

Welcome to the 2022 Huron Fringe Birding Festival!

Events start promptly at the Visitor Centre in MacGregor Point Provincial Park. Arrive **30 minutes early** for your first event to complete registration. Gather **15 minutes** early for your other events for instructions, and so events can leave on time.

NEW: We are offering early bird (6:00 to 8:30) and mid-morning (9:00 to 11:30) events in the Park. Generally, morning events return to the Visitor Centre by 11:30 am; afternoon and all-day events return by 4:30 pm; ☆ events by 3:00 pm. We also offer some **mobility limited** 🚗 events. This 🚗 indicates where **vehicle transportation is required**.

At the **Visitor Centre** – Coffee is available every morning. BBQ lunches, hosted by Friends of MacGregor Point Park, are available from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Drop-in Bird Banding the 1st Saturday/Sunday. Vortex Vendor Booth the 1st Saturday. Quest Nature Tours Vendor Booth the 2nd Saturday/Sunday.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY MAY 27

All Day

A1 6:15 am **JARMO'S BIG BACKYARD** – Jarmo Jalava ☆
Sky Lake and Red Bay areas host rich bird and botanical habitats. The outing will include a 3.5 km hike through a coastal migration hotspot, and a little "Big Sit" on the deck of Jarmo's home, which should yield great views of some Bruce Peninsula avian specialties. (*moderate*, 🚗, *bring lunch*) (limit 16)

A2 6:30 am **MALCOLM BLUFF & CAPE CROKER** – Alfred Raab
Bird in the deep interior-forest tract of Malcolm Bluff Shores Nature Reserve and the Neyaashiinigmiiing territory on the Cape Croker peninsula. These areas have yielded some special finds in past years and the Escarpment bluffs provide spectacular vistas. (*moderate*, 🚗, *bring lunch*) (limit 20)

A3 6:45 am **BIRDING THE BRUCE WITH BENSETTE** – Jeremy Bensette
Jeremy is Ontario's Big Year record holder and a popular tour guide. Join him in his quest for the abundant birds of the Bruce. Locations may include Isaac Lake, Oliphant wetlands, Red Bay, Sauble Beach and the Ferndale Flats. (*easy*, 🚗, *bring lunch*) (limit 20)

A4 7:00 am **BIRDING & BOTANIZING FOREST & GLEN** – Elaine Van Den Kieboom / Bob Gray
Join our leaders for this nature ramble through two Grey Sauble Conservation properties. Ferns, flowers, forest birds and geology will be featured as we explore these sections of the Niagara Escarpment. (*difficult*, 🚗, *bring lunch*) (limit 20)

Morning

A5 6:00 - 8:30 am **SEX & THE SINGLE WARBLER 1** – Mark Wiercinski
Warblers have two priorities at this time of the year... breeding (sex) and moving (migration). Mark will entertain and inform us on these bird activities. (*easy*) (limit 13)

A6 6:30 am **KINCARDINE LAGOONS aka "PELEE NORTH"** – James Turland
Local birders affectionately refer to the Kincardine Lagoons as "Peele North" because of the often-spectacular fallouts of warblers. A favourite local leader, this is one of James' favorite birding areas. (*easy*, 🚗) (limit 20)

A7 7:30 am **MAGICAL MacGREGOR** – Tim Arthur
Tim's fieldwork with Birds Canada includes several sites within MacGregor Point. We'll wander the Park's woods and wetlands looking for late migrants and birds on territory. (*moderate*, 🚗) (limit 16)

A8 9:00 am **SEX & THE SINGLE WARBLER 2** – Mark Wiercinski
Warblers have two priorities at this time of the year... breeding (sex) and moving (migration). Mark will entertain and inform us on these bird activities. (*easy*) (limit 13)

Afternoon

A9 1:30 pm **BIRD & BOTANY RAMBLE** – Terry Crabe
Enjoy the riches of the MacGregor Point landscape as seen through the eyes of an experienced Park Ecologist. Terry will take you on a leisurely hike through his favorite places in the Park.
(*easy*, 🚶) (limit 20)

A10 1:30 pm **MAGICAL MacGREGOR** – Tim Arthur
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A11 1:30 pm **FEN & FRINGE** – David Turner
The abundant avifauna and flora of the Lake Huron shoreline are featured during this walk from the Visitor Centre. David is an avid birder and botanist and an enthusiastic leader. (*easy*) (limit 16)

Evening

A12 7:15 pm **SPECULATING ON SPARROWS** – Fred Jazvac
How to identify a sparrow before you see it. The commoners, the migrants and those difficult "LBJs". Fred is a master teacher who will share his strategies for identifying this confusing family. (*indoor presentation*)

A13 9:00 pm **AFTER DARK IN THE PARK WITH MARK** – Mark Wiercinski
Nocturnal adaptations are required to rule the night. From owls to crickets to fireflies, we'll learn how these creatures are able to thrive when darkness descends. (*easy*, 🚶) (limit 20)

SATURDAY MAY 28

All Day

A14 6:45 am **BIRDS OF THE BRUCE** – Tim Arthur
Tim birded much of Ontario in 2017 and holds one of the top records for birds seen in one year. He will take you on a tour of some of his favorite and most productive 'big year' birding spots in the Bruce.
(*easy*, 🚶, *bring lunch*) (limit 20)

A15 7:00 am **MALCOLM BLUFF TO HURON SHORES** – Mike Burrell
Join Mike for an exciting day of birding and explore his favourite hotspots around the lower peninsula. During this hike you will feel Mike's infectious enthusiasm for the world of birds.
(*moderate*, 🚶, *bring lunch*) (limit 20)

A16 7:15 am **THE BOUNTIFUL BRUCE** – Jeremy Bensette
Jeremy birded the entire province during his record-breaking Big Year and is ready to revisit some of the birding hotspots in this area. Join Jere in his never-ending pursuit of the bountiful birds of the Bruce.
(*easy*, 🚶, *bring lunch*) (limit 20)

Morning

6:15 am - 10:15 am **BIRD BANDING** – David Brewer 🦋
This drop-in event is a great opportunity to see birds up close. A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush. Watch as Master Bander David collects birds from mist nets, records data and explains the benefits of bird banding.

A17 6:00 - 8:30 am **A SONG IN THE AIR 1** – Emily Rondel

Although many call the pastime bird ‘watching’, it is as much about listening as looking! We’ll take a ramble ‘round MacGregor and decipher the bird songs we hear. We may even do some mock “point counts”, to get your ears tuned up for the Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas! (*easy*) (limit 13)

A18 6:15 am **BETTER LIVING THROUGH BIRDS** – Mark Wiercinski

Birds make everything better, from the common backyard variety to the rarest of species. Mark gives us a fun biological spin on things - interesting behaviours, cool adaptations and just good ecology.

(*moderate*, 🚗) (limit 16)

A19 7:00 am **NEST QUEST** – Mark Peck

The Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas (OBBA) is one of the most important conservation initiatives in the Province. Join Mark for a walk in the Park as he shows you his secrets to finding nests and contributing valuable information to the OBBA. (*moderate*, 🚗) (limit 16)

A20 7:15 am **BIRDING BACKROADS** – James Turland

We’ll discover bountiful birding opportunities with James as we explore forested trails, scan pasturelands and Lake Huron shoreline. (*easy*, 🚗) (limit 20)

A21 7:30 am **FEN & FRINGE** – David Turner

The abundant avifauna and flora of the Lake Huron shoreline are featured during this walk from the Visitor Centre. David is an avid birder and botanist and an enthusiastic leader.

(*moderate*) (limit 16)

A22 9:00 am **A SONG IN THE AIR 2** – Emily Rondel

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11:00 am **VORTEX OPTICS**

Over lunch break and into the early afternoon check out vendors and displays at the Visitor Centre.

Afternoon

A23 1:30 pm **AUNT ANNIE’S HOUSE** – Jenna McGuire

Saugeen Métis history and culture will be featured during a presentation at the Historic Saugeen Métis Interpretive Learning Centre, followed by a tour of Aunt Annie’s 170-year-old culturally significant home.

(*easy*, 🚗) (limit 20)

A24 1:30 pm **BIRDS & BOTANY OF MacGREGOR** – Terry Crabe

Enjoy the riches of the MacGregor Point landscape as seen through the eyes of an experienced Park Ecologist. Terry will take you on a leisurely hike through his favorite places in the Park.

(*easy*, 🚗) (limit 16)

A25 1:30 pm **BIRDING THE TOWER TRAIL** – Dana Latour

Woodland and wetland birds are featured as Dana leads us along the Tower Trail to the Ducks Unlimited pond. Dana is a graduate of the prestigious OFO Young Birders program and a conservation biologist scholar.

(*easy*, 🚗) (limit 16)

A26 1:30 pm **NATURE RAMBLE** – John Reaume

John will be on the lookout for all that nature has to offer - dragonflies, damselflies, spiders, turtles, frogs, snakes, and will also check out birds along the way. John is an expert on wetland creatures great and small.

(*easy*) (limit 16)

A27 1:30 pm **COUNTRY ROADS** – Marshall Byle

Marshall will lead us along his favorite backroads and by-ways. Without travelling far, this entertaining local leader will introduce us to a variety of habitats, birds and scenic countryside. (*easy*, 🚗) (limit 20)

Evening

A28 4:30 pm **BANQUET, SILENT AUCTION & KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

THE ART OF DELIVERING SCIENCE – Grant Gilchrist

Grant will share his research on what the study of birds is telling us about a rapidly changing Arctic and how Inuit are helping us understand these dramatic changes. *St. Joseph's Jubilee Hall, Port Elgin. Green Door Catering - \$65 per person. Cash Bar. Contact Registrar by May 1 with dietary restrictions. The serving method will comply with Public Health Unit regulations at the time of the event. The cost of the event is subject to change <April 15. If Public Health Unit regulations do not allow a meal, participants will be advised of the new start time for the evening activities and a partial refund will be issued.*

SUNDAY MAY 29

All Day

A29 6:00 am **A BIG DAY** – Kiah Jasper & Ezra Campanelli

Two obsessed birders on an Ontario Big Year will take you birding till you drop! This popular dawn to dusk birding marathon on the Bruce Peninsula could give you a day's list of over 100 species! *(moderate, 🚗, bring lunch & walking supper, possible return after 9 pm)* (limit 20)

A30 6:15 am **TOP OF THE BRUCE** – Mark Wiercinski

Mark will take you on roads less travelled and places less visited. The tip of the Saugeen Bruce Peninsula offers top birding at several hidden hot spots. *(moderate, 🚗, bring lunch)* (limit 20)

Morning

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A31 6:00 - 8:30 am **MAGICAL MacGREGOR 1** – Tim Arthur

Tim's fieldwork with Birds Canada includes several sites within MacGregor Point. We'll wander the Park's woods and wetlands looking for late migrants and birds on territory. *(easy)* (limit 13)

A32 6:45 am **GRASSLANDS & MORE** – Abby Collins

Abby loves to share her keen interest in birds with one and all. Explore grasslands and other habitats outside the Park with this Ontario Master Naturalist. *(easy, 🚗)* (limit 20)

A33 7:00 am **BIRDING ON THE EDGE** – Mike Burrell

The habitat mixes around the edge of the Park provide lots of avian action and an eclectic mix of birds for the list. Look, listen and learn about the birds with Mike. *(easy, 🚗)* (limit 20)

A34 7:15 am **'POWER' BIRDING AT THE BRUCE** – Jeremy Bensette

Jeremy has spent several breeding seasons conducting Marsh Monitoring surveys with Birds Canada. Join him for a visit to the wetlands around Bruce Power, paired with other fruitful birding stops along the way. *(easy, 🚗)* (limit 20)

A35 7:30 am **BIRDING IN THE PARK** – James Turland

The Park offers a variety of bird-rich habitats. James will take us to where the birds are. Merlin may be nesting and the Winter Wren may serenade us with its sweet song. *(moderate, 🚗)* (limit 16)

A36 7:45 am **BIRDING THE TOWER TRAIL** – Dana Latour

Woodland and wetland birds are featured as Dana leads us along the Tower Trail to the Ducks Unlimited pond. Dana is a graduate of the prestigious OFO Young Birders program and a conservation biologist scholar. (*moderate*, 🚶) (limit 16)

A37 9:00 am **MAGICAL MacGREGOR 2** – Tim Arthur

Tim's fieldwork with Birds Canada includes several sites within MacGregor Point. We'll wander the Park's woods and wetlands looking for late migrants and birds on territory. (*easy*) (limit 13)

Afternoon

A38 1:30 pm **FOREST BATHING** – Rob Klea

Learn about the vast array of health benefits nature provides, through experiencing sensory connections in the forest. You'll bask in the restorative powers of nature. (*easy*, 🚶) (limit 20)

A39 1:30 pm **BIRDING MacGREGOR'S INTERIOR & SHORE** – Tim Arthur

Join Tim on a ramble through MacGregor to discover what birds abound in open forest habitats and along the Lake Huron shore. (*easy*, 🚶) (limit 20)

A40 1:30 pm **WETLANDS WALK** – John Reaume

Discover flora and fauna that make their home in swamps, marshes and ponds - from carnivorous plants to insects, spiders, frogs, snakes and turtles, and of course the birds that specialize in these wetlands. (*easy*) (limit 20)

A41 1:30 pm **BUILDING A BETTER BIRD BOX** – Marshall Byle 🏠

This is a hands-on event. Work with a master tradesman as Marshall reveals the scientific secrets of his Bluebird/Tree Swallow house design. Each participant will build a box and learn the best mounting practices. (*easy*, \$15 extra for materials) (*price subject to change prior to April 15*) (limit 15)

Evening

A42 7:15 pm **PENGUINS** – David Brewer

Everybody loves penguins! Based on his experience on 25 polar cruises to the Antarctic as staff ornithologist, zodiac driver and general dogsbody, David will touch on the biology, breeding, ecology and conservation of these fascinating and wonderful creatures. (*indoor presentation*)

MONDAY MAY 30

All Day

A43 6:30 am **NATURE RAMBLES ON THE BRUCE** – David Turner

Join David as he leads you on nature rambles at several properties on the Bruce Peninsula. David is both a botanist and birder, and will ensure you fully experience his favourite locations.

(*moderate*, 🚶, *bring lunch*) (limit 20)

A44 7:30 am **A BIG SIT AT MARWANDA ESTATE** – Marshall Byle ☆ 🏠

Wide covered porches offer viewing in all directions. Check out the ponds or wander the groomed trails. Over 100 species of birds can be viewed here during May. Coffee & tea provided.

(*easy*, 🚶, *bring lunch & lawn chair*) (limit 20)

A45 8:00 am **GEMS OF GEOMORPHOLOGY** – Bob Gray

This outing will take a look at potholes, sinkholes, disappearing streams, reappearing streams and more. Bob will take the mystery out of geomorphology. (*moderate*, 🚶, *bring lunch*) (limit 20)

Morning

A46 8:00 am **PHOTOGRAPHY: GOING BEYOND AUTOMATIC** – Arni Stinnissen
Learn secrets for improving your nature-themed photography using easy-to-understand techniques from an experienced and passionate photographer. Bring a camera that has manual controls. A tripod would be handy. (*easy, 🚶*) (limit 12)

A47 8:00 am **WHERE WOODS MEET WETLANDS** – Jeremy Bensette
Join Jere on a trek through the songbird-rich park woodlands to the wetlands of the Ducks Unlimited pond. This area of the Park has lots to offer. (*easy, 🚶*) (limit 16)

Afternoon

A48 1:30 pm **BOTANY OF THE HURON FRINGE** – Barbara Palmer
Barbara will show you the unique flora along the shoreline, fen and edge habitats of Lake Huron during this walk from the Visitor Centre. (*easy*) (limit 16)

A49 1:30 pm **DECORATIVE PADDLE WORKSHOP** – Gerald Guenkel
Create your own custom-designed 30" decorative paddle or a one-of-a-kind BBQ tool. You will be provided a white pine paddle blank, hand tools, wood burners, paint and a custom branding iron. (*\$20 extra for materials*) (*price subject to change <April 15*) (limit 16)

A50 1:30 pm **SIGNS OF SPRING** – Arni Stinnissen
Join Arni, a lifelong naturalist, for an all-inclusive search for birds, flowers, butterflies, dragonflies and herps. Bring your binoculars and camera. (*easy, 🚶*) (limit 20)

Evening

A51 7:15 pm **CAST AWAY: THE ISLANDS OF BRUCE COUNTY** – Sean Liipere
Bruce County islands are natural and cultural treasures. Sean will explore ancient processes that have shaped our seascapes, rare and unusual island ecosystems and the importance of islands for people inhabiting the Great Lakes over thousands of years. (*indoor presentation*)

THURSDAY JUNE 2

All Day

B1 6:30 am **MALCOLM BLUFF & CAPE CROKER** – Ian Shanahan
Bird in the deep interior-forest tract of Malcolm Bluff Shores Nature Reserve and Neyaashiinigiing territory on the Cape Croker peninsula. The Escarpment bluffs provide spectacular vistas. (*moderate, 🚶, bring lunch*) (limit 20)

B2 7:00 am **BIRDING THE BRUCE** – Pete Read
Pete, a popular Quest leader, has spent his life inspiring awareness about the natural world. Enjoy a great birding experience with this world-class birder. (*easy, 🚶, bring lunch*) (limit 20)

B3 7:30 am **KINGHURST FOREST NATURE RESERVE** – Nikki May & Jerry Asling ☆
This majestic old growth forest, with its century trees, is a rare example of lightly touched woodlands in southern Ontario. History, woodland birds and botany will be featured. (*moderate, 🚶, bring lunch*) (limit 20)

B4 8:00 am **GREENOCK SWAMP NATURE RAMBLE** – Shannon Wood ☆
Explore southern Ontario's largest forested Class 1 wetland. A boardwalk and trails have opened this wooded wetland environment to us. Bring your binoculars and cameras. Rubber boots recommended. *(moderate, 🥾, bring lunch)* (limit 20)

B5 8:15 am **THE BRUCE RE-BECKONS** – Willy Waterton
Join Willy in a quest to rediscover Sherwood Fox's Bruce Peninsula, based on Fox's landmark 1952 book "The Bruce Beckons" on the 70th anniversary of his historic publication. We will spend the day exploring Fox's Bruce to see what wonders still exist today. *(moderate, 🥾, bring lunch)* (limit 20)

Morning

B6 7:15 am **BIRDING MacGREGOR** – Abby Collins
A morning walk around the Ducks Unlimited wetland always turns up late migrants and early nesters. An Ontario Master Naturalist, Abby loves to share her keen interest in birds. *(easy, 🥾)* (limit 16)

B7 8:15 am **CHANTRY ISLAND 1** – Marine Heritage Society with Margaret Anderton
Chantry Island, an Important Bird Area, offers protection of colonial nesting species. View active nests from all levels as you ascend the lighthouse! A tour of the lighthouse and historic keeper's cottage is included. *(moderate, 🥾, sturdy footwear (no flip-flops), weather permitting. \$25 per person to be paid at the dock Tour Base. Must be 4' tall.)* (limit 9)

Afternoon

B8 12:15 pm **CHANTRY ISLAND 2** – Marine Heritage Society with Margaret Anderton
Chantry Island, an Important Bird Area, offers protection of colonial nesting species. View active nests from all levels as you ascend the lighthouse! A tour of the lighthouse and historic keeper's cottage is included. *(moderate, 🥾, sturdy footwear (no flip-flops), weather permitting. \$25 per person to be paid at the dock Tour Base. Must be 4' tall.)* (limit 9)

B9 1:30 pm **INSECT PHOTOGRAPHY** – Bob Noble
Join Bob for an introduction to macro (close-up) photography of the big world of insects and other small things. Bring your digital camera with a macro setting or macro lens and flash and learn how to capture the beauty and diversity of this hidden world. *(easy, 🥾)* (limit 12)

B10 1:30 pm **BOTANY IN THE PARK** – Tyler Miller
The Huron Fringe is made up of former cobble beach ridges, swales and ancient miniature dunes. Tyler will help you identify the unique wild botany found amidst these features. *(easy)* (limit 16)

Evening

B11 7:15 pm **EXPLORING THE GEOLOGY OF THE NORTHERN PENNINSULA AND BEYOND** – Jenna McGuire
Jenna will share what she has learned exploring the geology to the north of Grey Bruce and how it ties into local geological and cultural stories.

FRIDAY JUNE 3

All Day

~~B12 7:45 am **PENINSULA TREASURES** – Victor Last~~ **EVENT CANCELLED**
This geographical field trip will examine physical features from karren, glacial re-entrants, drumlins, abandoned beaches, potholes and the majestic Escarpment. Sites of historical interest will be also highlighted such as Spirit Rock, the Corran and Bruce's Caves. *(moderate, 🥾, bring lunch)* (limit 20)

B13 8:00 am **FISHING ISLANDS ARCHIPELAGO** – Bill Crins, Lynne Richardson, Michael Runtz
We'll bird and botanize our way up to Evergreen Resort at Red Bay, lunch at the lodge, then embark on a pontoon boat tour of the Fishing Islands. The islands are remote and bursting with colonial birds!
(easy, 🚗, \$25 extra per person (includes lunch and boat) payable at the Resort) (limit 20)

B14 8:30 am **LAWN CHAIR BIRDING** – Sarah Rupert ☆ 📍
We often rush around looking for birds, but sometimes when you just stay in one place, birds will appear. Sarah will also give tips on how to make sketches and notes about birds and their behaviours.
(easy, 🚗, bring lunch & lawn chair) (limit 16)

B15 8:30 am **MÉTIS BEADING WORKSHOP** – Jenna McGuire ☆ 📍
Join Jenna, a local Métis artisan, for an introductory workshop on Métis beadwork. You'll create an applique piece of beadwork while learning about the cultural significance of beadwork to Métis people. Métis history and bead history in North America will also be discussed.
(easy, bring lunch) (\$20 extra for materials) (price subject to change <April 15) (limit 12)

Morning

B16 7:00 am **FIELD & FOREST** – Justin Peter
Join Justin, Quest's Senior Naturalist, accomplished birder and interpreter, on a tour of the bird-rich grasslands and countryside habitats of beautiful Bruce County. *(easy, 🚗)* (limit 20)

B17 7:15 am **A BIRD'S EYE VIEW** – Jean Iron
Look, listen and learn with Jean, an OFO Distinguished Ornithologist and well-known educational leader. We'll bird along river and riparian habitats amongst others throughout the morning. *(easy, 🚗)* (limit 20)

B18 7:30 am **BIRDING ON THE EDGE** – Pete Read
Join Pete as we explore the habitats around the eastern edge of the Park. These areas provide lots of avian action and an eclectic mix of birds. *(easy, 🚗)* (limit 20)

Afternoon

B19 1:30 pm **BIRDING & BOTANY IN MacGREGOR** – Ian Shanahan
This outing will explore niche habitats along the Tower Trail. Enjoy the wonders of spring through the eyes of an experienced ecologist. *(easy, 🚗)* (limit 16)

B20 1:30 pm **INVERHURON** – Marshall Byle
Explore some of the little-known trails along the river and through the dunes of Inverhuron Provincial Park. Groves of tall pines, young woodlands and old cedars round out the diversity of this Park.
(moderate with steep sections, 🚗) (limit 16)

B21 1:30 pm **PIPING PLOVERS OF SAUBLE BEACH** – Stew Nutt
Join this plover enthusiast on an excursion to Sauble Beach to observe nesting sites of this endearing endangered bird. Learn about the birds' behavior, challenges and the efforts made to re-establish a population in the Great Lakes. *(moderate, 🚗)* (limit 20)

Evening

B22 7:15 pm **THE CULTURE OF BIRD WATCHING** – Paul Nicholson
While bird watchers are looking at birds, is anyone watching the bird watchers? Is there an observable bird watching culture? Do Tilley hats and multi-pocketed khaki vests have any meaning? Paul, a lifelong birder and bird columnist for *The London Free Press*, will share his insights. *(indoor presentation)*

B23 9:15 pm **STARRY STARRY NIGHT** – John Hlynialuk
John will introduce you to the wonders of the night sky, and tell you about dark sky events for 2022. Weather dependent, members of the Bluewater Astronomical Society will have their telescopes available for viewing the evening sky. *(easy, indoor presentation/outdoors)* (limit 30)

SATURDAY JUNE 4

All Day

B24 6:30 am **CAPE CROKER - BIRDING NEYAASHIINIGMIING** – Miptoon & Jarmo Jalava
Anishinaabe culture and the ecosystems found in Neyaashiinigiing (Cape Croker) will be featured. Birds will be singing, wildflowers will be blooming and the scenery is splendid. *(easy, 🚗, bring lunch)* (limit 20)

B25 6:45 am **THE BOUNTIFUL BRUCE PENINSULA** – Justin Peter
India, Galapagos, Bruce County! Justin is a global tour leader. This driving tour will take you through the bountiful, bird-rich habitats of the Bruce and add a range of species to your Festival bird list.
(easy, 🚗, bring lunch) (limit 20)

B26 8:00 am **BIRDS & GARDENS** – James Turland ☆
Bird the Kincardine Lagoons, then travel to the Bruce Botanical Food Gardens in Ripley. The gardens are a teaching center showcasing ways to be more food self-reliant. *(easy, 🚗, bring lunch)* (limit 20)

Morning

B27 6:00 - 8:30 am **BIRDING FUNDAMENTALS 1** – Ian Shanahan
Perplexing plumages? Baffling bird song? On this short walk from the Visitor Centre, Ian will introduce you to some birding basics - use of binoculars, bird ID and song, describing a bird's location and birding etiquette. *(easy)* (limit 13)

B28 7:00 am **BIRDING ON THE EDGE** – Michael Runtz
The mixed habitat niches around the edge of the park provide abundant avian action and an eclectic mix of birds for the list. Michael is wildly enthusiastic and entertaining. *(easy, 🚗)* (limit 20)

B29 7:15 am **THE JI LINE WITH JI** – Jean Iron
We'll cover the JI Line grasslands and other rural habitats with Jean, an OFO Distinguished Ornithologist and well-known educational leader. *(easy, 🚗)* (limit 20)

B30 9:00 am **BIRDING FUNDAMENTALS 2** – Ian Shanahan
Perplexing plumages? Baffling bird song? On this short walk from the Visitor Centre, Ian will introduce you to some birding basics - use of binoculars, bird ID and song, describing a bird's location and birding etiquette. *(easy)* (limit 13)

B31 9:00 am **MONARCH FRIENDLY HABITAT** – Audrey Armstrong ♀
Join Audrey for this illustrated talk to learn how to create nature friendly habitat in our own backyards. Discover how easy it is to make positive changes for the natural world. Free seeds and resources will be provided. *(easy, indoor/outdoor)* (limit 20)

11:00 am **QUEST NATURE TOURS**
Over lunch break and into the early afternoon check out Quest's display at the Visitor Centre.

Afternoon

B32 1:00 pm **BLUEBIRD TRAIL LANDLORDS** – Dennis Lewington & Stew Nutt
Bluebirds are cavity nesters and nest boxes give these beautiful birds a helping hand. Dennis will take you on a Bluebird Trail which he has been maintaining and monitoring for 38 years. *(easy, 🚗)* (limit 20)

B33 1:30 pm **IPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY** – Willy Waterton ♀
'The best camera is the one with you'. iPhone cameras are much more powerful than people realize. We will explore the camera's various functions and attachments to expand our photographic horizons.
(easy) (limit 10)

B34 1:30 pm **FIELD SKETCHING & JOURNALING** – Sarah Rupert f
Field sketching helps hone your identification skills. Anyone can do it! Sarah will show how sketching and journaling can be useful in documenting your observations in the field.
(easy, bring pencil & notebook) (limit 16)

B35 1:30 pm **SEDGES HAVE EDGES** – Bill Crins
Sedges have edges, rushes are round and grasses are hollow right up from the ground. Bill will open your eyes to a whole new world on the forest floor, including the world of sedges, his specialty.
(easy, 🚗) (limit 13)

Evening

B36 7:15 pm **SEX & BIRDS** – David Gascoigne
Join David for a humorous look at the mating habits of birds and their similarities to human behaviour – even some we might not want to talk about. *(indoor presentation)*

B37 9:00 pm **DENIZENS OF THE DARK** – Michael Runtz
As dusk descends over the park the denizens of the dark awaken. Michael will help us discover the nightlife in his usual entertaining and informative style. *(easy, 🚗)* (limit 20)

SUNDAY JUNE 5

Morning

B38 7:15 am **BIRDING THE TOWER TRAIL** – Justin Peter
This popular trail always produces a good mix of species. Justin's superb birding skills will ensure we spot everything that's to be found along the trail and from the observation tower overlooking the wetland.
(easy, 🚗) (limit 16)

B39 7:30 am **NATURE RAMBLE 'ROUND THE PARK** – Ian Shanahan
Birds are nesting, flowers are blooming, and it's a great time to be in the park with a passionate interpretive naturalist. Ian will point out the intricacies of nature.
(easy, 🚗) (limit 16)

B40 7:45 am **BOTANIZING & BIRDING** – Bill Crins
Bill has an incredible background in both botany and birding. The abundant flora and avifauna of the Lake Huron shoreline, fen and edge habitats are featured during this walk from the Visitor Centre.
(easy) (limit 16)

11:00 am **QUEST NATURE TOURS**
Over lunch break and into the early afternoon check out Quest's display at the Visitor Centre.

Afternoon

B41 1:30 pm **SHRUB & TREE ID** – Jim Coles
If a tree falls in the forest, can anybody identify it? Using leaf and twig identification keys we'll learn to identify coniferous and deciduous species. *(easy)* (limit 20)

B42 1:30 pm **BIRD & BOTANY RAMBLE** – Ian Shanahan
Ian will guide a leisurely walk along the Tower Trail to the Ducks Unlimited wetland. Birders and botanists will enjoy the riches of the MacGregor Point landscape as seen through the eyes of an experienced naturalist. *(easy, 🚗)* (limit 16)

Evening

B43 7:00 pm **BUILDING A BETTER BIRD BOX** – Marshall Byle

Marshall will present an entertaining and scientific approach to birdhouse design. Find out how and where boxes should be mounted to increase the survival rate for cavity nesters. Participants will receive plans and learn what materials should be used for Eastern Bluebird and Tree Swallow boxes.

(indoor presentation)

B44 8:00 pm **SUNSET WALK** – Chris Tomsett

End your Festival experience with a leisurely stroll along the shore of Lake Huron with MacGregor's former Park Superintendent. Discover the sights and sounds of an early June evening in MacGregor Point Provincial Park. *(easy)* (limit 20)

FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

- **Sturdy footwear** and **drinking water** are required for all outings.
- **Black-legged Ticks** carrying Lyme Disease have been found in Bruce County. Be tick savvy.
- Bring **walkie-talkies** if you have them. Walkie-talkie communication between vehicles keeps you aware of stops, directions and traffic safety.

DIFFICULTY LEVELS

Mobility Limited  – Intended for those who have difficulty walking.

Easy – Participants should be able to walk up to 1.5 kilometres (3 hours) without any problems.

Moderate – Participants should be able to walk up to 4.5 kilometres (3+ hours) without any problems.

Brisk walking may be required to get from one location to another in a timely manner.

Difficult – Participants should be able to walk where there is unsure footing or where obstacles need to be negotiated.

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