



Dolan Kingfisher: Chris Polkiewicz

SFN January, 2023 Update

January 10, 2023: Woodpeckers: Nature's Carpenters with Kristen Martyn. 7:30pm. See p5 for her bio.

[Zoom Link to follow](#)

Christmas Bird Count: Ken's initial report on p7.



Bald Eagle, St Marys, December 21: Herman Veenendaal

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Common Goldeneyes with Mallards in Lake Victoria: Chris Polkiewicz



Chris Polkiewicz's Muskrat in the TJ Dolan on December 18, Christmas Bird Count Day. American Black Duck the same day. A picture of the Green-winged Teal we found eluded him.



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Cooper's Hawk waiting near a feeder on William Street :
Chris Polkiewicz



Red-bellied Woodpecker at the Pinery, December 10. Chris



Female Red-bellied Woodpecker at
Chris Polkiewicz's feeder December
28.

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Sandhill Cranes
in December 13
at Long Point:
Herman
Veenendaal



Kristen Martyn: our January presenter



Kristen's passion for wildlife led her to pursue a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Zoology as well as a post-graduate program in Ecotourism and Adventure Tourism Management. While Kristen has an interest and exceptional understanding of a wide range of natural history topics, her expertise lies in ornithology (study of birds), herpetology (study of reptiles and amphibians) and native North American flora. She also has a strong working knowledge of mammals and invertebrates (entomology).

Kristen is an avid birdwatcher, who has birded all over North America, the Caribbean, Central and South America, Australia and Southern Africa. She has spent countless hours leading birding tours, birding in the field and taking birding trips.

In addition to her passion for bird watching Kristen is also a specialist in the field herpetology (study of reptiles and amphibians). Kristen has had the opportunity to work on a variety of projects in the field with some of Canada's most endangered reptiles and extensively with a variety of species in captivity

As a fifth-generation entrepreneur, she loves tackling the daily challenges of running a successful small business. Through Wild Birds Unlimited Barrie she enjoys connecting with people and bringing birds and nature into their lives.

One of the reasons she loves running her own business is the freedom that it allows her to pursue other passions, including travelling (to see many birds and wildlife species as possible), leading birding and nature tours, as well as giving workshops and speaking to a wide range of audiences (40 presentations and counting thus far). When not in the store, Kristen enjoys spending time outdoors with her husband Cameron and daughter, native plant gardening, photographing wildlife and being at the cottage.



Post Christmas Walk in the Dolan, December 27, 2022:
Brenda Tarr

First pass on the results from the Stratford CBC 2022

The more things change, the more they remain the same. We held our Stratford Christmas Bird Count weeks earlier than in the past. We counted the birds we could find before Christmas this year on December 18th with Christmas and New Years Day falling on the weekend. Lake Victoria had been unfrozen until just before count day and the weather had been mild, but winter arrived in time for our count.

Over the past four decades the number of species has hovered around 50 species: this year we found 48 species on count day. The number of species has been consistent from year to year, but the individual species vary. Most years some unexpected species present themselves to the observers. We had high numbers of: Canada Goose – 2197, Snow Goose – 1, Cackling Goose – 4, Northern Pintail – 2, Green-winged Teal - 8, American Coot – 1, Wild Turkey – 95, Bald Eagle – 10, Common Raven – 3, Snow Bunting – 1593, and Lapland Longspur – 2. On the other hand, some species were surprisingly uncommon: Red-tailed Hawk – only 19, Rough-legged-Hawk – only 3, Snowy Owl – none, American Robin – 1, Common Redpoll – none, Pine Siskin – none.

We added a number of good birds on count week including: Trumpeter Swan, Turkey Vulture, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Peregrine Falcon, Carolina Wren and Eastern Towhee.

We found 10,865 birds on count day. As a rule, over the past 40 some years, we find 50 species and 10,000 birds on count day, Despite the apparent lack of birdlife our count was typical.

The best spot was the Tavistock Water Treatment Plant where aerators keep the water open.

Keep looking through those big flocks for those Cackling Geese, Lapland Longspurs and uncommon gulls.

Ken Clarke
Compiler



CBC Zone 6 Dolan group.
Vicki Ryder and her husband
did the roads in our Zone.

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Sandhill Cranes at Long Point and Tundra
Swans at Point Rowan January 2, 2023: Chris
Polkiewicz

