

THE BRODIE CLUB



Established 1921

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FIELD TRIP TO SUNNYBROOK PARK, TORONTO – 2 OCTOBER, 2021

Attendees: Ed and Rose Addison, Oliver Bertin (and guest Peggy Haist), Hugh Currie, Ricky Dunn, Sandra Eadie, Bruce and Ann Falls (guests Kathryn Falls and Glenda Belnas), Jeremy Hussell, Jean Iron, Bob Kortright (guest Rachel Gottesman), Ron Pittaway, Trudy Rising, and Kevin Seymour (guest Greg Stuart).

For the first time since February 2020, Brodie Club members had the opportunity to gather and visit face to face. The outdoor picnic and walk at Sunnybrook Park in Toronto took place on a lovely, warm fall day, attracting 19 members and guests in what we hope is just the first of renewed gatherings.

The list of observations included a smattering of migrating birds, including a Ruby-crowned Kinglet that foraged close to our lunch spot for over an hour and was much photographed. A full complement of common woodland birds also made the list, and an Eastern Screech-Owl was a bonus. Much of the attention given to plants was directed at introduced species, and it was noted that changes in vegetation at Sunnybrook have affected butterfly counts.



Common Buckthorn (R Addison)



Euonymus spp. (R Addison)

Reported observations

Birds

Canada Goose (*Branta canadensis*)
Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*)
Sharp-shinned Hawk (*Accipiter striatus*)
Cooper's Hawk (*Accipiter cooperii*)
Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*)
Eastern Screech-Owl (*Megascops asio*)
Downy Woodpecker (*Dryobates pubescens*)
Hairy Woodpecker (*Dryobates villosus*)
Pileated Woodpecker (*Dryocopus pileatus*)
Blue-headed Vireo (*Vireo solitarius*)
Blue Jay (*Cyanocitta cristata*)
Black-capped Chickadee (*Poecile atricapillus*)
Ruby-crowned Kinglet (*Corthylio calendula*)
Golden-crowned Kinglet (*Regulus satrapa*)
Red-breasted Nuthatch (*Sitta canadensis*)



Ruby-crowned Kinglet (Seymour)

White-breasted Nuthatch (*Sitta carolinensis*)
Hermit Thrush (*Catharus guttatus*)
American Robin (*Turdus migratorius*)
American Goldfinch (*Spinus tristis*)
Nashville Warbler (*Leiothlypis ruficapilla*)
Yellow-rumped Warbler (*Setophaga coronata*)
Northern Cardinal (*Cardinalis cardinalis*)

Mammals

Raccoon (*Procyon lotor*)
Eastern gray squirrel (*Sciurus carolinensis*)
Red Squirrel (*Tamiasciurus hudsonicus*)
Eastern Chipmunk (*Tamias striatus*)

Invertebrates

Long-legged Sac Spider (*Cheiracanthium* spp.)
Bicolored Sallow (*Sunira bicolorago*)
Cabbage White Butterfly (*Pieris rapae*)
Clouded Sulphur Butterfly (*Colias philodice*)
Orange Sulphur Butterfly (*Colias eurytheme*)
Spotted Pink Ladybeetle
(*Coleomegilla maculata*)
Swift Feather-legged Fly (*Trichopoda pennipes*)
Treehopper (Family Membracidae)
Eastern Hornet Fly (*Spilomyia longicornis*)
Transverse-banded Flower Fly
(*Eristalis transversa*)
Striped Sweat Bee (*Agapostemon* spp.)

Plants

Spindle Tree (*Euonymus* spp.)
Dog-strangling Vine (*Cynanchum rossicum*)
New England Aster
(*Symphyotricum novae-angliae*)
Zigzag Goldenrod (*Solidago flexicaulis*)
White wood aster (*Eurybia divaricata*)
Common Buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*)

Fungi

Mica Cap (*Caprinellus micaceus*)
Dryad's Saddle (*Polyporus squamosus*)
Blue Cheese Polypore (*Postia caesia*)



The foraging Ruby-crowned Kinglet attracted lots of attention



Jeremy Hussell taking a photo ...



... and showing it to Ann and Bruce Falls and Ricky Dunn (all photos on this page by R Addison)



White Wood Aster (R Addison)



Eastern Hornet Fly (Hussell)



Raccoon (Seymour)



Eastern Screech-Owl (Hussell)



Bob Kortright
(R Addison)



Jean Iron (Dunn)



Ed and Rose Addison, Ricky Dunn (K Falls)



Trudy Rising; Peggy Haist; Oliver Bertin; Ann, Bruce, and Kathryn Falls;
Hugh Currie (R Addison)



Oliver Bertin and Ron Pittaway (K Falls)



Sandra Eadie, Greg Stuart, and Kevin Seymour
(Rising)



Ann and Bruce Falls (Dunn)



Bicolored Sallow (Hussell)



Transverse-banded Flower Fly (Hussell)

**Many thanks to Trudy,
Katie, Oliver, Rose and
Ed for making this
field trip happen!**



Fall colours (R Addison)