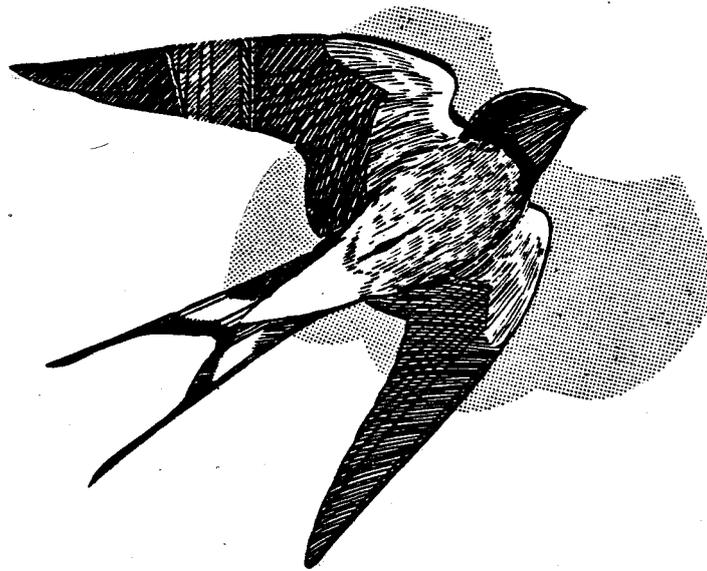


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Upcoming Events

Aug. 1-9 3rd Annual Festival of Swallows
See article in this newsletter for more details on individual events. Also below.

The following is a list of times and events which represents a gathering in Pembroke of the members of the Ontario Field Ornithologists. Our Club is acting as host Club for the OFO and will be assisting in many of the following events.

Friday, Aug. 7 6:30PM Meet at marina to make up teams for roost watch (counting swallows).
 7:00PM Be in position
 9:30PM Meet in lobby of Heritage Inn for results.

Sat., Aug. 8 5:15AM Swallow count.
 7:00AM Breakfast, Heritage Inn (participants only)
 8:00AM Trip to the Barron Canyon, Algonquin Park.
 Meet at the marina. Public welcome.
 Entrance to Algonquin Park: \$3 per car.
 12:30PM Return to Pembroke
 2:00PM Swallow Symposium, Room 201, Algonquin College. Open to public.
 6:30PM Roost watch (counting swallows)
 7:30PM Swallow watch (leisurely observation)
 PABC hosts.
 9:30PM Swallow counters meet in lobby, Heritage Inn.

Sunday, Aug. 9 5:15AM Enjoy the swallows (leisurely observation)
 7:00AM Breakfast, Heritage Inn
 8:00AM Bird walk along waterfront. Suitable for beginners. Meet at marina. Public welcome.

Club Sponsored Events

Friday Aug. 7- Wildlife Art Show & Sale.
Sunday Aug. 9 Preview Opening & wine & cheese reception.
 Friday, Aug. 7, 5:00PM to 7:00PM
 Tickets: \$8.00 Includes weekend pass.
 Public Hours: Friday 7:00PM to 10:00PM
 Saturday 11:00AM to 10:00PM
 Sunday 11:00AM to 5:00PM
 Admission: \$2.00 Seniors & Students: \$1.00
 Children under 12, free

Friday, Aug. 7 Bluebird Trail Tour with Myron Loback
Meeting Place: Marina breakwater (by Swallow Roost signs) This trip returns in time for swallows.

Upcoming Events cont'd...

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Upcoming Events cont'd...Sat., Aug.8 X Trip to the Barron Canyon8:00AMMeeting Place: marina parking lot. Public welcome. Entrance to Algonquin Park, \$3.00 per car.Sat., Aug.8Benefit Ball Game4:30PMWhere: Centenary Park (beside marina). See page 4 for more details.Sunday, Aug.9Birdwalk along marina waterfront.8:00AMMeeting Place: Marina parking lot. Suitable for beginners. Public welcome.Sat., Sept.5Birdwalk - Nun's Bush8:00AMMeeting Place: K-Mart parking lot. Last year Lincoln's Sparrow and Parula Warbler were spotted.Sat., Sept.12Birdwalk - Ottawa River Shoreline8:00AMMeeting Place: Algonquin College parking lot on river side of school. This trip will head over to the Quebec side of the Ottawa River and explore the area around the bridge in Quebec. (3rd bridge between Morrison and Allumette Islands)Mystery Bird

In the last issue of the Swallow, a bird in flight was pictured. The black cap on the bird indicates a tern. Look at the size of that bill and rather short tail. Large wings, and bill size rule out all the terns but Caspian and Royal. The Caspian is the only one of the two that is regular at Pt. Pelee in Spring.

Thankyou to Bernd Krueger for supplying the photos for these quizzes.

Our bird this issue is not a barnyard hen. In fact, it's a male bird.

Pembroke's 3rd Annual Festival of Swallows August 1-9

by Jacques Bouvier.

Presently, we don't have a final listing of all the activities planned for Swallow Week, but here is a partial list and a brief description of each event planned.

The Festival of Swallows is being held this year to celebrate Wildlife '87. In 1986, the Honourable Thomas McMillan, Minister of the Environment, officially designated 1987 as a celebration of conservation and wildlife protection. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Last Mountain Lake Wildlife Sanctuary in Saskatchewan - the first wildlife sanctuary to be established in North America.



Wildlife '87: Gaining Momentum is an opportunity to applaud the many conservation achievements of the past while preparing for greater wildlife protection in the years to come.

3rd Annual Wildlife Art Show and Sale - Aug. 7-9: Once again our Club is organising this popular art show & sale. On display will be the works of over 50 nationally acclaimed and local artists.. To date, 50 of 55 booths have already been booked. Last year, approximately 1,800 people purchased \$25,000 worth of art. This summer we expect more people to attend and more art to be sold. In 1986, it cost the Club \$6,186 to run this event. Revenue from the show was only \$5,782. Therefore, we suffered a \$404 deficit. This loss could have been higher had it not been for donations of \$250 and \$175 from the City of Pembroke and La Societe Saint-Jean Baptiste de Pembroke respectively.

This summer we don't expect to lose any money because: firstly, most of our panels are now paid for; secondly, we have increased our booth fees to \$50 from \$40; and thirdly, we will be collecting a 10% commission on all sales. Most of the show proceeds will go to the Club's conservation and education projects. We will need volunteers (1 or 2 hours of time) for the following: set-up and take-down; help in hospitality room; contact winners of door prizes; and more.

Field Work and Swallow Symposium: The Ontario Field Ornithologists (OFO), the province's birdwatching association, will be holding a summer field meeting in Pembroke in conjunction with the festival. They will be conducting field work on the swallows in an attempt to learn more about their roosting habits. For example, where they come from in the evenings, where they go in the mornings and more. For these actions, they will need volunteers from our Club to help them out. Many of their members would also like an opportunity to see the swallows as they enter the roost at night

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and as they disperse from it at daybreak.

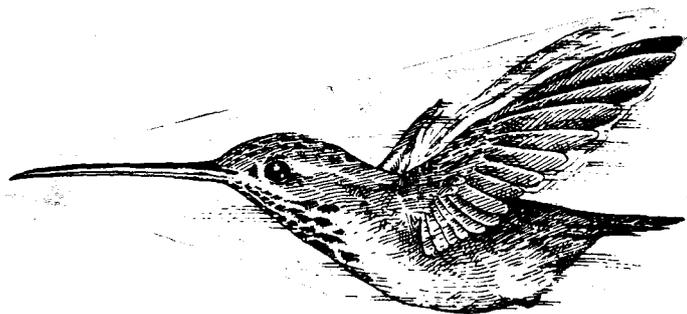
In addition to the fieldwork, they are sponsoring a semi-scientific symposium on the biology and roosting habits of Tree Swallows. This will involve popular talks by two more speakers who are acknowledged experts in their fields. Subjects of these talks could be migration of swallows, roosting behaviour, breeding biology and more. This is a good opportunity for the public and Club members to learn the significance of some of the things witnessed during the swallows' roost.

Photo Contest: The Advertiser-News is again planning a photo contest to coincide with the Festival. Our Club will be cooperating with them to make this event a major success. As in other years, the theme will be wildlife and the entries will be displayed at the Wildlife Art Show. To attract more entries this summer, the value of the prizes is expected to be higher than in previous years. So get that camera out and start photographing wildlife and their habitats and be sure to enter your best shots! Our Club will donate \$100 cash for the best bird photograph. (note: see the author for entry forms.)

Student Wildlife Art Contest: The Societe Saint-Jean Baptiste de Pembroke is sponsoring a Student Wildlife Art Contest. Students from all the schools in Renfrew County will be asked to participate. The theme will be wildlife conservation in order to coincide with Wildlife '87 celebrations. The medium will be the student's choice, i.e. colour crayon, chalk, felt marker, pencil, pen & ink, water-colour, etc. Each school will submit its three best pieces of art for final judging. The entrants will be displayed at our Wildlife Art Show where the top three winners will be selected. The Societe St. Jean Baptiste plans to donate about \$300 in prize money.

Benefit Ball Game: Again this year, CHRO TV-Radio has been challenged by the Club to a benefit softball game. Last year our match raised about \$50 for the St. Joseph Food Bank. Ball players and spectators are needed. To play ball, contact Jean Erereton at 625-2263.

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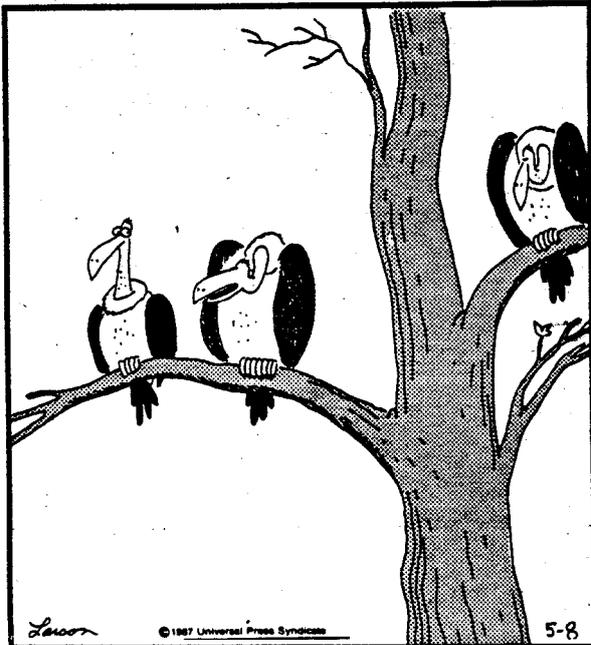
Field Trips & Bluebird Tour: Several trips are planned during the Festival period. See Upcoming Events for times and places.

Ottawa River Bass Tournament - Aug. 8&9: The Pembroke Outdoor Sportsmen's Club is again sponsoring this popular event. Last year 200 fishermen competed for \$20,000 worth of prizes. Tournament rules require that all captured fish be released alive after being weighed and registered. The public is invited to see the fish being weighed. Fishermen will be registering and weighing their catch between 3:30PM and 4:30PM Saturday and 2:30PM and 3:30PM Sunday according to organizer Ed Gaudet.

Coppertone Cup Sailboard Races: This event will be held at the Pembroke Marina, Aug. 1, 2 & 3. Call Robert Legault at 735-5779 for more information.

Swallow Rendez-Vous of more than 100,000 swallows: This will occur daily during duration of festival just before sunrise and at sunset.

*For more information on the 1987 version of The Festival of Swallows, please call Jacques Bouvier at 735-0366.

The Far Side

"Douglass! ...your shoulders aren't hunched!"

The Far Side

Across the narrow beach we flit,
 One little sand-piper and I;
 And fast I gather, bit by bit,
 The scattered drift-wood, bleached and dry,
 The wild waves reach their hands for it,
 The wild wind raves, the tide runs high,
 As up and down the beach we flit,
 One little sand-piper and I.

Celia Thaxter, The Sand-Piper

You alone can lose yourself
 Within a sky, and rob it of its blue!

Maxwell Bodenheim, Advice to a Bluebird

Take any bird, and put him in a cage,
 And do all thine intent, and thy corage,
 To foster it tenderly with meat and drink,
 And eke with all the dainties thou canst think,
 And keep it all so kindly as thou may;
 Although his cage of gold be never so gay,
 Yet hath this bird, by twenty thousand fold,
 Far rather in a forest, wild and cold,
 Go eten worms and suche wretchedness.

Chaucer, The Maunciples Tale, 1.161



'Be positive! At least now we know that being able to fly
 has got nothing to do with having a pointy head!'

