

A NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE
**RUTHVEN
PARK**

**4th Annual
Ruthven's
for the
Birds
Festival**



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September 28, 2013

6am - 5pm

or anytime in between

Admission by donation (suggested \$15)

Rain or Shine.

Dress for the weather

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Program

6am - early afternoon • Bird Banding Station

Follow the banders and see bird species in their natural habitats.

8am • Census Walk

Participate in the Migration Monitoring Protocol.

10am • An Evolving Landscape

Join us for a walking tour of Ruthven's Picturesque Landscape (meet in the parking lot).

11am • The Wonders of Bird Migration Dr. David Brewer

David will present a historical background on our understanding of bird migration; how birds navigate and provide some extraordinary examples of bird journeys.

1pm • Canadian Raptor Conservancy

Bird of Prey Flight Show. Meet and greet after the show.

2pm • Sex and seasonal differences in memory in Brown-headed Cowbirds (Molothrus ater)

Melanie Guigueno, PhD candidate,
Western University

The predominant hypothesis in neuroecology posits that cognition and the brain are adaptively specialized to serve specific ecological functions. Melanie will explain why Brown-headed Cowbirds are an ideal study species to test this hypothesis.

3pm • IGNITE: Six presentations in thirty minutes - Up-dates on Ruthven's birding activities

Barn Swallow Project - Nancy Furber
Tracking Stress in Tree Swallows - Christine Madliger and Chris Harris
Butterfly Census - Mary Pomfret
Restoration Plantings for Birds - Sandra Turner

Mansion Tours from 10am-4pm, tours on the hour, leave from the Carriage Way.

On-going activities for kids all day including the popular Juggle Magic.

3:30pm • Meet and Mingle

Wine and Cheese

4pm • Under African Skies

Rick Ludkin, Ruthven's bander-in-charge

Earlier this year, Ruthven's bander-in-charge, Rick Ludkin travelled to the village of Matangwe in Kenya. The purpose of his "job" was to teach the students and any adults that were interested about the birds in their area. Rick says that "before my visit the villagers considered birds simply to be another food source." However, he was able to help them see it differently. Rick will share his experiences through a colourful presentation.

Sandwiches and other snacks available throughout the day in the Carriage Way (brick building).

Presentations will be held in the Coach House.

What to bring/wear:

- Binoculars
- Comfortable shoes and appropriate clothing
 - An umbrella (just in case)
 - Your Enthusiasm & curiosity