



Parry Sound Nature Club

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<i>Date &amp; Details</i>	<i>Event Description</i>
Wednesday, Feb 20 <sup>th</sup> 7 pm Parry Sound Museum	<b>Secret lives of the Canada Jay</b> Every year, researchers at Algonquin Park monitor breeding pairs of Canada Jays. This 55-year study is one of the longest of its kind in the world. Join researchers Alex Sutton and Koley Freeman, PhD candidates at the University of Guelph, to learn more about the world of the Canada Jay. They'll take you through the lives of these intelligent birds from egg to adulthood and include some exciting findings that radio telemetry has been able to provide.
Wednesday, March 20 <sup>th</sup> 7 pm Parry Sound Museum	<b>Gliders in the night</b> Sasha Newar, a graduate student at Trent University, will be presenting on Ontario's own superheroes: the flying squirrels. Join us to learn about northern and southern flying squirrels, the silent gliders of the night, and how modern bat recording software may help us finally see a clear picture of their world.
Wednesday, April 17 <sup>th</sup> 7 pm Parry Sound Museum	<b>Biodiversity primer, what is it anyway?</b> James Kamesta (Environmental Consultant) will discuss the concept of biodiversity, what does it mean, the different levels of biodiversity, why is it important and what is happening with it.
Wednesday, May 15 <sup>th</sup> 7 pm Parry Sound Museum	<b>Travels tales from Borneo</b> Fran Stewart will share her experiences on her trip to Borneo, a unique island of immense plant diversity, giant flying squirrels, monkeys with very big noses, Pygmy elephants, close encounters with Orangutangs and much more.
Saturday May 25 <sup>th</sup> 8 am Meet in the Walmart parking lot (near the green heron pond) at 8 am to car pool.	<b>Spring birding hike</b> Led by Rick Snider our bird, butterfly, fern, and dragonfly expert! Bring your binoculars, bird book, bug protection, snack, and water. Contact Rick Snider for more information 705-378-2233.

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Wednesday, June 19 <sup>th</sup> 7 pm Parry Sound Museum	<b>Protected places campaign</b> Anne Bell, Director of Conservation and Education at Ontario Nature will explain how Ontario Nature is working to ensure that Ontario meets its commitment to protect at least 17% of our lands and waters by 2020.
Wednesday, Sept 18 <sup>th</sup> 7 pm Parry Sound Museum	<b>Studying nightjars on Georgian Bay</b> Elora Grahame, a Ph.D. student at the University of Guelph, is currently studying the reproductive success of Common Nighthawks and Eastern Whip-poor-wills in hopes of uncovering factors contributing to their long-term declines. She will discuss the findings of her nightjar study and share tales of nocturnal fieldwork.
Wednesday, Oct 16 <sup>th</sup> 7 pm Parry Sound Museum	<b>Skinks, slave-makers, and sundews</b> The vast landscape of Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands Provincial Park fuels a rich diversity of northern and southern wildlife. From the comfort of our seats, Phil Careless (Ecologist, Ontario Parks) will have us exploring rock barrens and slogging through beaver bogs in pursuit of the strange life that grows, creeps, crawls, flies, bounds, and swims through this southern wilderness.
Wednesday, Nov 20 <sup>th</sup> 7 pm Parry Sound Museum	<b>Hoofing it north</b> Legendary Algonquin naturalist Dan Strickland will explain what originally prevented, and what later permitted, the great northern expansion of White-tailed Deer.
Saturday, December 7 <sup>th</sup> Details TBD	<b>Christmas Bird Count for <u>KIDS</u></b> The Christmas Bird Count for Kids is a fun winter birdwatching event for kids and families. All ages and skills welcome! Contact Tianna Burke for more information 519-503-0215.
Saturday Dec 14 <sup>th</sup> (rain date Dec 15 <sup>th</sup> ) 8 am Meet at Richard's Coffee	<b>Christmas Bird Count</b> Join us for this longstanding and important tradition of tracking bird numbers and species. All levels of birding skills welcome. Contact Steph Romaniuk for more information 705-774-9527.

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