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Front cover: Northern Black Widow Spider (Latrodectus variolus) at Miller Family Nature

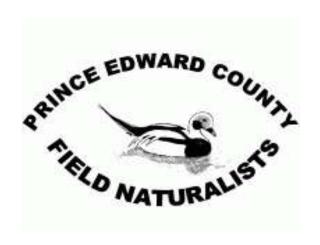
Reserve. 10 June 2017. Photo by Tom Mason.

**Back cover**: David Bree leads a discussion of dragonfly ecology in a meadow with Hairy Beardtongue (pale bluish flowers, see page 28). 10 June 2017. Photo by Allen Kuja.

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*N.B.* Photographs of organisms in this report were taken at the study site during the BioBlitz unless otherwise indicated. Any errors or ommisions in the report are solely the responsibility of the first author.

#### INTRODUCTION

The Miller Family Nature Reserve is a 198.8 ha (491.2 acre) property that was acquired by The Hastings - Prince Edward Land Trust (HPELT) in 2012. It was purchased with the financial assistance of the Natural Spaces Land Acquisition and Stewardship Program administered by the Ontario Heritage Trust and also with assistance from the Natural Areas Conservation Program supported by the Nature Conservancy of Canada, as well as local fundraising.

LOCATION: The property is located at 43.8992, -77.0506 within the Prince Edward County (PEC) South Shore Important Bird and Biodiversity Area between the public lands of Ostrander Point Crown Land Block to the east and the Point Petre Provincial Wildlife Area to the west. Access is at 482 Hilltop Rd. The property extends from Hilltop Road south to Lake Ontario. It is situated 450 m. east of Brewer's Rd. and approx. 20 km south of Picton and 5 km south of the village of Milford. It's location on the south shore of Prince Edward County makes the Reserve an important area for migrating birds, bats, butterflies and dragonflies in both spring and fall.

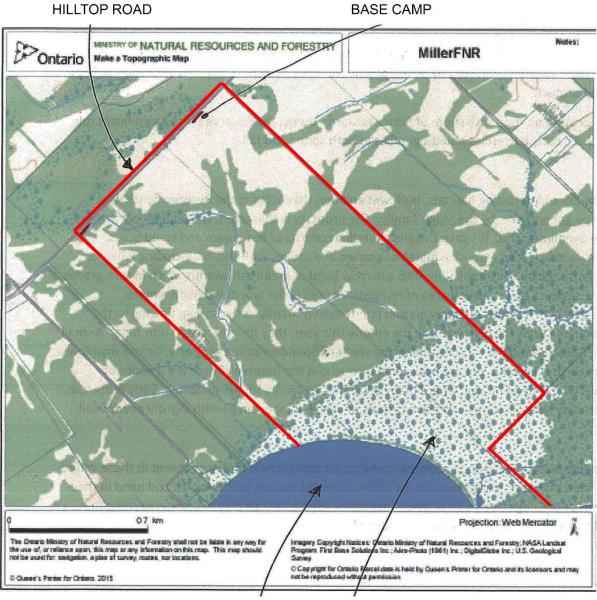
JUSTIFICATION FOR THE BIOBLITZ: A Baseline Documentation Report for the property (by Ecological Services) had been undertaken in 2012 to fulfill the requirements of the Ontario Heritage Trust. Since much of the data for this report was gathered in late summer and fall, a BioBlitz planned for late spring/early summer could contribute new and valuable biological information. It would also be a way of introducing the public, within the PEC community, to the biodiversity of these important conservation lands.

HABITATS: There are a number of interesting habitats, both wet and dry, that occur in the Reserve which was farmed for three generations by the Miller family. Sixty ha of the 231 ha Provincially Significant South Bay Coastal Wetland are present within the area. The property is characterized by relatively shallow soil (10-15 cm) over limestone. The Lake Ontario shoreline consists of both open and treed areas. Behind the barrier beach is an extensive marsh of grasses and sedges with shrubs, including willows, dogwood and buttonbush. This transitions into a narrow band of green ash swamp which in turn grades into a red cedar savanna (a semi-treed area of red cedar) or red cedar woodland (with a more continuous tree cover). Intermittent streams and ponds exist primarily in the spring, flowing to the marsh and shoreline. With the high water in the county this year (2017), these streams have continued to flow in June and the marsh has over one metre of standing water with the barrier beach breeched allowing Lake Ontario water into the marsh. A small patch of White Cedar Woodland is present near the western boundary of the property. Grassy meadows mainly occur close to Hilltop Rd. but are occasional throughout the Reserve. There are a series of scraped patches with little to no soil, where many alvar species can be found. In spring, Early Buttercup, a characteristic alvar plant, forms extensive carpets of yellow in open areas with slightly deeper soil.

The Baseline Documentation Report identifies and maps ten habitats present on the property including Open Shoreline, Treed Shoreline, Deciduous (Green Ash) Swamp, Graminoid Coastal Meadow Marsh, Sedge Graminoid Meadow Marsh, Graminoid (Kentucky Blue Grass) Meadow, Coniferous Shrubland (described as savanna), Coniferous (Red Cedar) Woodland and small patches of Mixed Woodland and Mixed Forest.

## MAP OF MILLER FAMILY NATURE RESERVE





LAKE ONTARIO

MARSH (PART OF SOUTH BAY COASTAL WETLAND)

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Special thanks to Hastings-Prince Edward Land Trust for allowing us to use the Reserve for the BioBlitz, and especially to host Richard Bird for his support throughout the planning process and actual event, including building and setting out signs directing participants to the BioBlitz. He welcomed the group to the Reserve at the commemorative plaque, under the majestic Bur Oak, near Base Camp. He also provided the opportunity to build blue bird nesting boxes throughout the event.

We are very appreciative to our leaders David Beadle, David Bree, Paul Catling, Peter Fuller, Dale Kristensen, Terry Sprague, Les Stanfield and Matt Christie for contributing to the success of this event. As an independent investigator, Tom Mason surveying the property both days for insects, was extremely helpful in providing lists of many insect groups, especially spiders as well as some beautiful photographs. Appreciation is extended to Dr. G. Blagoev of the University of Guelph for identification of the spider species. Wally and Karen Rendell are especially thanked for surveying the coastal marsh and northern wetland. Donna Fano searched for, and identified, fungi although they proved to be relatively scarce.

We are especially indebted to David Bree for help with insect identification, and encouraging the young entomologists on his walk, as well as providing his equipment for the Saturday night moth survey. The Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory kindly allowed us to borrow microscopes as well as a white board and signs for displaying events and directions to the site. We are very appreciative of the help of Brenda Kostiuk, Allen Kuja, Tom Mason, Peter Fuller, John Foster, Donna Fano and Cheryl Chapman with photographs. Abigail Leavens provided a valuable role recording information during Peter Fuller's walk as well as helping with the aquatic study. Her enthusiasm was a great asset. Henri Garand was an excellent data recorder during David Bree's dragonfly walk. Nature Conservancy staff from Peterborough, Barrie and Kingston made valuable contributions to the event on Saturday. A special thank you to Cheryl Chapman for bringing her interesting display of bird and mammal bones on Saturday.

The participation of the BioBlitz committee and other club members is acknowledged and much appreciated: Sheena Kennedy and Agneta Sand for acting as registrars throughout the weekend; Amy Bodman for her help with newspaper advertisements; Elizabeth Cowan for help with online advertising and lending equipment; for organizational assistance prior to the bioblitz — Cheryl Anderson, Amy, Agneta and Myrna. Peter Fuller, President of PEPtBO, was involved from the outset: preparing the first poster, organizing on-line registration on the PEPtBO website, promoting the event at QFN and workshops and contacting possible leaders. John Lahti of Long Dog Winery kindly mowed areas for the Base Camp and parking at the property.

A special thank you to Gerry Jenkison for her excellent organization of the food and equipment for Saturday and Sunday. Also, she and Don provided their electric generator for Dave Beadle's moth light. Gerry also prepared food for lunch and dinner with help from Myrna Wood, Amy Bodman, Agneta Sand, Sheena Kennedy, Ewa Bednarczuk, Lorie Brown, Elizabeth Cowan, Pat Peterson and myself. Long Dog Winery allowed us to use their electricity to warm the chili before transporting it for dinner. Allen Kuja's excellent BBQ skills were put to good use on Sunday and his logistical help throughout the weekend was essential.



Figure 1. Some people worked while others watched. Photo by Allen Kuja.



Figure 2. Eighty people attended and some (shown here) stayed to the very end. Photo by Paul Catling.

Lorie Brown, as always, brought a plethora of useful equipment, and worked hard throughout the event. Finally, we thank all those who helped with the set up and take down of "Base Camp" on Friday afternoon and Sunday afternoon: Lorie Brown, Sue Banks and Dave Weaver, Borys Horowacz, Allen Kuja and Dick Bird for erecting the tents on Friday afternoon and Lorie, John Foster, Amy, Sheena, Gerry, Allen, Paul Catling, Brenda Kostiuk and others for clean up on Sunday afternoon. Appreciation is extended to everyone who helped and took part in the event.

#### **PARTICIPANTS:**

Cheryl Anderson Aidan Hayes Dave Beadle Nathan Hayes Dick Bird Ellen Hayes Amy Bodman Borys Holowacz Sara Bovd Gerry Jenkison David Bree Bert & Mary Jenkins Richard & Kate Jones Lorie Brown Paul Catling Sheena Kennedy Matt Christie Brenda Kostiuk Mari Cluett Dale Kristensen **Heather Coffey** Rhonda Kristensen Cath Collins Allen Kuja Tony DeGroot **Amber Lammers** Anne Dumbrille Abigail Leavens Meidan Leiderman Donna Fano Henri Garand Hans Levendeckers Ali Giroux John Lowry Kristen Glass Tom Mason Jason Hayes Dayton McBride

Mary Kay Morris
Mirabelle & Darcy Morris
Eric & Pat Peterson
Inge and Caspar Radden
Wallace Rendell
Karen Holder Rendell
Erin Rendell
Agneta Sand
Emily Sanders
John Sanders
Terry Sprague
Les Stanfield
Katie Thomas
Chelsea Wallace
Tom Wheatley

Ellie McFaul

Myrna Wood

Dr. Bob Morris

#### **RESULTS**:

SUMMARY REPORT: The number of species recorded during the BioBlitz was 507, including Vascular Plants - 202; Fungi – 4; Damselflies - 4; Dragonflies – 6; Butterflies – 19; Moths – 77; Spiders – 59; Other insects including Beetles, Flies, Bugs, etc. – 44; Terrestrial Snails – 7; Fish – 5; Reptiles – 3; Amphibians – 6; Birds – 64; Mammals – 7.

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS: One of the most well known species in the county, the Blanding's Turtle (Threatened in Ontario), was present, as it is in other locations on the South Shore (Anderson & McKay-Kuja, 2014, McKay-Kuja et al., 2016a, McKay-Kuja et al., 2016b.)

The four sightings of the Northern Black Widow Spider by Tom Mason and Matt Christie are, as far as we can ascertain, the first records for this species in the county. Many participants were able to have a close look at individuals to observe their characteristic features and markings.

Another widow, this one a bird, the Chuck's-will's-widow, was heard calling on the property Saturday evening during the walk lead by Peter Fuller, and later by others. It called from about 10 PM until at least midnight and possibly continued for much of the night. It has been heard in this particular area for several years (2014-2017) but no evidence of nesting has yet been

documented. This is extremely noteworthy since it is a southern species that only rarely visits Ontario. From ebird data, it has previously only been recorded sporadically at Point Pelee Nat. Pk. (last sighting 2016), Rondeau Prov. Pk. and Wheatley P. P. (2013), Long Point P. P. and vicinity (2012), Carden Alvar (2010), the Ojibway Prairie near Windsor (2003) and Presqu'ile P.P. (1989), as well as a couple of other locations. It would be very exciting if the Reserve was to have the first breeding record of this species for the province.

Eastern Whip-poor-wills (a Threatened Species in Ontario), were also heard calling on the property as were Common Nighthawks (a species declining throughout its range). All three species are members of the Goatsucker or Nightjar family that take insects while flying at night.

An American Bittern (a Species of Special Concern) was heard calling on Saturday evening in the lake shore marsh while a Sandhill Crane (until recent years known only from the northwest) was also observed in the marsh on Sunday. A Northern Mockingbird was seen both days along the western trail. This is a more southern species that has recently extended its range into Ontario (first breeding record in the county in 1972, T. Sprague), somewhat like the Giant Swallowtail (butterfly) which first moved into southern Ontario in around 2000.

With respect to interesting moth observations, Dave Beadle reports that in his experience the Striated Eucosma (#2973) is uncommon and very local in Ontario. The Variable Antepione (#6987) is likewise very local in Ontario. The Many-lined Angle (#6353) is rare in Ontario and confined to areas of red cedar which is the larval foodplant. It is uncommon for Dave to find the Faint-spotted Angle (#6386) in the spring generation. With 25 individuals coming to the black light, he noted that the Harnessed Moth (#8169) was unusually common at this site. Finally, he was unsure of the status of *Platphalonidia lavana* (#3833), a species he hadn't encountered previously.

One of the most interesting findings during the BioBlitz was the presence of freshwater minnows (Central Mudminnow, Golden Shiner) characteristic of cold spring water that were observed in the pond in the northwest sector of the property and in the stream flowing south from it — indicating that this pond is spring fed and the minnows survive in the pond even when the streamlets dry up in summer. Because of high water levels in spring 2017, lake water has breached the barrier beach and entered the marsh behind, allowing Carp and Alewife to occur there although this may be an unusual occurrence. High water levels interfered with our study of the marsh particularly for insects — since chest waders were needed to investigate the marsh.

#### **SPECIES OBSERVED:**

Fungi: Mushrooms & Rusts: Only two species were recorded: Conocybe (Conocybe tenera) and Cedar-Apple Rust (Gymnosporanium probably juniperi-virginianae).

**Lichens**: Although many interesting species of lichens are present over much of the open ground, only two species were identified: British Soldier Lichen (*Cladonia cristatella*) and Orange Star Lichen (*Xanthoria elegans*).

### **VASCULAR PLANTS**

Table 1. Vascular plants of the Miller Family Nature Reserve observed during the BioBlitz (by PMC=Paul Catling, SK=Sheila Kuja, BK=Brenda Kostiuk, D=Dale Kristensen, F=Peter Fuller, J=John Foster) and those plants recorded on the Prior List (Baseline Documentation Report).

Latin Name	Common Name	PMC, SK, BK	Others	Prior list	Notes
PTERIDOPHYTA EQUI	SETACEAE				
Equisetum arvense L.	Field Horsetail	•	•	•	D, J
Equisetum fluviatile L.	Water Horsetail	•			
DRYOPTERIDAC	EAE				
<b>Dryopteris carthusiana</b> (Villars) H.P. Fuchs	Spinulose Shield Fern			•	
Onoclea sensibilis L.	Sensitive Fern	•	•	•	D
THELYPTERIDAG	CEAE				
Thelypteris palustris (Salisb.) Schott	Marsh Fern	•		•	
CUPRESSACEAE - The C	ypress Family				
Juniperus communis L.	Ground Juniper	•	•	•	D, J
Juniperus virginiana L.	Eastern Red Cedar	•	•	•	D, J
Thuja occidentalis L.	Eastern White Cedar	•	•	•	D, J west side
TYPHACEAE - The Car	ttail Family				
Typha latifolia L.	Broad-leaf Cattail		•	•	M.Leiderman
<b>Sparganium eurycarpum</b> Engelm. Ex A. Gray	Large Bur-reed			•	
POTAMOGETONACEAE - The	Pondweed Family				

Potamogeton crispus L.	*Curly-leaved Pondweed	•			
Potamogeton pusillus L.	Small Pondweed	•			
ALISMATACEAE - The Wate	r Plantain Family				
Sagittaria latifolia Willd.	Broadleaf Arrowhead			•	
HYDROCHARITACEAE - The	Frog's-bit Family				
Hydrocharis morsus-ranae L.	* European Frogbit		•	•	M.Leiderman
GRAMINEAE (Poaceae) - Th	ne Grass Family				
Agrostis gigantea Roth	* Black Bentgrass	•		•	
Agrostis stolonifera L.	* Spreading Bentgrass	•			
Bromus inermis ssp. inermis Leyss.	* Awnless Brome	•	•	•	D, J
Calamagrostis canadensis (Michaux) P. Beauv.	Canada Blue-joint	•	•	•	D
Dactylis glomerata L.	Orchard Grass	•	•	•	D, J
Danthonia spicata (L.) P. Beauv. ex Roemer & Schultes	Poverty Oatgrass	•		•	
<b>Deschampsia cespitosa</b> (L.) P. Beauv. ssp. <b>cespitosa</b>	Tufted Hairgrass	•		•	Dominant in a meadow in central northern area
Dichanthelium implicatum (Scribn.) Kerguelen (D. acuminatum)	Slender-stemmed Panic grass	•			
Echinochloa crus-galli (L.) P.Beauv.	Barnyard Grass		•	•	D
Elymus repens (L.) Gould (Agropyron repens (L.) B. Beauv.)	*Creeping Wild-rye	•	•	•	D
Eragrostis sp.	Love-grass			•	
Glyceria striata var. striata (Lam.) A. Hitchc.	Fowl Manna-grass		•	•	D, F
Leersia oryzoides (L.) Sw.	Rice Cutgrass			•	

Lolium arundinaceum (Schreber) Darbyshire	Tall Ryegrass			•	
Muhlenbergia mexicana (L.) Trin.	Mexican Muhly	•		•	
Panicum capillare ∟.	* Old Witch Panic-grass	•			
Panicum flexile (Gattinger) Scribner	Wiry Witch Grass	•		•	
<b>Panicum philadelphicum</b> Bernh. ex Trin.	Philadelphia Panic Grass	•			
Phalaris arundinacea L.	* Reed Canary Grass	•	•	•	D
Phleum pratense L.	* Meadow Timothy	•	•	•	D
Poa compressa L.	Canada Bluegrass	•	•	•	D
Poa palustris L.	Fowl Bluegrass	•	•	•	D
Poa pratensis L. ssp. pratensis	Kentucky Bluegrass	•	•	•	D
Setaria sp.	Foxtail			•	
Sporobolus neglectus Nash	Small Dropseed	•		•	
Sporobolus vaginiflorus (Torrey ex A. Gray) Torrey ex Alph. Wood var. vaginiflorus	Sheathed Dropseed	•			
CYPERACEAE - The S	edge Family				
Carex aurea Nutt.	Golden-fruited Sedge	•			
Carex blanda Dewey	Woodland Sedge		•	•	D
Carex comosa Boott	Bristly Sedge			•	
Carex crawei Dewey	Crawe's Sedge	•	•	•	D
Carex flava L.	Yellow Sedge	•			
Carex granularis Muhlenb.	Meadow Sedge	•	•	•	D
Carex lacustris Willd.	Lake-bank Sedge			•	

Carex cf. normalis Mack.	Larger Straw Sedge		•	•	D
Carex pellita Willd.	Slender Sedge	•		•	
Carex cf. scoparia Schkuhr. ex Willd.	Pointed Brown Sedge			•	
Carex umbellata Schk. ex Willd.	Hidden Sedge	•			
Carex vulpinoidea Michaux	Fox Sedge		•	•	D, F
Eleocharis acicularis (L.) Roemer & Schultes	Least Spikerush	•			
Eleocharis compressa Sullivant	Flat-stemmed Spikerush	•	•	•	D
Scirpus atrovirens Willd.	Dark-green Bulrush		•		D
Scirpus hattorianus Makino	Mosquito Bulrush			•	
Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani (C.C. Gemelin) Palla (Scirpus validus L.)	Soft-stem Bulrush			•	
ARACEAE - The Aru	m Family				
Peltandra virginica (L.) Schott & Endlicher	Green Arrow Arum		•		*F
LEMNACEAE - The Duck	weed Family				
Lemna minor L.	Lesser Duckweed	•			
JUNCACEAE - The Ru	ush Family				
Juncus articulatus L	Jointed Rush			•	
Juncus dudleyi Wieg.	Dudley's Rush	•	•	•	D
LILIACEAE - (inc. Amaryllidace	ae) The Lily Family				
Hemerocallis fulva (L.) L.	* Orange Daylily	•			
SMILACACEAE - The Ca	tbrier Family				
Smilax hispida Muhlenb.	Prickly Greenbrier			•	

IRIDACEAE - The Iri	s Family				
Iris pseudacorus L.	Yellow Iris		•	•	W, F
Iris versicolor L.	Blueflag			•	
Sisyrinchium montanum E. Greene	Strict Blue-eyed-grass	•	•	•	SK, D, J
ORCHIDACEAE - The O	rchid Family				
Liparis loeselii (L.) Richard	Loesel's Twayblade			•	
SALICACEAE - The Wi	llow Family				
Populus alba L.	White Poplar		•	•	D
Populus balsamifera L.	Balsam Poplar		•	•	D
Populus deltoides Bartram ex Marshall ssp. deltoides	Eastern Cottonwood		•	•	D
Populus x jackii Sargent	Jack's Hybrid Poplar			•	Hybrid of <i>P.</i> balsamifera and P. deltoides
Populus tremuloides Michaux	Trembling Aspen		•		
Populus tremuloides x P. deltoides				•	
Salix bebbiana Sarg.	Bebb's Willow	•		•	
Salix discolor Muhlenb.	Pussy Willow			•	
Salix eriocephala Michaux	Cottony Willow			•	
Salix interior Rowlee (S. exigua ssp. interior)	Sandbar Willow			•	
Salix petiolaris Smith	Meadow Willow	•		•	
Salix xfragilis L. (S. xrubens)	Hybrid White Willow			•	Hybrid of <b>S. alba</b> and <b>S. euxina</b>
JUGLANDACEAE - The V	Valnut Family				
Carya ovata (Miller) K. Koch	Shag-bark Hickory		•	•	D, J

BETULACEAE - (incl. Corylacea	e) <b>The Birch Family</b>				
Ostrya virginiana (Miller) K. Koch	Eastern Hop-Hornbeam		•	•	D
FAGACEAE - The Bee	ch Family				
Quercus xdeamii Trelease	Deam's Oak			•	Hybrid of Q. alba and Q. muhlenbergii
Quercus macrocarpa Michaux	Mossy-cup Oak	•	•	•	D
Quercus rubra L.	Northern Red Oak	•	•	•	J
ULMACEAE - The Eli	m Family				
Ulmus americana L.	American Elm		•		D, J
Ulmus rubra Muhlenberg	Slippery Elm		•	•	D, J
URTICACEAE - The No	ettle Family				
Boehmeria cylindrica (L.) Sw.	False Nettle		•	•	D
Urtica dioica L. ssp. gracilis (Aiton) Selander	Stinging Nettle		•	•	D
POLYGONACEAE - The Kr	notweed Family				
Fallopia (Polygonum) scandens (L.) Holub.	Climbing False Buckwheat			•	
Persicaria (Polygonum) hydropiperoides (Michaux) Small	False Waterpepper			•	
Polygonum amphibium L.	Water Smartweed		•	•	D
Persicaria (Polygonum) lapathifolia (L.) Dalarbre	Pale Smartweed			•	
Rumex britannica L. (R. orbiculatus)	Greater Water Dock			•	
Rumex crispus L.	* Curly Dock	•	•	•	D, J
CARYOPHYLLACEAE (incl. Illecebra	ceae) - The Pink Family				
Arenaria serpyllifolia L.	* Thyme-leaf Sandwort		•	•	D

Corpotium organical con organic	* F:-1-1 Cl-:-11				F
Cerastium arvense L. ssp. arvense	* Field Chickweed	•	•		F
Cerastium arvense L. ssp. strictum Gaudin	Matted Field Chickweed		•	•	
Dianthus armeria L.	* Deptford-pink			•	
Silene antirrhina L.	Sleepy Catchfly	•	•		F, in patches along west trail, ½ way – J,SK
Stellaria graminea L.	Grass-leaved Starwort		•		D
Moehringia lateriflora (L.) Fenzl	Grove Sandwort				F, D, SK
(Arenaria lateriflora L.)		•	•	•	, , , -
RANUNCULACEAE - The B	Buttercup Family				
Anemone canadensis L.	Canada Anemone		•	•	Fuller photo, D
Anemone cylindrica A. Gray	Long-fruited Anemone	•			
Aquilegia canadensis L.	Wild Columbine		•	•	F, D
Ranunculus acris L.	Tall Butter-cup	•	•	•	F, D
Ranunculus fascicularis Muhlenb. ex Bigelow	Early Buttercup	•	•	•	Common in some areas but past flowering on bioblitz day; F, D
Ranunculus tricophyllus Chaix (R.	Thread-leaved Water				Fuller - photo
aquatilis var. diffusus Withering)	Crowfoot		•		, and photo
FUMARIACEAE - The Fu	mitory Family				
Corydalis aurea Willd. ssp. aurea	Golden Corydalis			•	
CRUCIFERAE (Brassicaceae) -	The Mustard Family				
Alyssum alyssoides (L.) L.	*Small Alyssum		•	•	SK, J
Cardamine pennsylvanica Muhlenberg ex Willdenow	Pennsylvania Bittercress		•		V, Fuller photo
Lepidium campestre (L.) R. Br.	* Field Pepper-grass	•			
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SAXIFRAGACEAE - The S	axifrage Family				
Saxifraga virginiensis Michaux	Virginia Saxifrage		•		F
GROSSULARIACEAE - The G	coseberry Family				
Ribes americanum Miller	Wild Black Currant			•	
Ribes cynosbati L.	Prickly Gooseberry	•	•	•	D, J, F
ROSACEAE - The Ro	se Family				
Agrimonia gryposepala Wallr.	Tall Hairy Groovebur		•	•	D
Amelanchier sanguinea (Pursh) DC. var. sanguinea	Juneberry/ Roundleaf Serviceberry	•			SK
Fragaria vesca L. ssp.vesca	*European Woodland Strawberry		•		J
Fragaria virginiana Miller	Wild Strawberry		•	•	D, J
Geum aleppicum Jacq.	Yellow Avens			•	
Malus pumila Miller (Pyrus malus)	* Common Apple	•	•	•	SK, D, J
Potentilla anserina L. ssp.	Silverweed			•	
Potentilla argentea L.	* Silvery Cinquefoil		•	•	D
Potentilla recta L.	* Sulphur Cinquefoil	•	•	•	D
Potentilla simplex Michaux	Old-field Cinquefoil		•	•	D
Prunus serotina Ehrh.	Wild Black Cherry			•	
Prunus virginiana L. ssp. virginiana	Choke Cherry	•	•	•	D, J
Rosa blanda Aiton	Smooth Rose	•	•	•	D
Rosa carolina L.	Carolina Rose			•	
Rosa palustris Marshall	Swamp Rose			•	
Rosa rubiginosa L. (R. eglanteria L.)	*Sweetbriar Rose			•	

Rubus idaeus L. ssp. strigosus	North American Red				D
(Michx.) Foche (S.idaeus ssp.	Raspberry				U
melanolasius)	Raspberry				
molanolasiasy					
Rubus occidentalis L.	Black Raspberry		•	•	D, J
Spiraea alba Durio	Narrow-leaved Meadow-				D.
Spiraea alba Dullo		•	•	•	D
	sweet				
FABACEAE (LEGUMINOSAE) - TI	ne Pea or Bean Family				
Amphicarpaea bracteata (L.) Fern.	American Hog Peanut			•	
Lathyrus ochroleucus Hook.	Cream-coloured Vetchling	•			
Lathyrus palustris L.	Marsh Vetchling		•		F
			-		
Lotus corniculatus L.	*Birds-foot Trefoil	•	•	•	D, J
					'-
Medicago lupulina L.	*Black Medic	•	•	•	D, J
					, -
Medicago sativa L. ssp. sativa	*Alfalfa	•			
Melilotus albus Medikus	* White Sweet Clover			•	D, J
Wemetas albas Wealkas	Willie Sweet clovel	•			D, J
Melilotus officinalis (L.) Pallas	*Yellow Sweet Clover				J
memerate ememane (a.) : ande	Tenow sweet cloves				
Trifolium pratense L.	*Red Clover		•	•	D, J
	1.00 0.010				<i>D</i> , 3
Trifolium repens L.	*White Clover		•	•	D
Vicia cracca L.	*Tufted Vetch	•	•	•	D, J
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OXALIDACEAE – The Woo	d Sorrel Family				
Oxalis stricta L.	*European Wood Sorrel			•	
GERANIACEAE - The Ger	ranium Family				
Geranium bicknellii Britton	Bicknell's Geranium		•		J
Geranium robertianum L.	Herb-robert		•	•	D, J
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RUTACEAE - The Ru	ue Family				
Zanthoxylum americanum Miller	Northern Prickly Ash	•	•	•	D, J
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EUPHORBIACEAE - The	Spurge Family				
Chamaesyce sp	*Spurge			•	
ANACARDIACEAE - The C	Cashew Family				
Rhus aromatica Aiton	Fragrant Sumac	•	•	•	F, D, J
Rhus typhina L.	Staghorn Sumac	•			
Toxicodendron radicans (L.) Kuntze var. rydbergii (Small ex Rydb.) Erskine (Rhus rydbergii)	Western Poison Ivy	•	•		D, J
AQUIFOLIACEAE - The	Holly Family				
Ilex verticillata (L.) A.Gray	Common Winterberry			•	
CELASTRACEAE - The St	aff-tree Family				
Celastrus scandens L.	Climbing Bittersweet		•	•	D
ACERACEAE - The Ma	aple Family				
Acer x freemanii E. Murr.	Freeman's Hybrid Maple		•	•	Hybrid of <b>A.</b> rubrum and <b>A.</b> saccharinum
Acer negundo	*Box Elder			•	
Acer saccharinum L.	Silver Maple		•	•	
Acer saccharum Marshall var. saccharum	Sugar Maple		•	•	
BALSAMINACEAE - The Tou	ch-me-not Family				
Impatiens capensis Meerb.	Spotted Jewel-weed	•	•		SK, J
RHAMNACEAE - The Buc	kthorn Family				
Rhamnus cathartica L.	*Common Buckthorn	•	•	•	D, J
VITACEAE - The Gra	pe Family				

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Parthenocissus inserta (A. Kerner) Fritsch	Virginia Creeper		•	•	D, J
Vitis riparia Michaux	Riverbank Grape	•	•	•	D, J
TILIACEAE - The Line	den Family				
Tilia americana L.	American Basswood		•	•	D, J
GUTTIFERAE (incl. Clusiaceae & Hyp Wort Famil					
Hypericum perforatum L.	*Common St. John's-wort		•	•	D
Triadenum fraseri (Spach) Gleason	Marsh St. John's-wort			•	
VIOLACEAE - The Vi	olet Family				
Viola labradorica Schrank (V. conspersa)	Labrador Violet			•	
Viola sororia Willd.	Woolly Blue Violet		•	•	Fuller - photo
LYTHRACEAE - The Loo	sestrife Family				
Decodon verticillatus (L.) Elliott	Hairy Swamp Loosestrife			•	
Lythrum salicaria L.	*Purple Loosestrife	•		•	
ONAGRACEAE - The Evenin	g Primrose Family				
Epilobium ciliatum Raf.	Northern Willowherb			•	
Ludwigia palustris (L.) Elliott	Marsh Seedbox		•	•	D
Oenothera biennis L.	Common Evening-primrose		•	•	D, in MBS as sp.
UMBELLIFERAE (Apiaceae) -	The Carrot Family				
Cicuta maculata L.	Spotted Water-hemlock		•		F
Daucus carota L.	*Wild Carrot	•	•	•	D
Sanicula marilandica L.	Black Snake-root			•	
Sium suave Walter	Hemlock Water-parsnip		•	•	D
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Zizia aurea (L.) Koch	Common Alexanders			•	
CORNACEAE - The Dog	wood Family				
Cornus amomum Miller ssp. obliqua (Raf.) J.S. Wilson	Silky Dogwood		•	•	D
Cornus foemina Miller ssp. racemosa (Lam.) J.S. Wilson	Stiff Dogwood	•		•	
Cornus stolonifera Michaux	Red Osier Dogwood	•	•	•	D
PRIMULACEAE - The Pri	mrose Family				
Lysimachia ciliata L. (Steironema ciliatum (L.) Raf.)	Fringed Loosestrife			•	
Lysimachia nummularia L.	*Creeping Jennie	•	•	•	Fuller – photo, D, J, SK
Lysimachia terrestris (L.) Britton, Sterns & Pogg	Swamp Loosestrife		•	•	J
OLEACEAE - The Oli	ve Family				
Fraxinus americana L.	White Ash		•		D, J
Fraxinus nigra Marshall	Black Ash			•	
Fraxinus pennsylvanica Marshall	Green Ash (includes Red Ash)	•	•	•	D, J
Syringa vulgaris L.	*Common Lilac	•	•	•	D, J
APOCYNACEAE - The Do	gbane Family				
Apocynum cannabinum L.	Clasping-leaf Dogbane		•	•	D
ASCLEPIADACEAE - The Milkweed Family					
Asclepias incarnata L. ssp. incarnata	Swamp Milkweed		•	•	F, J, M
Asclepias syriaca L.	Kansas Milkweed	•	•	•	F, D, with monarch eggs- photo J. Foster

Vincetoxicum (Cynanchum) nigrum (L.) Moench	*Dog Strangling Vine/ Black Swallow-wort	•	•	•	Single shoots emerging on middle trail, C. rossicum – D & Prior List
CONVOLVULACEAE - The Mo	rning-glory Family				
Calystegia sepium (L.) R. Br. ssp. americanum (Sims) Brummit (Convolvulus sepium var. americanum)	Hedge Bindweed			•	
Convolvulus arvensis L.	*Field Bindweed			•	
Cuscuta sp.	Dodder			•	
BORAGINACEAE - The E	Borage Family				
Echium vulgare L.	*Common Viper's-bugloss		•	•	
VERBENACEAE - The Vervain Family					
Verbena hastata L.	Blue Vervain		•	•	
Verbena simplex Lehm.	Narrow-leaved Vervain			•	
Verbena urticifolia L.	White Vervain			•	
LABIATAE (Lamiaceae) - T	he Mint Family				
Clinopodium vulgare L. Satureja vulgaris (L.) Fritsch	Field Basil			•	
Leonurus cardiaca L. ssp. cardiaca	*Common Mother-wort		•	•	D
Lycopus americanus Muhlenb. ex Bartram	American Bugleweed			•	
Lycopus europaeus L.	*European Water Horehound			•	
Lycopus uniflorus Michaux	Northern Bugleweed		•	•	D
Mentha canadensis L. (M. arvensis L. ssp. borealis (Michx.) R.L.Tayor Macbryde	Canada Mint		•		F
Nepeta cataria L.	*Catnip		•	•	D

Prunella vulgaris L. ssp. lanceolata (W.C. Barton) Hultén	Self-heal	•	•		D
Scutellaria lateriflora L.	Mad Dog Skullcap			•	
Scutellaria parvula Michaux var. parvula	Small Skullcap		•	•	* Fuller photo, D
Stachys hispida Pursh	Hispid Hedge-nettle			•	
Trichostema brachiatum L. (Isanthus brachiatus (L.) Britton, Sterns & Pogg)	False Pennyroyal	•	•	•	D, J
SOLANACEAE - The Nigh	tshade Family				
Solanum dulcamara L.	*Climbing Nightshade		•	•	F, D, J
SCROPHULARIACEAE - The	e Figwort Family				
Chaenorhinum minus (L.) Lange (Antirrhinum minus L.)	*Common Dwarf Snapdragon			•	
Chelone glabra L.	White Turtelhead			•	
Gratiola quartermaniae D. Estes	Limestone Hedge-hyssop	•			* Hundreds of plants in puddles along boundary, Hilltop Rd.
Linaria vulgaris Miller	*Butter-and-eggs		•	•	D
Penstemon hirsutus (L.) Willd.	Hairy Beardtongue	•	•	•	F, D, J
Verbascum thapsus L.	*Great Mullein	•	•	•	D
Veronica americana (Raf.) Schwein. ex Benth	American Speedwell			•	
Veronica beccabunga L.	*European Speedwell	•			
Veronica scutellata L.	Marsh-speedwell		•		Fuller – photo
OROBANCHACEAE - The Broom-Rape Family					
Agalinis sp.	Agalinis sp.			•	
PLANTAGINACEAE - The	Plantain Family				

Plantage lanceolata L.	*English Plantain		•		D
Plantago major L.	*Nipple-seed Plantain		•		J
Plantago rugelii Decne.	*Black-seed Plantain		•	•	D
RUBIACEAE - The Mac	lder Family				
Cephalanthus occidentalis L.	Common Buttonbush			•	
Galium aparine L.	Catchweed Bedstraw		•	•	D
Galium mollugo L.	*Great Hedge Bedstraw		•		D
Galium obtusum Bigelow	Blunt-leaf Bedstraw			•	
Galium palustre ∟.	Marsh Bedstraw		•		Fuller photo
Galium trifidum L. ssp. trifidum	Small Bedstraw			•	
Galium triflorum Michaux	Sweet-scent Bedstraw			•	
Houstonia longifolia Willd.	Longleaf Bluets	•	•	•	D, Photo by A. Kuja, also BK
CAPRIFOLIACEAE - The Hor	neysuckle Family				
Lonicera tatarica L.	*Tartarian Honeysuckle	•			
Sambucus nigra L. ssp. canadensis (Linnaeus) Bolli (S. canadensis)	Common Elderberry		•		F
Sambucus racemosa subsp. pubens var. pubens (Michaux) Trautvetter & C.A. Meyer (S. pubens)	Red-berried Elder		•		F
<b>Symphoricarpos albus</b> (L.) S.F. Blake var. <b>albus</b>	Snowberry			•	
Triosteum aurantiacum E. Bickn.	Orange-fruited Horse Gentian	•	•		SK, J
Triosteum perfoliatum L.	Perfoliate Horse Gentian		•		D
Viburnum dentatum L.	Southern Arrowood		•		D
Viburnum lentago L.	Nannyberry		•	•	D, J

COMPOSITAE (Asteraceae) - The Aster Family					
Achillea millefolium L. var. millefolium	Common Yarrow	•	•	•	D
Ageratina altissima (L.) R.M.King & H.Robinson var. altissima (Eupatorium rugosum Houtt.)	Common White Snakeroot		•	•	D
Ambrosia artemisiifolia L.	Annual Ragweed		•	•	D, J
Anaphalis margaritacea (L.) Benth.& Hook.	Pearly Everlasting		•		D
Antennaria neglecta E. Greene	Field Pussytoes	•	•		D, F, J
Antennaria sp.	Pussytoes		•	•	D
,Antennaria cf. parlinii F.	Parlini's Pussytoes		•		F
Artemesia campestris L.	Field Wormwood			•	
Bidens frondosa L.	Devil's Beggar-ticks			•	
Carduus acanthoides L.	*Spiny Plumeless-thistle		•	•	D
Cichorium intybus L.	*Chicory		•	•	D
Cirsium arvense (L.) Scopoli	*Canada Thistle		•	•	D
Cirsium vulgare (Savi) Ten.	*Bull Thistle		•	•	D, J
Erigeron annuus (L.) Pers.	White-top Fleabane		•	•	D
Erigeron strigosus Muhlenb. ex Willd.	Rough Fleabane		•	•	D
Eupatorium perfoliatum L.	Common Boneset		•	•	D, F
Euthamia graminifolia (L.) Nutt. Solidago graminifolia (L.) Salisb.	Grass-leaved Goldenrod	•	•	•	D, J
Inula helenium L.	*Elecampagne		•	•	D
Lactuca canadensis L.	Canada Lettuce			•	
Leucathemum vulgare Lamarck (Chrysanthemum leucanthemum L.)	*Oxeye Daisy	•	•		D, J

Nabalus albus (L.) Hooker (Prenanthes alba)	White Rattlesnakeroot			•	
Packera (Senecio) paupercula (Michaux) A. Love and D. Love	Balsam Ragwort/ Northern Meadow Groundsel	•			
Pilosella caespitosa (Dumortier) P.D. Sell & C.West (Hieracium caepitosum)	*Meadow Hawkweed			•	
Pilosella xfloribunda (Wimmer & Grabowski) Fries (Hieracium floribundum)	*King Devil Hawkweed		•		D, Hybrid of <b>P.</b> caespitosa and P. lactucella
Pilosella officinarum F.W. Schultz & Schultz (Hieracium pilosella)	*Mouse-eared Hawkweed		•		D
Pilosella piloselloides (Villars) Sojak ssp. piloselloides (Hieracium piloselloides)	*Tall Hawkweed	•			Very common
Pilosella piloselloides (Villars) Sojak ssp. praealta (Gochnat) S.Brantigam & Greuter (Hieracium praealtum)	*King Devil Hawkweed		•		D
Scorzoneroides (Leontodon) autumnalis (L.) Moench.	*Autumn Hawkbit			•	
Solidao altissima L.	Late Goldenrod			•	
Solidago canadensis L. var. canadensis	Canada Goldenrod	•	•	•	D
Solidago gigantea Aiton	Smooth Goldenrod			•	
Solidago nemoralis Aiton var. nemoralis	Gray-stemmed Goldenrod	•	•	•	J
Solidago ptarmicoides (Nees) B. Boivin (Aster ptarmicoides (Nees) Torrey & Gray)	Upland White Goldenrod (Prairie Goldenrod)			•	
Sonchus arvensis L.	Field Sow Thistle		•	•	D
Symphyotrichum cordifolium L.	Heart-leaved Aster	•			
Symphyotrichum ericoides L. var. ericoides	White Heath Aster			•	

Symphyotrichum lanceolatum (Willd.) G.L. Nesom ssp. lanceolatum	Panicled Aster			•	
<b>Symphyotrichum lateriflorum</b> (L.) A. Love & D.Love var. <b>lateriflorum</b>	Calico Aster			•	
Symphyotrichum novae-angliae L.	New England Aster		•	•	D, J
<b>Symphyotrichum pilosum</b> Willd. var. <b>pilosum</b>	Frost Aster			•	
Symphyotrichum urophyllum Lindley	Arrow-leaved Aster			•	
Taraxacum officinale G. Weber	*Brown-seed Dandelion	•	•	•	D, J
Tragopogon dubius Scopoli	*Yellow Goat's-beard		•	•	D
Xanthium strumarium L.	Rough Cockle-bur			•	

The total species number of plant species seen during the bioblitz was 200. There were 62 additions to the Baseline Documentation Report.

Figure 2. Hairy Beardtongue (*Penstemon hirsutus*) was frequent in dry, open areas on the Miller property. Photo by John Foster.

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Figure 3. Longleaf Bluets (*Houstonia longifolia*) locally common in open areas of Miller property. Photo by Brenda Kostiuk.

## **INVERTEBRATES:**

Table 2. DAMSELFLIES AND DRAGONFLIES (ODONATA) observed during the Miller BioBlitz, JUNE 10-11, 2017. Taxa are arranged alphabetically by family and species within the two orders.

Family	Scientific Name	Common Name
ZYGOPTERA Coenagrionidae	Argia fumipennis violacea Ischnura verticalis	DAMSELFLIES Violet Dancer Eastern Forktail

	Nehalennia irene	Sedge Sprite
Lesteridae	Lestes inaegualis	Elegant Spreadwing
ANISOPTERA Aeshnidae	Anax junius	<b>DRAGONFLIES</b> Common Green Darner
Corduliidae	Epitheca cynosura	Common Baskettail
Libellulidae	Leucorrhinia intacta Libellula pulchella Libellula quadrimaculata Plathemis lydia	Dot-tailed Whiteface Twelve-spotted Skimmer Four-spotted Skimmer Common Whitetail

Four species of damselflies and six species of dragonflies were recorded.



Figure 4. Dot-tailed Whiteface (*Leucorrhinia intacta*) male resting on tip of a twig. This species is common on the South Shore. Photo by Peter Fuller.



Figure 5. Eastern Forktail (*Ischnura verticallis*). Here an older adult female is a characteristically powdery blue colour. Photo by Peter Fuller.

Table 3. BUTTERFLIES observed during the Miller Reserve BioBlitz, JUNE 10-11, 2017. Families and species are arranged according to the Butterfly Atlas of Ontario online (Nov. 2013), Colin Jones, Ross Layberry and Alan Macnaughton and nomenclature as in A field guide to Butterflies of Prince Edward Country and the surrounding region, P.M. Catling, 2014.

Family	Scientific Name	Common Name
Hesperiidae		SKIPPERS
	Erynnis cf. juvenalis	looked like Juvenal's Duskywing
	Poanes hobomok	Hobomok Skipper
	Polites thermistocles	Tawny-edged Skipper
Papilionidae		SWALLOWTAILS
-	Papilio cresphontes	Giant Swallowtail
	Papilio glaucus glaucus	Eastern Tiger Swallowtail
	Papilio polyxenes asterius	Black Swallowtail
Pieridae		SULPHURS AND WHITES

	Colias eurytheme Colias philodice Pieris rapae	Orange Sulphur Clouded Sulphur Cabbage White
Lycaenidae	Celastrina lucia Cupido comyntas Glaucopsyche lygdamus	GOSSAMERWINGS Spring Azure Eastern Tailed Blue Silvery Blue
Nymphalidae	Boloria bellona bellona Coenonympha tullia Danaus plexippus Limenitis archippus Polygonia interrogationis Phyciodes cocyta Phyciodes tharos	BRUSH-FOOTED BUTTERFLIES Meadow Fritillary Common Ringlet Monarch Viceroy Question Mark Northern Crescent Pearl Crescent

Total: 19 species

Table 4. List of MOTHS (LEPIDOPTERA) observed and identified by D. Beadle at the Miller BioBlitz overnight on June 10-11. Two additional species noted on the afternoon of June 10 by D. Bree are included at the end of the list, as well as a Toothed Somberwing photographed by T. Mason. The new numbering system (MPG) and Hodges (1983) numbers are recorded here rather than family names because they more accurately correspond to the most recent taxonomic classification of the species.

New No.	Hodges N	o. SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	No. observed
30 0176	0421	Monopis spilotella	Orange-headed Monopis	1
36 0141	2435	Argyresthia alternatella	Honey-comb Argyresthia	6
42 0501	2267	Helcystogramma fernaldella	Fernald's Helcystogramma	1
42 0765	1851	Arogalea cristifasciella	Stripe-backed Moth	1
42 0971	2093	Chionodes mediofuscella	Black-smudged Chionodes	2
42 1151	2198	Aroga trialbamaculella	Red-striped Fireworm Moth	2
42 15		Coleophora sp.	Coleophora species	1
62 0194	3833	Platphalonidia lavana		2
62 0340	3672	Syndemis afflictana	Gray-and-black Banded Leafroll	er 1
62 0360	3684	Clepsis clemensiana	Clemens' Clepsis	1
62 0629	2859	Celypha cespitana	Celypha Moth	1
62 06		Ancylis sp.	Ancylis species	1
62 0735	2906	Spilonota ocellana	Eye-spotted Bud Moth	1
62 0767	2911	Eucosma awemeana	•	2
62 0796	2973	Eucosma striatana	Striated Eucosma	1

80 0135	5608	Pococera expandens	Striped Oak Webworm Moth	2
80 0887	5379	Neodactria luteotellus	Mottled Grass-veneer	1
80 0943	5355	Crambus praefectellus	Common Grass-veneer	1
80 0966	5378	Crambus laqueatellus	Eastern Grass Veneer	6
80 0982	4716	Scoparia biplagialis	Double-striped Scoparia	1
80 1004	4738	Eudonia strigalis	Striped Eudonia	1
80 1071	4897	Evergestis pallidata	Purple-backed Cabbageworm Moth	1
80 1166	5255	Diastictis ventralis	White-spotted Brown	4
80 1465	4987	Sitochroa chortalis	Dimorphic Sitochroa	1
89 0103	7787	Ceratomia undulosa	Waved Sphinx	1
91 0238	7394	Epirrhoe alternata	White-banded Toothed Carpet	1
91 0244	7399	Euphyia intermediata (unangul	(ata) Sharp-angled Carpet	3
91 0260	7416	Orthonama centrostrigaria	Bent-line Carpet	1
91 0324	7474	Eupithecia miserulata	Common Pug	1
91 0578	7169	Scopula inductata	Soft-lined Wave	4
91 0772	6353	Macaria multilineata	Many-lined Angle	1
91 0789	6362	Digrammia continuata	Curve-lined Angle	6
91 0802	6386	Digrammia ocellinata	Faint-spotted Angle	1
91 1009	6590	Anavitrinelia pampinaria	Common Gray	12
91 1062	6640	Biston betularia	Peppered Moth	2
91 1089	6667	Lomographa vestaliata	White Spring Moth	1
91 1182	6775	Pero honestaria	Honest Pero	4
91 12		Metarranthis sp.	Metarranthis species	2
91 1401	6964	Tetracis cachexiata	White Slant Line	1
91 1414	6966	Eutrapela clemataria	Curve-toothed Geometer	1
91 1437	6987	Antepione thisoaria	Variable Antepione	1
93 0019	7931	Gluphisia septentrionis	Common Gluphisia	2
93 0051	7930	Ellida caniplaga	Linden Prominent	1
93 0086	7994	Heterocampa guttivata	Saddled Prominent	1
93 0100	8007	Schizura unicornis	Unicorn Caterpillar Moth	2
93 0278	8169	Apantesis phalerata	Harnessed Moth	25
93 0370	8211	Lophocampa caryae	Hickory Tussock Moth	1
93 0440	8267	Cisseps fulvicolis	Yellow-collared Scape Moth	2
93 0551	8397	Palthis angulalis	Dark-spotted Palthis	2
93 0584	8461	Hypena humuli	Hop Vine Moth	2
93 0588	8465	Hypena scabra	Green Cloverworm Moth	1
93 0924	8739	Caenurgina erechtea	Forage Looper Moth	6
93 1191	8908	Autographa precationis	Common Looper	6
93 1234	8924	Anagrapha falcifera	Celery Looper	1
93 1289	9046	Deltote bellicula	Bog Deltote	1
93 1295	9049	Maliattha synochitis	Black-dotted Maliattha	2
93 1314	9090	Ponometia candefacta	Olive-shaded Bird-dropping Moth	1
93 1401	9185	Colocasia propinquilinea	Close-banded Yellowhorn	1
93 1417	9662	Balsa malana	Many-dotted Appleworm Moth	1
93 1493	9280	Simyra henrici	Henry's Marsh Moth	2
93 2030	9661	Crambodes talidiformis	Verbina Moth	1
93 2266	9647	Proxenus miranda	Miranda Moth	8
93 2285	9582	Nedra ramosula	Gray Half Spot	1
15 4405	7504	1 TOUTH THINDSHILL	Gray Train Spot	1

93 2906	10265	Sideridis rosea	The Rosewing	1
93 2933	10436	Aletia oxygala	Lesser Wainscot	2
93 2944	10445	Leucania linda	Linda's Wainscot	4
93 2945	10446	Leucania multilinea	Many-lined Wainscot	2
93 2963	10459	Leucania inermis	Unarmed Wainscot	2
93 2965	10461	Leucania ursula	Ursula Wainscot	3
93 3044	10397	Lacinipolia renigera	<b>Bristly Cutworm Moth</b>	4
93 3136	10585	Orthodes majuscula	Rustic Quaker	2
93 3222	10902	Anicla forbesi	Forbes' Dart	3
93 3589	10942	.1 Xestia dolosa	Black-Letter Dart	1
80 0723	4747	Elophila ekthlipsis	Nymphula Moth (wet sedge me	eadow-D. Bree)
91 0540	7132	Pleuroprucha insulsaria	Common Tan Wave Moth (D.	Bree)
93 0929	8731	Euclidia cuspidea	Toothed Somberwing (T. Maso	on)
Seventy-six	species of	moths were recorded.		



Figure 6. Hickory Tussock Moth (*Lophocarpa caryae*), one of many attractive moths drawn to a UV light trap. Photo by John Foster.

Table 5. OTHER INSECTS AND CRUSTACEANS observed during bioblitz, June 10-11, 2017. Because this is a diverse group, Classes and Orders are indicated as well as Families and in some cases identification was only to the Family or Genus level rather than species, all listings are alphabetical i.e. for Class, Order, Family and Species rather than following a taxonomic sequence.

Class CRUSTACEA	Crustacean

**ISOPODA**Family - Philosciidae

WOODLICE

Philoscia muscorum Common Striped Sowbug or Woodlouse

Family - Porchellionidae

Porcellio scaber Velvet Mite or Rough Woodlouse

Class DIPLOPODA MILLIPEDES
JULIDA MILLIPEDES

Family - Julidae

Ophyiulus pilosus Wireworm

Class INSECTA (alphabetical rather than taxonomic order – according to order, family and genus).

COLEOPTERA BEETLES

Family - Carabidae GROUND BEETLES

Agonum cincticollis Ground Beetle

Agonum decorum (viridis?)Green Ground BeetleBrachinus janthinipennisBombardier BeetleCicindela sexguttataSix-spotted Tiger Beetle

Lebia sp. Ground Beetle

Family – Chrysomelidae LEAF BEETLES Chrysolina sp. LEAF BEETLES St. John's-wort Beetle

Disonycha triangularis Three-spotted Flea Beetle (Spinach Flea Beetle)

Labidomera clivicollisMilkweed Leaf BeetleNeochlamiscus gibbosusWarty Leaf Beetle

Family – Curculionidae SNOUT AND BARK BEETLES
Polydrusus impressifrons Green Broad-nosed Weevil
Rhyssomatus lineaticollis Milkweed Stem Weevil

Family - Lampyridae FIREFLIES

Photinus sp. Firefly (J. Foster, S. Kuja – inside west gate)

*Pyropyga* sp. Light-free Firefly

Family – Scarabaeidae SCARAB BEETLES Phyllophaga ferrida May Beetle/Junebug Family – Silphidae Necrophila americana Nicrophorus orbicularis Oiceoptoma inequale CARRION BEETLES
American Carrion Beetle
Burying Beetle
Ridged Carrion Beetle

**FLIES** 

**TRUE BUGS** 

**DIPTERA** 

Family - Bombyllidae BEE FLIES Bombylius sp. Bee Fly (D. Bree)

Leptogastriionae Slender Robber Fly

Family – Stratomyidae SOLDIER FLIES Odontomyia cincta SOLDIER FLIES Aquatic Soldier Fly

Family – Syrphidae SYRPHID FLIES Toxomerus cf. geminatus Syrphid Fly (D. Bree)

Family - Tabanidae HORSE AND DEER FLIES

Hybomitra frontalis Boreal Horse Fly (D. Bree)

Tabanus reinwardtii Horse Fly

Family – Tipulidae CRANE FLIES Limnophila sp. Crane Fly

**HEMIPTERA** 

Family - Aphrophoridae SPITTLEBUGS
Philaenus spumarius Meadow Spittlebug

Family - Berytidae STILT BUGS
Jalysus wickhami Spined Stilt Bug

Family - Cydnidae BURROWING BUGS Sehirus cinctus Burrower Bug

Family - Membracidae TREEHOPPERS

Cyrtolobus sp. Hump-backed Treehopper

Family - Miridae PLANT BUGS

Miris dolobratus Meadow Plant Bug

Poicilocapsus lineatus Four-lined Plant Bug

Family - Nabidae DAMSEL BUGS
Nabicula subcoleoptrata DAMSEL BUGS
Antmimic Assassin Bug (Black Damsel Bug)

Family - ReduviidaeASSASSIN BUGSFitchia apteraAssassin BugSinea diademaSpined Assassin Bug

Family - Saldidae SHORE BUGS Saldula sp. Shore Bug

Family - Tingidae LACE BUGS
Dictyla echii Bugloss' Lacebug

## MEGALOPTERA ALDERFLIES, DOBSONFLIES AND FISHFLIES

Family – Chorydalidae FISHFLIES Chauliodes rasticornus Spring Fish Fly

## ORTHOPTERA GRASSHOPPERS, CRICKETS AND KATYDIDS

Famiily – Acrididae SHORT-HORNED GRASSHOPPERS

Chorotophagus viridifasciata Green-striped Grasshopper

Family – Gryllidae TRUE CRICKETS
Gryllus veletis Spring Field Cricket

Family – Rhaphidophoridae CAMEL CRICKETS

Ceuthophiles maculatus Spotted Camel Cricket

Family – Tetrigidae PYGMY GRASSHOPPERS/GROUSE LOCUSTS

Tetrix sp. Grouse Locust (a Pygmy Grasshopper)

Forty-three species of invertebrates and other insects (not including butterflies, moths and dragonflies were recorded.



Figure 7. Green-striped Grasshopper (*Chortophaga viridifasciata*) was widespread in open areas. Photo by John Foster.

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Table 6. SPIDERS (Class ARACHNIDA) collected by T. Mason and identified by G. Blagoev (U. of Guelph). Common names were derived from the Wild Species website

 $(\underline{https://www.wildspecies.ca/common-names}) \ which \ is \ updated \ regularly \ with \ consultation \ from \ experts.$ 

Scientific Name	Day observed during BioBlitz	Common Name
Order – Araneae Family - Agelenidae Coras juvenilis Coras lamellosus	1 1	Spiders FUNNEL WEAVERS Lesser Spurred Woodland Funnelweaver Contrasting Spurred Woodland Funnelweaver
Family – Araneidae Acanthepeira stellata Eustala anastera Larinioides cornutus Neoscona arabesca	1 1 1 1,2	ORB WEAVERS Star-bellied Orbweaver Hamp-backed Orbweaver Furrow Orbweaver Arabesque Orbweavre
Family – Clubionidae Clubiona mixta	1	SAC SPIDERS Confusing Sac Spider
Family - Corinnidae Phrurotimpus alarius Phrurotimpus borealis	2 2	ANTMIMICS AND GROUND SAC SPIDERS Dwarf Antmimic Corinne Spider Greater Antmimic Corinne Spider
Family – Dictynidae Dictyna major Dictyna volucripes	1 1	MESH WEB WEAVERS Common Thread Meshweaver Truncated Thread Meshweaver
Family – Gnaphosida Drassyllus depressus Haplodrassus signifer Micaria longispina Zelotes laccus	e 2 2 2 2 2	STEALTHY GROUND SPIDERS Common Hitchhiking Ground Spider Ensign Simple Ground Spider Clubbed Antmimic Ground Spider Brushed Preening Ground Spider
Family – Linyphiidae Ceraticelus atriceps Grammonota pictilis	2	SHEET WEB SPIDERS AND DWARF SPIDERS Dark Amoured Money Spider Painted Patterned Money Spider
Family – Lycosidae cf. Alopecosa aculeata Hogna frondicola Pardosa distincta Pardosa milvina Pardosa moesta Pardosa saxatilis Piratula insularis	1 1 2 1, 2 1 1, 2	WOLF SPIDERS Pointed Wolf Spider (identified from photo of P. Fuller) Broad-banded Wolf Spider Pale Thin-legged Wolf Spider Wetland Thin-legged Wolf Spider Shiny Thin-legged Wolf Spider Saxatile Thin-legged Wolf Spider Sphagnum Pirate Wolf Spider

Schizocosa communis	1	Northeastern Split Wolf Spider
Schizocosa crassipalpata	1	Fat-legged Split Wolf Spider
Trochosa ruricola	1	Eurasian Litter Wolf Spider
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Family – Mimetidae		PIRATE SPIDERS
Mimetus notius	1	Reticulated Pirate Spider
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Family – Philodromidae	2	RUNNING CRAB SPIDERS
Philodromus imbecillus	2	Banded Running Crab Spider
Philodromus rufus vibrans	1	White-striped Running Crab Spider
Thanatus vulgaris	1	European Running Crab Spider
Tibellus oblongus	1	Slender Running Crab Spider
Family Discounides		
Family – Pisauridae		
Pisaurina mira		Common Nurseryweb Spider (identified from photo of P. Fuller)
Family – Salticidae		JUMPING SPIDERS
Eris militaris	1	Bronze Jumping Spider
Evarcha hoyi Habronattus decorus	1	Hoy's Knobbed Jumping Spider
	2 2	Beautiful Ornamented Jumping Spider
Naphrys pulex	1	Common Cryptic Jumping Spider
Pelegrina flavipes		Striped White-cheeked Jumping Spider
Pelegrina galathea	1	Peppered White-cheeked Jumping Spider
Pelegrina insignis	1	Spotted White-cheeked Jumping Spider
Phidippus clarus	1	Striped Tufted Jumping Spider
Phidippus purpuratus	2	Talus Tufted Jumping Spider
Family – Tetragnathidae		LONG-JAWED ORB WEAVERS
Glenognatha foxi	2	Dwarf Ground Long-jawed Spider
Tetragnatha laboriosa	1	Silver Long-jawed Spider
Terragnama tabortosa	1	Sirver Long-Jawed Spider
Family – Theridiidae		COBWEB WEAVER SPIDERS
Enoplognatha ovata	1	Polymorphic Long-jawed Cobweaver (introduced)
Neottiura bimaculata	2	Bimaculated Long-jawed Cobweaver
Latrodectus variolus	1, 2	Northern Black Widow Spider
Theridion differens	1	Common Long-legged Cobweaver
Theridion frondeum	1	Eastern Long-legged Cobweaver
Theridion glaucescens	1	Large-spined Long-legged Cobweaver
Thymoites unimaculatus	1	Spotted Cobweaver
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Family – Thomisidae		CRAB SPIDERS
Bassaniana utahensis	2	Utah Bark Crab Spider
Misumena vatia	1, 2	Goldenrod Crab Spider
Ozyptila praticola	2	Eurasian Leaflitter Crab Spider
Xysticus alboniger	1	Contrasted Ground Crab Spider
Xysticus elegans	1	Elegant Ground Crab Spider
Xysticus emertoni	1	Emerton's Ground Crab Spider
Xysticus triguttatus	1	Three-banded Ground Crab Spider

ORDER - Opiliones

2 European Harvestman

Fifty-nine species of spiders were recorded.



Figure 8. Common Nurseyweb Spider (*Pisaurina mira*), one of many attractive species observed (see also Northern Black Widow on cover). Photo by Peter Fuller.

Table 7. AQUATIC INVERTEBRATES were observed in the freshwater pond but a limited number of organisms were identified.

Copepod – 3 (crustaceans); Nematode – round worm; Fingernail Clam – Sphaeriidae family; A ribbon leech – *Erpobdella (Nephelopsis) obscura* – subclass Hirudinea (id. by Dr. J.R. Morris) Water Boatmen – Corixidae family - Hemiptera *Pseudolimnophila inornata* – small crane fly – Diptera Precocious diving beetle – larvae of Whirligig beetle – Gyrinidae family - Coleoptera

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Table 8. Terrestrial Snails recorded by P. Catling, A. Kuja and T. Mason. Miller Property, 11 June 2017.

Scientific Name	Common Name	Alive	Dead
Pupoides albilabris (C.D. Adam	-	4	
Gastrocopta armifera (Say, 182)	-	7	
Cochlicopa lubrica (Müller,177	4), GLOSSY PILLAR	1	6
Vallonia costata (Müller, 1774), COSTATE VALLONIA		2	4
Vallonia pulchella (Müller, 1774	-	3	
Euchemotrema fraternum (Say,	-	1	
Neohelix albilabris (Say, 1817),	-	7	

These seven species of gastropod mollusks, recorded casually during general excursions, are characteristic of the South Shore area (Catling et al. 2015, 2016). The White-lip Dagger and Armed Snaggletooth were in open gravelly alvar, as elsewhere.

## **VERTEBRATES:**

Table 9. FISH of Miller BioBlitz June 10-11/17. The barrier beach had been breached by the high water levels allowing Lake Ontario species (\*) into the flooded coastal marsh; others from spring pond.

Order/Family	Scientific Name	Common Name		
Order Clupeiformes Family - Clupeidae	Alosa pseudoharenus*	HERRING FAMILY Alewife – coastal marsh		
Order Cypriniformes Family - Cyprinidae	Cyprinus carpio* Notemigonus crysoleucas Pimephales notatus	CARPS & MINNOWS Common Carp – coastal marsh Golden Shiner (id. by Justin Robert ) Bluntnose Minnow		
Family – Umbridae	Umbra limi	Central Mudminnow		
The total number of fish species recorded was five.				



Figure 9. Golden Shiner (*Notemigonus crysoleucas*), one of three fish species found in a springfed pond in the northwestern sector of the reserve. Photo by Wally Rendell.

Table 10. REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS observed during Miller Reserve BioBlitz, June 10-11/17

Family Scientific Name Common Name

**REPTILES** 

Order - CRYPTODIRA TURTLES
Chelydridae Chelydra serpentina Snapping Turtle

Emydidae Emydoidea blandingii Blanding's Turtle (Fuller, iNaturalist)

SQUAMATA LIZARDS & SNAKES Colubridae Thamnophis sirtalis Eastern Garter Snake

A total of three species of reptiles were recorded for the Miller Reserve BioBlitz.

AMPHIBIANS

Order - ANURA FROGS & TOADS
Bufonidae Anaxyrus americanus americanus Eastern American Toad

Hylidae Hyla versicolor Eastern Gray Tree Frog

Ranidae Lithobates catesbeianus American Bullfrog

Lithobates clamitans Green Frog

Lithobates pipiens Northern Leopard Frog

Order – CAUDATA SALAMANDERS

Ambystomatidae Ambystoma laterale complex Blue-spotted/Jefferson

Salamander complex – (larvae)

A total of six species of amphibians were recorded during the BioBlitz.

N.B. Additional species reported in the Baseline Documentation Report include Brown Snake, Wood Frog, Spring Peeper and Western Chorus Frog.



Figure 10. Gray Tree Frog (*Hyla versicolor*) photographed while calling at night. Photo by Tom Mason.

Table 11. BIRDS observed during the Miller Reserve BioBlitz, June 10-11/17. Following the species sequence (AOU) in Birds of the Kingston Region, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., R.D. Weir, 2008 (although families are not indicated in that text). Many of these observations are available on ebird (Anderson, Fuller, Wheatley).

Family Scientific Name Common Name

Gaviidae Loons

Gavia immer COMMON LOON

Phalacrocoracidae Cormorants

Phalacrocorax auritus DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT

Ardeidae Bitterns and Herons

Ardea herodias GREAT BLUE HERON
Botaurus lentiginosus AMERICAN BITTERN
Grus canadensis SANDHILL CRANE

Cathartidae New World Vultures

Cathartes aura TURKEY VULTURE

Anatidae Geese, Swans and Ducks

Aix sponsaWOOD DUCKAnas platyrhynchosMALLARDBranta canadensisCANADA GOOSECygnus olorMUTE SWAN

Mergus merganser COMMON MERGANSER

Accipitridae Eagles and Hawks

Falco columbariusMERLINPandion haliaetusOSPREY

Charadriidae Plovers

Charadrius vociferous KILLDEER

Scolopacidae Sandpipers, Phalaropes and Allies

Gallinago delicata WILSON'S SNIPE

Scolopax minor AMERICAN WOODCOCK

Laridae Gulls

Hydroprogne caspia CASPIAN TERN
Larus delawarensis RING-BILLED GULL

Larus marinus GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL

Columbidae Pigeons and Doves

Zenaida macroura MOURNING DOVE

Strigidae Typical Owls

Bubo virginianus GREAT HORNED OWL

Caprimulgidae Goatsuckers

Astrostomus vociferous EASTERN WHIP-POOR-WILL
Astrostomus carolinensis CHUCK-WILL'S WIDOW
Chordeiles minor COMMON NIGHTHAWK

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Picidae Woodpeckers and allies

Colaptes auratus NORTHERN FLICKER Picoides villosus HAIRY WOODPECKER

Tyrannidae Tyrant Flycatchers

Myiarchus crinitus GREAT-CRESTED FLYCATCHER

Sayomis phoebe EASTERN PHOEBE Tyrannus tyrannus EASTERN KINGBIRD

Vireonidae Vireos

Vireo olivaceus RED-EYED VIREO

Corvidae Jays, Crows and allies

Corvus corax COMMON RAVEN
Corvus brachyrhynchus AMERICAN CROW

Cyanocitta cristata BLUE JAY

Hirundinidae Swallows

Hirundo rustica BARN SWALLOW Progne subis PURPLE MARTIN

Trachycineta bicolour TREE SWALLOW

Paridae Chickadees

Poecile atricapillus BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE

Sittidae **Nuthatches** 

Sitta canadensis RED BREASTED NUTHATCH

Troglodytidae Wrens

Troglodytes aedon HOUSE WREN

Turdidae Thrushes

Hylocichla mustelina WOOD THRUSH
Sialis sialis EASTERN BLUEBIRD

Sialis sialis EASTERN BLUEBIRD Turdus migratorius AMERICAN ROBIN

Mimidae Mockingbirds and Thrashers

Dumetella carolinensis GRAY CATBIRD

Mimus polyglottos NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD

Toxostoma rufum BROWN THRASHER

Bombycillidae Waxwings

Bombycilla cedrorum CEDAR WAXWING

Parulidae Wood-Warblers

Geothylpis trichas COMMON YELLOWTHROAT
Mniotilta varia BLACK AND WHITE WARBLER

Seiurus aurocapilla OVENBIRD

Setophaga petechial YELLOW WARBLER
Vermivora ruficapilla NASHVILLE WARBLER

Cardinalidae Cardinals, Buntings and allies

Cardinalis cardinalis NORTHERN CARDINAL

Pheuticus melanocephalis ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK

Emberizidae Sparrows and relatives

Melospiza georgianaSWAMP SPARROWMelospiza melodiaSONG SPARROWPipilo erythrophthalmusEASTERN TOWHEESpizella pusillaFIELD SPARROWSpizella passerineCHIPPING SPARROW

Zonotrichia albicollis WHITE-THROATED SPARROW

Icteridae Blackbirds and Orioles

Agelaius phoeniceus RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD Icterus galbula BALTIMORE ORIOLE

Molothrus ater BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD

Quiscalus quiscula COMMON GRACKLE

Fringiliidae Finches and allies

Spinus tristis AMERICAN GOLDFINCH

There were 64 species of birds recorded during the Miller BioBlitz.

Additional species recorded in the Baseline Documentation Report: Red-breasted Merganser, White-winged Scoter, Lesser Scaup, Ruffed Grouse, Northern Goshawk, Red-shouldered Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Herring Gull, Winter Wren, Hermit Thrush, White-winged Crossbill, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Slate-coloured Junco, Rusty Blackbird, House Finch (17 sp.)

Figure 11 (opposite page). One of the rarest birds in Ontario (see highlights in Results, p.9), the nocturnal Chuck-will's-widow (*Astrostomus carolinensis*) was heard many times at night during the BioBlitz and has been present during the last few summers near and on the Miller Reserve. The illustration is taken from the Crossley Identification Guide to Eastern Birds. CC-BY-SA-3.0.

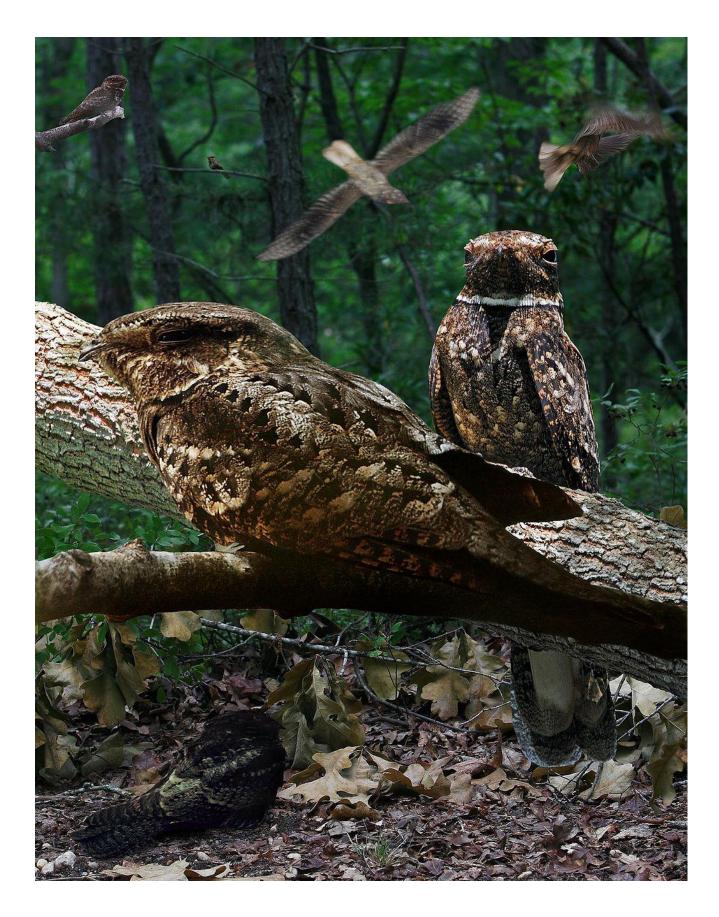


Table 12. MAMMALS observed during the Miller Family Nature Reserve BioBlitz June 10-11/17.

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ORDER/Family Scientific Name Common Name

CHIROPTERA BATS
Verspertilionidae Bat sp.

RODENTIA RODENTS

Sciuridae Tamias striatus Eastern Chipmunk

Tamiasciusus hudsonius Red Squirrel

CARNIVORA CARNIVORANS

Mephitidae Mephitis mephitis Striped Skunk

Mustelidae Mustela (frenata or M.ermine) (Long or short tailed) Weasel Canidae Canis latrans Coyote (scat evidence only)

ARTIODACTYLA EVEN-TOED UNGULATES

Cervidae Odocoileus virginianus White-tailed Deer

Seven species of mammals were recorded during the BioBlitz, in addition to the Beaver which is listed in the 2012 Baseline Documentation Report to HPELT.

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Figure 12. The aquatic group identifies and records aquatic organisms at Base Camp. Photo by Allen Kuja.

