



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 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 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.

2017-11-25 Young Birders. Hamilton Waterfowl

Caleb Scholtens, Peter Scholtens

8:30 am start. Hamilton and surrounding area. Meet at Plains Road beside Wedgewood Golf Centre near where the 403 and highway 6 meet. Hamilton is a waterfowl haven. Learn the finer points of waterfowl identification. Dress warmly and bring drinks, lunch and snacks.

2017-12-03 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

2017-12-09 Barrie Lakeshore

Jim Coey

Meet at 9:00 am at the City of Barrie Dock Road Municipal Parking lot at 204 Dock Road, south-east corner of Dock Road and Plunkett Ct. We will explore the Barrie lake front and parks for gulls, waterfowl and other lingering migrants car pool and easy walking. This can be a very cold outing. Gulls, waterfowl and winter finches.

2017-12-10 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.

2017-12-10 Young Birders. Deep Winter Birding; A joint event with the TOC

Isabel Apkarian, Caroline Biel

Meet at 8:00 am at the entrance to Tommy Thompson Park, foot of Leslie St., south of Lakeshore Ave. Search for wintering songbirds and waterfowl. Owls are a possibility. Dress warmly and bring warm clothes, drinks and snacks. The park is usually colder and windier than the rest of the city.