



# 2012 Spring Birding Festival Activities

**May 12, 10 am, Opening of the Festival at the Observatory**

**Banding demonstrations and tours of the banding station, daily at the Observatory**

## **Guided Hikes**

**May 12 – 21: Daily guided bird hikes, Point Traverse Woods: 8 am, \$5/person**

**May 12 & 19, Saturday afternoon hikes to the Lighthouse: 4 – 6 pm, \$5/person**

**Sandbanks Hikes:** (all walks are free, but a park permit is required)

**May 13, 9 am, Mother's Day Bird Walk, meet at Lakeshore Lodge Day Use Area**

**May 13, 2 pm, Mother's Day Wildflower Walk, meet at Visitor Centre**

**May 20, 1 pm, Dunes Walk, meet at Dunes Beach Day Use Area**

## **Prince Edward County Field Naturalists**

**May 20, 8 am Birding the County Tour, meet at Mariners' Museum, \$5/person**  
(guided by Cheryl Anderson and Myrna Wood)

## **Workshops**

(\$25 /person, \$10/students, children under 12 free)

**Saturday, May 12, 11 am – 1 pm, at Duck's Dive, Pt. Traverse**

**Terry Sprague: Birding for Beginners**

The workshop will introduce the tried and proven methods of identifying birds, using the six S's - size, shape, shadings, song, sweep and surroundings. The workshop will also look at field guides and binoculars, electronic advancements, and how to pursue our interest without intrusion.

**Saturday, May 12, 2:00 – 4:00 at Duck's Dive, Pt. Traverse**

**Glenn Reed: "Alligators, Snakes and Ice cream"**

The workshop will begin with a one-hour narrated slide show, followed by a one-hour outdoor walk to see what can be found.

**Saturday, May 19, 10 am– 12 noon at Duck’s Dive, Pt. Traverse**

**Pamela Stagg: Birding Beyond the Basics** (a “fragrance-free” workshop)

Is that a Cooper’s Hawk or a Sharp-shinned Hawk? How can you tell that distant bird is a Spotted Sandpiper? Pamela Stagg will introduce you to some local identification challenges and provide tools to take your birding to the next level.

**Saturday, May 19, 9:30 – 11:30 at PEptBO and at 1 - 3 pm at Duck’s Dive**

**Gary Stephey: Demo and Display**

**Gary Stephey: Bins, Scopes and Cameras**

Kowa Sporting Optics representative, Gary Stephey will offer a one-hour presentation on how to choose the best optics for birding and digiscoping. A second hour will be spent in the field where DSLR photographers will be offered an opportunity to shoot through the new Prominar Telephoto Lens/Scope as well as digiscoping with the TSN-880/770 Series spotting scopes. Camera adapters will be available for a test drive.

**May 12 – 21, Geocaching Activity** *Sponsored by the Prince Edward Stewardship Council*

Locations:

Web Site: [www.Geocaching.com](http://www.Geocaching.com)

Natural Heritage Fact Sheets about the area/feature will be placed in containers at each of the three sites. Log into the Geocaching website above for the cache coordinates.

Visitors are welcome to find the containers, take a fact sheet, sign their name and make comments in the logbooks.

**May 16, Special Lecture and “Coffee and Treats”** 7 pm at Bloomfield Town Hall

***Birds of the Boreal Forest***, a talk by Ted Cheskey, Nature Canada's manager of bird conservation programs: Ted will focus on birds that migrate through the County, spring and fall. He will also discuss local and Boreal species at risk.

**Coffee & Treats**, complimentary tasting of PEptBO’s “shade-grown, bird-friendly” coffee. Bags of coffee will be available to purchase.

**At the Point**

Throughout the Festival, a hospitality tent, provided by the Prince Edward Stewardship Council, will be open for visitors to chat with other birders, post their sightings, and view the banding. Light snacks and PEptBO’s “bird-friendly” coffee will be available. PEptBO volunteers will be on hand to answer questions and conduct tours of the station. Public washrooms are located nearby.

**In Picton**, check out the PEptBO display in the front window of AV Frame & Photo.