

# The Dufferin Marsh Report

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Dufferin Marsh Nature Connection will not be running any community events and workshops for the foreseeable future. That doesn't mean that things are not happening in the Marsh, so we plan to visit the wetland everyday and let you know what is going on. We will be sending out a weekly report that hopefully inspires you and your family to venture for a visit too.



We have said goodbye to our friend LOG1T0 who has no doubt made his way north to find a territory and mate. What a fun adventure it was to have him as our guest. Other birds have started to arrive. Everyone has no doubt heard or seen the ubiquitous **Canada Geese**, but joining them on the pond are **Mallards**, **Hooded Mergansers** and **Trumpeter Swans**. Lots of **Grackles** and **Red-wings** are around and I have seen **Robins**, **Song Sparrows** and **Killdeer**. **Downy** and **Hairy Woodpeckers** are numerous, protecting their territories and nests with their loud drumming. (Took these pictures at the Marsh with my phone)

## Volunteer of the Month

We have decided to highlight a "Volunteer of the Month". This is someone who gives their time joyfully to the Dufferin Marsh without any reciprocal expectations. For the month of March we are recognizing Brenda Phinney and her dog Sol. Between them they installed the bird feeders at the bulletin board and kept them filled all winter. Thanks Brenda.



## Kids Stuff

Looking for something to do with the kids that is fun and educational? Go to: <https://www.allaboutbirds.org/news/how-to-make-these-next-few-weeks-a-little-easier-courtesy-of-birds/>

## Upcoming

We are hoping, with some careful attention to social distancing, to run two monitoring programs this summer: **Frog Watch** and **Swift Watch**. We will do training on-line and divide volunteers into family groups or individuals. Stay tuned.