



Blue-winged Teal at West Perth Wetlands: Terry Crabe

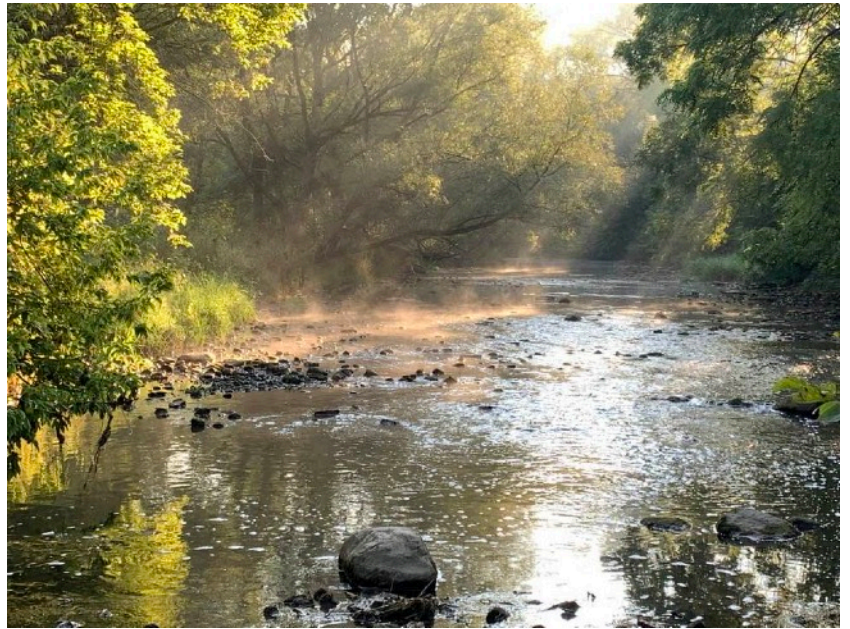
SFN October, 2022 Update

October 13, 2022 at 7:30pm
Zoom presentation by Howard and Ken
Clarke:

Algonquin Winter Advent

[Zoom Link to follow](#)

Join the Stratford Master Gardeners and their ReLeaf Stratford tree planting project. We will be planting at the John Street weir across from the T.J. Dolan entrance this Saturday, October 1 beginning at 10. We will exceed our target of 2022 native trees and shrubs this year. You might even be the one to plant number 2022. Bring a shovel and sturdy shoes. Don Farwell



Our local wild place: the TJ
Dolan: Joan Daynard

SFN Bike/Hike Trip on the G2G Trail



Hikers and Bikers at the Cowbell: Bob, Jan, Brenda, Jean, Martin, David, Sharon. Chris, Joanne, Dale, Val, Mike.



We enjoyed a very nice bike ride from Blyth to the bridge in the Maitland River past Auburn. The trail is a very good trail and slopes down as you go west, as we soon discovered on our way back. Could not maintain the speed that we did on the way to Auburn. We discovered a flower at the Maitland River that we could not id, maybe someone else can. Looks a little like jewel weed, but more pink in colour.

On our return we went to Cowbell Brewing in Blyth for some refreshment and food. The outdoor patio is big and the weather was great for sitting outside. We noticed that some people do not drive Chevys or Fords to Cowbell, but instead come by helicopter. Kind of brings home the differences in our society.

We had 5 bikers that ventured out on this excursion; Mike and Val, Chris and Joanne, and my next door neighbour, Dale. It was nice to see Val out again. Chris



G2G Trail continued:



New members Sean and Linda. Brenda and Sharon.

On a sunny warm Saturday in September eleven SFN members, walked east from Blyth along the G2G Rail Trail. Bird life was subdued with few warblers, flycatchers or vireos. We did find a couple of Purple Finches, many noisy Blue Jays, Robins feeding on berries and flocks of House Sparrows and Starlings around the grain silos. Goldenrod and New England Aster were abundant in the open areas. After a couple of kilometres we turned around and headed back for lunch. Most went to the Cowbell but some went to Hullett for another walk. It was a nice day to be out and people had a chance to chat and get to know one another.

Steve





Chris Polkiewicz found three species of heron on a Sunday morning: Green Heron, an elusive Black-crowned Night Heron and a Great Blue Heron



Terry Crabe had an immature Black-Crowned Night Heron on the banks of the Avon River



Herman Veenendaal: Bumblebee on Coneflower, Monarch Butterfly



Carol Berney: Spider in the bathtub, Compton Tortoiseshell Butterfly





Carol Berney: Red-breasted Nuthatch,
Chickadee, Wilson's Warbler

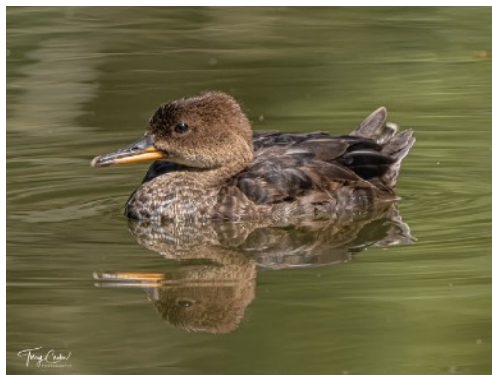


Linda Rolph: Band-winged Meadowhawk
Dragonfly

Terry Crabe: Out and About in the Fall



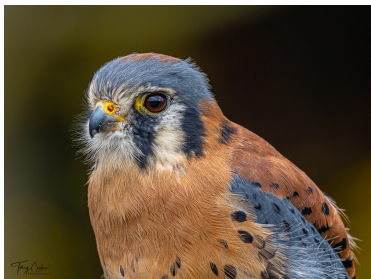
Red-tailed Hawks, Coyote, Fall skies, Hooded Merganser, New England Aster.



Celebrating Natural Connections Wildwood Conservation Area

It was a great day for two members representing the Stratford Field Naturalists to join with other groups to celebrate Natural Connections at the Wildwood Conservation Area. Ken Clarke and Terry Crabe staffed a display that demonstrated a number of different methods to help participants discover and identify birds. Props used included binoculars, spotting scope, sound recordings, bird silhouettes in the adjoining woods, bird guides as well as an introduction to birding apps like Merlin. The hit of the day was an ample supply of binoculars which were quickly mastered by the children who readily sought out the 5 species of hidden birds. They also discovered if you use them backwards - people are further away. It was rewarding to see so many excited about discovering birds!

Birds on display at the event included Red-tailed Hawk, Broad-winged Hawk, American Kestrel, Barred Owl and Northern Saw-whet Owl.





HAWK CLIFF WOODS
**MIGRATION
WEEKEND**



October 1st - 2nd, 2022
at Hawk Cliff Woods

Join us at Hawk Cliff Woods for hikes, hawks, and monarchs! Learn from experts in the field over an exciting weekend of major migration!



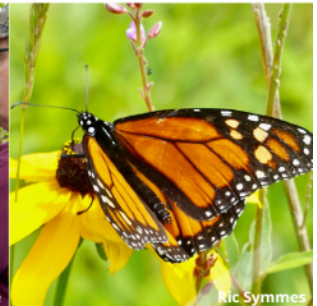
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