

QUINTE FIELD NATURALISTS
Bridge Street United Church, Belleville, ON
April 23rd, 2017

1. Welcome: John Blaney (for George Thomson)

This is not a coup - George and Elizabeth are absent this evening and VP Phil Martin is in the Maritimes; therefore, John Blaney is Acting Master of Ceremonies. Doug Stevenson will offer Grace.

2. Dinner

3. Denice Wilkins, Environmental/ Ontario Nature/Marketing

Thanks to all for raising funds for projects.

We have bumper stickers and window signs for sale, "I Brake for Turtles".

There is a proposal that will require members' approval: Bird Saver Window Treatments for Quinte Conservation premises. This project will serve to educate the public on an environmental solution that addresses a global issue at the local level.

Michael Mesure, Co-Founder and Director of FLAP Canada (www.flap.org) has provided his expert advice on this endeavour. It will be the first commercial building in Belleville to showcase visual markers that help prevent birds from flying into the windows: Zen Window Curtains on the upper level and patterned window film on lower level. There will be plaques and brochures on-site explaining the window treatments and QFN's participation. The cost for materials is \$1000.00. Volunteers from both Quinte Conservation and QFN will provide labour.

Moved by Denice Wilkins: *I would like to make a motion that QFN work in partnership with Quinte Conservation to undertake the project of applying bird saver window treatments to the entire Quinte Conservation office building. QFN would pay for the project as a gift to QC and the community. The total cost of the project would not exceed \$1,000.00 and be completed this Spring.*

Seconded by Doug Newfield, Unanimous approval by members.

4. John Blaney: Birdathon information is available at your tables. If you wish to contribute to this event, please make cheque payable to Bird Studies Canada.

5. Speaker, Robert Alvo, introduced by Denice Wilkins

Robert Alvo, conservation biologist, bird expert, author of "Being a Bird in North America" (BABINA), founder of Canada's first Conservation Data Centre, and manager of Parks Canada's species database is our speaker this evening. His book is a terrific and entertaining read; you may purchase it here at a considerable discount. (www.babina.ca)

Pamela Stagg thanked Robert for his very interesting presentation.

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6. Marjorie Fisher thanked the women, *and men*, of St. Mark's United Church for the wonderful dinner.

 7. Adjournment: John Blaney thanked all for attending.
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Attendance: to be confirmed