

2018 Brodie Club Field Day: Carden Alvar, 10 June

We met at 9:30 at the Lift Lock picnic grounds, where we met Bob Bowles, our guest leader for the day. Bob is an award-winning environmental consultant, writer, artist, nature photographer, educator, and naturalist who lives in Orillia. We car-pooled to the 'Bluebird boxes' and Sedge Wren Marsh, birding, botanizing and insect-watching as we went, and crossing paths with several other birding groups. At noon we returned to the Lift Locks for our picnic lunch and group photo.



L to R. STANDING: Roy Smith (guest), Dominic Stones (guest), George Bryant, Pat Woodford (guest), Ricky Dunn, John Riley, Bob Kortright, Rachel Gottemann (guest), Glenn Coady, Rae Hutchinson (guest), Bill Crins, Jean Iron, Ed Addison, Marty Obbard, Syd Daniels, Ken Abraham, Sandra Eadie, Greg Stuart (guest), Kevin Seymour, Kathy Lindsay, Warren Dunlop, Hugh Currie, Andrew Don, Ken Reading, Bob Curry, Jerry DeMarco, Anne Bell, Ron Pittaway, Glenda Slessor, Ray Colalillo (guest).
SITTING/KNEELING: Jeremy Hussell, Rose Addison, Kristin Martyn (& guest), Ann Falls, David Tomlinson, Bob Bowles (guest), Bruce Falls, Kathryn Falls

Next stop was Cameron Ranch, where Ron Reid started us off with a brief update on the application to build a shooting range on lands adjacent to protected portions of the alvar. (For regular updates, sign up at <http://ow.ly/P2To30klUvK>. To learn when the rezoning application is received so you can give input, send your contact info to ronreid@couchconservancy.ca). Bob Bowles then took over as leader to take us through the gate and deep into the ranch.

With so many eyes there were many observations that were seen by only a few, and the faunal lists below are probably incomplete. There were nonetheless highlights observed by nearly everyone, such as the Loggerhead Shrike, and the nest of young Rose-breasted Grosbeaks where the father sang and fed the chicks before settling down to brood them.

A hearty 'thank you' to Bob Curry and those who lent him a hand for organizing the trip. Bob wasn't able to spend as much time looking at things as he would have if not trying to herd so many cats, and we truly appreciate his sacrifice!

All photos on this page by Glenda Slessor



Bruce Falls



Jerry DeMarco and Anne Bell



Bob Bowles and Bill Crins figuring out sedges



Ed Addison and George Bryant



Glenn Coady and John Riley



Jeremy Hussell



Balsam Ragwort (*Senecio pauperculus*)
(photo by Slessor)



Purple Crownvetch
(*Securigera varia*)
(Photo by Hussell)



Prairie Smoke (*Geum triflorum*) (Hussell)



Canadian Tiger Swallowtail
(*Papilio canadensis*) (Slessor)



Bronze Copper (*Lycaena hyllus*)
(Hussell)



Bad-wing Moth (*Dyspteris abortivaria*)
(Hussell)

OBSERVATIONS

Asterisks indicate photos submitted to iNaturalist by Hussell, viewable [here](#)

BIRDS

Double-crested Cormorant

American Bittern

*Great Blue Heron

Turkey Vulture

Red-tailed Hawk

American Kestrel

Merlin

Killdeer

Upland Sandpiper

Wilson's Snipe

Mourning Dove

Rock Pigeon

Black-billed Cuckoo

Belted Kingfisher

Northern Flicker

Red-bellied Woodpecker

Alder Flycatcher

Willow Flycatcher

Least Flycatcher

Eastern Phoebe

Great Crested Flycatcher

Eastern Kingbird

Northern Rough-winged Swallow

Tree Swallow

Barn Swallow

Blue Jay

American Crow

Common Raven

Red-breasted Nuthatch

House Wren

Sedge Wren

*Eastern Bluebird

American Robin

Brown Thrasher

Gray Catbird

Cedar Waxwing

*Loggerhead Shrike

European Starling

Warbling Vireo

Philadelphia Vireo (both unusual and late)

Red-eyed Vireo

Golden-winged Warbler

Lawrence's Warbler

Yellow Warbler

Chestnut-sided Warbler

Black-throated Blue Warbler

American Redstart

Ovenbird

Common Yellowthroat

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

Indigo Bunting

Eastern Towhee

Chipping Sparrow

Clay-colored Sparrow

Field Sparrow

*Savannah Sparrow

Grasshopper Sparrow

Song Sparrow

Vesper Sparrow

Swamp Sparrow

Red-winged Blackbird

Eastern Meadowlark

Bobolink

Common Grackle

Brown-headed Cowbird

Baltimore Oriole

American Goldfinch

House Finch

House Sparrow

REPTILES

Midland Painted Turtle

SPIDERS

- *Oblong Running Spider
- *Brilliant Jumper
- *Bowl and Doily Spider
- *unidentified Crab Spider
- *unidentified Wolf Spider

BUTTERFLIES

- Spring Azure (*marginata*)
- Pearl Crescent (female)
- Monarch
- Hobomok Skipper
- *Northern Cloudywing
- Juvenal's Duskywing
- Black Swallowtail
- Canadian Tiger Swallowtail
- Eastern Tiger Swallowtail
- Mustard White
- Cabbage White
- Clouded Sulphur
- *Silvery Blue
- *Northern Crescent
- White Admiral
- Viceroy
- Little Wood Satyr
- *Common Ringlet
- *Bronze Copper
- *Bad-wing Moth

ODONATES

- *Aurora Damsel
- River Jewelwing
- Ebony Jewelwing
- Racket-tailed Emerald
- Common Baskettail
- Frosted Whiteface
- Dot-tailed Whiteface
- Chalk-fronted Corporal

DIPTERA

- *Sinuous Bee Fly
- *Twin-lobed Deer Fly?
- *unidentified Horse Fly (*Hybomitra frontalis?*)
- *unidentified Soldier Fly (*Odontomyia sp.?*)

COLEOPTERA

- *Polished Lady Beetle
- *Snout and Bark Beetle

PLANTS

- *Prairie Smoke
- *Scarlet Indian Paintbrush
- *Fox-and-Cubs
- *Purple Crownvetch
- *Biting Stonecrop?
- *Michaux's Stitchwort?



Probably a Goldenrod Crab Spider
(*Misumena vatia*) (Photo by Hussell)