



# 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](http://raresites.org) or call (519) 650-9336.

## M A Y



This event showcases current and recently completed research projects at the **rare Charitable Research Reserve** and is open to all members of the community. Come hear about the many topics exploring our natural world at **rare**. This year's theme is Science Accessibility, representing one of **rare's** overarching goals of bridging the gap between scientists and the community. Join **rare** in welcoming **Jane Gilbert**, Chief Communications Officer with Nature Conservancy Canada, as a keynote for this event. **This event is \$10 or \$5 with an event discount card or student card.** Begins at 9:30 am. Refreshments will be offered.

Thursday, May 8, 2014  
7:00 to 9:00pm

### 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!



Saturday, May 10, 2014  
8:00 am to 10:00 am

### Bird Banding with Kevin Grundy

Location: Meet at the Slit Barn, **rare** ECO Centre, 768 Blair Road, Cambridge  
Rain Date Sunday May 11th

Banding birds provides valuable information about bird ecology, migration routes and population dynamics. A group of volunteers led by Master Bander Kevin Grundy, have been banding birds during the spring and fall migrations at **rare** since 2008. Join us for a close-up look at what is involved in bird banding. Observe how the birds are captured, banded and what information is collected from each bird. You will have a unique opportunity to observe close up some of the bird species that breed at **rare** or migrate through the property. Children are most welcome!

## J U N E

Sunday, June 8, 2014  
8:00 am to 10:00 am

### Birding with Rob Milne

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

Come out for an early morning adventure to look for birds along the Cliffs and Alvars. Whether you want to improve your bird call identification, expand the birds you can identify, or want more information on bird behaviour, join Rob Milne of Wilfrid Laurier University in a morning of birding. Birders of all experience levels are welcome. Bring your binoculars and bird guides!

Thursday, June 12, 2014  
7:00 pm to 9:30 pm

### Movie Night at **rare**, featuring "TINY: a story about living small"

Location: **rare's** North House  
681 Blair Road, Cambridge  
Cost: **Free!** Donations encouraged.  
*Attendance limited to 30 people - Register early!*

Join us for a movie night featuring **TINY: a story about living small**, at North House — **rare's** own 'tiny' 800 square foot, solar-powered, green-housing prototype. Our screening of the documentary last October, in partnership with the Grand River Film Festival, was so well received that we're bringing it back! A tour of North House and guided discussion to follow.  
\*Admission to the film is **FREE**; however, donations are encouraged. Popcorn and snacks available for purchase.

Sunday, June 22, 2014  
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

**The Secret Life of a Herper: Searching for Scales and Slime with Kyle Horner**

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

What is a herper? What do they do? Where do they come from? Environmental educator, Kyle Horner, will answer these questions and more in this interactive talk and walk. Learn about southern Ontario reptiles and amphibians, how they live and where to find them. Head into the reserve in search of these elusive and misunderstood creatures. Keen eyes and a thirst for the weird and unusual are the only tools you'll need for this event!

**J U L Y**

Thursday, July 10, 2014  
7:00 pm to 8:30pm

**Trumpeter Swan Restoration with Kyna Intini**

Location: *rare* ECO Centre (Resource House) 768 Blair Rd, Cambridge

Join Kyna Intini of the Ontario Trumpeter Swan Society for an evening of graceful images, describing the Trumpeter Swan Restoration Project. Trumpeters had not been seen in Ontario for almost 100 years, since 1886 when a hunter at Lake Erie's Long Point shot the last known individual. The restoration project, started in 1982, has succeeded in building a self sustaining population of trumpeter swans, that in 2008 topped 1000!

Saturday, July 19, 2014  
9:00am to 4:00pm

**9th Annual Butterfly Count with Jessica Linton**

Location: Lamb's Inn  
1679 Blair Rd, Cambridge  
Cost: \$3  
**Rain date:** Sunday, July 20, 2014

Join us on Saturday, July 19 at 9:00 am for *rare's* 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Butterfly Count with Jessica Linton. During this official butterfly census, we will be identifying and counting all of the butterfly species throughout all habitats on the reserve. Nets and identification resources/guides will be provided. Please note that participants are asked to bring their own lunch; and don't forget your hat, water bottle and sunscreen. Long pants and appropriate hiking shoes are recommended.

**A U G U S T**

Sunday, August 17, 2014  
2:00pm to 4:00pm

***rare* Plants with Brett Woodman**

Location: *rare* ECO Centre (Slit Barn), 768 Blair Rd, Cambridge

Bring along your field guides and check out the flora along the cliffs and alvars. From limestone cliff faces, to Carolinian Forest, to the extreme habitat of alvar, join Brett Woodman in identifying key flora adapted to these varied environments. And don't forget to bring your hat, water bottle and sunscreen! Don't have a field guide? Don't let that deter you. Everyone is welcome!

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