

THE BRODIE CLUB



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Field Day at Sunnybrook Park, Toronto – 19 June 2022

A warm and sunny day greeted the 15 participants in the 2022 Brodie Field Day in Sunnybrook Park, Toronto.

Left to right in the photo below: Jerry DeMarco, Anne Bell, Kevin Seymour, Bruce Falls, Dave Beadle, Hugh Currie, Jean Iron, Trudy Rising, Katie Thomas and Jeremy Hussell. A few others escaped the photo: Ron Pittaway, Kathryn Falls, Stephen Falls, Jill Unhola (all guests of Bruce) and Greg Stuart (guest of Kevin).



From Katie's notes on the event:

We gathered around 10:30. Jeremy Hussell and Dave Beadle led an advance party to scope out insects, and others set off on a circular walk along a wooded trail not far from our picnic location.

There was interesting discussion about the identification of this plant: One person identified this as **Jack-go-to-bed-at-noon**, another as **Showy Goat's-beard** and yet another as **Meadow Salsify**. Since each of us was sure we were right, we turned to the 'Seek' app as authority. Lo and behold, each of those common names – and more importantly, each of US -- was correct!



The morning hike lasted about two hours after which we retired for lunch. A second hike, inspired by the participants of the advance party from the morning, took place in the afternoon. The list of reported sightings is shown below.

Thanks to Trudy, for setting up this second gathering at Sunnybrook. It was lovely to visit with those of you who could make it!

NEXT MEETING: 20 September, 2022! Our contact at U of T says that the rooms are available for our use in September, assuming no setbacks from current covid conditions. The great thing about natural history is that we can keep enjoying it even when we have to avoid other people, so there are sure to be lots of Member contributions to share.

Birds observed 19 June: : 26 Species

[Link to eBird Checklist](#)

- Canada Goose
- Chimney Swift
- Ring-billed Gull
- Great Blue Heron
- Red-tailed Hawk
- Belted Kingfisher
- Red-bellied Woodpecker (recently fledged young, fed by adult))
- Downy Woodpecker
- Great Crested Flycatcher
- Eastern Kingbird
- Warbling Vireo
- Blue Jay
- Black-capped Chickadee
- Barn Swallow
- White-breasted Nuthatch (Fledged Young)

House Wren (Occupied Nest)

- Gray Catbird
- American Robin
- Cedar Waxwing
- Chipping Sparrow
- Song Sparrow
- Red-winged Blackbird
- Brown-headed Cowbird
- Yellow Warbler
- Northern Cardinal
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak

Trees

Bur Oak *Quercus macrocarpa*
https://www.inaturalist.org/guide_taxa/881178

Arthropods (selected list)

[Link to Hussell iNaturalist list](#)

(other links are Beadle observations)

[Graphalita angleseana](#) (Tortrix moth)

Cicadellidae (Typical Leafhoppers)

Philaenus spumarius (Meadow Spittlebug)

Calopteryx maculata (Ebony Jewelwing)

Drapetini (Hybotid Dance Flies)

Thelaira americana (Bristle Flies)

Temnostoma alternans (Wasp-like Falsehorn)

Nematocampa resistaria (Horned Spanworm Moth)

Genus *Yponomeuta* (Small Ermine Moths)



[Laphria index](#) (Bee Mimic Robber Fly)



Smilia camelus (Camel Treehopper)



Genus *Temnostoma* (Falsehorn Fly)



Genus *Brachymeria* (Chalcidoid wasp)



Lucidota atra (Black Firefly)



Salticus scenicus (Zebra Jumping Spider)



Compsobata univitta (A stilt-legged fly)



Reduvius personatus (Masked Bed-bug Hunter)



Euphydryas phaeton (Baltimore Checkerspot)



Dave Beadle documenting an observation