

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Kingston Field Naturalists held Thursday, March 20, 2014, 7:30 p.m., Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario.

Gaye Beckwith welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Polly Aitken for arranging the refreshments for the pre-meeting social.

Gaye told of an e-bird session held just before the meeting and let membership know that another one will be held before the April general meeting. He also spoke of the 21,000 recent observation report that Mark Read has looked through to compile a report for Blue Bill.

A reminder was given for the May Dinner Meeting to be held at the Cataraqui Golf and Country Club on May 15th, the Speaker will be Mike Runtz; tickets are now on sale for \$35.00 each.

Gaye informed membership that a field trip is being organized to visit Algonquin Provincial Park on May 2nd, details were made available.

Members' Observations:

A pair of ravens are building a nest on a Bell communications tower at the east end of Wolfe Island.

Bald eagles were seen eating the remains of deer killed by coyotes on Loughborough Lake.

A fox was seen in Sydenham.

A golden eye was swimming on the water near Wolfe Island.

A chipmunk has been active at a residence in Glenburnie, and has been calling from inside a garage.

A fisher was seen behind an apartment building off Butternut Creek Rd. in Pittsburgh Township.

At the Elbow Lake center north of Inverary several chipmunks were active and a bald eagle was observed flying overhead.

3 otters were spotted at the Wolfe Island Ferry dock.

Spring migrants are appearing in the region, redwing blackbirds and grackles are showing up along with one killdeer and one cormorant.

4 king eiders were found at Prince Edward Point.

One member returning home by train spotted turkey vultures just east of Toronto.

Minutes. Minutes from February had been posted to the KFN website. Motion was made by Polly Aitken to accept the Minutes, seconded by Mark Read; carried.

Anne Robertson introduced the Speaker, David McMurray, whose talk was entitled "Adventures in Phenology". Kurt Hennige thanked the Speaker.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m., there were 55 people in attendance.

Minutes were prepared by Rose-Marie Burke during Janis Grant's absence.

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