



Sprucedale & District Horticultural Society

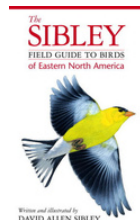


At our June meeting we were treated to an interesting presentation by Rick Stronks whose background as a park naturalist fostered in him a love of birding.

Rick encouraged us to get involved with local groups such as The Huntsville Nature Club as a way to learn about birds in our area, develop like-minded friendships and improve our health.

We learned about ways to identify birds through their colour, shape, size, bill shape and patterns as well as their behavior and flight patterns.

We were introduced to some excellent birding resources: Sibley Field guide to birds of Eastern Canada North America



Merlin - a phone app that identifies bird sounds



Ontario federation of Ornithologists - <http://www.ofo.ca>

Ebird Canada - a website that allows you to keep track of your birding finds and contribute to global knowledge of bird behaviour as a citizen scientist. <https://ebird.org/canada>

Rick advised that it was ok to feed birds in the winter but that it's advisable to take feeders down in the spring when bears emerge from hibernation. He also discussed the benefits of growing native trees as a food source as they tend to contain many more varieties of caterpillars than do non-native tree varieties and that birds love native service berries as well as choke and pin cherries. Water in low dishes in your yard can also be beneficial to our bird visitors understanding that both our water dishes and bird feeders should be cleaned weekly with a solution of 10% bleach/water mix.

We all left the meeting feeling inspired to spend time watching our feathered friends and hoping that we may be lucky enough to spot a rare specimen at our feeders.

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Fun Bird Identification Can you Identify These Birds

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JULY MEETING

When: Monday, July 17, 2023
Time: 7:00 pm - doors open at 6:30
Place: Emsdale Anglican Church
2190-Hwy 592, Emsdale

PROGRAM : JUST ONE DOSE
(How Wood Ash can restore soil damaged
by decades of acid rain)

SPEAKERS: Spencer MacPherson and
Sandy Lockhart
Friends of the
Muskoka Watershed

Refreshments too
Save the Environment
Bring your own Mug

Membership
Dues:
\$7.00/year

Please think
about
volunteering

MEET...LEARN...SHARE...GROW...SMILE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

OPEN POSITIONS

- Secretary
- Nominations
- Community Gardens
- Fundraising
- Flower Show
- Garden Tour

1-Nut Hatch, 2-Eastern Screech Owl, 3-Flicker, 4-Thrush, 5-Warbler, 6-Sandhill Crane