

The Dufferin Marsh Report

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We Need a Volunteer

Anticipating the arrival of Tree Swallows in the next few weeks we need a volunteer (or a family group) who can work on their own to clean out and repair the six Tree Swallow boxes. If you have some time and skills, consider giving us a hand and helping the birds. For more information contact Mary at mfasselstine@aol.com.



Spring????

You know spring is here when the landscape at the Dufferin Marsh can change in one week from snow covered to 10 **Painted Turtles** basking. Both these pictures were taken this week (of course on a phone—we need one of those LOG1T0 lenses). The arrow is pointing out one of the turtles (squint!). The **Swans** have moved on but there are still a couple pair of “Hoodies” (**Hooded Mergansers**) on the pond. Maybe they will stay and nest. We also saw huge flocks of **Dark-eyed Juncos** congregating in the trees at the south end by the storm pond. They are probably getting ready to move north. On Thursday a **Northern Flicker** was heard and seen. This marks the beginning of the next migration wave. We can't wait. We also saw the biggest Muskrat (<https://www.hww.ca/en/wildlife/mammals/muskrat.html>) ever in the pond near the northern lookout. We are really enjoying the daily visits to the Dufferin Marsh. If you have some time, come visit with your family.

Frog Watch - We have been monitoring frogs in the Dufferin Marsh every year since 2004 and we don't want to stop now. So we are **desperately looking for experienced frog monitors** who feel comfortable working on their own and have some time from April to June to help out. Contact Mary at mfasselstine@aol.com.

Kids Stuff

Ready to go on a Family Quest to discover nature? Go to: <https://bit.ly/2UEKOUK> Have a look at this bird song opera (<http://volkerpannes.de/portfolio/bird-song-opera/>) and see if you recognize any of the choristers. To find out which ones can be found in Schomberg go to our website at: www.DufferinMarsh.ca.

Upcoming

Don't forget to recognize **Earth Hour** on **Saturday March 28** from 8:30 to 9:30 pm. Turn off your lights and electronics, and let's see how dark we can make the night in King. It's a family event with educational opportunities. <https://events.wwf.ca/earthhour/>