



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Events are \$8 or \$3 with an Events Discount Card, unless otherwise noted.

Please register in advance as spaces are limited. Visit raresites.org or call (519) 650-9336 x 125

S E P T E M B E R

Sunday, September 7, 2014

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Ambushed! Some Lessons from Bugs in our own Backyard

Location: Meet at the Slit Barn, **rare** ECO Centre, 768 Blair Road, Cambridge

How fast is evolution and is it happening now? Why are males and females so fundamentally different? What are the limits to where species occur? Join David Punzalan on the trails at **rare** and peer into the secret lives of ambush bugs and see how these insects have provided some (often surprising) insights into fundamental questions in biology.

Sunday, September 14, 2014

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Dragonflies and Damselflies: biology and identification

Location: Meet at George St. Parking Lot

Break out your hiking boots and join David d'Entremont as he takes you on a whirlwind hiking tour of the odonata: our amazing damselflies and dragonflies. Learn about these fantastic fliers and voracious predators, and discover how to identify the diversity of species flying around you! The group will meet at the George Street parking lot (just east of the intersection of George St N and Blair Road).

Sunday, September 21, 2014

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

How to Produce Measured Drawings of Historic Buildings and Why

Location: Meet at the Slit Barn, **rare** ECO Centre, 768 Blair Road, Cambridge

Bruce Corley will explain how and why he measures historic houses and barns across Ontario to produce detailed drawings, and what he has learned from the last twenty years and one hundred buildings he has examined. The focus will be on encouraging people to try and develop the skill to see, record and understand buildings that would otherwise be overlooked or lost. Bruce Corley has a wide range of education and experience that has exposed him to all facets of building and structures, from historic preservation to new development.

Sunday, September 28, 2014

9:15 am to 2:00 pm

2014 Walk & Run for rare

Location: Meet at Riverbluffs Park, 211 George St N, Cambridge
Cost: \$20, or free for Children 12 and under

Join us for the **2014 Walk and Run for rare**, where we will continue to raise support and awareness for our *Every Child Outdoors* (ECO) environmental education, where we provide children with hands-on activities while they have fun in nature and explore being a young scientist. As community members join us for this annual 5K family-friendly event along the beautiful natural setting of the Grand River, walkers will be treated to several interpretive stops along the way learning about the heritage of our local environment. This year we are excited to add a fun-run component as well. The event will be followed by a barbeque, prizes, and entertainment at our **rare** ECO Centre. Register online today!

O C T O B E R

Sunday, October 5, 2014

1:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Preparing for the Storm: Gorgeous gardens, dry basements, healthy rivers and wetlands

Location: Meet at the Slit Barn, **rare** ECO Centre, 768 Blair Road, Cambridge

Cheryl Evans, RAIN Program Manager at REEP Green Solutions will provide a step-by-step intro to protecting your home and business from water damage due to heavy rains and snow melt. By learning to slow that water down, soak it up and keep it clean you will also help to reduce flooding and pollution of the Grand River. This will be followed by a walk through wetlands to the Grand River with Kevin Stevens, WLU professor, to see where your efforts count!

Saturday, October 18, 2014

10:00 am to 11:30 am

Weird Wildlife with Mark Pomeroy

Location: Meet at the Slit Barn, **rare** ECO Centre, 768 Blair Road, Cambridge

Frozen Frogs? Parasitic Clams? Exploding Plants? Join Mark Pomeroy for a presentation and hike focussed on some of the lesser known traits of common animals and plants found in and around **rare**.

NOVEMBER

Thursday, November 6, 2014
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Owl Prowl with Jason Bracey



Location: Meet at the Slit Barn, *rare* ECO Centre,
768 Blair Road, Cambridge

Back by popular demand! Join Jason Bracey as he shares his knowledge of the species of owls found in Ontario and at *rare*. Learn many unique adaptations of owls and how to identify their various species. Jason will lead you on a “prowl” to see and hear these beautiful night birds. Registration for this event fills quickly—sign up today! If you miss this one, don’t forget to sign up for the second owl prowl on November 27!

Thursday, November 13, 2014
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Bugs and Food Plants in a Naturalist Garden

Location: Meet at the Resource House, *rare* ECO Centre, 768 Blair Rd, Cambridge

Anne and Alan Morgan's urban garden in Waterloo has been reported on for over 20 years as an example of the way to encourage natural habitats in an urban setting. It has been documented on HGTV, illustrated in parts of several garden books, cited as an example to ecology classes at the University of Waterloo, featured on many garden tours and won environmental awards in Waterloo. Alan will be describing (with lots of illustrations) the growth of the garden from an urban sodded lot in 1979 to a "naturalized" garden today.

Friday, November 21, 2014
6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Savour the Season Cooking Class with Moe Vidotto

Location: Meet at the Resource House, *rare* ECO Centre, 768 Blair Rd, Cambridge
Cost: \$65

A cooking class lead by chef Moe Vidotto from Savour the Season. Learn about the artisan-centred approach to cuisine with a focus on seasonally-available, local, and fresh foods. Create (and then enjoy) a four course meal! This event is limited to 10 people, and registration covers all food costs. Please note that due to popularity and limited space, registration is not guaranteed until payment is received.

Thursday, November 27, 2014
6:30 pm to 8:30pm



Owl Prowl 2 with Jason Bracey

Location: Meet at the Slit Barn, *rare* ECO Centre,
768 Blair Road, Cambridge

A second chance! Join Jason Bracey as he shares his knowledge of the species of owls found in Ontario and at *rare*. Learn many unique adaptations of owls and how to identify their various species. Jason will lead you on a “prowl” to see and hear these beautiful night birds. Registration for this event fills quickly—sign up today!

DECEMBER

Thursday, December 11, 2014
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

An Illustrated Account through Time: Observations from the Bruce and Grand Valley Trails

Location: Meet at the Resource House, *rare* ECO Centre, 768 Blair Rd, Cambridge

Over the past three years, Anne and Alan Morgan have covered all of the Bruce Trail and the Grand Valley Trails. In this illustrated presentation, Alan Morgan will take you on a virtual walk through geological time and natural history, using highlights of both these stunning trail systems.

Saturday, December 13, 2014
10:00 am to 11:30 am

North House Christmas Tour

Location: Meet at North House
681 Blair Rd, Cambridge

North House is a solar-powered, green housing prototype that is used as a living lab by researchers and provides a science and technology site for *rare's* school programs. On this tour, explore many of the emerging technological advances and concepts of modern living showcased at North House and perhaps see The Spirit of Christmas Future!

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