

OFO Annual Convention

Kingston Ontario

Friday, Saturday and Sunday
September 23-25, 2016



Explore
Kingston's
birding hotspots
with local
experts



Chestnut-sided Warbler. Claude King



Tom Hanrahan. Geof Burbidge

Please join us for an exciting long weekend of birding in Kingston and local hotspots. Meet old friends and make new birding acquaintances.

We hope to see you there.

Please check the OFO website at www.ofo.ca for more information on field trips, speakers, trip leaders, events and directions.

Birders on trail. Irene Almas



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Guidelines for Field Trip Participants

Please arrive 15 minutes before departure and bring a packed lunch for the full day trips. Trip leaders are knowledgeable, local birders. Car pooling from the meeting place is encouraged.

Note that the field trip schedule may be adjusted. Please confirm the field trip agenda at www.ofo.ca prior to the convention.

Where to Stay

Ambassador Hotel and Conference Centre

1550 Princess Street, Kingston ON K7M 9E3
800-267-7780 or (613) 548-3605
www.ambassadorhotel.com/

A block of rooms have been reserved for OFO at the special rate of \$110 /night (\$128 with taxes). Please mention OFO when making your reservations. This rate will be available until August 31, 2016.

Campgrounds: Rideau Acres Campground

1014 Cunningham Rd, Kingston ON
613-546-2711, info@rideauacres.com, www.rideauacres.com

Cover Photo: American Kestrel. Homer Caliwag

Buff-breasted Sandpiper (left) and Baird's Sandpiper (right). *Claude King*



Ring-necked Duck. *Homer Caliwag*



Friday September 23 – Field Trips

ALL DAY

7:00-3:30 – Wolfe Island
Explore Wolfe Island's hotspots. Meet at the Kingston Ferry terminal for the 7:15 ferry.

7:15-3:30 – Amherst Island
Spend the day exploring Amherst Island hotspots. Meet at the Millhaven Ferry dock to catch the 7:30 ferry (fee).

8:00-3:30 – Prince Edward County Hotspots
Meet at the Ambassador hotel parking lot at 6:30 for carpooling or at Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory at 8:00.

MORNING

6:30-12:30 – Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory (PEPtBO) banding
Drop in for daily banding demonstrations at one of Canada's most productive migration monitoring stations. Meet at the observatory on County Rd 13, Long Point Rd.

7:00-12:00 – Big Sandy Bay
Hike to Bear Point and watch for birds in the woods and on the lake. Meet at the Kingston Ferry terminal to catch the 7:15 ferry.

7:30-11:30 – Thousand Islands
Spend the morning exploring the Thousand Islands parkway. Meet at the Ambassador hotel parking lot for carpooling.

AFTERNOON

1:00-3:30 – Amherstview Sewage Lagoons
Check out the lagoons for shorebirds and ducks. Meet at the Ambassador hotel parking lot for carpooling.

1:00-3:30 – Lemoine Point
Watch for songbirds and migrating raptors. Meet at the south (Front Rd) parking lot.

1:00-3:30 – Marshlands Conservation Area
Join the group to look for songbirds and marsh birds. Meet at the parking lot on Front Rd.

1:00-3:30 – Presqu'île
Spend the afternoon looking for shorebirds. Meet at Owen Point Trail parking lot. Park entrance fee required.

Friday Evening Birds and Beers

Ambassador Hotel and Conference Centre
1550 Princess Street, Kingston, K7M 9E3

The program is open to all but pre-registration is required for the dinner buffet. Cash bar will be open through the program.

5:00 - 6:30 Registration and displays

6:30 - 7:30 Pasta buffet (pre-registration required)

7:30 - 9:30 Master of Ceremonies, Richard Pope

Listless Birders with Michael Runtz and Mark Read
The Annual Birding Challenge with Sarah Rupert

Saturday September 24 – Field Trips

ALL DAY

7:00-3:30 – Wolfe Island
Spend the day exploring Wolfe Island hotspots. Meet at the Kingston Ferry terminal to catch the 7:15 ferry.

7:15-3:30 – Amherst Island
Spend the day exploring Amherst Island hotspots. Meet at the Millhaven Ferry dock to catch the 7:30 ferry (fee).

7:15-3:30 – Young Birders outing to Amherst Island
Explore Amherst Island hotspots. Meet at the Millhaven Ferry dock to catch the 7:30 ferry (fee).

7:30-3:30 – Kingston Area
Spend the day visiting several 'mainland' birding hotspots around Kingston. Meet at the Ambassador hotel parking lot for carpooling.



Kevin McLaughlin.
Geof Burbidge

MORNING

6:30-12:30 – Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory (PEPtBO) banding
Drop in for daily banding demonstrations at one of Canada's most productive migration monitoring stations. Meet at the observatory on County Rd 13, Long Point Rd.

7:30-11:30 – Prince Edward Point Big Sit

Bring your lawn chair to participate in the big sit. Meet at the Ambassador hotel parking lot at 6:00 for carpooling or at 7:30 at the bird observatory.

7:30-11:30 – Charleston Lake Provincial Park

Experience the heart of the Frontenac Axis by hiking some of Charleston Lake PP in search of migrant passerines and specialties of the Axis. Meet at the park gatehouse. Park entrance fee.

7:30-11:30 – Thousand Islands
Spend the morning exploring the Thousand Islands parkway. Meet at the Ambassador hotel parking lot for carpooling.

7:30-11:30 – Lemoine Point
Look for songbirds and migrating raptors. Meet at the south (Front Rd) parking lot.

AFTERNOON

12:15-3:30 – Martin Edwards Reserve, Amherst Island
A quick zip over to Amherst Island to visit the KFN's Martin Edwards Reserve for shorebirds. Meet at the Millhaven Ferry Dock to catch the 12:30 ferry (fee).

1:00-3:30 – Amherstview Sewage Lagoons
Check out the lagoons for shorebirds and ducks. Meet at the Ambassador hotel parking lot for carpooling.

1:00-3:30 – Howe Island
Spend the afternoon touring Howe Island. Meet at Pitt's Ferry on the southern extension of Joyceville Rd (County Rd 16), (mainland side; fee).

1:00-3:30 – Napanee Plain
Search the Napanee Plain's wetlands and grasslands for lingering grassland and water birds. Meet at the *Flying J* in Napanee for carpooling.

1:00-3:30 – Marshlands Conservation Area
Look for songbirds and marsh birds. Meet at the parking lot on Front Rd.

Short-eared Owl.
Claude King



*Volunteering for OFO is fun and rewarding!
Please e-mail Lynne Freeman at president@ofo.ca
to inquire about volunteer opportunities.*



Black-throated Blue Warbler.
P. Allen Woodliffe

Saturday Evening Banquet

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Menu – your choice of:

- Seared Buttery Tarragon Supreme Breast of Chicken with oaked chardonnay cream sauce
- White Wine and Citrus Flavored Court-Bouillon Poached Atlantic Salmon with lemon scented beurre blanc sauce
- Pan Fried Eggplant and Zucchini Parmesan with vegetable fettuccine, pine nuts & hickory yellow pepper sauce



4:00 - 6:00: Displays and cash bar
 6:00 - 7:30: Dinner and prize draw
Master of Ceremonies, Ron Tozer
 Welcome and checklist tally
OFO Annual General Meeting
Presentation of the Distinguished Ornithologist Award to Jean Iron
Keynote Speaker, Mike Burrell
 Birding with a Purpose

Jean Iron. Irene Almas

Displays and Door Prizes

Tables are available for displays of bird related products or services. Those who would like a table are asked to make a \$15 donation or provide a door prize to be given at the convention. Contact Claire Nelson at mcnelson@rogers.com.

Sunday September 25 Field Trips

ALL DAY

7:30-3:30 – Prince Edward County Hotspots
 Spend the day exploring Prince Edward County. Meet at the Ambassador hotel parking lot at 6:00 for carpooling or at 7:30 at the bird observatory.

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7:00-11:30 – Wolfe Island
 Explore Wolfe Island hotspots. Meet at the Kingston Ferry terminal to catch the 7:15 ferry.

7:00-12:30 – Young Birders outing to Wolfe Island
 Hike to Bear Point and several other Wolfe Island hotspots.



Northern Parula. Claude King

Meet at the Kingston Ferry terminal to catch the 7:15 ferry.

7:15-11:30 – Amherst Island
 Spend the morning exploring Amherst Island hotspots. Meet at the Millhaven Ferry dock to catch the 7:30 ferry (fee).

7:30-11:30 – Kingston Area
 Visit several 'mainland' birding hotspots around Kingston. Meet at the Ambassador hotel parking lot for carpooling.

9:00-12:30 – Presqu'île
 Spend the morning looking for songbirds and shorebirds. Meet at the lighthouse parking lot. Park entrance fee required.

Please check the field trips you plan to attend.

Field Trips are for Convention registrants only, please.

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2016 OFO CONVENTION REGISTRATION

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Register online at www.ofo.ca or send this registration form and cheque payable to Ontario Field Ornithologists to:

**Brian Gibbon, 3269 Dobson Rd.,
RR#2, Barrie ON L4M 4S4.**

Online registration is available May 30 to September 20 inclusive.
Registration is for OFO members and guests only please.

Name(s)

Address

Phone

E-mail

Registration Includes field trips and Saturday evening banquet

OFO Member/Guest(s): # _____ x \$60.00 = Total \$ _____

Young Birder(s): # _____ x \$35.00 = Total \$ _____

Banquet entree:

Chicken # ___ Salmon # ___ Vegetarian # ___

Food Allergies or Restrictions:

Friday evening Birds and Beers

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Friday evening buffet: # _____ x \$25.00 = Total \$ _____

Food Allergies or Restrictions:

Grand Total \$ _____

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