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.

Trips will operate rain or shine. Remember to bring lunch, drinks, proper clothing, footwear, sunscreen & insect repellent as appropriate. Carpooling is encouraged for driving trips.

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.

2019-08-04 Durham Region and Lake Ontario Marshes
Rayfield Pye, John Stirrat
Meet 7:30 am at the Lynde Shores Conservation Area parking lot on Victoria Street, Whitby. Early fall migrant warblers, vireos, flycatchers, shorebirds and butterflies.

2019-08-17 Birds of Moonbeam, Cochrane Area
Ken Williams, Angie Williams
We will meet at 9:00 am at the Travel Information centre in Moonbeam, on Highway 11 where the flying saucer is. (Yes, there's a flying saucer in Moonbeam.) Warblers, sparrows, flycatchers and possible migrating shorebirds and ducks. Trip ends at noon.

2019-08-24 Palgrave and Tottenham Sod Farms, Schomberg Lagoons
John Schmelefske
Meet 8:00 am at Patterson Sideroad and Hwy. 50 in the village of Palgrave. Fall migrants: warblers, flycatchers, shorebirds. Possible plovers, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, and Baird's Sandpiper.

2019-09-08 Toronto Islands
Gavin Platt
Catch the 7:15 am Ferry to Ward's Island from the Harbourfront Ferry Terminal. You will need $7.50 in coins ($5.00 for seniors and students). Early fall migrants. The trip involves walking all day. Bring a lunch.

2019-09-08 Ottawa West
Jeff Skevington
Meet 7:30 am on Cassels Road, outside the gate to the Britannia Filtration Plant. Fall migrants: warblers, sparrows, waterfowl, shorebirds, gulls. Bring lunch. Trip ends at 5:00 pm.

2019-09-08 Presqu'ile Provincial Park
Ian Shanahan
Meet 8:00 am at the Lighthouse parking lot in the park. Park entrance fee required. Fall migrants, shorebirds and hawks.
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2019-09-08 Niagara Hotspots and Eastern Lake Erie Shoreline
Marcie Jacklin
Meet 8:00 am at entrance to Rock Point Provincial Park near entry kiosk. Park entrance fee required. Shorebirds, waterbirds, and other fall migrants.

2019-09-09 Fall Birding at Moosonee
Martin Parker, Kathy Parker
Observe the birds that gather along Ontario's saltwater coast. Trip includes boat trip to tidal mudflats and a visit to Moose Factory Island. Trip starts Monday morning in Cochrane as the group boards the train for Moosonee. Depart Moosonee on Friday then bird Cochrane on Saturday. Cost is $825/person based on double occupancy (single supplement $250). Price includes Moosonee accommodation, breakfasts, lunches and return train travel from Cochrane to Moosonee. Registration required with the Parkers at mparker19@cogeco.ca. Space is limited.

2019-09-14 Introduction to Cochrane Birding
Rhonda Donley, Roxanne Filion
Meet 9:00 am at the Station Inn Restaurant in Cochrane. Sandhill Crane staging; Sharp-tailed Grouse, Le Conte's Sparrow, Eastern Bluebird, Spruce Grouse.

2019-09-14 Hamilton, Burlington and Vicinity
Richard Poort
Meet 8:00 am at Hutch’s Restaurant parking lot at Van Wagner's Beach, Hamilton, on Lake Ontario. Jaegers, gulls, shorebirds, and fall migrants.

2019-09-14 Kettle Point and Inland Lagoons
Sean Jenniskens
Meet 8.00 am at the parking lot at the junction of Hwy. 21 and Lakeshore Road (County Road 7) on the way into Kettle Point. Gulls, terns, shorebirds, jaegers, at Kettle Point. Waterfowl, shorebirds at inland lagoons. Bring lunch and rubber boots.

2019-09-15 Point Pelee National Park
Jeremy Hatt
Meet 8:00 am at the Park Visitor Centre. Entrance fee required. Birding around the Visitor Centre, the Tip, and the surrounding area. Fall migrants, raptors, seabirds, shorebirds and Monarch butterflies.

2019-09-21 Colonel Sam Smith Park and Western Lake Ontario
Garth Riley
Meet 8:00 am at the southernmost parking lot in the park where the road ends. Fall migrants: warblers, sparrows, shorebirds and waterfowl.

2019-09-27 OFO Annual Convention in Hamilton
TBA
Three days of birding, workshops and evening events. Registration required at ofo.ca. Registration opens May 31. Open to OFO members and guests.

2019-10-06 Amherst Island and Kingston Area Hotspots
Mike Burrell
Meet 7:50 am at the carpool lot south of 401 at exit 593 (Camden East Road). Ferry fee required. Late migrants including sparrows, waterfowl, gulls and waterbirds. Bring lunch. Trip ends mid-afternoon. Registration required at ofo.ca.
2019-10-06 Westmeath Provincial Park and Lac Dore
Mark Gawn
Meet 8:00 am in Cobden at the Civitan Park on the north side of Hwy. 17. Nelson's Sparrow and Le Conte's Sparrow are possible, small gulls, grebes, and loons.

2019-10-12 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. 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? Easy walking, bring snacks and water. Gulls, waterfowl and late lingering migrants.

2019-10-19 Ottawa River
Tony Beck
Meet 1:00 pm at Andrew Haydon Park, east parking lot (Ottawa Beach). Ducks, geese, shorebirds, gulls. Near sunset, thousands of birds fly into Lac Des Chenes to roost. Trip ends at dusk.

2019-10-19 Durham Waterfront
Geoff Carpentier
Meet 8:00 am at Lynde Shores Conservation Area parking lot on Victoria Street, Whitby. Late migrants, raptors, shorebirds, ducks.

2019-10-20 Point Pelee National Park
Jeremy Hatt
Meet 8:30 am at the Park Visitor Centre. Park entry fee required. Point Pelee Tip, woods, marsh, and nearby onion fields. Fall migrants.

2019-10-26 and October 27 (Sunday) Fall Birding on the Bruce Peninsula
Martin Parker, Kathy Parker
Attend one or both days. Meet 8:30 am at the parking area for the Spirit Rock Outpost and Lodge on Hwy. 6 at the north end of Wiarton. Saturday, bird Cabot Head area for Sandhill Cranes, Red-necked Grebes, scoters and other waterbirds. Sunday’s birding will focus on the Lake Huron shoreline. Accommodation is available at the Spirit Rock Outpost and Lodge. Tel: (519) 534-5168. Bring lunch.

2019-10-26 Colonel Sam Smith Park, Etobicoke
Andrew Keaveney
Meet 8:00 am at the south parking lot at the foot of Kipling Avenue, just below Lakeshore Boulevard. Fall migrants, ducks, grebes, and gulls.

2019-10-27 Hawk Cliff and Area, South-west of London
Dave Brown
Meet 9:30 am 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.
Field Trips

2019-10-27 Grand Bend, Pinery PP, Kettle Point
Donald Pye
Meet 8:30 am at Grand Bend Sobeys parking lot on north side of Huron County Rd. 81, east of traffic lights at Hwy. 21. For anyone running late, first stop will be at the beach west of Sobeys. Late fall/early winter migrants, waterfowl, gulls, jaegers, eagles and resident titmice.

2019-11-03 Cobourg Harbour and Presqu'île Provincial Park
Ian Shanahan
Meet 8:30 am at Cobourg Harbour parking area. Rare gulls, loons, grebes and shorebirds possible. Then drive to Presqu'île Provincial Park for late migrants, including Purple Sandpipers. Park entrance fee required.

2019-11-17 Colonel Sam Smith Park, Etobicoke
Andrew Keaveney
Meet 8:00 am at the South parking lot at foot of Kipling Avenue, just below Lakeshore Boulevard. Late fall migrants, winter arrivals, ducks, grebes and gulls.

2019-11-30 Niagara Hotspots and Gull Workshop
TBA
Niagara Falls Trip time, location and leaders to be announced. Registration required at ofo.ca. Registration opens October 1. Non-OFO members are welcome.

2019-12-01 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. Ten or more species of gulls are possible.

2019-12-07 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 We?ll look for lingering 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? car pool and easy walking and usually cold. Gulls, waterfowl and winter finches.