

Monthly Meetings

Guests are welcome.

When: 7:30 pm on the last Monday of the month

Where: Esso Careers and Learning Centre, 660 Oakdale Ave., Sarnia (highway 402 & Colborne Rd.)

Indoor Committee: Malcolm Boyd, Janet Bremner, Larry Cornelis, Krista Cowieson and Richard Maxfield

Mammals Of Southern Ontario

September 26, 2011

Dr. Jack Millar, of the University of Western Ontario, will cover mammals from shrews to coyotes, cougars and bears. His research studies the effect of cold climates on reproduction, longevity and dispersal of small mammals in northern environments as compared with "critters" in warmer climates.

Hummingbirds

October 31, 2011

Cindy Cartwright, project coordinator of the Ontario Hummingbird Project, will teach us all about these tiny jewels of the avian world. She will also present information about the Project and how we can contribute as volunteers.

Fossils

November 28, 2011

Bob O'Donnell has studied fossils for 18 years. His talk will include photos of fossils in conservation areas and how they are protected, extinct fossil fish, plants, petrified woods, ammonites and faeces. Also included are the many different ways of fossilization and much more. Examples of fossils will be displayed.

Return The Landscape

January 30, 2012

Shawn McKnight and Larry Cornelis, LWI Board Members, will tell us all about the Return the Landscape (RTL) program for Sarnia-Lambton. RTL is a native plant rescue and restoration program that has strong support in our community. Learn how you can be involved.

Native Wildflowers Of Sarnia-Lambton

February 27, 2012

Dorothy Tiedje and Larry Cornelis, two of LWI's plant experts, will team up to share their knowledge of local wildflowers and the importance of native plants in our landscapes.

How Goes Lake Huron?

March 26, 2012

Dr. David Jude, Research Scientist with the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, will talk about the threats to the health of Lake Huron (for example, Asian Carp and Zebra Mussels). As well, he will discuss species at risk and what is being done to protect Lake Huron.

Special Events

LWI Annual General Meeting And Banquet

When: April 14, 2012

Where: Mandaumin United Church Hall

The business meeting and general elections are at 4:30 pm. The bucket draw opens at 5:00 pm. Then the delicious turkey dinner with homemade fruit pies is served at 6:30 pm. The guest speaker will be Malcolm Boyd, past president of LWI. He will describe some of the wonders of the Galapagos Islands, as experienced on a trip in November 2010. A year after the 200th anniversary of Darwin's birth, the focus is on preserving his legacy. Penguins on the equator, flightless cormorants, islands that are moving away from their point of origin and evolving over time, all these wonders now need protection from growth of population and tourism.

Ontario Nature's 80th Annual General Meeting

Celebrate nature and eight decades of conservation. There will be an 80th anniversary gala dinner with locally sourced food, live music and a great big birthday cake.

When: June 11-12, 2011

Where: The Ganaraska Forest Centre in the heart of the Oak Ridges Moraine (north of Port Hope)

For details and registration go to www.ontarionature.org

Carolinian Canada Coalition Annual General Meeting

Locating and Planning for Wind Towers

When: May 27, 2011

Where: Port Rowan (Long Point)

For details and registration go to www.carolinian.org

Clubs For Kids And Youth

We believe positive outdoor experiences create an appreciation and understanding of the natural world among today's youth. By using nature as our guide, LWI promotes our children's interest in scientific inquiry, community involvement and artistic creativity.

Young Naturalist Group

For children (ages 7-11) interested in the future of our natural environment.

Jr. Conservationist Group

For youth (ages 12-16) interested in performing positive conservation ACTIONS helping to protect preserve or rehabilitate natural spaces and their inhabitants.

Leader: Melissa Levi (insektiv@hotmail.com)

Membership:

\$15 for first child

\$5 for each additional child

Become A Member. Join us!

Lambton Wildlife Incorporated (LWI) was established in 1966, with the purpose of bringing those with a love of nature together in a setting to foster learning and enjoyment. The club is now actively involved in property ownership, management, stewardship initiatives and scientific inventories.

We strive to provide a lively and informative program for our members. As a member of LWI, you will be supporting projects like the Port Franks properties and the Lambton Young Naturalists. You will receive our newsletter "EARTHWAYS", which will keep you up to date on all club events. The newsletter also features articles about nature related topics, from book reviews to outing reports.

LWI is an affiliated member of Ontario Nature, the Ontario Land Trust Alliance and the Canadian Land Trust Alliance. LWI also functions as a land trust.

Please fill out the form below and become a member today!

Yes!

*I would like to become a member of
Lambton Wildlife Incorporated.*

Send to: **Lambton Wildlife Inc.
PO Box 681
Sarnia ON N7T 7J7**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Date: _____

EARTHWAYS newsletter via e-mail? Yes No

Please select from the following membership categories:

Single (\$20) Family (\$25) Corporate (\$100)

Young Naturalist (\$15 plus \$5 for each additional child)

Donation \$ _____ Total \$ _____

Charitable Organization Registration #0415703-54-17



Lambton Wildlife Inc.



Eastern Screech-Owl (*Otus asio*)

2011 - 2012 Program

www.lambtonwildlife.com

Outdoor Events

* Events that are, or can be, a half day only.

***Highway 402 Clean-up Saturday, April 16, 2011**

Meet: 8:45 am at Wawanosh Wetlands Conservation Area parking lot
Inquiries: Joe Haselmayer (542-2826)

***Howard Watson Nature Trail Clean-up Sunday, April 17, 2011**

Meet: 9:00 am at the Modeland & Cathcart trail entrance
Inquiries: Gord Catterson (337-1246)

We try to have these clean-ups near Earth Day, April 22.

***LWI Properties Tour Saturday, April 30, 2011**

Meet: 8:30 am at the Bright's Grove Shoppers plaza
Here's your chance to see and learn about the properties that LWI owns and manages. This year's tour is at the Karner Blue Sanctuary in Port Franks.
Inquiries: Dick Maxfield (542-7914)

***Native Plant Sale Saturday, May 7, 2011**

Time: 8:00 am to noon
Where: 1267 Lakeshore Rd.
Attract wildlife to your yard with native plants.
Organizer: Brenda Kulon (869-2833)

***Canatara Walks Into Spring Wednesdays, May 4, 11 and 18, 2011**

Meet: 6:00 pm at the entrance to Tarzanland (near Christina & Cathcart)
Catch the spring migration of songbirds.
Inquiries: Gerry Clements (336-3513)

***Garlic Mustard Reduction In Tarzanland Tuesday, May 10, and Wednesday, May 11, 2011**

Meet: 9:00 am at entrance of Tarzanland (near Christina & Cathcart)
Lets participate in doing a good ecological service for the Carolinian woods that make up Tarzanland in Canatara Park. We'll tackle this invasive alien species, *Alliaria petiolata*, which crowds out the native woodland species

and affects biodiversity. All you need to bring are work gloves.
Inquiries: Larry Cornelis (339-8785)
Organizer: Jane Hunter (344-9696)

Camping At Point Pelee National Park Monday, May 16 to Thursday, May 19, 2011

3 nights and 4 days for \$50
Wake up with the warblers and bird with the LWI experts.
Inquiries: Paul Carter (344-2571)

Bird Banding At Walpole Island Sunday, June 5, 2011

Meet: 8:00 am at St. Clair High School or at the Walpole Island Heritage Centre at 9:00 am
Learn about bird banding and spring migration with members of the Native Territories Avian Research Project. They are specially trained and licensed to band hummingbirds and all other songbirds. See birds up close and in the hand. Lunch will be at a local restaurant.
Leader: Larry Cornelis (339-8785)

Botany On The Bruce Friday, June 10 to Sunday, June 12, 2011

The weekend starts with wine and cheese at Joan and John McPhedran's (just north of Warton) on Friday. Meals will be at local restaurants. Visit natural areas in the Warton area of the Bruce Peninsula.
Inquiries: Joan McPhedran (336-4913)

***Dragonflies and Damselflies Saturday, June 18, 2011**

Meet: 8:30 am at the Bright's Grove Shoppers plaza
The Port Franks Forested Dunes Nature Reserve is a wonderful place to see these amazing creatures. Bring lunch and drinking water. Numbers are limited.
Leader: Robert DiFruscia (332-0830)

Annual Pinery And North Lambton Butterfly Count Saturday, June 25, 2011 (rain date is June 26)

Meet: 8:00 am at Pinery Provincial Park Visitor Centre
At the main gate, tell them you are participating in the butterfly count. No experience necessary and extra nets

Outdoor Committee: Larry Cornelis (Chair), Malcolm Boyd, Paul Carter, Richard Maxfield and Judie Scott

Note: All youth under 18 years must be accompanied by an adult on the outings.

will be supplied. Lunch will be provided by the Friends of Pinery Park. A \$5 fee goes the North American Butterfly Association for butterfly conservation.
Inquiries: Brenda Kulon (869-2833)

Paddle Among The Lotus Blossoms Saturday, August 6, 2011

Meet: 8:30 am at St. Clair High School or at the St. Clair National Wildlife Area (NWA) at 10:00 am
Paddle through restricted areas of the NWA to see the rare American Lotus in bloom. Numbers are limited. Bring your canoe and lunch. We can accommodate a few people without canoes.
Inquiries: Larry Cornelis (339-8785)
Leader: John Haggeman, Canadian Wildlife Service

***Howard Watson Nature Trail Bike Rally Saturday, September 10, 2011**

Meet: 10:00 am at the Modeland & Cathcart trail entrance
Learn about the interesting nature of the Nature Trail.
Leader: John Teasell (542-5788)

Nature Walk At Lorne C Henderson Conservation Area Saturday, September 24, 2011

Meet: 10.00 am at the Conservation Area
A guided walk at this beautiful natural area near Petrolia. A pizza lunch will be provided. A great family outing.
Inquiries: Dick Maxfield (542-7914)
Leader: Kim Gledhill (862-1804)

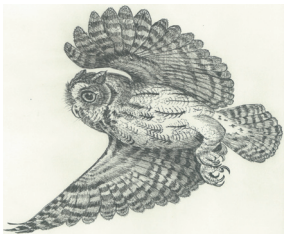
***Fungi Foray Saturday, October 1, 2011**

Meet: 8:30 am at the Bright's Grove Shoppers plaza
Enjoy a pleasant fall walk to learn about beautiful and interesting fungi.
Leader: Peter Banks (869-4243)

Birding The Lake Huron Flyway Saturday, October 29, 2011

Meet: 9:00 am at the Kettle Point shopping plaza
Excellent birding opportunities are explored in the Kettle Point to Grand Bend area.
Leader: Alf Rider (1-519-786-4213)

Cover drawing of Eastern Screech-Owl (*Otus asio*)
by Alice Walent-Bellar



***All About Owls Saturday, November 12, 2011**

Meet: 7:00 pm at the Canatara Park animal farm
Learn all about owls and participate in an owl prowl. This is a joint effort offered by LWI and the Bluewater Raptor Rehabilitation Centre (BRRRC). Volunteers with the BRRRC will have live owls on hand for the presentation followed by an owl prowl in the park to hear and see resident Eastern Screech-Owls.
Organizer: Larry Cornelis (339-8785)

Christmas Bird Count (CBC) Saturday, December 17, 2011

Join in the fun of the annual CBC. Join fellow bird counters at the Pinery Provincial Park Visitor Centre to tally numbers and enjoy a chilli dinner after the count.
Organizer: Peter Chapman (1-519-828-3064)

***Down River Ducks Sunday, February 5, 2012**

Meet: 9:00 am at the Centennial Park parking lot
Tour from Sarnia to Sombra to view wintering waterfowl, gulls and eagles. Lunch will be at a restaurant in Sombra.
Leader: Paul Carter (344-2571)

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