



White Pelicans off the tip of Fish Point Nature Reserve S. Hughes

Your Island Passport to Nature

THE PELEE BUZZ

Pelee Island, Ontario, Canada

WELCOME TO PELEE ISLAND

The most southern inhabited place in Canada and an amazing hot spot for **Carolinian Biodiversity!** It is a designated **Important Bird Area** & a candidate **Key Biodiversity Area**. The island is on a major flyway for migrating birds, butterflies & dragonflies, spring & fall. It is home to species of plants, salamanders, snakes, snails & other creatures that occur nowhere else in Canada!

WE INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE

The **PELEE BUZZ** program is a combination of:

a **SPECIFIC EVENTS LED BY A LOCAL NATURALIST*** From bird watching, butterflies & snails, to trees & habitats, including an indigenous perspective, & the Arts.

b **SELF-GUIDED WALKS ON PELEE'S MANY TRAILS** Through meadows, woodlands, alvars & shorelines. The island is also a perfect place for cycling with the perimeter roads mostly sheltered from sun & wind.

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING & learning more about the unique nature of the island! It is by understanding what is exceptional about Pelee that we value it, & strive to protect it. **EVENTS ARE FREE** but donations are welcomed: peleebuzz@gmail.com



DOWNLOAD EVENT DETAILS

- Check events & self-guided trips at: peleebuzz.ca
- **EVENTS** details & register at: peleebuzz.eventbrite.ca
- Also check **PELEE BUZZ FACEBOOK** page for event updates, or email us at: peleebuzz@gmail.com

Pelee Island offers a large selection of over-night accommodations ranging from inns and bed-&-breakfasts, to cottages & camping. Visit: pelee.org/tourism/accommodations



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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge and send our gratitude to the original ancestors of Pelee Island and its surrounding waters. We recognize that these *First Peoples* stewarded the lands and waters and welcomed and aided new settlers from afar. We honour and respect the continuing presence of the *Caldwell First Nation* and the *Walpole Island First Nation* in this region and other indigenous communities across Turtle Island.

a SPECIFIC EVENTS LED BY A LOCAL NATURALIST*

and other related events. Check the website or Facebook for added events. *For full description of events: peleebuzz.eventbrite.ca

MARCH

22nd SALAMANDER NIGHT WALK Come experience Pelee's unique salamanders in their breeding ponds, w/Prof. Tom Hossie.

APRIL

8th - TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE - approx. 2-3:15pm on Pelee
20th - PIBO BIRD BANDING STATION open to visitors, from April 20 to May 31
-- **SHORELINE CLEANUP**: carry a bag for your spring beach walks; bring collected waste to the transfer station (no charge), or use beach waste containers.

27th SPRING SNAKE WALK See Pelee's famous *Blue Racer* & other snakes after winter hibernation, w/researcher Ryan Wolfe.

MAY

5th SPRING BIRD WALK Experience the many new arrivals in vibrant colours & songs, Fish Point, w/expert birder Rob Tymstra.

10th-11th - SPRINGSONG 24HR BIRDING COMPETITION plus banquet Saturday evening, contact: peleeislandmuseum.ca/events

26th WETLAND & MEADOW HABITAT WALK

Create the habitat & the creatures will come! Find interesting ideas for your property, w/Dave Kraus.

JUNE

1 - PELEE ISLAND WINERY HALF MARATHON

2nd BREEDING BIRD WALK Sumiko Onishi will help you see the birds in their quiet period of nesting, Fish Point.

8th DISCOVER THE SNAIL-WATCHING CAPITAL OF CANADA!

Join Jill Crosthwaite & experience these intriguing creatures!
-- **FARMERS MARKET** Saturdays, June 15-Aug 30, the Quarry, 10am-1pm - crafts, flowers & produce

23rd HUMMINGBIRDS - EXPERIENCE THESE MAGICAL BIRDS UP CLOSE!

Join Cherie Dillen & learn how to make them feel at home in your garden.

JULY

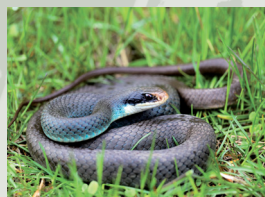
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-- **GREEN BIKE TOURS** w/Ron Tiessen; small & not so small steps to a greener community. Weekly, see postings or contact: rontiessen@hotmail.com

7th BIRD WALK AROUND THE MARSH

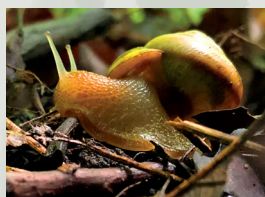
Experience NCC's new marsh & the great diversity of wetland birds it attracts, w/ Sumiko Onishi.



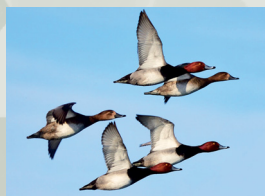
Pelee Salamander
T. Hossie



Blue Racer
R. Wolfe



Banded Tiger Snail
J. Crosthwaite



Redheads at the marsh
M. Nosanchuk

JULY cont'd

20th SWEETGRASS BRAIDING & TEACHING

Join Carrie Ann Peters of the Caldwell First Nation, learn the technique & experience the symbolism.

29th PELEE ISLAND BUTTERFLY SANCTUARY & TEACHING GARDEN

Come see what all the excitement is about! w/Cherie Dillen.

27th-28th - ANNUAL BUTTERFLY & DRAGONFLY COUNTS, Keen novices are welcome! contact: rbowles@rogers.com

AUGUST

-- **FARMERS MARKET** Saturdays, the Quarry, 10am-1pm, crafts, flowers & produce

-- **PELEE ISLAND CHILI COOKOFF**

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MOTH NIGHT We have an amazing diversity of moths, watch posting for details!

25th OAKS & OTHER SPECIAL TREES OF PELEE

Come & experience the diversity of southern tree species on Pelee, w/John Ambrose.

SEPTEMBER

7th-8th - HERITAGE WEEKEND, Pelee Island Heritage Centre

14th - HARVEST DINNER, Pelee Island Heritage Centre

15th - STONE & SKY'S FLUTTER FEST - for info visit stoneandsky.org

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

24th - PHEASANT HUNT - Thur.-Sat. every week to the end of November.

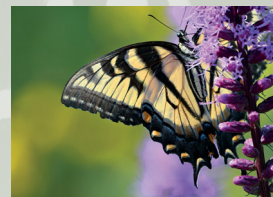
DECEMBER

-- **PIBO CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT**, date to be determind.

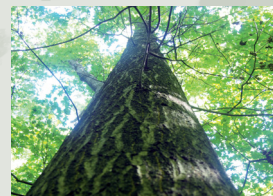
Cover: Female Ruby-throated Hummingbird at Mexican Cigar Plant M.Nosanchuk



Braided Sweetgrass
J. Ambrose



Tiger Swallowtail on Liatris
M. Nosanchuk



Pin Oak
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Wild Bergamot on the Alvar
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b SELF-GUIDED TRIPS ON THE ISLAND

Experience the many trail systems; explore prime bird, wildflower & butterfly habitats, woodland, alvar & geology sites ...or just take a quiet walk in nature!

**LIGHTHOUSE POINT • ISLAND ECO-TRAIL & MIDDLE POINT
STONE ROAD ALVAR • FISH POINT • WINERY & IVEY TRAILS
CYCLING AROUND THE ISLAND**

For a full description of these trips & trails visit: peleebuzz.ca



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