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* Look for this speedy new visitor to your in-box! MVFN's new monthly e-mail bulletin (cousin to our regular newsletter, *The Whip-poor-will*) will help keep you up-to-date on MVFN events coming soon, provide contact information for the club's executive, and other information as needed. The next issue of our regular newsletter is due out in March 2010 and will be sent via Canada Post to all current MVFN members along with membership renewals. Some previous issues of *The Whip-poor-will* are also posted at www.mvfn.ca.

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Upcoming Events

MVFN Events

- **January 21: Shifting Perceptions of Nature: The Two-Way Mirror of Landscapes, Inscapes, and Proscapes.** MVFN lecture with guest speaker **Dr. Brian Osborne**, Professor Emeritus, Queen's University, 7:30 pm, Almonte United Church.
- **February 7: MVFN Winter Walk.**
- **February 18: A September to Remember: Bioblitz Secrets of the Bell Woodland Preserve.** MVFN lecture by member **Tineke Kuiper** who will guide us along the experts' trails to uncover what they discovered on MVFN's Bioblitz held on this lovely 95-acre woodland. 7:30 pm, Almonte United Church.

For further details contact Cathy Keddy or visit www.mvfn.ca

Other events

- **Sunday, January 17: Sex, Survival and Success: The Role of Colour in Nature**, presentation by naturalist **Michael Runtz**, 2:00 p.m., Lanark Legion, Lanark Village. Followed by refreshments and book signing at the Nature Lover's Bookshop. Admission = \$10.00 donation to the **Mississippi Madawaska Land Trust Conservancy**.

Photo of bald eagle taken by Howard Robinson during the 2009 Carleton Place Christmas bird count. Results from the CP and the Lanark Highlands Christmas bird counts are now in -see www.mvfn.ca. Thanks to count organizers **Cliff Bennett, Iain Wilkes, Georgina Doe, Marj Montgomery** and all birders who participated!



Membership Reminder

Dear members, Our current membership year began April 1, 2009 and runs until March 31, 2010. However, if you have not yet renewed your membership, please mail a renewal cheque and details (if needed, print a membership form from our website) to P.O. Box 1617 Almonte, ON, K0A 1A0, or renew at our members desk at the January lecture. Individual membership \$20; senior/individual \$15; family \$30; student \$5. If you are unsure of your membership status, please contact Amelia Ah You or Janet Fytche. Thank you for your involvement with the Mississippi Valley Field Naturalists!