

The Hummingbird

MVFN's E-bulletin for March 2010



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Upcoming MVFN Events

- **March 18: MVFN lecture. Ecosystem Vitality and Indicator Species** with Senior MNR Conservation Ecologist **Dr. Bill Crins**. 7:30 pm, Almonte United Church, 106 Elgin St., Almonte. For further details, please contact Cathy Keddy.
- **March 28: Annual Duck Migration.** MVFN birding trip to Presqu'ile Provincial Park, Brighton, ON. Further details from Cliff soon.

Other Events

- **March 6:** Annual General Meeting of the Mississippi Madawaska Land Trust Conservancy. Guest speaker Dave Walker, Executive Director of the Canadian Land Trust Alliance will present **Land Trusts: A National Dream with Local Heroes**. 2-4 pm, St. Andrews United Church, Clarence St., Lanark Village. For further information, visit www.mmltc.ca or call 613-278-2939.
- **March 7. Signs of spring. Register your family or volunteer to help Martha** for this 'Families in Nature' program at Carp Ridge Learning Centre: Chickadees calling "spring's here" regardless of how cold and stormy it is. Listen to the sound of fluids moving up inside a tree, watch for herons returning. Beaver break the ice to come out from their lodges and in search of food. Look under leaf cover for green shoots and invertebrates in various stage of development. For further information visit www.dandelionjam.com or contact MVFN member Martha Webber at 613-839-5217 or marthagw@gmail.com.
- **March 11. Proposed Nature Trail on Ramsay Concession 3B.** A public meeting in conjunction with MVFN to discuss designation of an unopened road allowance on Ramsay 3B between Wolf Grove and Clayton Rd. as a nature trail. 7 pm at Mississippi Mills (MM) Council Chambers, Municipal Offices, 3131 Old Perth Road. For further info. please contact Calvin Murphy, Town of MM at 613-256-1077 Ext. 24 or MVFN's Cliff Bennett at 613-256-5013. **MVFN recommends this action and encourages your attendance in support of a nature trail in this location.**

Dear members,

Your 2010-2011 membership renewal forms will be mailed in March with the *Whip-poor-will* newsletter. Membership dues go a long way to fueling MVFN's education and conservation efforts and ensuring a strong voice for nature in Ontario through our membership in the Ontario Nature Network. If you do not receive the newsletter and renewal form, your membership may have lapsed. Please contact Amelia Ah You (see above) if you are unsure of your membership status. Thank you for your continued involvement with the Mississippi Valley Field Naturalists!

Sincerely, Joyce Clinton, MVFN President.

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At MVFN's February lecture *A September to Remember: Bioblitz Secrets of the Bell Woodland Preserve*, Howard Robinson (above), with his guess of 518—closest to the actual number of species found during bioblitz 2009—was winner of *Earth, Water, Fire: An Ecological Profile of Lanark County* by Paul Keddy. To find out the actual number, read the complete Bell Bushlot Bioblitz 2009 report posted at www.mvfn.ca.