

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Kingston Field Naturalists, September 20, 2018, Queen's University, 7:30 p.m.

1. **Opening Remarks.** President Anthony Kaduck welcomed members to the “old” room and explained that for the rest of this year KFN General Meetings will be held at the Ongwanada Resource Center on Portsmouth Avenue. A posted mystery bird photo was identified. Gaye Beckwith still has copies of “A Pictorial Guide to Dragonflies and Damselflies of the Kingston Area” for sale at \$8.00/copy. Anthony thanked Alexandra Simmons for supplying treats for the meeting. A sign-up sheet was circulated for those who wish to provide refreshments for the rest of the year.

2. **Review of Minutes of AGM held April 19, 2018.** These minutes were not posted to the website in time for members to read them. They will therefore be reviewed at the October meeting along with the September minutes.

3. **Member's Observations:**
 - Peter Waycik had one dozen Turkeys visit his yard on Howe Island.
 - Gaye Beckwith saw a kettle of 16 Turkey Vultures at Verona.
 - Jackie Bartnik had the flowers in her garden covered with Monarch Butterflies.
 - Chris Grooms has had regular visits from a flock of Sandhill Cranes behind his house on Florida Road. They can be seen at sunrise and sunset.
 - Anthony Kaduck saw an American Pipet yesterday on Wolfe Island.
 - Steve Manders has seen many Monarch Butterflies as he travels his usual route.
 - A woman reported seeing a chicken at her bus stop. She was asked if it crossed the road.
 - A man reported seeing a Pileated Woodpecker in Hudson, PQ.
 - Anthony Kaduck and Paul Mackenzie travelled to Rondeau Provincial Park where they saw a Great Kiskadee. They appear to be the last observers, as it has not been seen since.
 - David McMurray observed Grackles flying west to roost. Usually they fly east.
 - Steve Manders has hundreds of Crows roosting in his neighbourhood.
 - Anne Robertson reported that 942 species were observed at this year's Bioblitz.

4. **New Business.** As noted above, KFN General Meetings will be held at Ongwanada

Resource Center on Portsmouth Avenue for the rest of this year (October 2018 to April 2019) while rooms at the Biosciences Building are renovated.

5. Upcoming Events. Please see the Newsletter for detailed information on scheduled Rambles, Field Trips and the Fall Round-up. Additional events, not included in the Newsletter are:

-The Ontario Woodlot Association, Limestone Branch, have invited KFN members to participate in a “Kids in the Woods Walk”, Sunday, September 23, 1:00pm, Napanee

-Prince Edward County Field Naturalists have invited KFN members to a talk on *Chimney Swifts: Mysterious Little Birds in Big Trouble*, Tuesday, September 25, 7:00 pm, Bloomfield Town Hall

-The film “The Messenger” is being shown at the Screening Room on October 14 at 4:00 pm sponsored by the CRCA. Price for this event is \$10, .

•Kingston Horticultural Society: *Father and Son Gardening*. Speaker: John Poland. Thur Oct 11, 7:30 pm, Ongwanada

4. Feature Presentation

Past President Alexandra Simmons introduced speaker Jeff Bowman from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

Mr. Bowman gave a very interesting talk on *A Tale of two Cats: Lynx and Bobcat Research in Ontario*.

He was thanked by Erwin Batalla

The meeting ended at 8:45 pm. There were 94 people in attendance.

Minutes prepared by Janis Grant, Recording Secretary