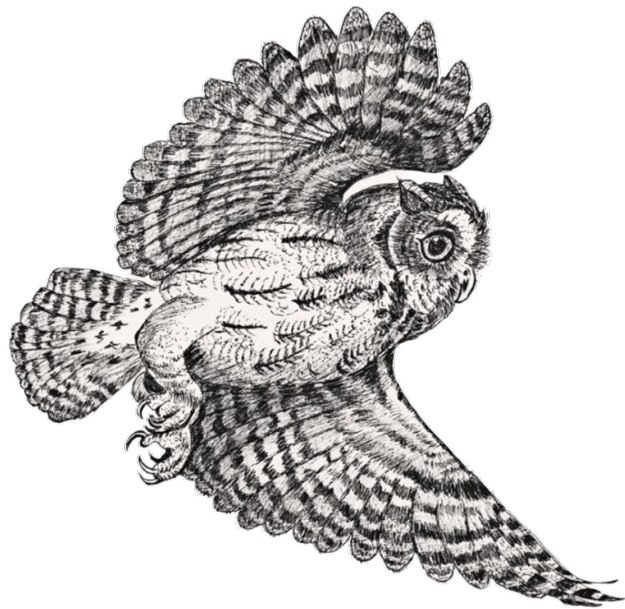


Lambton Wildlife Inc.



**2022 - 2023
Program**

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Lambton Wildlife Inc. Outdoor Events

HOW TO REGISTER FOR EVENTS

Attendance numbers for LWI outdoor programs will be capped to ensure a positive experience for all. Only registered members may attend. Please register online via Eventbrite. Reminder emails with links will be sent to members when registration is open for each event

Mandaumin Woods 50th Anniversary Celebration ☺ and Wildflower Walk

Sunday May 1, 2022; 1pm

Come celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the purchase of Mandaumin Woods Nature Reserve! Arrive early to enjoy a social time (goodies and drinks provided). After a very short ceremony, take a leisurely walk to learn about the beautiful woodland wildflowers of Mandaumin Woods Nature Reserve. Parking is along the west side of the road. Please carpool if it is safe and you are comfortable doing so.

Co-leaders: Felicia Syer-Nicol & Mike Kent

Contact: Roberta Buchanan, roberta.buchanan@icloud.com

Camping on Pelee Island ●●●

Thursday May 5 to Sunday May 8, 2022

Camping, birding, and botanizing at its best. You will have an opportunity to explore the island's unique habitats including alvars and some of the rarest forest in the Great Lakes region, plus it is the premier location for spring bird migration!

Leader: Larry Cornelis

Contact: Roberta Buchanan, roberta.buchanan@icloud.com

Migration in Canatara Park ☺

Wednesdays, May 4, 18, 2022; 6pm

Learn about the songbirds migrating along the Huron Shore flyway, great for new or experienced birders. Meet at entrance to Tarzanland.
May 4th - *Leader: Ed Lavender Contact: Anne Goulden, 519-381-6070*
May 18th - *Leader: Deryl Nethercott / Contact: Sharon Nethercott, nethercottsharon2@gmail.com*

World Migratory Bird Day ☺

Saturday May 14, 2022; 9am

LWI will host 3 walks to celebrate Migratory Bird Day.

1. Lambton County Forest – lead by Tanya Berkers: meet at the community garden, park at Port Franks Community Centre.
2. Hickory Creek – lead by Sharon Nethercott; private tour of a 40-acre Carolinian property, maximum 6 participants.
3. Canatara Park – lead by Matt Parsons; meet at Tarzanland parking area. Visit the Carriage House in Canatara Park to see Bird-Friendly Sarnia, Bluewater Raptor Rehabilitation Centre, and Friends of Canatara booths.

Contact: Mary Martin: mmartin@lambtonwildlife.com

Outdoor Photo Workshop ☺

Sunday June 5, 2022; 9am

Join Mark for a workshop on plant and wildflower photography. We will stroll through Canatara Park and practice some techniques to get better photos. Any camera or smartphone is suitable. Meet at the Animal Farm parking lot.

Leader: Mark Buchanan

Contact: Roberta Buchanan, roberta.buchanan@icloud.com

Creatures of the Night ☺

Saturday June 11, 2022; 8pm

Experience dusk turning into night as we will look and listen for woodcocks, bats, moths, fireflies, coyotes, and maybe even owls!

Leader: Mike Kent & Tanya Berkers

Contact: Sharon Nethercott, nethercottsharon2@gmail.com

Swamp Stomp ☺

Saturday, July 23 OR Sunday July 24, 2022; 10am-noon

Meander along the well-maintained trails of the St. Clair National Wildlife Area that is dominated by wetland habitat, with patches of tall-grass prairie. This area is also listed as a Ramsar wetland, an International Butterfly Reserve, and is part of the Eastern Lake St. Clair Important Bird Area. Please carpool if it is safe and you are comfortable doing so.

Leader: Pete Chapman

Contact: Roberta Buchanan, roberta.buchanan@icloud.com

Walkable Habitat Garden Tours ☺

Saturday, August 13, 2022; 10am-noon

Come see how 3 local gardeners are changing their yards by adding native plants, trees and shrubs. This is a walkable tour; all three gardens are each 0.5 km apart, so walking is encouraged, park at one garden, walk to the other two.

Contact: Mary Martin: mmartin@lambtonwildlife.com

Point Pelee National Park oTENTik Camping ●●●

Tuesday September 6 to Friday September 9, 2022

The prime time to view dragonflies, damselflies, as well as monarch and bird migrations. Come and enjoy this beautiful National Park and stay in an oTENTik – equipped with electricity, lights, table and chairs, dishes, pots and pans, and beds (inside) and Adirondack chairs and a BBQ with aside burner outside. All you need to bring is your food, cooler, bedding and personal items. Star gazing is a bonus at this designated dark sky preserve. Bring your bike.

Leader: Larry Cornelis

Contact: Roberta Buchanan, roberta.buchanan@icloud.com

Nature Ramble ☺

Saturday, September 10, 2022; 10am

Join Sharon for an exploratory, 3 km tour of Dow Wetlands, which hosts a wide variety of plants and animals. The area consists of 5 ponds and streams brimming with cattails, bulrushes, and arrowhead. We'll watch for birds, butterflies, and many other signs of life.

Leader: Sharon Nethercott

Contact: Anne Goulden, 519-381-6070

Geocaching Adventure ☺

September 11, 2022; drop-in between 10am-2pm

Geocaching helps you explore nature while enjoying a "high-tech" treasure hunt. Join Sharon at the Henderson Conservation area to learn the basics. Bring your own GPS receiver or borrow one on site. There are a limited number of GPS receivers available. Event will be run like a self-guided tour. Meet at the education centre.

Leader and contact: Sharon Nethercott, nethercottsharon2@gmail.com

iSpy Fungi ☺

Sunday, October 2, 2022; 1pm

Learn about the "Wood Wide Web" and the humongous fungus diversity that penetrates within and beneath the Lambton County Heritage Forest Woods. You will never look at pizza the same way again. Meet at Port Franks Optimist Club parking lot.

Leader: Mike Kent, m.kent@lambtonwildlife.com

Contact: Sharon Nethercott, nethercottsharon2@gmail.com

Healing Hike ☺

Saturday, October 15, 2022, 1pm

Studies have shown that time spent in the forest improves both physical and mental health. To experience these benefits first-hand, participants will be led through a series of awareness building, stress-reducing activities. Heart rate, breathing rate and stress rates will be assessed before and after the hike to add a measurable component to the experience. Meet at the education centre. Maximum number of participants will be 20. Entrance fee to Henderson Conservation Area applies. Carpooling is recommended.

Leader: Melissa Levi

Contact: Sharon Nethercott, nethercottsharon2@gmail.com

Forest Ecology Walk ☺

November 5, 2022; 10am

Journey through the magical world of forests and trees at Reid Conservation Area. Learn identification features, the importance of trees in the ecosystem and the incredible role trees play in nature-based climate solutions.

Leader: Larry Cornelis

Contact: Roberta Buchanan, roberta.buchanan@icloud.com

Down River Ducks ☺

Sunday February 5, 2023; 9am

Meet at Centennial Park parking lot for our most popular annual outing. See waterfowl including diving ducks, geese, swans, gulls and bald eagles. Lunch at a restaurant in Sombra.

Leader: Anne Goulden

Contact: Mike Kent, m.kent@lambtonwildlife.com

Spring Wildflowers of Reid Conservation Area ☺

Saturday April 29, 2023; 1pm

Take a leisurely walk to learn about the beautiful woodland wildflowers of Reid Conservation Area; Duthill Road, between Tulloch Line and Kerr Line, west of Kimball Road.

Leader: Felicia Syer-Nicol

Contact: Roberta Buchanan, roberta.buchanan@icloud.com

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for updates, events & blog posts

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Interested in being a guest blogger,
board member or committee member?

Have a question or a
suggestion? Email us:

info@lambtonwildlife.com

☺●● = ¼, ½, or full day event. Binoculars & spotting scope available for free use during outings sponsored by LWI, Vortex Canada & Nova Chemicals. Youth under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult on outdoor outings

Pop-up Events

Animal Tracks in the snow! January 2023

Following tracks in the snow can help us to investigate how an animal has moved and possibly what it did. Did it chase some prey or dig for food under the snow?

Salamander Migration February or March 2023; 10pm

As winter fades, the ephemeral "Salamander Rains" season begins. When soil temperatures begin to warm and spring rains commence, mole salamanders, which have spent the winter in underground burrows, begin their journey to their breeding vernal pools. Join Mike to experience the amphibian wildlife spectacle that is the marvelous salamander migration. Bring a flashlight or headlamp. Location TBD

Tundra Swans March 2023; 10am-Noon

Join Mike in witnessing this local wildlife spectacle! Meet at the Lambton Heritage Museum, then drive to a TBD nearby location (typically on a road behind the museum) for optimal Tundra Swan viewing. We will have binoculars and spotting scope available for use. Meet at the Lambton County Heritage Museum before heading to nearby roadside fields for optimal viewing.

Chimney Swift May or June 2023; TBD

The "flying cigar" silhouette of the Chimney Swift is becoming a more uncommon sight in the summer skies over eastern cities and towns. Last year a roost of over 200 was identified locally. The Chimney Swift is a threatened species in Ontario. A TBD location will be determined at a later date.

Pop-up events depend upon weather, temperature and/or animal migrations therefore exact dates cannot be planned. Events will be scheduled approximately 2 days in advance. Watch your email for info

Volunteer with Lambton Wildlife!

Our organization is run by volunteers, and we need people to join our team. This is a great way to meet new people who are interested in nature. You don't have to be a nature expert! Contact Mary Martin

mmartin@lambtonwildlife.com

for more information

Indoor or Virtual Presentations

When: The last Monday of the month. All presentations begin at 7pm unless otherwise stated.

Where: Virtually via Zoom (the event will also be streamed live and available for viewing later on our Facebook page)
OR

In person at the YMCA Learning & Career Centre, 660 Oakdale Ave., Sarnia (near highway 402 & Colborne Rd.)

Social gathering to start at 7pm. Join other members for refreshments. Presentations will begin at 7:30 pm.

Guests welcome

Registration in advance is required for this webinar if attending Live via Zoom. Non-members are welcome to register and attend monthly presentations

Information about whether the presentation will be in-person or virtual will be announced on our website

Sydenham River Nature Reserve Monday, September 26, 2022; 7pm

The Sydenham River Nature Reserve is an incredibly important habitat that has been preserved due to the amazing support of Lambton Wildlife members! Come out and hear from an Ontario Nature presenter about the remarkable biodiversity that can be found in the reserve, the restoration work that has been completed thus far, and the plans for restoration on the newly acquired acreage.

Nurturing Nature in the City Monday, October 24, 2022; 7pm

You don't need acreage to make a difference! Join Annie and Mary as they show how gardening with native plants can transform your city space into a haven for a wide range of life.

Ontario Bird Atlas Monday, November 28, 2022; 7pm

Volunteers are central to the success of the Ontario Bird Atlas project. This enormous project is only possible through mass participation of Ontario's birders, and many LWI members are pitching in! Come learn how the data collected on Ontario's 300 species of breeding birds over a five-year period will provide essential information to guide environmental policies and conservation strategies for years to come.

Experimental Lakes Area Research Monday, January 30, 2023; 7pm

Join us ONLINE to hear about Lauren Hayhurst's work as the Fisheries Research Biologist at the world-renowned Experimental Lakes Area research station (<https://www.iisd.org/ela/>), which is one of the world's most influential freshwater research facilities, improving our understanding of human impacts on the environment, and influencing policy and environmental best practices. The ELA's unique value to the scientific community is the ability to conduct research at the whole ecosystem level.

Polar Bears: Rulers of the North Monday, February 24, 2023; 7pm

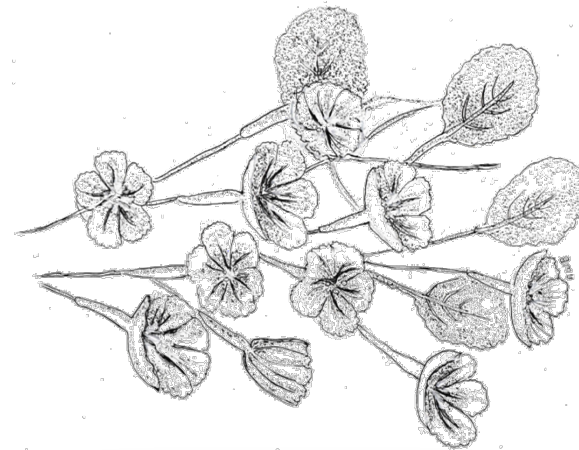
Polar Bears are the largest land predator in the world. See photos of these magnificent animals in their natural habitat as they gather to await the formation of sea ice. This concentration of bears allows for incredible viewing of Polar Bear behavior. Learn about the special geography of Churchill, Manitoba and why it is known as the Polar Bear Capital of the World!

Importance of Forests Monday March 27, 2023; 7pm

Renowned local naturalist and past president of Lambton Wildlife, Larry Cornelis will cover the history of our local Carolinian forests and Carolinian indicator species. We all have a significant relationship with trees and forests, and Larry will explain why they deserve more respect as living organisms.

Annual General Meeting Saturday April 22, 2023

(Online alternative - Monday April 24, 2023)
Topic and venue TBD



Did You Know?

- LWI has been actively protecting land for over 50 years
- LWI owns 62 acres of protected land and has partnered with other groups to protect an additional 1000+ acres!
- LWI is dedicated to the conservation, preservation, and protection of the natural environment in Lambton County

Support Us – Become a Member or Donate!

Lambton Wildlife Incorporated (LWI) was established in 1966, with the purpose of bringing those with a love of nature together in a setting to foster learning and enjoyment. The club is now actively involved in property ownership, management, stewardship initiatives and scientific inventories.

LWI is an affiliated member of Ontario Nature, the Ontario Land Trust Alliance, and the Canadian Land Trust Alliance. LWI also functions as a land trust.

We strive to provide a lively and informative program for our members. As a member of LWI, you will be supporting projects like our Karner Blue and Mandaumin Woods properties, protection of new properties, educational bursary fund, as well as our Young Naturalists program. You will receive our digital newsletter "EARTHWAYS", which will keep you up to date on all club events and website content.

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Indoor committee members: Roberta Buchanan, Mike Kent & Mary Martin.

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