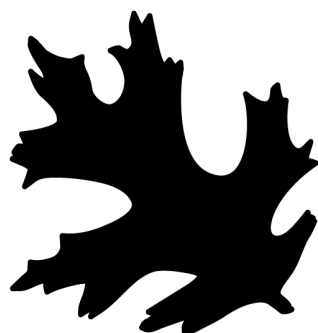


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## WINTER PROGRAMS

It's been a great fall season for our clubs! We have had over 100 children participating in our clubs this season, including 41 preschool-aged kids involved in our Knee-High Naturalists program.



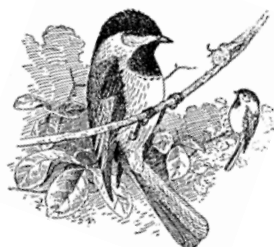
Winter Program Registration will take place on **Thursday, December 9th starting at 8 am.**

<b>Knee-High Naturalists Tuesday Club</b>	January 11 & 25, February 8 & 22, March 8 & 22, 2011
3-5 yrs	morning - 9:30 to 11 am afternoon - 1:30 to 3 pm
	\$75 each child
<b>Saturday Morning Naturalist Club</b>	January 8 & 22, February 5 & 19, March 5 & 19, 2011
6-8 yrs	9:30 am to noon
	\$85 each child
<b>Ramblers Hiking Club</b>	January 15 & 29, February 12 & 26, March 12 & 26, 2011
8-12 yrs	9:30 am to noon
	\$85 each child

Our after-school program will resume in spring. If you are interested in our homeschooling program for children aged 6-10, please contact us directly.

Visit <http://www.highparknaturecentre.com/programs/programs-for-kids-and-families/winter-2011-programs/> to download the registration form.

## UPCOMING NATURE CENTRE EVENTS



Decorate an evergreen tree in High Park with handmade pine cone bird feeders, and edible garlands. Learn how to feed chickadees from the palm of your hand, search the skies for soaring hawks and discover how birds like nuthatches and woodpeckers survive the winter!

Join us on either Saturday, December 18th or Sunday, December 19th from 10 am until 12 pm. Pre-registration is required. Please contact us with your name, e-mail address and number of people in your party, as well as your preferred date. The cost is \$7.00 per person with no charge for children aged 2 and under.

Visit our Facebook fan page to see all of our events listed:  
<http://tinyurl.com/2c3gz99>.

## FALL NATURE HIKES

Thank you to everyone who came out to attend one of our Fall Nature Walks. Our most popular hike took place on Saturday, October 30th, as over 100 people—many in costumes—joined us for a night hike through the trails of High Park. Thanks again to Toronto Field Naturalists for the funding that made our fall hikes possible.

Due to illness, we did cancel the High Park Tales walk with Austin Repath, but will be rescheduling this for the spring.

Pending funding, we hope to be able to offer winter and spring family hikes and workshops. Check out our websites for announcements!

## PROJECT FEEDERWATCH

Do you have a birder in your home? Then consider participating in Project FeederWatch. Project FeederWatch is a joint program of Bird Studies Canada and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. At regular intervals from November to April, thousands of FeederWatchers count the kinds and numbers of birds at their feeders, then submit their observations. This information helps scientists study winter bird populations and long-term trends in bird distribution and abundance.

Participants receive a Research Kit, which contains instructions, a bird identification poster, a wall calendar, a resource guide to bird feeding, and a tally sheet—everything you need to start counting your birds.

Visit <http://tinyurl.com/projectfeederwatch> for more information.

A few days ago I walked along the edge of the lake and was treated to the crunch and rustle of leaves with each step I made. The acoustics of this season are different and all sounds, no matter how hushed, are as crisp as autumn air.

- Eric Sloane

## WHITE SQUIRREL OF HIGH PARK?

The white squirrel of Trinity Bellwoods Park is well-known. From a street named 'White Squirrel Way' to a café called "White Squirrel Café", the presence of this unique animal is much celebrated.

Either the white squirrel has moved west to High Park, or a new one has appeared. Spotted by the greenhouse, Jorge Ture, Park Supervisor of High Park, took this photo of the elusive squirrel. Be sure to look for it when you're in High Park.



## EVENTS IN THE PARK

### High Park through the Ages Walking Tour

Sunday, November 14th

10:30 am to 12 noon

Hosted by Dave Berndorff



Walks may go on wooded trails, so please wear appropriate clothing and footwear.

Meet at the benches across from the Grenadier Restaurant

For more information, please visit: [www.highpark.org/walking.htm](http://www.highpark.org/walking.htm)

### Holiday Events at Colborne Lodge

Various workshops:

- Wreath-Making Workshops
- Christmas Centrepiece Workshops
- Christmas Trimmings Workshops
- Christmas Cookie Creation for Children

For a full listing with specific dates, visit [www.calendarwiz.com/highpark](http://www.calendarwiz.com/highpark)

### Invasive Buckthorn Removal with the Volunteer Stewardship Program and the Forestry Crew

Sunday, November 14th

10:30 am to 1 pm

Meet at the Grenadier Restaurant. Be sure to wear appropriate clothing, making sure to cover your arms and legs.



For more information, please visit: [www.highparknature.org/wiki/wiki.php?n=VolunteerOpportunities.VolunteerStewardship](http://www.highparknature.org/wiki/wiki.php?n=VolunteerOpportunities.VolunteerStewardship)

Now available for sale at the Nature Centre is David Allen's 2011 High Park Calendar.

David Allen is a resident of the High Park area and traverses the trails of High Park at dawn to capture the beauty of the park.

His calendar can be purchased for \$16 and contains 12 beautiful images of High Park—one for each month of the year. For each calendar sold at the Nature Centre, we retain \$5 to assist with our programming.

View some of David's photos at [www.highparkphotos.ca](http://www.highparkphotos.ca)



15th Annual Pumpkin Float (Sunday, Oct 24/10) - Over 163 children and some adults carved pumpkins that were lit with candles and placed in the wading pool and set them sailing on a special float. The setting sun, the darkening park and shadowy trees all formed a glimmering background to a sea of jack-o-lanterns. In-kind support was received from Fresh & Wild Fruit Market. (photo by Lisa Clarkson)

## FUNDING

With a \$10,000 contribution from **The EJLB Foundation**, we will be able to continue offering educational programs that engage the heads, hands and hearts of park visitors in stewardship activities that will ensure the future of High Park and position them to practice environmental stewardship in their daily lives.

With a \$10,000 contribution from **The McLean foundation**, we will be developing and offering new and unique programs to families, school groups and at-risk and newcomer youth.

Thank you to our funders for their continued support!

**The Nature Centre is part of the High Park Initiatives, a not-for-profit charity dedicated to the protection, preservation, restoration and respect of High Park's natural environment.**