker about eating only locally-grown food around Dawson City, Yukon, in Canada's North, for one year.
April 21st	Why Garden with Native Plants Paul Heydon started Grow Wild in 2001 to supply southern Ontario native plant species for restorative and gardening purposes. He has a forestry diploma from Sir Sandford Fleming College and a Biology degree from Trent University. Why Garden with Native Plants talks about the different benefits of doing so, different species you can use will be highlighted, how to grow and care for these plants, information on invasive species, and a Q/A period.
Saturday April 29th, 1:00pm	Turtle Tally

Rose Point Trail	Led by Kenton Otterbein, the Discovery Program Leader at Killbear Provincial Park, we will walk the Rose Point Trail to learn all about turtles! We will meet at the Rose Point Parking Lot (off of Rose Point Road) for a leisurely hike to spot basking turtles.
May 17th	<p>Off the Rails: Going a Little Batty in Georgian Bay</p> <p>Much is still unknown about our bats in Ontario. Ever wonder where our bats go during the winter? Where they go during the day? How about their movements on the landscape throughout the summer? Steven Kell will be talking about recent research and population monitoring conducted out of Shawanaga First Nation and completed across Georgian Bay looking at newly discovered hibernation sites as well as tracking bats on a regional scale and conservation efforts to fill knowledge gaps on these declining species.</p>
Saturday May 27, 9:00am	<p>Atlas Square Bash</p> <p>The goal of the Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas is to map the distribution and relative abundance of Ontario's approximately 300 species of breeding birds. Parry Sound Nature will be hosting an Atlas Square Bash to help increase the amount of information from one of the Atlas Squares that runs along Highway 518. The point of this event is to try and find as many nesting species of birds as we can!</p>
June 7, 2023	<p>Films That Make You Think: This Mountain Life</p> <p>The awe that mountainous landscapes evoke is universal. Yet in a place that is 75% mountains, most of us seldom venture into true wilderness. Living amongst us is a special breed of people. They are undefined by age, gender, profession or background, but for them, the draw of the mountains is so strong that their lives must revolve around it. Shot in cinematic detail, This Mountain Life is a riveting examination of human passion set high in the peaks of British Columbia.</p>
June 21, 2023	<p>A Photo Journey Through The Seasons</p> <p>This month we welcome local photographer Ted Krug! Ted will bring us on a photo journey across the seasons around the Parry Sound area. We will see the seasons change as he brings us through his catalogue of birds, animals, and people.</p>
September 16 10am Meet at the Carling Community Centre, 4 Carling Bay Rd West	<p>Wildlife Tracking Hike</p> <p>Register to join a Wildlife Tracking Hike for beginners! Finding animal tracks and figuring out who left them can be a challenge. Diana Clements, Nature Club member, local naturalist and outdoor enthusiast, will show participants how to get tracking. Diana completed a tracking apprenticeship with Alexis Burnett of Earthtracks and will share some of what she has learned about this fascinating way to connect with nature! No dogs along for this field trip, please. https://form.jotform.com/232265614122245</p>

September 20	<p>The State of the Bay The Georgian Bay Mnidoo Gamii Biosphere (GBB) released a new State of the Bay ecosystem health report this summer. 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>
October 4th	<p>Films That Make You Think: Geographies of Solitude <i>Geographies of Solitude</i> is an immersion into the rich ecosystem of Sable Island, Nova Scotia, guided by naturalist and environmentalist Zoe Lucas who has lived over 40 years on this remote sliver of land in the Northwest Atlantic Ocean. Shot on 16mm and created using a scope of innovative eco-friendly filmmaking techniques, this feature-length experimental documentary is a playful and reverent collaboration with the natural world. Zoe leads us among wild horses, seals and bugs, through peaks, valleys, roots, sands, weathers, seasons and stars. The intangible is evoked with hidden sounds and vanishing light. Much like a field book, the film tracks its protagonist's labor to collect, clean and document marine litter that persistently washes up on the island shores.</p>
October 18	<p>Prairie Warblers on Georgian Bay: Lessons from Tagging Research Aaron Rusak is the Protected Areas Manager with the Georgian Bay Land Trust and an avid birder/naturalist. This summer, his team conducted MOTUS tagging on Prairie Warblers in Georgian Bay to understand the territory size and habitat requirements of the species, as well as to track the migratory movements of the species. He'll be sharing results of the project and what it might mean for the species.</p>
November 1	<p>Films That Make You Think: Against the Current Against the Current is a feature-length documentary that chronicles the journey of South African endurance swimmer Sarah Ferguson, as she attempts to become the first person to swim around Easter Island (Rapa Nui) non-stop. It tells the story of a global team united, not only in trying to make Sarah's 40-mile challenge a success, but also in using it to raise awareness about the issue of plastic pollution. Without being able to touch a boat or another person, her daunting swim was estimated to take up to 32 hours to complete, through strong currents, large waves, powerful winds and other hurdles along the way.</p>
November 15	<p>Things That Sting</p>

	<p>Mark and Joanne are the beekeepers of Muskoka Craft Honey, managing a 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. Our presentation will focus on the most common stingers located in our region and give some context to who and what they are.</p>
December 16th	Christmas Bird Count