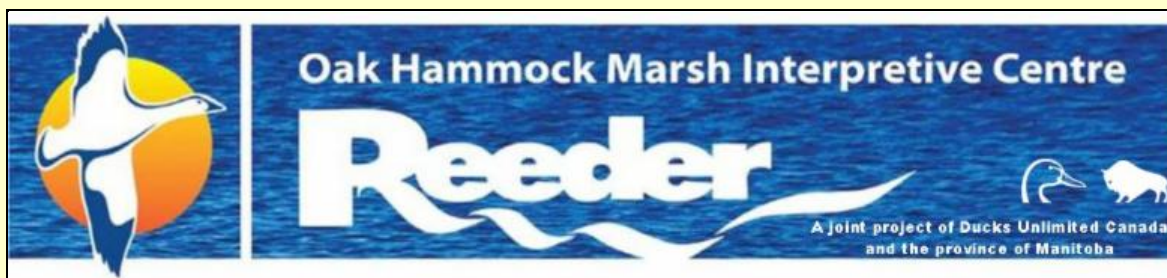


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Greetings!

Welcome to the Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre Newsletter. Here are some upcoming and noteworthy events happening this month.

Decoy Carving Workshop - Canvasback

January 10, 17 and 24 - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Learn to carve your very own Canvasback decoy from award winning carvers. This three-day course will teach you the classic North American art of decoy carving.



Pre-registration is required.

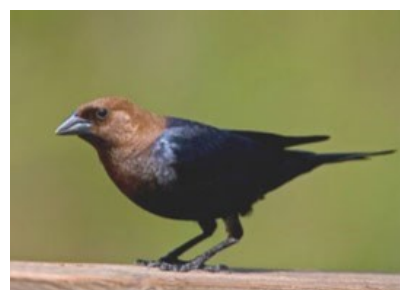
Workshop fee is **\$90 for Oak Hammock members, \$120 for non-members.**

[For more information about this workshop](#)

Birding Hour Workshop - Cowbird Parasitism

January 10 - 1 p.m.

The Brown-headed Cowbird is a stocky blackbird with a fascinating approach to raising its young. Learn about the special habits of this bird and get let our **Resident Naturalist, Paula Grief** give a new meaning to foster parenting in the avian world.



Workshop fee is **\$5 plus admission.** Pre-registration required.

[For more information about this workshop](#)

Astronomy Night - Astrophotography

January 21 - 7 p.m.

Astrophotography is not your regular point-and-shoot photography. It is not carefully planned studio or nature photography but mostly an imaging exercise that involves a considerable amount of additional equipment - motorized mounts, filters, unique image capture and processing tools, and a willingness to stay up at night.



Join astrophotographer **Sheila Wiwchar** for a presentation on how to capture the night sky. Her talk will introduce you to the type of telescope to use, the mountings to consider, the cameras, and a discussion of basic processing. You'll see lots of examples and have an opportunity to try your skills on the rooftop following the presentation.

[For more information on this event](#)

Snowshoe Workshop

January 23 - 1 p.m.

It is believed that snowshoes were likely invented 6000 to 8000 years ago by mimicking some wildlife adaptations. Many animals, such as the snowshoe hare, jackrabbit and lynx have oversized feet enabling them to move quickly through deep snow.



Snowshoes were essential for aboriginal peoples, fur traders, trappers and anyone whose life or living depended on the ability to get around in areas of deep and frequent snowfall.

Join experienced snowshoer, **Dusty Molinski**, and learn about the different styles of snowshoes and their history. A snowshoe walk in the marsh and hot chocolate will follow.

Pre-registration is required.

Workshop fee is **\$5 plus admission.**

[For more information about this workshop](#)

First Goose of the Year Contest

Starting January 25

Make sure to enter our **First Goose of the Year** contest, which for us marks the official arrival of spring.



Guess the date and time of the arrival of first Canada Goose at **Oak Hammock Marsh** and you could win a great prize!

Traditionally, the first goose arrives between the end of February and the end of March. Last year, the first goose was seen on March 10th.

To enter the contest, fill out a ballot at the **Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre.**

The contest will close on March 1st or when the first goose is seen.

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