



Parry Sound Nature Club

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<i>Date and Details</i>	<i>Event Description</i>
Wednesday, Feb 21 st 7 pm Parry Sound Museum	<p>The Motus Wildlife Tracking System</p> <p>Stuart Mackenzie is the Migration Program Manager at Bird Studies Canada (BSC). Some of the largest barriers to effective conservation and management of migratory animals is our ability to determine the importance of various landscapes and how they are used by animals throughout their annual cycle. Subsequently, studies range from stopover and breeding ecology, post-breeding dispersal, migratory routes, turnover and survival rates, and even aspects of animal behaviour. This lecture chronicles the development of Motus, and follows the lives of migratory animals from the coast of James Bay and the Maritimes, through the lower Great Lakes, and into the jungles of Colombia and beyond.</p>
Wednesday, March 21 st 7 pm Parry Sound Museum	<p>Co-existing with Coyotes</p> <p>Lesley Sampson has been working on behalf of Canids for over two decades. Lesley co-founded Coyote Watch Canada in 2008 after facilitating a decade long community-based initiative called the Creekpark Coyote Education and Research Project. She is a specialist in coyote behaviour and non-lethal coexistence methodologies. Lesley will give you insights into the coyote/human dynamics, canid family structure and how to cultivate compassionate community coexistence.</p>
Wednesday, April 18 th 7 pm Parry Sound Museum	<p>Conserving Paradise: An Eco-tourism experience in the Seychelles</p> <p>Alanna Smoleraz will present on her volunteer experience in the Seychelles, Africa with Wildlife ACT. During her time here she got to see and work with various birds, fish, terrapins, giant Aldabra tortoises and of course sea turtles. Join us as she talks about her experiences there, what she learned, and what she was able to contribute to the various wildlife and conservation projects.</p>
Wednesday, May 16 th 7 pm Parry Sound Museum	<p>Risk of West Nile virus and Lyme disease in The North Bay Parry Sound District</p> <p>Brendan Hatton will present about updates about West Nile and Lyme disease in our area. West Nile Virus content will include: transmission cycle, mosquitos of concern, what mosquitoes have been found in our district and the overall risk in our area. The Lyme disease component will get into the ticks of concern, life cycle, identifying the black legged tick and activity in our district.</p>
Saturday May 26 th 8 am Meet in the Walmart parking lot (near the green heron pond) at 8 am to car pool.	<p>Spring Birding Hike</p> <p>Location to be announced. 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</p>

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<p>Wednesday, June 20th 7 pm Parry Sound Museum</p>	<p>Life at the Edge: Habitat, Heat, and Herpetological Pursuits on the Canadian Shield</p> <p>Josh Feltham will present about Ontario's only lizard, the five-lined skink, and how it has adapted to live in the north. What factors influence their distribution, abundance, and behaviour at the northern limit of their range? Find out about the challenges of documenting the movement and activity of individual lizards and how VHS saved the day when it came to capturing one of the fastest reptiles in Ontario!</p>
<p>Wednesday, Sept 19th 7 pm Parry Sound Museum</p>	<p>Chimney Swifts</p> <p>Liz Purves, the Ontario SwiftWatch Coordinator, will be talking about Bird Studies Canada's Chimney Swift Program. Volunteers from our very own Nature Club have helped with these counts in Parry Sound. Learn more about Chimney Swifts, this monitoring program, and where the Parry Sound area fits into the big picture of Chimney Swifts in Ontario.</p>
<p>Wednesday, Oct 17th 7 pm Parry Sound Museum</p>	<p>Exploring the Sydenham River: one of North America's most biodiverse watersheds</p> <p>Mike Kent, a steward of the Sydenham River, will present about this unique Ontario Nature Reserve. His presentation will include paddling stories and photography of the river's diverse flora and fauna, such as maps turtles, cerulean warblers, mussels, dragonflies and more!</p>
<p>Wednesday, Nov 21st 7 pm Parry Sound Museum</p>	<p>Akshyuk Pass in Auyuittuq National Park, Cumberland Peninsula, Baffin Island</p> <p>2 couples, 14 days, 3 northern communities, 1 memorable snowmobile ride, 2 boat rides and an amazing 100km trek that crossed the Arctic Circle. Emily and Ghislain will share stories from their trip to Iqaluit, Qikiqtarjuaq, and Pangnirtung.</p>
<p>Sunday Dec 15th (in case of severe weather Dec 16th) 8 am Meet at Richard's Coffee</p>	<p>Christmas Bird Count</p> <p>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</p>

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