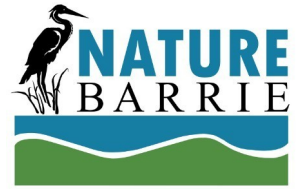


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LDD (Formerly Gypsy Moth)
(*Limnana dispar dispar*)

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Eastern Bluebird (*Sialia sialis*) chicks and eggs



Marsh Wren (*Cistothorus palustris*)

A Message from The President

Greetings to all, We Are Back!

It has been a long difficult time for us but finally Nature Barrie is back. Your executive has had numerous discussions on how to proceed taking into account the seemingly ever-changing situation with covid-19 and the fact that our membership is likely a prime target demographic.

At this time we will not be conducting field trips, but will be monitoring the situation so we can again offer field trips when the time is right.

Our September, October and November meetings will be virtual meetings via Zoom. Members will be emailed a link for the meeting and the information will also be posted on the Nature Barrie web pages and our Facebook page about a week before the meeting.

We hope to be able to offer in-person meetings starting again in the new year. However, we will have to follow whatever procedures the church has in place and some procedures Nature Barrie will put in place. At this time the church is not allowing use of the kitchen facilities so there will be no refreshments available at the meeting so if you want a beverage please bring your own. Nature Barrie will require face coverings to attend the indoor meetings and encourages all members and guests be fully vaccinated.

The Christmas Bird Count will be held on Saturday December 18 but at this time we are not sure if the wrap-up will be in-person or virtual. Details will be posted, however, if the meeting is in person there will be no potluck dinner nor refreshments..

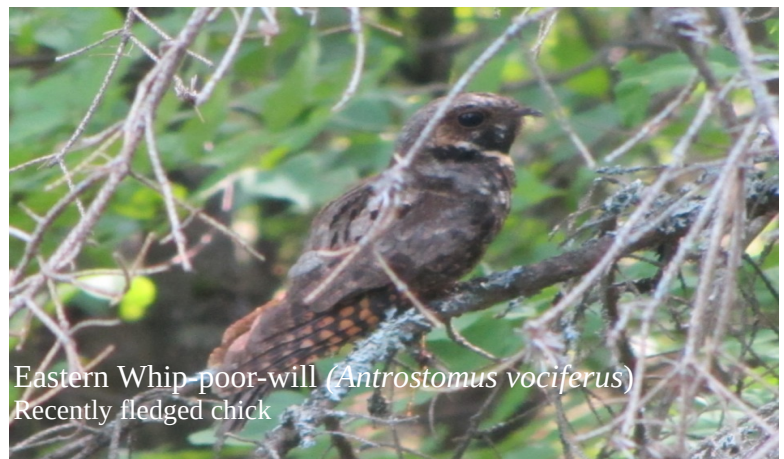
Brian Gibbon, our treasurer, is working on setting up an e-transfer with the bank for payment of dues. This will make it easier for our members to pay their dues. Details on this will be posted once they are finalized.

As always watch our web pages and Facebook page for updates to the program.

I hope you will enjoy what we have coming up.

Bruce Wilson
President

Photo by Bob Bowles



Eastern Whip-poor-will (*Antrostomus vociferus*)
Recently fledged chick

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Aims of the Club

To acquire and disseminate knowledge of natural history
 To protect and preserve wildlife
 To stimulate public interest in nature and its preservation
 For membership details see back page

Editor's Message

It has been quite some time since we've had an issue of the The Blue Heron. As your new editor, who is somewhat format challenged, here goes. Since we haven't had a meeting, field trip or other club activity since early in 2020 there hasn't been very much to report. Although the club executive for 2020 was never approved by members the Executive did make important decisions in the best interests of the club members. Considering the unprecedented circumstances of the time, this is what was needed. The same group of volunteers has agreed to remain on the executive for 2021 and the club members approved this at the virtual annual meeting in April. A list of their names and contact information is included above. The executive has also met virtually during the last few months and have decided on a modified program for the rest of the year.

This past spring has also been a real challenge for the natural environments around Barrie and Southern Ontario with the population explosion of LLD (formerly Gypsy Moth). Many trees were stripped of their leaves by late June but many have recovered to some extent. Hopefully this will get them through. Tree trunks every where are now covered with moth egg cases (cover photo). It would appear that our trees are in for another attack next year. Fortunately, according to nature writer David Hawke, a virus and a fungus will take hold within this next population of larvae and bring this out break under control. Dave writes a very interesting nature column every week. If you are not on Dave's email list to receive the current copy, he would gladly sign you up. Just send him a note at at "naturestories55@gmail.com"

A special thank you to all who helped with content for this issue. If you would like to contribute an article or share your photos in a future newsletter, don't hesitate to contact me at robin.craig@bell.net .



Upcoming Meetings Sept 2021 – April 2022

MEETINGS: The meetings from September to November 2021 will be held virtually using the Zoom app as they have been through the spring of 2021. Notices with appropriate links will be emailed to club members prior to the meeting. Virtual meetings will be limited to 100 participants.

Beginning in December meetings will be person and held at the NORTH WEST BARRIE UNITED CHURCH (NWBUC) 464 Ferndale Drive North on scheduled, Friday nights unless otherwise stated. Please bring your own coffee mug to help reduce garbage. Covid 19 protocols will be followed at all in person meetings. This is all subject to pandemic conditions and restrictions at that time. Further updates will be provided as soon as they become available.

Becoming a member will support club activities and Ontario Nature through our Federation club status. Please note that if you have questions regarding any outing or event, check the website. www.naturebarrie.com or Nature Barrie Facebook Group Events and Discussion sections.

September 24, 2021 7:30 pm Zoom Meeting “Tale of 1000 Turtles” Speaker; Tiana Burke

Tianna Burke has been part of the Georgian Bay Biosphere team since 2017. Tianna holds a Bachelor of Environmental Studies from the University of Waterloo and a Master’s of Science from Trent University where she studied the lives of Bank Swallows, an aerial insectivore. Her love of science, conservation, communications, and education has come full circle at GBB where she coordinates the planning and delivery of species at risk research and outreach, assists with education programming, and content development for GBB’s social media accounts. She is also currently the President of the Parry Sound Nature Club

Tale of 100 Turtles - Roads are known to have significant effects on the landscapes and habitats they bisect and many studies throughout Ontario have shown the negative impacts of roads on reptile populations through direct mortality, habitat loss and habitat fragmentation. A 2020-2021 road project in the Township of The Archipelago, resulted in tangible benefits for community, government and the environment. The project has provided a demonstration of sustainable practices for road management including numerous ecological, cultural, educational, and financial benefits of collaboration to provide a higher quality strategy for road work that benefits conservation at a comparable cost to conventional road work methods.

October 15, 2021 7:30 pm Zoom Meeting “Unsettling Settler Conversation” Speaker; Gary Pritchard

Many Nature Barrie members know Gary from his leadership and talks at many of the Ontario Nature conferences on Indigenous Perspectives and Protected Places . Gary also led a wonderful trip to view medicinal plants at the last public Tiny Marsh Bioblitz in 2019. Gary is Founder of 4 Directions of Conservation Consulting Services, Gary is an Conservation Ecologist and Indigenous Engagement Specialist from Curve Lake First Nation and brings over 20 years of environmental experience. He has worked with and travelled to over 280 Indigenous communities throughout Canada and the United States. He has extensive knowledge of conducting environmental assessments, and implementing environmental policy. He has successfully collaborated with many stakeholder groups, researchers, institutes, government agencies and First Nation communities and political organizations to address environmental concerns and identify practical solutions to environmental related issues. Gary also serves as a technical advisor and past professor at two post-secondary institutes in Ontario, including Researcher-Conservation Through Reconciliation Partnership at the University of Guelph.

Unsettling Settler Conversation - Understanding that settler conservation may be harming this land more than it's protecting. He will outline some indigenous methods of conservation and include plant medicines.

November 19, 2021 7:30 pm Zoom Meeting “Wolves and Coyotes: the wild dogs of the Kawarthas”

Speaker; Brent Patterson

Brent Patterson joined the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources as a research scientist in 2001 and has been an adjunct professor at Trent University since that time. His current research focuses on the population dynamics of wolves, coyotes and their prey in temperate and boreal regions. He has published extensively on wolves, coyotes, caribou and moose in Ontario and beyond. Prior to joining the MNR Brent worked as a biologist for the Government of Nunavut in the central Canadian Arctic where his research focused on caribou, muskox and wolverine. Whether it be for work or for pleasure he enjoys spending as much time as possible in the back country of Algonquin Park.

“Wolves and Coyotes: the wild dogs of the Kawarthas” - An overview of the taxonomy and ecology of wolves and coyotes in central Ontario. Specific topics will include the current distribution and abundance of wolves and coyotes in central Ontario, the factors that influence the distribution and abundance of each, food habits, and the interactions of both wolves and coyotes with their major prey species.

December 18, 2021 6:00 pm In Person Meeting “Christmas Bird Count Nature Barrie Results”

There will not be a potluck dinner with this meeting.

Moderator; Chris Evans

January 21, 2022 7:30 pm In Person Meeting “Ontario Trumpeter Swan Recovery Program”

Speaker; Sue Best

Sue Best moved from Brampton to Washago, Ontario in 2010. She is a Photographer who stopped to take a picture when she spotted “seven swans swimming” at Christmas of her first year in the area. That first sighting inspired a nature research-driven personality to learn more about Trumpeter Swans and their history in Simcoe County. After 11 years, she has documented thousands of swans, taken 10,000 photographs and now coordinates all tracking, education and rescue interventions in Severn Township for The Ontario Trumpeter Swan Restoration Program.

“Ontario Trumpeter Swan Recovery Program” - There has been a successful restoration of trumpeter swans, who were hunted to extinction in Ontario in the 1800s. Originated by Harry Lumsden, who led the drive to reintroduce the swans to their traditional Ontario environments. Susan Best is the Washago head volunteer.

**January 23, 2022 10 am In Person at the Town of Washago Dock “Ontario Trumpeter Swan Recovery Program Part 2”
Leader; Sue Best**

Washago, at the north end of Lake Couchiching, is the first known wintering area where trumpeter swans congregate where they were not released. It's an open area with healthy currents, shallow enough to provide an abundance of natural forage for the birds.

“The restoration program is completely volunteer run,” says Susan Best. “We rely on kind donations from the public for our banding and tagging activities as well as vet care for any sick or injured birds.” To find out how you can contribute to the trumpeter swan count and other conservation activities, please contact the registered charity Amherst Wildlife Foundation; Trumpeterswan@live.com.

**February 18, 2022, 7:30 pm. In Person “Birding in the Bay of Fundy and Cape Breton Island in the Maritimes”
Speaker; Paul Forde**

Paul is our the Nature Barrie Publicity Chairman and as our club artistic go-to-guy designed our club logo.

Come out to enjoy a trip east to the Bay of Fundy and Cape Breton. Follow Paul and Susan's trip to this wonderful and fairly close ocean playground rife with amazing birds of the shores and inner wetlands and woods. Our intrepid couple are beginner birders, but did everything they could to see as many different types of birds as possible. See the wonderful Bird Island and learn about the variety of very special places they visited

March 18, 2022, 7:30 pm. In Person “Gwen Petreman Presents”

Gwen joined Nature Barrie when she initiated our association with Living Green's tree planting program several years ago. She is also an internationally recognized children's author, illustrator, educator, environmentalist and presenter to our local schools. Her first book was The Blue Bottle in 2009, her other 12 books include Munch Munch Crunch! Bugs for Lunch!, A Weird Week (which isn't about Covid), Who Laid Those Eggs, and are available at Chapters/Indigo and Amazon as well as via Gwen!

“Gwen Petreman Presents” -Gwen will do a Google slide presentation on the connections between many of her books inspired by learning about local initiatives and her continuing and increasing concerns about global overheating and climate chaos. Her books will be available for sale, as well as her fluid painted hot pot pads, and stone stress-release fluid painted necklaces. Part of the proceeds will go to local tree planting projects.

April 22, 2022, 6:00 pm. In Person “AGM, Potluck and Photo Show”

Nature Barrie General News

Connecting Corridors Campaign

The Nature Barrie Board of Directors has decided to partner with The Couchiching Conservancy (CC) to assist with The CC's "Connecting Corridors Campaign to secure and Protect wildlife corridors. This program is important because as development continues In our region purchasing properties and securing conservation easements is critical to ensure Wildlife corridors and biodiversity are protected.

The board is asking Nature Barrie members to consider making tax deductible donations to Nature Barrie tagged "Connecting Corridors Campaign". These will be transferred to The CC and receipts will be issued to donors. Like the support to the Nature Conservancy of Canada - Baldwick Bluff Campaign, this CC Campaign enables Nature Barrie to fulfill its mission to Conserve and protect nature.

Donations can be mailed to "Nature Barrie Connection Corridors Campaign"
Nature Barrie
PO Box 1084
Barrie, ON L4M 5E1

Bird Friendly Cities a Nature Canada Program

Saving bird lives starts with local action! Across Canada, people are coming together to make their cities bird friendly.

Nature groups, municipal officials, and other community groups are teaming up with Nature Canada to ensure our urban environments are safe havens for birds rather than a source of threats. From predation by domestic cats, to window and car collisions, cities and towns present many preventable hazards to birds.

Nature Canada has developed a certification standard to certify eligible cities as a "Bird Friendly City", to recognize and celebrate the contributions they have made to save bird lives in their municipalities. The goal of certification is to provide local partners with a clear standard that reflects what a city needs to do to make it safe for birds. Certification is a badge of honor and a source of community pride. It tells the world that your city or town does things to help birds and reverse their declines in your own backyard. We are looking towards World Migratory Bird Day 2022 as a timeline to certify at least thirty eligible Canadian cities as a Bird Friendly City.

A Bird Friendly City is a community where:

- Key threats to birds are effectively mitigated;
- Nature is restored so native bird populations can thrive;
- Residents are actively engaged in admiring and monitoring local bird populations;
- Organizations are creating events to protect birds;
- Progressive municipal policies are created to protect urban bird populations; and
- A Bird Team has been created to oversee and lead these initiatives.

Can Barrie be a Bird Friendly City? Phyllis Tremblay and Dorothy McKeown will lead this process and could use your help.

Nature Ontario Youth Summit

The 2021 Youth Summit for Mother Earth will be held as a series of online and offline events, with key events happening on September 25 and 26, 2021, and a follow-up virtual event in October. The offline events are conditional on the recommendations of public health authorities in light of COVID-19

The Nature Barrie Board has decided to commit the entire Vivian Bell balance for 2021 to Enrol as many as 7 students in the worthwhile endeavour. If anyone knows an interested student please contact Dorothy McKeown.



Field Trips Fall 2021

All field trips have been canceled for the fall months. Please check the website and Facebook for any changes or updates.

Coming Events

Ontario Nature Fall Huronia Meeting (Zoom) is set for October 13, 2021, at 7:00 pm.

Bird Monitoring Programs for 2021



2021 Barrie SwiftWatch

By Phyllis Tremblay

Access to nature is key for our well being and it is exhilarating to watch chittering chimney swifts (a Threatened Species) circle and swoop overhead. I was so glad when I saw my first swifts for 2021 on April 29th, the earliest arrival date that I have recorded over 12 years. While I have seen a few close to home at Little Lake this season, the chances of seeing chimney swifts in downtown Barrie are 100% on any evening from May to September. So, I leave our green oasis at home and head downtown to delight in watching and monitoring chimney swifts.

Other interested folks very generously offered to help. Eight family groups, keeping safe in their own bubbles, performed 136 surveys. 81 of these surveys were carried out at the 5 large roosts; 55 presence/absence surveys were conducted at 26 of the smaller, (usually nesting) chimneys. Chimney swifts occupied 20 of these smaller chimneys, including 2 in other community chimneys, one each in Minesing and Guthrie.

The Queen's Hotel chimney had the highest count during the National Population Roost Monitoring Blitz (May 26) of 150. See blitz counts below. This chimney was also the favourite summer roost for non-breeding swifts.

Chimney swifts nested at The Jail chimney, later it became the preferred roost during the fall migration. The highest count was 83 on August 20th and swifts continued roosting here until September 1st.

Swifts were still actively entering and exiting the Unity Christian High School chimney until August 31st, but by September 2nd no swifts were present.

Donaleigh's chimney was very difficult to monitor because of vision obstructing structures. From the limited data that we were able to collect, it appeared as though this large chimney was used as a minor roost with only 2 – 4 swifts entering at sunset.

It appeared that chimney swifts claimed the Barrie Central Collegiate, (BCC) chimney tower for their nesting site later in the season and were still feeding young until the end of August. The last one seen in 2021 made a dramatic entrance on September 2nd, rocking from side to side before disappearing into the chimney.

Inga submitted all data to Birds Canada and a spread sheet will be prepared for Nature Barrie's records.

I appreciate the dedication of everyone who helped with SwiftWatch in completing all these surveys and submitting their observations promptly.

Results of 2021 National Population Roost Monitoring Blitz Counts

Chimney Location	May 17	May 20	May 26	May 30	June 3	June 7
The Queen's	71	51	150	98	83	68
Donaleigh's	3	1	0	0	0	4
Barrie Central Collegiate	2	1	0	0	0	4
Unity Christian High School	2	2	3	2	1	---
The Jail	2	2	3	3	5	4

Blue bird Report 2021 by Clare Holden & Lane Henderson

As the second year of limited monitoring has drawn to a close, we are happy to report that we raised 54 fledgling Eastern Bluebirds from our boxes this year. This is down considerably from a high of 91 in 2018. This could be that either, we did not capture all the data, as were working with limited volunteers, or because we had significant bird mortality along Seadon Rd. We surmised that this was probably from the spraying of insecticide for the LLD moths by private landowners in the immediate area. It is unlikely that it was caused by the farms in this area as they are very environmentally conscious. These boxes have never previously been impacted by farming practices.

The following table is the result of this year's monitoring:

TOTALS	Fledged	Nests	Eggs	Eggs lost	Chicks lost
Bluebirds	54	23	78	15	9
Tree Swallows	171	32	201	16	14
House Wrens	22	8	34	7	5
Chickadee	8	1		0	0

As you can see this appears to have been “the year of the Tree Swallow”. We had an incredible count of 171 Tree Swallows fledged. This is a record high for our trail, just breaking the previous record of 169 in 2017. Also beating our last fully monitored year in 2019 by an extra 56 birds.

We did not need to employ the chicken feather method, which was suggested by a long-term member, Lynne Gibbon. She sent a delightful email quoting a passage from *The Gardener*, Spring 2021, citing an article on Tree Swallows by Myrna Pearman, retired biologist at the Ellis Bird Farm, near Red Deer.

"During the latter part of nest building and early incubation, the birds are obsessed with the ultimate nest cup lining material - white feathers." she describes how the founder of the farm would carry white chicken feathers with him when monitoring the boxes in the spring and the swallows would follow along behind him, dashing down to grab a prize feather and even pillaging feathers from others in mid-air"

The House wren numbers were also down from a previous high of 42 in 2018. There appeared to be a lot of nest building but not too much action. Old Second South area, monitored by Robin Craig, seemed to have had the best results. There was a sad situation on the Tangle Creek trail where the almost ready to fledge chicks lost a parent to traffic with disastrous consequences.

On a happier note, we had a little Black-capped Chickadee raise a brood of 8, very early on in the season. This box is in an area of Cedar trees which provided them with cover & the food needed for these hungry youngsters.

Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas III

By Ian Cook - Regional Coordinator for Region # 13 Simcoe

2021 saw the launch of Ontario's 3^d Breeding Bird Atlas. The goal of the atlas is to map the distribution and relative abundance of Ontario's approximately 300 species of breeding birds. This is an ambitious project spanning 5 years, covering the entire province from the islands of Lake Erie to the Hudson Bay Lowlands and from Manitoba to Quebec. The atlas relies on thousands of volunteers, making it one of the biggest examples of Citizen Science in Canada. Previous atlases were completed in 1985 and 2005. Comparing population trends and range changes over time is of particular value. The data collected are used widely by researchers and policy-makers.

To conduct the atlas, the entire province is divided into 10 x 10 km squares. For the entire province, that's a lot of squares! Volunteer birders visit the squares during the breeding season and record the birds observed there, and evidence of breeding, such as singing on territory, displaying for mates, building nests or feeding young. In addition, participants are expected to complete 25 point counts in each square. Pre-determined points in each 10 x 10 square are visited and, using a strict protocol, all the birds observed or heard over a set period of time are recorded. The many thousands of point data collected this way provides an estimation of the relative abundance of species of birds. Finally, the atlas encourages a variety of special surveys designed to determine the presence of some hard to find birds like owls, nightjars and marsh birds. Data collected is entered by the atlasser either via an app on their phone, or via a portal on the atlas website.

Despite the challenges presented by a global pandemic, the atlas got off to a great start with thousands of registered volunteers logging thousands of hours and submitting tens of thousands of records. The ambitious push to cover Ontario's vast northern reaches via paddling trips, fly-in expeditions and deployment to remote First Nations territories had to be delayed for the first year but will be a priority going forward.

Anyone can participate in the atlas. Higher levels of birding skills will increase one's value to the atlas. Particularly for point counts, it is necessary to have good skills birding by ear. Beginners can participate as well, however. Workshops and mentoring can help improve skills, and computer skills can be valuable as well for the input of data. Most of the squares in southern Ontario have had a primary atlasser assigned to them but interested birders are encouraged to atlas anywhere in the province, as the more data, the better.

Most folks participating in the atlas will tell you how rewarding an activity it is. It's a great incentive to get out there, to visit natural areas you may not visit otherwise, and to improve your birding skills. It's an effective way of putting one's hobby to good use, and it's a very social activity, mostly virtual in this first year but hopefully in real life for the rest of the atlas period.

If you are interested in participating, the first step is to register at the breeding bird atlas website at <https://www.birdscanada.org/birdmon/onatlas/register.jsp> . For more information you can e-mail me at simcoe@birdsontario.org .

Merlin Bird ID by Robin Craig

There are lots of bird ID apps out there to choose from but in my opinion the best is Merlin from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Originally you were required to enter a description of the bird you could not ID and then the app would give you some possibilities. Next came photo ID. You take a picture of a bird, submit it to the App and it gives you an ID. In June of this year the app improved even more. Now you can run the App to record a calling bird and it will give you an ID instantly. I have tested both the photo and sound ID features and they have been dead on right. Even immature and female warblers are properly identified. The App is free. It should be in every birders identification arsenal.

“There is a Shrike in Our Yard” by Claude Cox

Claude provided this interesting story from this past winter. "The photo shows a Northern Shrike "wolfing down" a mouse it had impaled in the apple tree in our backyard. Elaine had pruned the tree, so it had lots of sharp, pointed pieces of branches left. I saw a mouse under a feeder near our house in the afternoon. It had come under the fence from the neighbour's; I had seen it before. I wondered how we might get rid of it. About an hour later we saw a bird in the apple tree, working on this mouse it had impaled. Talk about service! First time I have seen a Shrike in our backyard. It didn't finish the meal, but came back later for what remained. Sunday, Dec. 6, 2020."



Northern Shrike
(*Lanius excubitor*)

Photo by C. Cox

Member Book Suggestions

Field Notes from an Unintentional Birder

By Julia Zarankin

2020

Douglas and McIntyre (2013) Ltd.

Ms. Zarankin tells the story of finding meaning in mid-life through birds. Like many birds she has lived a “migratory” life, having been born in Russia growing up in Vancouver and Toronto, studying in the United States and living in Paris. At age 35 and recently divorced and auditioning new hobbies during a stressful career transition she stumbles upon birdwatching. Initially curious about the strange people that wear multi-pocketed vests, carry spotting scopes and discuss the finer points of bird identification, she ultimately becomes a birder herself. In the process she finds love, uncovers a new language and lays down roots. A fascinating read about a new recruit to birding.

Suggested by Robin Craig

The Inconvenient Indian : A curious account of Native People in North America

by Thomas King

2012

Doubleday Canada

Thomas King is of Cherokee / Greek descent, living in Guelph. He has a PHD in English, taught Native studies at the University of Lethbridge, and currently is an English professor at the University of Guelph. Those are his credentials, but why I encourage Canadians to read this book is that he gives a history of Indigenous and non-Indigenous relations from before Columbus, to recent times, in Canada and the US. The reason I highly recommend it, is that he includes many stories from his own friends and contacts, but is also written with humour. It is enjoyable to read as you learn.

Suggested by Dorothy McKeown



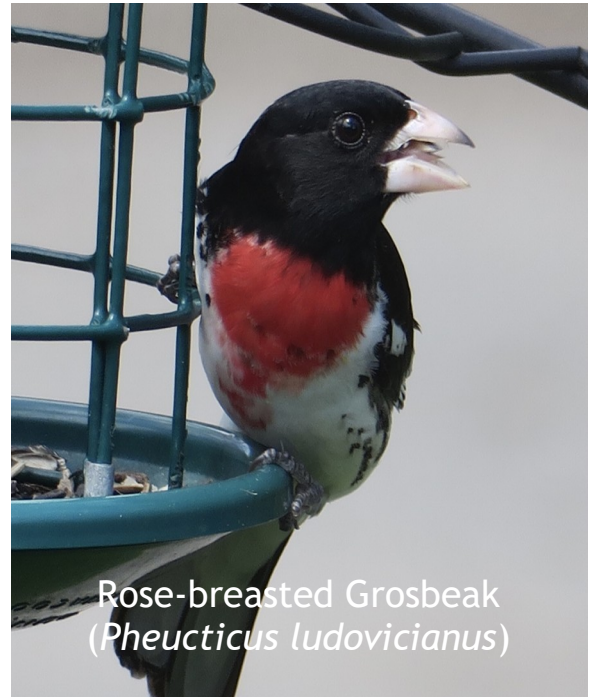
Eastern Kingbird (*Tyrannus tyrannus*)

Members Photo Gallery



Northern Parula
(*Setophaga americana*)

Photo by P. Forde



Rose-breasted Grosbeak
(*Pheucticus ludovicianus*)

Photo by R. Craig

Nature Barrie Club Membership



Annual Fees:

Family—\$30 Individual— \$25

Student—\$10 Corresponding—\$15

Memberships run from January 1st to December 31st.

Members get into meetings at no charge, are eligible for discounts at local nature stores and have access to the content of the website. To join Nature Barrie please come to one of meetings or complete the downloadable application form from our website and send with your payment.

To make paying dues and making donations we hope to be able to accept e-transfer soon.

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