



Tufted Titmouse: Chris Polkiewicz

SFN November, 2022 Update

November 8, 2022 at 7:30pm
Zoom presentation by Pete Read:
Travelling North of 60. See more p 14.

[Zoom Link to follow](#)

November 5, 2022 Huron Shore
Waterfowl Outing. Port Edward to
Kettle Point. Meet at the Point Edward
Lighthouse parking lot, 1222 Fort St,
Port Edward at 10am. Leader Steve
Thorpe. See p16



Successful strike, Great Blue
Heron: Herman Veenendaal

Springwater Conservation Area and Hawk Cliff Trip: Saturday, October 15, 2022

The Stratford Field Naturalists had a great fall walk in the Springwater Conservation Area just west of Aylmer today. Skies cleared and the fall canopy was brought to life under clear blue skies. Springwater is one of the last remaining examples of old growth forest in Southwestern Ontario.



Group photo:
Terry Crabe.
Fall colour:
Chris
Polkiewicz





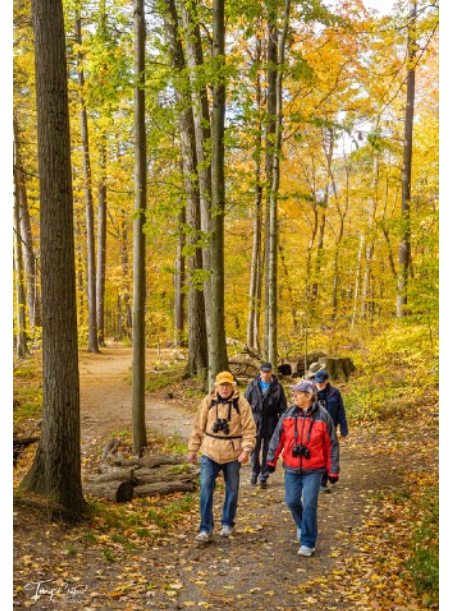
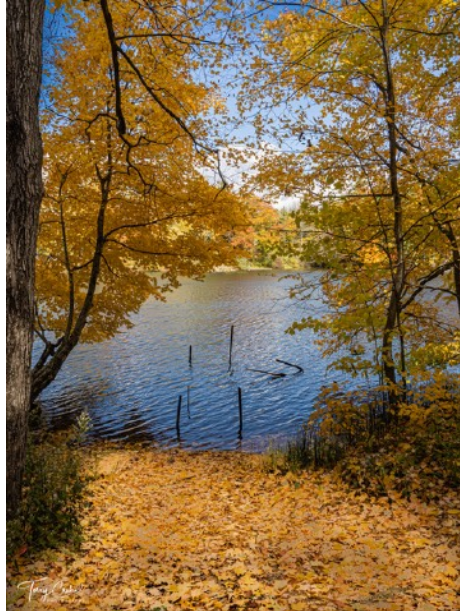
Top two Chris Polkiewicz

Next three, Jean Baloo: Chris and his fruitless search for the Pileated Woodpecker, Steve and Harald, Tree huggers Terry and Harald

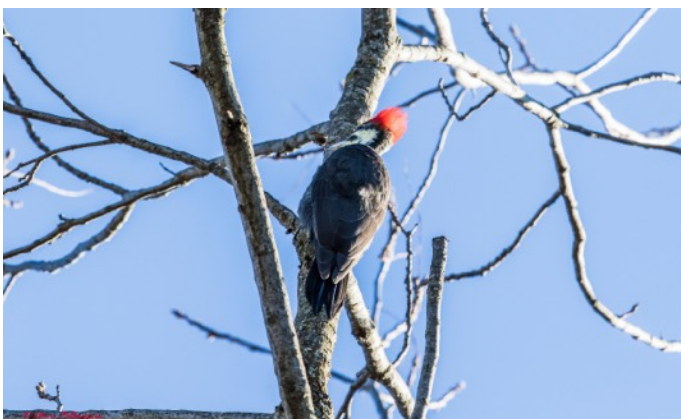


Lunch break with the Greers and Terry. Photo Chris Polkiewicz.

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Photos: Terry Crabe



P.S. October 29,
Chris Polkiewicz finally finds a Pileated
Woodpecker in his own backyard!

Carol Berney's Haikus



Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Oh, okay lady
I'll stand still for one second
So go, take your shot



Quiet morning in my backyard until...
Suddenly birds flew
Why would they, out of the blue
I saw Hawk, then knew



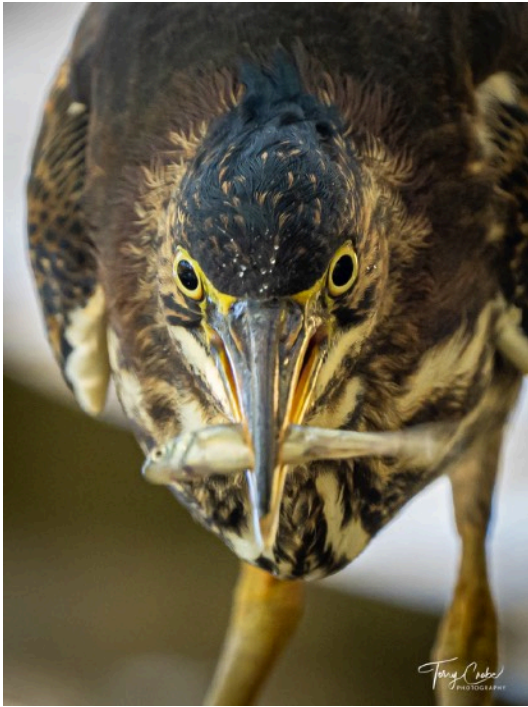
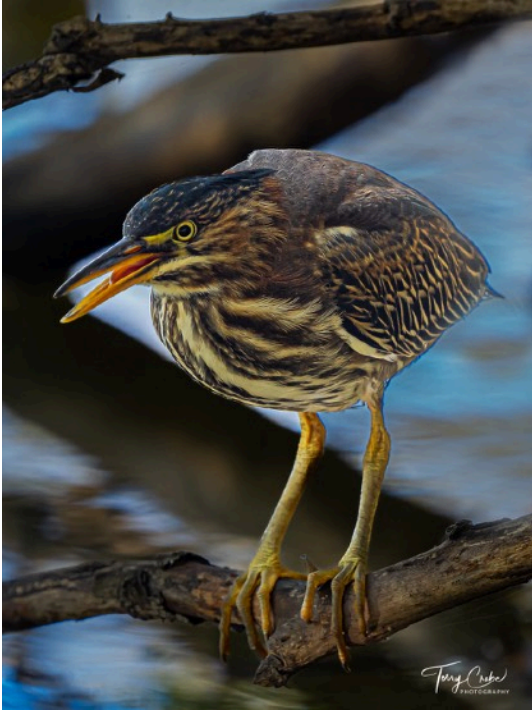
A beautiful day in the neighbourhood

On my walks I see
Bold colours shout from the trees
Summer is over

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I was surprised on a sunny day visit to Lake Victoria this past week to have a juvenile Green Heron fly by and land in the low trees over the water. I was able to crawl under the branches and literally come face to face with a Green Heron moving along the lower branches just over the water. Fortunately, the young bird was more interested in catching fish and tolerated me invading its space while I recorded some of its actions. A pleasant surprise this late in the season.

Terry Crabe



Herman Veenendaal: Great Egret at Wildwood Lake



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Long Point: Chris Polkiewicz. Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Sandhill Cranes.



SFN tree planters on TJ Dolan Drive:
Steve Thorpe, Chris Polkiewicz, Don Farwell.
Photos from Terry Crabe and Chris Polkiewicz



Sunday Dolan Walks: Chris Polkiewicz



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Great Blue Heron Sequence from Herman Veenendaal: St Marys.



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A great day to be travelling country roads. The Yellow-rumped Warblers were feeding in the willows on the Wildwood Causeway and I was surprised to still find Barn Swallows sitting on the bridge by the lake. Terry



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Great Blue Herons in the Dolan and one on Lake Victoria: Chris Polkiewicz

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Just when I thought I was done birdwatching for
the day
Then what did I see
Tiny bird in a small tree
Looking quite grumpy



Blue-headed Vireo in a Manitoba Maple tree
Weather wet and gray
I went outside anyway
Had a lucky day



Look who was in the apple tree this week:
Surprise visitor
A Black-throated Blue Warbler
And late migrator

All photos Carol Berney

Pete Read, our November Speaker



Pete Read is an avid and experienced birdwatcher. He has been interested in birds since his late teen years, mainly in Middlesex and surrounding Counties but also at Point Pelee and throughout the US and Canada on occasion. Since retiring from teaching he has worked on environmental research projects as well as acting as a guide for bird watchers. He has led trips for the Friends of Pelee at the annual Spring Birding Festival since 2002, and has led trips for Quest Nature Tours around the world. On a number of occasions he has led Quest Nature tours to the Yukon and Alaska, and most recently has led trips from the Yukon into the NWT. His talk will take us on a visit to these northern areas and describe how to approach birding there as well as give some insight into the species which can be found in these special places.

Pinery Provincial Park, October 25:

Chris Polkiewicz.

Beautiful day for a bike ride and hike.

Turtles, American Tree Sparrow, Eastern Phoebe and Wild Turkeys.



SFN Trip to Huron Shore Saturday November 5, 2022

Southern Section: Sarnia to Ipperwash

1. Drive to Sarnia. 140 km from Stratford. It takes 1.5 to 2 hours.
Meet at Point Edward Lighthouse
1222 Fort Street Point Edward at 10:30 AM.

2. Mike Weir Park 2354 Lakeshore Road

3. Highland Glen CA corner of Lakeshore Road (Hwy 7) and Oil Heritage Road (road 30)

- 4 Kettle Point. From Hwy 21 follow Indian Line to Lake Road. Observe shore as far as scenic lookout.

4. Ipperwash Beach . From Hwy 21 follow Ipperwash Road to the lake.

NOTE: Tim Horton: several locations in Sarnia and one at Brights Grove