



TORONTO ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB

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The Toronto Ornithological Club (TOC) was founded in 1934. We offer a full range of ornithological activities, centred on the enjoyment and conservation of birds and bird habitat in Toronto and the surrounding area.

We are a club for those seriously interested in birds, of all abilities and levels of experience, and we welcome new members keen on birding, ornithology, photography, and/or conservation. The TOC is a great place to meet like-minded people and learn more about birds and birding.

BIRDING OUTINGS

The TOC organizes free Jim Baillie Memorial Bird Walks, open to all and led by seasoned birders, to destinations around the GTA including High Park, Toronto Islands, and the Leslie Street Spit. In September we hold a Fall Field Day and members' social event. You can check the schedule of outings by visiting www.torontobirding.ca/club/outings, or by contacting outings@torontobirding.ca.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

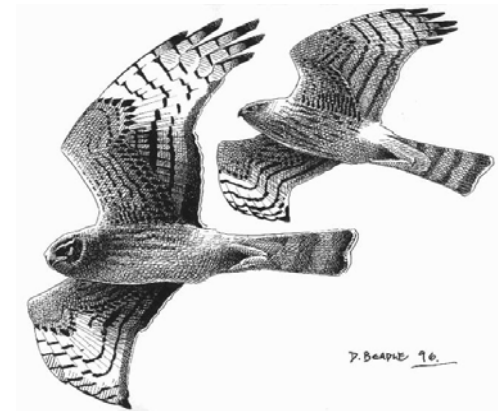
We meet from September through June, generally on the second Monday of the month, at 7:30 pm in Burgundy Room A, North York Memorial Hall, 5110 Yonge St. Speakers, ranging from prominent amateur birders to some of North America's leading professional ornithologists, entertain and inform us at each meeting, and TOC members exchange information on current ornithological topics and recent bird sightings. For upcoming programs, see www.torontobirding.ca/club/meetings.

CONSERVATION

The Club's Conservation Strategy supports preservation and protection of habitat and the reduction of bird mortality. The Club has taken positions on many issues that impact birds in the GTA. Our representatives sit on advisory committees for Tommy Thompson Park and the Carden Alvar. We offer financial support for bird monitoring and land acquisition at key locations.

GREATER TORONTO RAPTOR WATCH

From September through November you'll see our teams at Hawk Hill, just north of High Park's Grenadier Restaurant. Here we observe and record thousands of hawks, falcons, eagles and vultures as they migrate westward through downtown Toronto. This is one of several raptor watches in the GTA that provide valuable data about raptor populations. See our website or contact hawkwatch@torontobirding.ca.



CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

The Christmas Bird Count, inaugurated in Toronto in 1900, has been organized by the TOC for over 50 years. We join hundreds of other clubs across North America in carrying on this annual winter tradition. Our teams spend a December day counting every bird they can find. A relaxed supper with other participants ends the count day.

LAKE ONTARIO MID-WINTER WATERFOWL INVENTORY

Large numbers of ducks, geese and swans spend the winter months on Lake Ontario. Since 1947, TOC teams have carried out a January census of these waterfowl along the lakeshore between Oakville and Whitby.



SPRING WARBLER COUNT

TOC volunteers have conducted early-morning warbler counts in Toronto's ravines and parks for 40 years. The survey results indicate the species' relative year-to-year abundance.

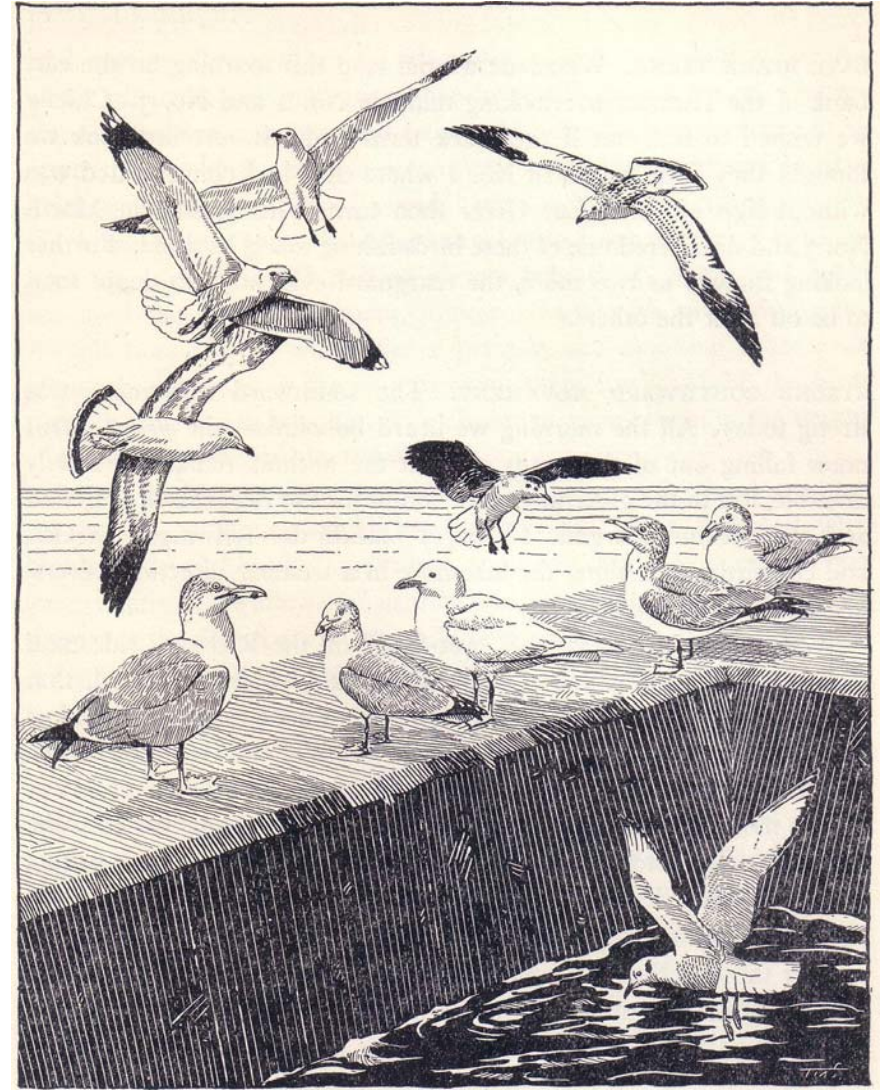


RECORDS AND RARITIES

The TOC maintains comprehensive records of sightings including rarities from its many monitoring programmes. It also publishes the official Bird Checklist of the GTA.

MEMBERSHIP

TOC members receive regular newsletters and other benefits. If you are interested in birds and would like to join our Club, we invite you to contact our Membership Councillor, **Jeremy Hatt** membership@torontobirding.ca



The Toronto Ornithological Club is a registered charitable organization engaged in ornithological research and education.

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