



Doug McRae  
Jean Iron

## Please check the field trips you plan to attend

Field Trips are for Convention registrants only, please.

### Friday September 22

#### All Day

- Port Burwell and environs
- Tip of Long Point

#### Morning

- Old Cut Research Station
- Long Point #1
- Long Point #2
- The Coves

#### Afternoon

- Long Point # 3
- Port Rowan and environs
- Turkey Point
- Port Dover and environs

### Saturday September 23

#### All Day

- Port Burwell and environs
- Tip of Long Point
- Rock Point to Long Point

#### Morning

- Old Cut Research Station
- Long Point #1
- Long Point #2
- The Coves

#### Afternoon

- Port Rowan and environs
- Turkey Point
- Port Dover and environs

### Sunday September 24

#### All Day

- Tip of Long Point

#### Morning

- Old Cut Research Station
- Long Point #1
- Long Point # 2
- The Coves
- Learn to eBird Workshop, Port Rowan and environs

### Young Birders

- Young Birders Big Day, (Saturday all day)
- Search for Migrants (Sunday morning)

**Note that the field trip schedule may be adjusted. Please confirm the field trip agenda at [www.ofo.ca](http://www.ofo.ca) prior to the convention.**



American Woodcock  
Jean Iron

## Saturday Evening Banquet

Port Dover Lions Community Centre, 801 St. George Street, Port Dover

4:00 - 6:00: Displays and cash bar

6:00 - 7:30: Lake Erie Perch and Chicken Dinner and prize draw

Master of Ceremonies, Ron Tozer

Welcome and checklist tally

OFO Annual General Meeting

Presentation of the Distinguished Ornithologist Award to Dan Strickland



**Keynote Speaker:**  
**Steven Price,**  
**President of Bird**  
**Studies Canada**  
Bird Conservation Priorities for Canada, after 100 years of the Migratory Bird Convention Act

### 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](mailto:mcnelson@rogers.com).

OFO is grateful to BSC for organizing and leading the convention field trips.



**Ontario Field Ornithologists**

## Sunday September 24 - Field Trips

### All Day

#### 7:30 - 3:30 - Tip of Long Point

(boat and walking) Weather dependent (departure time may vary) **Cost** - \$60/person. Lunch included. Meet at Old Cut Research Station. LPBT # 3. Two boats (6 persons each) will depart Old Cut Research station between 7:30 and 8:00. Boats will tour Long Point Bay and arrive at the Tip around 9:00. Enjoy a guided tour until lunch and then explore on your own. If trip is cancelled due to weather, there is no rain date.

### Morning

#### Sunrise- 11:30 - Old Cut Research Station

Meet at Old Cut Research Station, LPBT # 3 for a semi self-guided walking tour. View banding demonstrations in the laboratory, join volunteers on net rounds, or sit at the 'Dyke', one of Long Point's best birding sites. Join the Long Point walking tours at any time.

#### 7:30- 11:30 - Long Point # 1

Meet at Old Cut Research Station. Tour the research station, then walk to the New and Old Long Point Provincial Parks, Hastings Drive, Crown Marsh Trail and Big Creek National Wildlife Area.

#### 7:30 - 11:30 - Long Point # 2

Meet at the parking lot at the SE corner of Front Rd., and Hwy 59 across from the Port Rowan Esso station. Walking tour of Big Creek National Wildlife Area, Crown Marsh Trail, Hastings Drive, the Old and New Long Point Provincial Parks and Old Cut Research Station.

#### 7:30 - 11:30 - The Coves

Meet at Coves Rd. and Lakeshore Rd., LPBT # 16. Big 'stand/sit' or explore a hedgerow. Tour may continue to the Lake Erie shoreline elsewhere, weather permitting.

#### 7:30 - 11:30 - Learn to eBird Workshop, Port Rowan and environs

(walking) Meet at the Bird Studies Canada Headquarters, LPBT #10. Explore BSC's headquarters property, Port Rowan Cemetery and Port Rowan Wetlands. We will then convene at the BSC headquarters for an in-class session where you'll learn how to use and explore eBird. Bring a laptop if possible.

*\*LPBT (Long Point Birding Trail) Number indicates birding guide/map number).*



Sandhill Cranes  
Janice Melendez

## Young Birder Events

**Saturday, 8:00 - 3:00. Young Birders Big Day at Long Point.**

Meet at Old Cut Research Station. Pizza lunch provided.

**Sunday, 7:30 - 11:30. Young Birders Search for Migrants.**

Sites will include The Coves, Hastings Drive and Old Cut.

Meet at Old Cut Research Station.

## 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](http://www.ofo.ca) prior to the convention.**

## Where to Stay- Reserve Early for OFO Group Rates!

A block of rooms at group rates have been reserved for OFO at the following locations. Please mention OFO when making your reservations. **Rooms will be difficult to find after group rates expire.**

**Travelodge Simcoe:** \$94 + tax. Rate available until August 11. Free breakfast. 385 Queensway West, Simcoe, 519-426-4751. [travelodge.ca/simcoe](http://travelodge.ca/simcoe)

**Comfort Inn Simcoe:** \$106.94 + tax. Rate available until August 31. Free breakfast. 85 Queensway East, Simcoe, 519-426-2611. [simcoecomfortinn.com](http://simcoecomfortinn.com)

**Best Western Little River Inn:** \$89.99 + tax. Rate available until August 21. Free coffee, juice and a muffin. 203 Queensway West, Simcoe, 519-426-2125. [bestwesternontario.com](http://bestwesternontario.com)

**Erie Beach Hotel:** \$119.99 + tax. Rate available until July 21, 19 Walker St, Port Dover 519-583-1391. [eriebeachhotel.com](http://eriebeachhotel.com)

**Campground: Long Point Provincial Park.** 350 Erie Blvd, Port Rowan, 519-586-2133 or 1-888-668-7275 [ontarioparks.com/park/longpoint](http://ontarioparks.com/park/longpoint)

**Explore the Long Point Birding Trail:** <http://www.birdscanada.org/longpoint/images/LPBTbrochure.pdf>

Cover photo: Tip of Long Point. Stu Mackenzie

# OFO Annual Convention

## Long Point Ontario

with evening events at Port Dover



Friday, Saturday and Sunday  
September 22-24, 2017

ONTARIO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS



Fall at Long Point. *Stu Mackenzie*



Join us at the Long Point Birding Area in Norfolk County this September for an exciting long weekend of birding at OFO’s Annual Convention. Long Point is known for the remarkable number of migrating and rare birds observed there every spring and fall. The area checklist is currently at 400 species. Meet old birding friends and make new acquaintances. We hope to see you.

Hawk Day. *Eleanor Page*



Friday September 22 – Field Trips

All Day

**8:00 - 3:00 - Port Burwell and environs** (driving)  
Meet at the Port Burwell Provincial Park parking lot at the end of Chatham St., on the west side of the channel near the base of the pier in Port Burwell. We may drive on to Hawk Cliff, Port Stanley and the Port Stanley Sewage Lagoons.

**7:30 - 3:30 - Tip of Long Point** (boat and walking) Weather dependent (departure time may vary) **Cost:** \$60/ person. Lunch is included. Meet at Old Cut Research Station. LPBT # 3. Two boats (6 persons each) will depart Old Cut Research Station between 7:30 and 8:00. Boats will tour Long Point Bay and arrive at the Tip around 9:00. Enjoy a guided tour until lunch and then explore on your own. If trip is cancelled due to weather, there is no rain date.

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Meet at the Old Cut Research Station, LPBT # 3. Group will tour the research station then walk to the New and Old Long Point Provincial Parks and Hastings Dr..

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Palm Warbler.  
*Janice Melendez*



Please check the OFO website for more information on field trips, speakers, trip leaders, events, field trip meeting location maps and directions.

www.ofo.ca

**7:30- 11:30 - Long Point # 2**  
Meet at the parking lot at the SE corner of Front Rd. and Hwy 59 across from the Port Rowan Esso station. Walking tour includes Hastings Drive, the Old and New Long Point Provincial Parks and Old Cut Research Station.

**7:30 - 11:30 - The Coves**  
Meet at Coves Rd. and Lakeshore Rd., LPBT # 16. Stand, sit or explore a hedgerow. Tour may continue to the Lake Erie shoreline elsewhere, weather permitting.

**Afternoon**  
**12:30 - 3:30 - Long Point # 3**  
Meet at Old Cut Research Station, LPBT # 3. Walking tour includes the research station, New and Old Long Point Provincial Parks and Hastings Drive.

**12:30 - 3:30 - Port Rowan and environs**  
Meet at the Bird Studies Canada Headquarters (LPBT # 10). Walking tour of the BSC’s head-quarters property, Port Rowan Cemetery, Port Rowan Wetlands and Port Rowan Overlooks.

**12:30 - 3:30 Turkey Point**  
Meet at the Turkey Point Hotel. Walk the two sections of the Turkey Point Provincial Park. Our focus is on the beach and golf course.

**1:00 -3:30 - Port Dover and environs**  
Meet at Port Dover Community Centre. Drive to Silver Lake, the Port Dover Pier, and the nearby Townsend Sewage Lagoons.

Friday Evening Birds and Beers

**Port Dover Lions Community Centre**, 801 St. George Street, Port Dover  
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 Lasagna Buffet (pre-registration required)**  
**7:30 -9:30 Master of Ceremonies:** Richard Pope  
**The birds of Long Point:** Ron Ridout  
**The road to one million birds banded:** Stu Mackenzie  
**Stranded on High Bluff Island:** Doug McRae  
**Birding challenge quiz:** Sarah Rupert

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**8:00 - 3:00 - Rock Point to Long Point** (driving)  
Meet at the entrance to Rock Point Provincial Park. Birding at Rock Point and Selkirk Provincial Parks, Port Maitland, Nanticoke and Townsend Sewage Lagoons.

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2017 OFO CONVENTION REGISTRATION

September 22-24, 2017. Long Point, Ontario

Register online at [www.ofo.ca](http://www.ofo.ca) or send this registration form and cheque payable to **Ontario Field Ornithologists** to: Brian Gibbon, 3269 Dobson Rd., Springwater ON L9X 1T6.

Online registration is available May 30 to September 17 inclusive. Registration is for OFO members, guests and young birders only please.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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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** is Lake Erie Perch and Chicken  
Please provide the name(s) of participants who:

Prefer vegetarian: \_\_\_\_\_

Or have food allergies or restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

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Friday Evening Birds and Beers

The program is open to all. Pre-registration is required for the lasagna buffet.


Friday evening buffet: # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25.00 = **Total \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the name(s) of participants who:

Prefer vegetarian: \_\_\_\_\_

Or have food allergies or restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

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 **GRAND TOTAL \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Registration and a separate cheque is required for:

**Tip of Long Point boat trip:** # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$60.00 = **Total \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Please see reverse to select your trips...