



## Field Trips

**Please read carefully.** Trips will operate rain or shine. Remember to bring lunch, drinks, proper clothing, footwear, sunscreen & insect repellent. For all trips, if you have questions, contact Dave Milsom at [milsomdave@hotmail.com](mailto:milsomdave@hotmail.com) or 705-874-8531. OFO encourages car pooling on all field trips. Participants are reminded that it is the responsibility of every participant on an OFO field trip to comply with the OFO Birding Code of Ethics, and to minimize the risk of injury and/or damages that may result from unsafe or inappropriate behaviour (especially driving, or roadside birding where passing traffic presents a hazard).

### Young Birders

OFO Young Birders field trips and workshops are for birders age 9 -19. The only prerequisites are enthusiasm and curiosity about birds. Parents or guardians are encouraged to attend except where otherwise indicated.

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If you have questions, contact Lynne Freeman at [lynnef.to@gmail.com](mailto:lynnef.to@gmail.com) or 416-671-0325 (email is better).

**Trips may be added or changed so please check the field trips on the OFO web site prior to the trip.**

### 2018-02-25 Amherst Island (trip full)

#### Mark Read

We will meet (and carpool) at the Amherst Island ferry dock (44.193057, -76.741106) at 8am (in order to catch the 8.30 ferry). There will be an emphasis on looking for wintering owls and raptors. Bring a packed lunch and hot drink. We will likely come off the island early afternoon with an optional extension to Kingston and Wolfe Island (weather/birding permitting). As we will be visiting the owl woods, we will cap participation at 20 OFO members on a first-come first-served basis. Registration is by email ([markdread@gmail.com](mailto:markdread@gmail.com)) or phone 613-217-1246.

### 2018-03-04 Fisherville area, Haldimand-Norfolk County

#### Dave Milsom (705-874-8531), Barry Coombs

Meet at 9:00 a.m. in the parking lot of the high school at the north end of Cayuga on County Road 54. Hawks, owls, Snow Buntings, Lapland Longspurs, sparrows.

### 2018-03-18 Long Point Area

#### Diane Salter, Doug Tozer, Adam Timpf, Stu Mackenzie

Meet at 9:00 a.m. at main parking lot of St. Williams Forestry Station on County Road 24 west of the intersection with County Road 16. Waterfowl, swans, Sandhill Cranes, early spring migrants.

### 2018-04-14 Point Pelee National Park

#### Ellen Smout

Meet Marsh Boardwalk parking lot in Point Pelee Nat. Pk. (entry fee) at 7:30 am. Bird marsh boardwalk, North-West Beach, Visitor Centre area, Tip.

### 2018-04-15 Spring Waterfowl Migration East of Ottawa

#### Mark Gawn

Meet 8 a.m. along Petrie Island Causeway on Trim Rd which is at the bottom of the hill north of Jeanne D'Arc Blvd. Take hwy 417 east then hwy 174 east and turn north on Trim Rd in Orleans. After a stop at a Tim's we will search for migrating geese, ducks, Sandhill Cranes, raptors and early spring migrants probably on Milton Rd, Frank Kenny Rd, Russell Rd and the flood plains east of Bourget. Trip ends approximately 1 p.m.



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### **2018-04-15 Prince Edward County**

#### **Mike Burrell**

Meet at 8:00 am at the Sobey's parking lot on Main Street in Picton. Prince Edward County is southern Ontario's hidden birding gem with good birding at all times of the year. We'll explore the Prince Edward County South Shore Important Bird Area for early migrants, waterfowl and maybe some interesting birds on the Lake. Bring rubber boots. Trip ends early afternoon.

### **2018-04-21 Cabot Head and Bruce Peninsula (2-day trip)**

#### **Martin Parker, Kathy Parker**

The Bruce Peninsula between Georgian Bay and Lake Huron is a corridor for migrating birds. Over the weekend we will visit two separate areas on the Bruce: Saturday's birding will concentrate on the Cabot Head area with concentrations of Red-necked Grebes and other waterbirds on Georgian Bay and hawks moving along the cliffs of the Niagara Escarpment. Sunday's birding will focus on the Lake Huron shoreline with special emphasis on Black Creek Prov. Park Reserve, Stokes Bay, Isaac & Sky Lakes and the Oliphant shoreline. The meeting point both days is in the parking area for the Spirit Rock Outpost and Lodge on Highway #6 at the north end of Wiarton at 8:30 a.m. Accommodation is available at Spirit Rock. Bring a packed lunch.

### **2018-04-21 Algonquin Provincial Park**

#### **Ron Tozer**

Meet 9:00 a.m. at the Visitor Centre (km 43 on Highway 60), where your required park permit can be purchased. Bring your lunch or buy lunch at the Visitor Centre restaurant. Trip will end in late afternoon. We will search for Spruce Grouse, Black-backed Woodpecker, Gray Jay, Boreal Chickadee.

### **2018-04-22 Nesting Ravens and Raptors in Ottawa (until 2:00 p.m.)**

#### **Langis Sirois**

Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the boat launch parking lot at north end of Rifle Road at Shirley's Bay. Ravens, Peregrine Falcons, Bald Eagles.

### **2018-04-22 Minesing Swamp**

#### **Mark Cranford**

Meet 8:30 a.m. at Tim Hortons in Angus on Simcoe County Road 90 west of Barrie. Marsh birds, early spring migrants, shorebirds, waterfowl.

### **2018-04-22 Westmeath Provincial Park (and area)**

#### **Mark Patry**

Meet 7:30 am at the boat launch at the east end of the town of Cobden, at the North end of Main Street and North of HW#17. From there we will proceed to Westmeath Provincial Park, which has no facilities. We will walk several kilometers on the trail through the woods to Bellows Bay and perhaps the Ottawa river. Expect to see early migrants and waterfowl. The trail may be wet and even flooded in low spots if the river is high, so bring appropriate footwear. Depending on Conditions, we may also visit the Ross road marsh, Lake Dore, and the Snake River Line.

### **2018-04-28 Peterborough Area**

#### **Dave Milsom (705-874-8531)**

Meet Peterborough Zoo Parking Lot on Water Street just south of Trent University at 8.00 a.m. Birding the area for early spring migrants and late winter birds.

### **2018-04-29 Prince Edward County South Shore Important Bird Area**

#### **Mike Burrell**

Meet at 7:30 am at the Sobey's parking lot on Main Street in Picton. Prince Edward County is southern Ontario's hidden birding gem with good birding at all times of the year. We'll explore the Prince Edward County South Shore Important Bird Area for early migrants, waterfowl and maybe some interesting birds on the Lake. Bring lunch. Trip ends early afternoon.



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### **2018-04-29 Durham Lakeshore**

**Geoff Carpentier**

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### **2018-04-29 Rondeau Provincial Park**

**Donald Pye**

Meet 8:00 a.m. at the Park Visitor Centre. Park entrance fee. Spring migrants.

### **2018-05-04 Introduction to Pelee Island Birding (4-day trip)**

**Martin Parker, Kathy Parker**

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### **2018-05-05 Toronto Islands**

**Gavin Platt**

From Harbourfront in Toronto, catch the 7:15 a.m. Ferry to Ward's Island. You will need \$7.50 in coins (\$5.00 Seniors and students). Spring migrants. The trip involves a lot of walking all day long. Please bring a lunch if you plan to stay all day.

### **2018-05-06 Munster-Richmond Area (Ottawa)**

**Colin Gaskell, Dave Moore**

Meet 7:00 a.m. in Bells Corners at the Loblaws parking lot in the corner closest to the intersection of Moodie Drive and Robertson Road. Trip ends by 1:00 p.m. Join the quest for forest, field and wetland species with stops at the northern edge of the Marlborough Forest, the Richmond Conservation Area and the Burnside Pit.

### **2018-05-11 Migrants on Pelee Island (4-day trip)**

**Martin Parker, Kathy Parker**

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### **2018-05-13 Murphys Point Provincial Park, Lanark**

#### **Mark Read**

Meet 7:00am at the Lally Homestead Parking Lot on CR21 (approximately 2.5km SW of main park entrance). We will spend half a day scouting various locations within the park for a variety of breeding and migrant species such as Golden-winged and Chestnut-sided Warblers. Please note there will be a regular Ontario Parks vehicle fee of \$14:50 (\$11:50 seniors). Permits will be available at the parking lot. Finish at noon. Yellow-throated Vireo, Indigo Bunting, Black-billed and Yellow-billed Cuckoos and more.

### **2018-05-21 Ottawa (until Noon)**

#### **Bernie Ladouceur**

Meet 6:30 a.m. near the north-east corner of the Lincoln Field's Shopping Centre parking lot, off of Richmond Road. We will explore the Lac Deschenes I.B.A. Breeding species, late migrants, and migrating gulls, terns, shorebirds and waterfowl.

### **2018-05-26 Leslie Street Spit, Toronto**

#### **John Carley**

Meet 8:00 a.m. at the base of the Spit (Tommy Thompson Park) parking lot near the intersection of Leslie Street & Unwin Ave. Late migrants, breeding birds & butterflies.

### **2018-05-26 Tiny Marsh**

#### **Kevin Shackleton**

Meet 6.45 a.m. at the Tim Hortons, 68 Yonge Street South in Elmvale. Plan for a full day with a hike around the Tiny Marsh Trails, a visit to Wasaga Beach for Piping Plover and the Collingwood Harbour for late migrating waterfowl and the Collingwood Airport area for grassland species.

### **2018-05-26 Opinicon Road, Napanee Plain & Amherst Island**

#### **Chris Heffernan**

Meet 7:00 a.m. on Opinicon Rd just east of Perth Road Intersection. Morning - breeding birds along Opinicon Road: Golden-winged & Cerulean Warblers, Yellow-throated Vireo, Black-billed & Yellow-billed Cuckoos. On the way to Amherst Island, we stop at the Napanee Plain near Newburgh for grassland species like Loggerhead Shrike, Grasshopper Sparrow, Upland Sandpiper. Afternoon - Amherst Island (ferry fee) for shorebirds, ducks, etc.

### **2018-05-27 Project NestWatch Workshop: Toronto Islands. A joint BSC, OFO and ROM event**

#### **Mark Peck**

Meet at the Jack Layton Ferry Terminal at 7:00 a.m. You will need \$7.50 in coins (\$5.00 seniors and students). Program will run until noon. Maximum: 20 participants. Join us as we look for nests around the islands and discuss the value of breeding data for conservation initiatives. Bring binoculars and a notebook. Register on the OFO Web Site at [www.ofo.ca](http://www.ofo.ca).

### **2018-05-27 Carden Alvar**

#### **Jean Iron**

Meet 9:00 a.m. in Kirkfield at parking lot of Lady Mackenzie School on the right of Kirkfield Road 6, about 0.5 km north of Kawartha Road 48. Trip consists of some driving, as well as comfortable walking. Loggerhead Shrike, Upland Sandpiper, Golden-winged Warbler, Grasshopper, Clay-colored and Vesper Sparrows, and other grassland species.

### **2018-05-27 Skunk's Misery, Blenheim & Ridgetown Lagoons**

#### **Gavin Platt**

Meet 7.30 a.m. at Newbury Hospital (Four Counties Health Services) pkg. lot just n.e. of Newbury on 5th Line/Concession Drive. Walking/driving tour. Some trails may be wet, muddy. Be prepared for mosquitoes! Cerulean, Hooded warblers, Acadian Flycatcher, BW Hawk, Pileated Woodpecker & more on territory in one of the largest remnants of Carolinian forest in Ontario. Butterflies too. Trip ends late morning.



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### **2018-06-02 Presqu'île Provincial Park**

**Dave Milsom (705-874-8531)**

Late migrating shorebirds, warblers and others. Entry fee. Meet 8:00 a.m. at Beach 1 parking lot in the park.

### **2018-06-02 Lanark County**

**Ken Allison**

Birding from 7:30 a.m. to noon along the edge of the Canadian shield west of Ottawa. Meet 7:30 a.m. at the park beside the Five Span Bridge in Pakenham. This is about 30 minutes from Ottawa. This trip will involve a lot of walking on good trails in mostly wooded areas. Possible Eastern Bluebirds, Scarlet Tanagers, Indigo Buntings, Broad-winged Hawk plus many warbler species.

### **2018-06-03 Larose Forest, east of Ottawa (until noon)**

**Jacques Bouvier (cell # 613-677-5140), Christine Trudeau-Brunet**

Meet 8:00 a.m. in the parking lot of Tim Hortons in Casselman. From Exit 66 of Highway 417 continue north towards Casselman for a very short distance. Tim Hortons is on the right as you head north. Explore Larose Forest for nesting songbirds and other woodland breeders. Trip ends at noon.

### **2018-06-08 Rainy River (2-day trip)**

**Tyler Hoar**

You need to register for this tour by May 1. Email Dave Milsom. All day Friday to Saturday noon. Meet at the junction of Worthington Road & Highway 11, about 10 km east of Rainy River (3 sideroads east of town) at 7:00 a.m. local time on June 8. American White Pelican, Sharp-tailed Grouse, Marbled Godwit, Sandhill Crane, Black-billed Magpie, Connecticut Warbler, Le Conte's Sparrow. Possible Great Gray Owl, Western Kingbird, Yellow Rail, Piping Plover.

### **2018-06-09 Happy Valley, King Township**

**John Schmelefske**

Meet at entrance to conservation area at 7:30 a.m. From Highway 400, take King Road exit, go west until reaching 7th Concession. Turn right (north) to Sideroad 16. The 7th Concession veers right (east) at this point. Continue north on the 7th concession until the road dead ends. Turn around at the barricade and park facing south. Warblers, tanagers, thrushes, hawks including Red-shouldered, swallows, and eastern Bluebird. Hooded warblers are possible. P.M.: Palgrave Conservation area and Hike along Duffy's Lane. In these less mature coniferous forests and swamps we will search for different species including pine warbler, red-breasted nuthatch, blue-headed vireo, purple finch, willow flycatcher and golden crowned kinglet.

### **2018-06-09 Nest Searching in Pelham (until 1:00 p.m.)**

**Brad Clements**

Meet 9:00 a.m. at Smith's Christmas Tree Farm, 105 Orchard Hill Road, in Pelham, just north-east of St. Catherines. To use GPS, participants need to use 35 Orchard Hill Road. Trip limited to 25 participants. Please register at [www.ofo.ca](http://www.ofo.ca)

### **2018-06-16 Bruce Peninsula (2-day trip)**

**Alfred Raab, Cindy Cartwright**

On Saturday meet 7:00 a.m. at Tim Hortons in Hepworth, about 12.5 km south of Wiarton on Hwy. 6 and on Sunday, meet 7:00 a.m. at Tobermory Airport parking lot, west of Hwy. 6 on Warner Bay Road. Arrange accommodations early! Bruce birds include Brewer's Blackbird, Common Raven, Virginia Rail, Clay-colored Sparrow, Grasshopper Sparrow, Sandhill Crane, Upland Sandpiper, breeding warblers, possibly Dickcissel. Also, wildflowers & ferns.

### **2018-06-16 Nest Searching at Evergreen Brick Works, Toronto (to 11:00 a.m.). A joint BSC, OFO and TOC event**

**Lynne Freeman, Emily Rondel**

Meet 7:00 a.m. at the Evergreen Brick Works main parking lot. Explore nests and nestlings of common city birds and a few surprises.



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### **2018-08-05 Durham Region & Lake Ontario Marshes**

#### **Rayfield Pye, John Stirrat**

Meet 7:30 a.m. at Lynde Shores Conservation Area parking lot on Victoria Street in Whitby. Exit Hwy. 401 at Brock Street (Exit 410). Turn left (south) onto Brock Street. Turn right (west) onto Victoria. Go 2.5 km to Lynde Shores on the south side. Visits to Cranberry Marsh, Oshawa Second Marsh, Corner Marsh & Frenchman's Bay. Early Fall migrant warblers, vireos, flycatchers, shorebirds, butterflies.

### **2018-08-25 Palgrave, Tottenham Sod Farms, Schomberg Lagoons**

#### **John Schmelefske**

Meet 8:00 a.m. at Patterson Sideroad and Hwy. 50 in the village of Palgrave. Fall migrants - warblers, flycatchers, shorebirds. Possible plovers, Buff-breasted Sandpipers, Baird's Sandpipers.

### **2018-08-26 Rock Point Provincial Park & Eastern Lake Erie Shore**

#### **Marcie Jacklin**

Meet 8:00 a.m. at Dunnville Tims, 936 Broad Street East. Visiting Rock Point Provincial Park may be an option if there is good migration, so be prepared to pay entry fee. Shorebirds, waterbirds, early fall migrants. Shorebirds, waterbirds, early fall migrants.

### **2018-09-01 Toronto Islands**

#### **Gavin Platt**

From Harbourfront in Toronto, catch 7:15 a.m. Ferry to Ward's Island. You will need \$7.50 in coins (\$5.00 seniors and students). Early Fall migrants. The trip involves a lot of walking all day long. Please bring a lunch if you plan to stay all day (some food is also available to purchase on the island).

### **2018-09-06 Moosonee (5-day trip)**

#### **Martin Parker, Kathy Parker**

This birding trip to Moosonee will permit one the opportunity to observe the birds that gather along the Ontario's saltwater coast to rest and feed. There is a possibility of flocks of Longspurs, numerous shorebirds, Rough-legged Hawks, and both Le Conte's and Nelson's Sparrows. There could be a surprise bird as well. This trip starts in Cochrane on Wednesday morning as the group boards the Ontario Northland train for Moosonee. You will be returning on the train to Cochrane on Sunday. Details for this special outing are currently being arranged and will include four night's accommodation in Moosonee, train travel from Cochrane to Moosonee, freighter canoe trip to the mouth of the Moose River, Shipsands Island and the shore of James Bay and water taxi to Moose Factory Island. Full details including costs will be available in January. Pre-registration in advance is required:mparker19@cogeco.ca

### **2018-09-08 Ottawa (all day to 5 pm )**

#### **Jeff Skevington**

Meet 7:30 a.m. along Cassels Road, outside the gate to the Britannia Filtration Plant. Experience the diversity of Ottawa's avifauna during the peak of Fall migration. Expect to see warblers, sparrows, waterfowl, shorebirds, gulls and others. Study the subtle differences between similar species as we explore the Ottawa River from different vantage points. We start at Britannia, and move slowly west, visiting some of Eastern Ontario's best migratory staging areas. Bring a lunch.

### **2018-09-08 Colonel Sam Smith Park & western Lake Ontario**

#### **Garth Riley**

Meet 8:00 a.m. at the southernmost parking lot where road ends. Take Kipling Avenue south from Q.E.W. and follow it south of Lakeshore Blvd. to the end. Other locations we may bird include Lakefront Promenade, Jack Darling Park, Rattray Marsh, Shell Park. Fall migrants: warblers, sparrows, shorebirds, waterfowl.

### **2018-09-09 Presqu'ile Provincial Park**

#### **Ian Shanahan**

Meet 8:00 a.m. at the Lighthouse parking lot. Park entrance fee. Fall migrants, shorebirds, hawks



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### **2018-09-15 Kettle Point and inland lagoons**

#### **Sean Jenniskens**

Meet 8:00 a.m. in parking lot at junction of Highway 21 and Lakeshore Road (County Road 7) on the way into Kettle Point. Look for gulls, terns, shorebirds, jaegers, at Kettle Point. Then inland to nearby sewage lagoons: search for waterfowl, shorebirds. Bring lunch; rubber boots for wet areas.

### **2018-09-16 Point Pelee National Park**

#### **Jeremy Hatt**

Meet 8:00 a.m. at the Visitor Centre in the Park (entry fee). Birding around the Visitor Centre, at the Tip, and in the surrounding area including the onion fields. Fall migrants, raptors, seabirds, shorebirds, Monarch butterflies.

### **2018-09-22 Hamilton, Burlington & Vicinity**

#### **Len Manning**

Meet 8:00 a.m. in Hutch's Restaurant parking lot at Van Wagners Beach on Lake Ontario in Hamilton. From Niagara on QEW, exit at Centennial Parkway, go left onto North Service Road and follow to Van Wagners Beach Road to the restaurant. From Toronto on QEW, exit at Woodward Avenue, turn right at lights, then right at next lights, go under bridge, turn right onto Van Wagners Beach Road to the restaurant. Jaegers, gulls, shorebirds, fall migrants.

### **2018-10-07 Westmeath Provincial Park & Lac Dore**

#### **Mark Gawn**

Situated on the Ottawa River near Pembroke, Westmeath Park is a noted migration stopover for Nelson's Sparrow and occasionally Le Conte's Sparrow. Lac Dore, a fish-filled lake, regularly attracts many small gulls, grebes, and loons along with the occasional rarity. Meet 8:00 a.m. in Cobden at the Civitan Park on the north side of highway 17.

### **2018-10-13 Birding Simcoe Shores**

#### **Jim Coey**

Meet at the City of Barrie Dock Road Municipal Parking lot at 204 Dock Road, south-east corner of Dock Road and Plunkett Ct., at 9:00 a.m. Take 400N to Mapleview East to Yonge St N to Cox Mill (right turn) to Dock Road (right Turn). Easy walking, bring snack and water. We'll look for migrants in the parks and waterfowl on the lake. Lake Simcoe has had some surprising birds over the years. Who knows what will turn up?

### **2018-10-14 Durham Waterfront**

#### **Geoff Carpentier**

Meet 8 am at Lynde Shores Conservation Area parking lot on Victoria Street, Whitby. Exit Highway 401 at Brock Street (Exit 410). Turn left (south) onto Brock Street. Turn right (west) onto Victoria. Go about 2.5 km to Lynde Shores on south side. Visits to Cranberry Marsh Hawk watch, Oshawa Second Marsh, Corner Marsh and Frenchman's Bay, depending on conditions and water levels. Late fall migrants, raptors, shorebirds and ducks.

### **2018-10-14 Amherst Island**

#### **Mike Burrell**

Meet at 7:50 am at carpool lot south of 401 at exit 593 (Camden East Road). We'll check Amherst Island (ferry fee) and some other Kingston area hotspots for late migrants including sparrows, waterfowl, gulls and other waterbirds. Trip ends mid- afternoon. Bring cash for the ferry, a lunch although we will pass a Tim Horton's on the way to Wolfe Island Ferry, and be prepared for some moderate walking.

### **2018-10-20 Ottawa River**

#### **Tony Beck**

Birding from 1 p.m. to dusk along the Ottawa River. Meet 1 p.m. at Andrew Haydon Park, east parking lot (Ottawa Beach). Possible ducks, geese, shorebirds, gulls. Near sunset, 1000's of birds fly into Lac Des Chenes to roost. Rarities possible such as Lesser Black-backed Gull, Snow Geese, Red Phalarope, Greater White-fronted Geese, Cackling Geese.



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### **2018-10-21 Point Pelee National Park**

#### **Ellen Smout**

Entry free to Park. Meet at Park Visitor Centre at 8:30 a.m. Birding Point Pelee Tip, woods, marsh, nearby onion fields. Fall migrants.

### **2018-10-28 Hawk Cliff & Area, South-west of London**

#### **Dave Brown**

Meet 9:30 a.m. at Hawk Cliff. From Hwy. 401 Exit 177, take Hwy. 4 south through western St. Thomas until it becomes Sunset Drive. Continue about 8 km to Union. Go east on County Road 27, Sparta Line Road. Go east one road (about 3 km) to County Road 22 (Fairview Road). Head south. The 2nd road south is County Road 24 (Dexter Line) and you will meet a stop sign. Looking south, you will see the sign for Hawk Cliff. Go south on the dirt road to the lake. Park along road allowance. Raptors, waterfowl, gulls and late migrants, especially Golden Eagle.

### **2018-10-28 Grand Bend, Pinery PP, Kettle Point**

#### **Donald Pye**

Meet at 8:30 a.m. at GB Sobey's parking lot on north side of Huron County Rd. 81, east of traffic lights at Hwy 21. From Hwy 402 take exit 81 Centre Road and proceed north on Middlesex County 81 via Parkhill, after jogging left at Middlesex County Rd.7. Continue on Middlesex, then Huron County Rd. 81 to Grand Bend (+/- 3 hrs. from Toronto). For anyone running late, first stop will be at the beach (from Sobey's go west). Late fall/ early winter migrants, waterfowl, gulls, jaegers, eagles and resident titmice.

### **2018-11-04 Cobourg Harbour, Presqu'ile Provincial Park**

#### **Ian Shanahan**

Meet Cobourg Harbour parking area at 8.30 am. Rare gulls, loons, grebes and shorebirds possible. Then drive to Presqu'ile Prov. Pk. for late migrants, including Purple Sandpipers.

### **2018-12-02 Niagara River Gull Watch**

#### **Josh Vandermeulen, Jeremy Bensette, Marcie Jacklin**

Meet 9:00 a.m. at Sir Adam Beck Generating Station overlook on Niagara River Parkway south of Queenston- Lewiston Bridge to USA. From QEW take Hwy 405 towards USA and exit at Stanley Avenue. YOU MUST EXIT HWY 405 AT STANLEY AVENUE. Turn left, crossing over Hwy 405, then immediately right onto Portage Road which parallels Hwy 405 for 3 km. At Brock Monument traffic circle take first right exit, Niagara Parkway, signed "The Falls". Follow for 1.8 km to Sir Adam Beck overlook on left.

### **2018-12-08 Barrie Lakeshore**

#### **Jim Coey**

Meet at the City of Barrie Dock Road Municipal Parking lot at 204 Dock Road, south-east corner of Dock Road and Plunkett Ct. at 9.00am. Car pool and easy walking. We will explore the Barrie lake front and parks for gulls, waterfowl and other lingering migrants

### **2018-12-09 Toronto Lakeshore**

#### **John Schmelefske**

Meet 9:00 a.m. at Humber Bay Park East parking lot. Off the QEW, coming from the west, take the exit to Park Lawn. Go south. Cross Lakeshore Road, then turn right to the parking area. Off the QEW, coming from the east, exit at Lakeshore Road. Turn right onto Lakeshore Road, then left at the lights into Humber Bay Park East. Winter species: ducks, gulls, waterbirds, finches, raptors.