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Coffee and Tea Available
at the Meeting



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Your Mug!

Next Club Meeting:

September 27 , 2010 at 7:30PM

Wing 404/Rotary Centre, Dutton Dr., Waterloo

NATURAL AREAS OF INTEREST IN THE REGION

Presented by Larry Lamb

With Larry's long-standing interest in Waterloo Region's natural areas, especially the vegetation, he certainly has had the opportunity to discover the Region better than most of us. In his presentation, you will see familiar places as well as some sites and their associated species that are hard to believe occur here, such as marl lakes, meadows, dolostone cliffs, petrifying springs, and quaking bogs, to name a few. Using the Region's Environmentally Significant Areas criteria, Larry will guide you through this area in a fascinating slide show."

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"Wanted : your ideas for members' program presenters. Have you seen a good speaker somewhere? Do you know of someone you would like to hear at our monthly members' meetings? Give me a call or an email and let me know who you would recommend.

Also, writers are needed to provide recaps of the programs for the Heron. It would be great to have a pool of writers so responsibility can be rotated among individuals each month. Contact information is inside the Heron cover. Thanks! Janet Ozaruk, Program Director"

The website for **the 2011 Champion Tree Hunt of Waterloo Region** is: <https://sites.google.com/a/landscapeontario.com/champion-tree-hunt/>

Interested members may want to add this to their Favourites List so that they won't have to type the *entire* address every time they want to go to it.

Information for everyone

Correction

I would like to bring to the membership's attention an error that appeared in the May 2010 Heron. I incorrectly stated that Jim Cappleman had created the Montgomery Property sign. Although Jim did design and create the **caution sign** at the property, it is David Hunsberger who designed, routed and painted the **Montgomery Property sign**.

My apologies to both Jim and David for this error.

Sincerely,
Mary Ann Vanden Elzen

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Great news! No change in the membership fee schedule! No HST! What a bargain!

Please use the form included with this issue of The Heron to renew your membership for 2010-2011. Just follow the instructions at the bottom of the form to mail your renewal OR bring the completed form along with your cash or cheque (payable to KWFN) to the September meeting. Just look for the Membership Team at the back of the hall. We'll be happy to lighten your load!

Unsure if you need to renew? Check the mailing label on this issue of The Heron. **If there is an "R" on the label, you need to renew your membership.** Only a few regular members and our Lifetime Members will not see the "R" on their label.

A 100% response by the end September would be a fantastic accomplishment! **Thanks in advance for doing your part to help us achieve this goal.**

Neil Taylor Report on Baillie Birdathon 2010

I have completed my records for the Birdathon for 2010. I aimed for a new record of \$2000 from 74 (**a new record**) individuals and companies. I managed to collect \$1865 (**a new record**) and then personally topped it up to make it \$2000.

Of the \$1865, \$735 (**a new record**) was pledged by non-members of the KWFN. These included family members and friends, former teaching colleagues, and former students.

I must admit that this has taken considerable time in sending out personal emails to all who have supported me in the past and to those I think might be interested. Obviously it was worth it. 16 (**a new record**) peo-

ple donated on-line for a total of \$635 (**a new record**).

The Kitchener-Waterloo Field Naturalists will receive 25% of the amount raised. Bird Studies Canada will use the balance for the many

great programmes that they support.

I am ever so grateful for the generosity of all who have supported this worthy cause over the many years that I have been a participant. Thank you so very much.

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Dickson Wilderness to Bannister Lake

It could hardly have been a better outing. The thunderstorms which had been forecast for the day never materialized. The trail, whose condition was largely unknown, turned out to be quite navigable, although narrow and winding, with Poison Ivy frequently in close proximity to the trail. And, true to the tradition of Native Plant Nuts outings, we left the trail frequently and bushwhacked, looking for those elusive plants that just can't be found by walking along the well-trodden path. We did find quite a few plants but more about that later. Even the mosquitoes did not present a problem.

We started in the Dickson Wilderness and followed the trail north towards Wrigley and Bannister Lakes. A short distance into the woodland, Larry spotted Dog-strangling Vine, a non-native that is moving steadily northward. It chokes out native species by completely engulfing them, cutting off access to sunlight, etc. I believe it was the first time most of us had seen this plant.

Heading across the boardwalk, we entered the prairie remnant that had been burned some time ago in an

Native Plant Nuts

effort to suppress the alien grasses and plants and encourage the native tallgrass prairie plants that had once dominated this area and were struggling to hold on: Indian Grass, Big Bluestem, and Little Bluestem. A number of forbs were also evident: Whorled Loosestrife, Pasture Rose and Smooth Rose.

In the woodland areas, we identified a number of oak species: Red, White, Black, Hill's. Bur Oak is also likely there although we did not see it. We also saw a good number of Pignut Hickory. Pignut is not a common tree, being found only in the Carolinian area. Another uncommon tree/shrub identified here was Flowering Crab, a native apple.

We ascended the moraine at the north end of the CA and looked across the next prairie, which is flatter and larger than the first. The tallgrass prairie grasses have not reestablished themselves here. The grasses are mostly non-native. More burning and management are required to reestablish the prairie here. After crossing the prairie we entered the oak woodland and followed the narrow winding trail north, towards Bannister Lake. The trees here are tall and well spaced. The canopy is not completely enclosed, allowing more sunlight to enter, giving it a

By Wayne Buck

rather savannah-like appearance. The trail was in good shape; narrow and winding but easy to walk on. Poison ivy encroached from both sides in many places, making long pants a necessity. Larry pointed out a shrubby form of poison ivy which is less common than the vine form, which climbs trees and the creeping variety that spreads along the ground. Here we saw Witch Hazel and Hackberry, both significant species for the area. Other species included Orange-fruited Horse Gentian and Shinleaf.

As we walked along the eastern shore of Wrigley Lake, we noticed the water level to be high, probably due in part to the abundant precipitation we have had this season. We took this to be a good sign.

Another good sign was the small number of Garlic Mustard plants. However, Dames Rocket was very abundant.

One plant we didn't find that might be there, is Poke Milkweed, a Carolinian woodland species that is found in other nearby areas such as Drynan. It might well be there. With a name like *Asclepias exulta*, you can tell it's beautiful,

This would be an area for an outing at a different time of year, when other species of plants might be evident.

Update from the Board of Directors

The Board will meet again Monday, September 13.

This section of *The Heron* provides a short summary of the topics and issues discussed at the previous Board meeting. The meeting minutes are approved at the following Board meeting. Once they are approved, they are filed in the Library, so can be viewed at the KWFN general club meeting. Alternatively, you can receive the minutes by email by contacting Katharina Walton. The Board met on June 14 for its annual potluck, meeting, and appointment and election of all Board members. This year Valerie Hill hosted the meeting at her house. The following was discussed:

- Keeping some Board activity going through the summer months.
- Supporting the Trees From Seed project. There may be a vote on this at September's general meeting, so please see Valerie Hill's article in this issue of *The Heron*.
- Update on property taxes and a property tax exemption amendment to the Executive Guide.
- Submitting all the required government forms to protect our status as a registered incorporated charity.
- Filling Board positions, especially the role of Vice President for the coming year. A subcommittee will be set up to deal with this issue.
- Filling non-Board positions of responsibility. Don and Judith Mitton were formally appointed as the Mailing Team.
- Progress on the website.
- Another subcommittee will be established to deal with a member's concerns over some material contained in past minutes.



Ontario Nature Annual General Meeting

On May 28 naturalists from across Ontario gathered in Sarnia for Ontario Nature's 79th Annual General Meeting held in partnership with Carolinian Canada. Many interesting outings, including an evening boat cruise on the blue waters of the St. Clair River, were enjoyed by all.

Several resolutions were passed, including banning the sale of ornamental invasive species, stopping the 404 ex-

tension and protecting bird migration areas from wind farm development. KWFN attendees included Wayne and Linda Buck, Janet Ozaruk, Karen Buschert and Fraser Gibson.

Become an Advocate for Nature *Ontario Nature*

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~ Fraser Gibson

Ontario Nature's website at ontarionature.org to add your name online. You can participate by submitting letters to all alerts or only on those issues you have interest and time.

Join Nature Guardians on Facebook!

Submitted by Lenore Nadeau, Ontario Nature
Get the latest updates on our activities to engage youth by joining our Nature Guardians page on Facebook. With opportunities to share stories and photos, the Nature Guardians page gives young people a voice.

Congratulations to **Wayne and Lynda Buck**, recipients of a **2010** Carolinian Canada Conservation Award for sharing their knowledge and time with propagating and growing native plants.

Wayne and Lynda Buck

Wayne is a quiet leader who has a very kind heart and a drive to help people learn about natural resources and to help them take action with propagating and growing native plants. He runs a native plant nursery with his family but dedicates much of his time to mentoring young professionals and visiting schools to help them grow trees and native plants in the classroom, and work on naturalizing their school grounds. Lynda is Wayne's support structure and often right in there with him working at cleaning seed, doing bookwork or other tasks.

Congratulations also go to **Bill and Heather Wilson**, recipients of a **2009** Carolinian Canada Conservation Award for coordinating the monitoring of bald eagle wintering activities in the Grand River valley from Kitchener to Glen Morris.

Bill and Heather Wilson

Since the winter of 2002/2003, Bill and Heather Wilson have coordinated the monitoring of bald eagle wintering activities in the Grand River valley from Kitchener downstream to the Glen Morris area. Bill and Heather coordinate the monitoring activities of up to 30 individuals each winter. As coordinators, some of Bill and Heather's activities include soliciting observational information from birders, distributing copies of digital air photos, organizing Saturday morning bald eagle "blitzes", compiling and submitting data to the MNR and assisting in the preparation of annual reports. Our level of understanding about how wintering bald eagles use the Grand River would not exist without the information collected through this monitoring program. Monitoring activities have provided invaluable information on arrival and departure dates of bald eagles in this part of the watershed, the location of overnight roost sites, the trend in bald eagle numbers over time (increasing) and bald eagle behavior and tolerance to humans.

Outings Schedule



By Mary Voisin

It's time to shine up your hiking boots and make plans to join KWFN on an outing or two! September is a great month to enjoy the outdoors and observe the transition from summer into autumn. If you would like to lead an outing or have suggestions for new outing locations, please email me at maryvoisin @rogers.com or speak to me at a meeting.

Last year I introduced a new style of outing so more opportunities can be offered for people to enjoy the outdoors together. The difference in this outing? There is no designated leader. It's a shared experience!

Meet at the given location.
Greet your fellow naturalists. (experienced and new)
Guests are always welcome.
Explore together. Share your questions and knowledge as you enjoy your hike together.

Note regarding guests –
Please email me for waiver form for your guest to sign and drop the signed form off at the next meeting.

**Health Valley Trail
Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2010.
Meet, Greet and Explore! A shared experience!**

Meeting Time/Place:

9:00 a.m. at the Riverworks parking lot, St. Jacobs, at the extreme east end (follow the signs for buses and campers)

The Health Valley Trail is part of the Trans Canada Trail. This part of the trail goes from St. Jacobs to Martin's Creek. Varied habitats will be encountered as you follow the trail along the river through woods, cross open pastureland and skirt some backwater ponds. Be on the lookout for a variety of wildflowers, butterflies (Monarchs are on the move migrating south) and birds such as warblers, flycatchers, herons and shorebirds. Bring a drink and snack for this leisurely 2 ½ hour hike. Binoculars, field guides and appropriate footwear would add to the enjoyment of this outing.

**Fern Hike at Laurel Creek Nature Centre
Saturday, Sept. 11, 2010.
Fraser Gibson 519 576 9287**

**Meeting Time/Place
9:00 a.m. at the entrance to Laurel Creek Nature Centre - Beaver Creek Rd.**

Join Fraser on a leisurely walk through the Nature Centre's beautiful hardwood forest. Our

focus will be on fern ID where we should be able to find about 10 species. We'll be on the lookout for any other objects of interest so bring your sharp eyes and curiosity.

**Fall Raptor Migration at Hawk Cliff
Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2010.
(Alternate Date: Friday, Sept. 17)
Randy Fowler 519-576-2788**

**Meeting Time/Place:
8:00 a.m. at the carpool parking lot, Fountain Street (Homer Watson) and the 401. (In the event of poor weather, this outing will take place on Friday, September 17)**

Once again we travel to Hawk Cliff near Port Stanley to observe raptors as they migrate south to their winter destinations. Hawk Cliff is one of the best places in Ontario to witness this spectacle due to its geographical location and cliffs along the shoreline.

Various species such as Sharp-shinned Hawks, Kestrels, Northern Harriers, Osprey, Broad-winged Hawks, Merlins and Bald Eagles will be moving at this time of year.

If you get tired of watching hawks, then check out the migrating warblers and other passerines that are usually

found in the nearby trees and thickets along the roadside.

Bring a lunch and drinks, a chair to sit back in, your hat, binoculars, field guide and a scope if you have one. This outing will consume most of the day with a one and a half hour travel time each way. Portapotties should be on location. If you would like to meet us there, you can get directions on the Hawk Cliff website. For detailed information and photos, go to: www.ezlink.ca/~thebrowns/HawkCliff/

Armchair Birding at Laurel Creek Reservoir
Saturday, Sept. 18, 2010.
Jim Burrell 519-699-4695

Meeting Time/Place:
6 p.m. park near the bridge just past the entrance gates to Laurel Creek Nature Centre on Beaver Creek Road

An experienced or beginner birder would enjoy this outing to one of our local haunts. Bring your own lawn chair and viewing equipment and join Jim and other birding enthusiasts for a laid back evening. Extra binoculars and field guides will be available to share. The large concrete culvert on Beaver Creek Road overlooks the Laurel Creek Reservoir and is a good spot to observe waterfowl as they stop and stage themselves for their fall migration. Other migrating birds, such as Osprey, may be also be seen. Bring a coffee or cold drink, have a seat in your cosy lawn chair and let the bird games begin !

Trees From Seed asks for support from KWFN

The KWFN has an opportunity to help green-up Waterloo Region while educating children through the Waterloo Stewardship Council's Trees From Seed project.

"If we can do a Trillium grant, we can plant throughout Waterloo Region but we need a partner to do that," explained Steve May, stewardship co-ordinator for the Waterloo Stewardship Network, an organization supported by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

In 2009 the Stewardship Network was able to secure funding from the City of Kitchener 's LEAF program which allowed them to hire co-ordinator Karen Buschert, who is a member of the KWFN.

Karen visited 28 or 30 classrooms in Kitchener, explaining to the children the importance of trees. The kids then planted oak tree seeds in foam holders and the resulting seedlings were subsequently planted at the University of Waterloo.

"They planted 1,500 trees in only four outings," he said. "It's all educational."

Submitted by Valerie Hill
Conservation Director

May is hoping that 2010 will be the year they can expand the program through a Trillium Grant which would pay for Buschert's salary for two or three years. The Region of Waterloo has agreed to cover "hard expenses" which includes supplies such as seedlings, soil and foam growing containers. The City of Kitchener will also help defray costs in the second year of the program.

May said that, under Trillium rules, the stewardship council does not qualify to apply for the funding on their own which is why they have approached the Field Naturalists, whose responsibility will be to monitor the program's progress and have some say over where the trees will be planted. The deadline for the application is Nov. 1, 2010.

The KWFN Board has been asked to support this endeavour and a vote may be taken by the membership at our September meeting. The 2009 Trees From Seed report is available by email through Valerie Hill vhill@therecord.com.



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Book Review

Illumination in the Flatwoods – A season with the wild turkey - Joe Hutto

In the spring of 2010, Levi Moore attended a meeting at our place in Kitchener. I guess Levi knew that we were seeing Wild Turkeys in good numbers on a daily basis in our side yard. Levi brought along a copy of the above cited book. When he refused to lend it to me, I knew it must be a prized item. I am most grateful to have learned of this book. I will never view wild turkeys in the same way again.

I ordered the book, but did not get around to it until I was at the cottage this summer. Once into it, I could not set it down. In 1991, the author has the patience to turn himself into a turkey; live the life for more than a year; and then rejoins the human race and comes back to tell us what he saw. Joe Hutto's fluid writing style in this journal is both elegant and eloquent and yet he achieves the purpose of documenting facts as a scientist.

He starts the book by stating, "The wild turkey has the distinction of being the only species in North America identified by name as wild." He reveals that he has been involved in imprinting with various animals and describes it as, "...the phenomenon that serves the newborn of most socially organized animals in immediately identifying his parents and in some degree his species." He deliberately sets out to do just that.

A neighbour delivers a bowl of 16 warm turkey eggs on May 2nd. He receives 13 more on May 7th. These were from nests destroyed by farmers

mowing fields. He borrows an incubator and 23 successfully hatch taking a day from the start of the pecking of a small hole in each egg.

While the eggs are incubating, he converses with them. The imprinting starts immediately. He writes about the first moments after hatching. "Speaking very softly, just above a whisper, I make a feeble attempt to console him in what seems to be a desperate and confusing moment. Instantly, he raises his shaking wet head and looks me square in the eyes. In that brief moment I see a sudden and unmistakable flash of recognition in the little bird. Something completely ambiguous transpires in our gaze, and I am certain that the young turkey absolutely knows who I am." He meets each hatchling in the same manner.

He relates that the young are able to fly well by May 23. At first they are in a brooder where they catch insects. Then he builds a pen with overhanging tree branches where they stay principally at night until late summer. He takes them out to a plantation daily if the weather is favorable. His love and appreciation of these birds is always apparent. He allows, "Nevertheless, I believe that the wild turkeys' experience of affection is very well developed and is a significant part of their social environment." I note that he uses the pronouns "I" and "me" initially, but by July 2nd, he switches to "we". Hutto becomes one with the turkeys.

He details their visual and hearing abilities which I found to be quite astounding. He is surprised by, "...how elaborate and complete inherited information is in the wild tur-

Submitted by Neil E. Taylor

keys...", and their, "...well-developed cognitive abilities."

One of my favorite admissions from this unassuming author is as follows, "When in the turkeys' presence, I feel dull and insensitive by comparison. Frequently, I experience genuine embarrassment as I have occasion to make my ignorance and stupidity known to them in some way. Sometimes I get collective looks that I can only interpret as incredulity."

I was unprepared for the excellent art work illustrating many observations. While the ending took a bit of a twist, it should have been somewhat expected. As one person put it, "... significantly, these wild birds teach him something about the isolating self-involvement of man's estrangement from the natural world." This inspiring introspective book "illuminates" much more than just turkey behaviour. It is most sensitive to the whole meaning of life.

**Illumination in the Flatwoods – A
season with the wild turkey –
Joe Hutto
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Guilford, Connecticut
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Thelma Beaubien – Planting a Wildflower Garden for Photography

Submitted by Michael Frind

Thelma Beaubien, an accomplished nature photographer and long-time KWFN member, presented her latest photographic jewels in a stunning presentation. The showcased photographs were both arrestingly beautiful in their composition as well as meticulously perfect in their technique. She also discussed how she converted her standard-issue suburban lawn into highly photogenic wildflower garden.

Thelma's photographic involvements go back many years. She began with film and slides, and her presentations from this era remain classics in their own right. In those days, she made many presentations of her photos set to thoughtfully selected tape-recorded instrumental music, with synchronized mechanical slide projectors equipped to smoothly transition with automatic dissolving.

As high-quality digital technology became available, Thelma immediately recognized the expanded opportunities for her creative urges, and she seized upon the possibilities that high-resolution all-digital photography and cutting-edge professional multimedia software innovations promised. Over the years, she has continually honed her techniques, all the while adding to her impressive portfolio while simultaneously helping to train the next generation of nature photographers.

Thelma's travels have taken her far afield, both to take pictures and to training sessions. The long travels have brought her many unique photo opportunities, and have enabled extensive cross-pollination of many creative talents. In addition to imparting her

skills to others, she has taken courses herself in many areas, including not only professional photographic techniques but also computer software applications and advanced horticulture.

Thelma has documented, under her *Journey of Inspiration* audio-visual series, her latest photographic initiative: a nature garden arranged for maximum attractiveness to birds and insects, and for optimized photographic opportunities as well. Thelma resides in a suburban setting on the gently rolling Waterloo Moraine. Her property has good soil, good lighting and good drainage. Her exciting garden adventure was inspired by a presentation by master gardener Anne Morgan.

Thelma began her garden project two years ago, in April 2008. With help from her husband and others, a long-disused basketball net was removed, and the original landscaping of alien plants was removed. Compost mulch was brought in to enrich the soil and tilled in. With the soil preparations complete, planting could begin.

In May 2008, Thelma planted a delightful variety of wildflowers: Pale Purple and Green-headed Coneflower, Northstar Red Canna, Blanket Flower, Cup Plant, Coreopsis, Caradonna Salvia, False Sunflower, Butterfly Weed, Meadow Blazing Star, Red Milkweed, Butterfly Milkweed, and others. She notes that a recent addition, the annual Verbena Bonariensis, has been the most popular for attracting butterflies. Thelma graciously distributes seeds from her wildflowers.

To date, Thelma has observed 18 species of butterflies and moths in her garden. These include the American Lady, Great Spangled Fritillary, Monarch, Painted Lady, Milbert's Tortoiseshell, Viceroy,

Banded Hairstreak, Mourning Cloak, Question Mark, Red Admiral, Tiger Moth, Virginia Ctenucha, Eastern Tiger Swallowtail, Cabbage White Butterfly, and the Hummingbird Clearwing Moth. Thelma has successfully captured photos and videos of these, plus many other winged friends. She shares photos via her website (thelmabeaubien.ca) and videos through YouTube (as [kwgardengirl](#)).

Thelma's audio-visual presentations have been recognized by other photographers through acceptance into the renowned Latow Audio Visual Festival in Burlington. Yet in order to allow more time for other interests, she has chosen to retire from presenting her audiovisual masterpieces. She notes that the experience in giving presentations and meeting people has helped her to become more comfortable speaking in public, and she notes that she has met tremendous numbers of people who share her interests in gardening, conservation, entomology, and ornithology.

Thelma concluded the evening with an especially moving presentation for fellow KWFN members entitled "Grand Passions", a collection of her photos set to music. These wonderful photos she took at a wide variety of unique locations: the Cambridge-based *rare* (Cruickston Park) reserve, the Cheltenham Badlands (Credit Valley), Algonquin Provincial Park, Niagara Falls, Nahanni National Park (Northwest Territories), New Brunswick, and the Florida coastline. Each image married technical brilliance with exquisite artistic merit. The combination of landscape scenery and close-ups of flowers and birds was especially breathtaking.

Heartfelt thanks to Thelma for, once again, treating us to nature photography at its finest.

President's Corner

By Mary Ann Vanden Elzen

Reluctant Rescue

Have you ever met a turtle with a death wish?

I was travelling north on Trussler Road toward Kitchener. I had just crossed over Cedar Creek Rd. when I spotted a turtle. The juvenile snapper was sprawled across the yellow dotted line smack-dab in the middle of the road. I immediately pulled over to the side. I was going to rescue it!

Having recently attended a "citizen science" turtle workshop, I knew exactly what to do. Lacking a shovel to lift and carry it across the road, I opted for plan B. I went in search of a stick. The idea was to have the snapper latch onto the stick, and then drag the turtle – stick and all – across the road to the other side.

I looked around. Not a single tree in sight. Hmm... Plan C. What could I use instead? I

yanked a handful of tall grass from the ditch hoping the snapper could be coaxed to grasp it. But no such luck. Despite my several attempts, it stubbornly refused to engage.

Next, I tried prodding it along with my foot. This wasn't such a good idea; the turtle swung its neck around, snapping to get a piece of me. If I hadn't known that this was characteristic behaviour, I could have easily concluded that this turtle didn't want to be rescued.

I looked around some more. There, hidden in the tall grass, was a narrow piece of weathered board. "Just what I need!" I thought. I rushed back to the snapper, and dangled the board, temptingly, in front of its mouth. But this turtle was in no mood to co-operate. It took a little nip at the board and then let go. That behaviour certainly strained credulity. I had always been told that when Snapping Turtles bite, they resolutely refuse to let go. Not this one! By now, I was con-

vinced that this was a turtle with a death wish.

After several tries, I was no further ahead. I had to change tack. Now, each time the turtle bit onto the board, I pulled. And, with each half-hearted chomp, I was able to drag it just a little bit further along.

All in all, it took 15 minutes to move that reluctant Snapping Turtle across a single lane of road to a safe spot on the other side.

At the spring workshop, there had never been any mention of how to deal with traffic while attempting a turtle rescue. During the entire procedure, several cars approached. I'd rush to the centre of the road, and point to the snapper. Everyone was courteous and slowed down; they all seemed to understand what I was trying to do. But, I'm quite sure, not one of those drivers had any idea how reluctant that snapper was to be rescued.

Membership Report

Submitted by Larry Hamel

DONATIONS

When renewing their memberships some members also include a donation to one of our special funds – Operating, Sanctuary Young Naturalists. These donations, like the membership fee, are tax deductible. Donations to the Operating Fund help us deal with the ongoing costs of operating the club. Donations to the Sanctuary Fund are used to further our conservation efforts. Donations to the Young Naturalists support this group of young people in the development and extension of their interests in the world of nature. Cheques should be made payable to KWFN with a note in the memo section indicating the designated fund. Donations may be mailed to the club address shown on The Heron or given to the Membership Director at a meeting. Cash at a meeting is also welcome.

Since our last report in The Heron in June, we have received one donation; our thanks are extended to Marco DeBruin for his contribution to the Sanctuary Fund. Marco would want us to acknowledge the Maple Grove Women's Institute for making the funds available in exchange for a presentation he made to the group.

September Outings at a Glance - refer to page 6 of this Heron for full outing details

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Health Valley Trail 9:00 a.m.	8	9	10	11 Fern Hike at Laurel Creek 9:00 a.m.
12	13	14 Fall Raptor Migration 8:00 a.m.	15	16	17 (rain date) Fall Raptor Migration 8:00 a.m.	18 Armchair Birding 6:00 p.m.
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 KWFN Meeting	28	29	30		

Cut this calendar out (or photocopy it) and hang somewhere for a quick reference!

Membership Report

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NAME TAGS

Thanks to all those who have been wearing and returning their NEW name tags during our final meetings last year. **Let's continue this practice!** Name tags help us get to know each other and make it easier for us to approach each other for various reasons.

Please pick up your name tag from the green blanket at the side of the meeting room and wear it prominently during each meeting. Before leaving the meeting, please return your name tag to the collection box. You do not have to reattach it to the blanket.

Stick on name tags are available for guests, visitors and new members. A fresh new name tag will be available for each new member at the meeting following the receipt of their membership fees.

If you cannot find your name tag on the blanket, please advise the Membership Director, Larry Hamel, without delay. If it can't be located immediately, a new one will be available at the next meeting.

GET WELL AND BEREAVEMENT CARDS

We would like to send words of encouragement and sympathy on behalf of the KWFN to members and/or their families. This can only be done if the Membership Director is made aware of the need. Using the contact information in The Heron, please share the necessary information (member's name, appropriate address, circumstances) with the Membership Director. Thank you for your assistance in this regard.

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Senior Couple
\$30.00

Adult Individual
\$30.00

Senior Individual
\$25.00

Student \$25.00

18 and under Free

Bring payment for membership to the next meeting or mail to KWFN at 317 Highland Rd E Kitchener N2M 3W6

Pesticide Policy Nov. 8, 2000

'that it is KWFN policy to not use pesticides on any club properties or during any club activity'.



Objectives of the KWFN

- to acquire and disseminate knowledge of natural history
- to protect and preserve wildlife
- to purchase and hold appropriate parcels of land for the advancement of conservation
- to support public interest in nature and its preservation by supporting the enactment of wise legislation and by other means as falls within the scope of the Corporation

General Information

Meetings are held monthly from September to May, on the fourth Monday of the month with the exception of December. Our meetings are free and visitors are always welcome. Outings are scheduled almost every month.

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