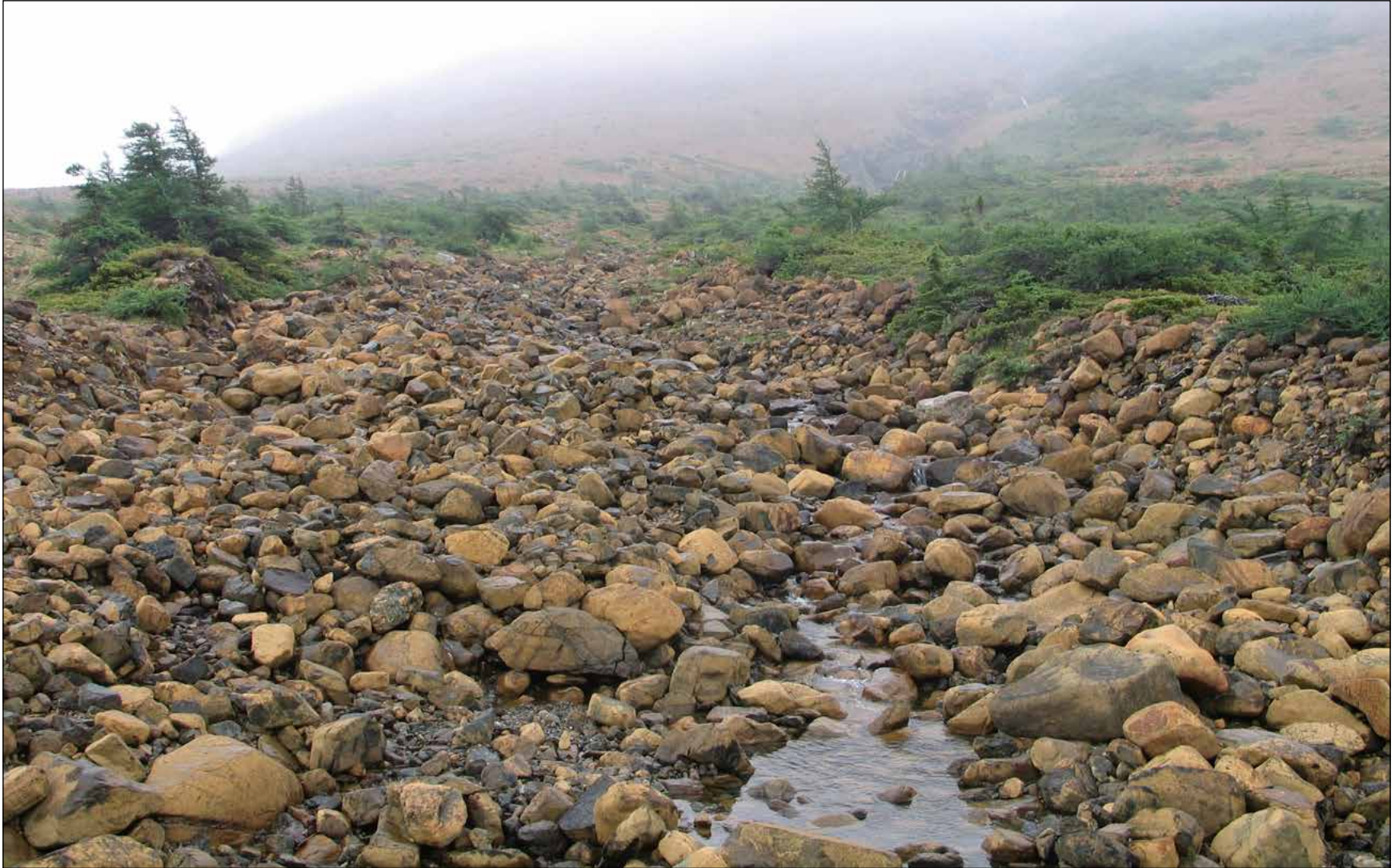


# Miriam's Nature Calendar 2023



Photos by Miriam Garfinkle

+ *SPECIAL PLACES*: Photography and the Landscape of Memory





# January

*Trumpeter swans are impressive, the biggest wild birds in North America, and probably among the loudest. Driven to the edge of extinction in the 1800s, Trumpeters are slowly re-establishing themselves. At the Leslie Street Spit, where Miriam took this photo, they can be seen and heard even in mid-winter.*

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8	9	10  Save the Eagles Day	11	12	13	14  World Logic Day Orthodox Christian New Year																																																																																									
15  Great Horned Owls mate in January. Couples hoot to each other, so they're more conspicuous.	16	17	18	19	20	21																																																																																									
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*Trumpeter Swan, Leslie Street Spit, January 2017*





# February

*Beavers stock their lodges with food for the winter, but if the weather is mild, they'll come out even in January or February. We were on the floating bridge on the Leslie Street Spit, where Miriam was taking photos of winter ducks, when this beaver appeared at the edge of the ice and started foraging.*

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*Beaver, Leslie Street Spit, Winter 2015*





# March

*Ring-billed Gulls had virtually disappeared from the Great Lakes region by the beginning of the twentieth century. They started recolonizing the area around the 1920s, and have been expanding their numbers ever since. Superbly adapted to living with humans and appropriating their food, they now number in the millions.*

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5	6	 FULL  Full Moon (Worm Moon) Maple syrup season under way	8 International Women's Day	9	10	11																																																	
12 Daylight Savings Time begins	13	14 International Day of Action for Rivers	15 Migrating Tundra Swans gather near Aylmer & Pinery (mid-March-early April)	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18																																																	
19	20 March Equinox World Frog Day	21 International Day of Forests International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination	22 World Water Day	23 Start of Ramadan	24	25 International Day of Remembrance for Victims of Slavery Earth Hour (8:30-9:30pm)																																																	
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*Ring-billed Gull, Bluffer's Park, March 2013*





# April

*Male Red-winged Blackbirds use their bright red shoulder patches and their strident voices to lay claim to a breeding territory to which they will seek to attract one or more females. Miriam photographed this assertive specimen at the edge of Grenadier Pond on one of our traditional birthday outings to High Park.*

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2	3 You can – you should! – plant pansies now	4	5	 FULL Full Moon (Pink Moon) Turtles start to emerge from hibernation early April	7 World Health Day Good Friday	8																																										
9 Easter Sunday Apr 9–15 is National Wildlife Week	10	11 See Mercury! Low in western sky just after sunset	12	13 Passover ends at sundown	14	15																																										
16	17 Palestinian Political Prisoners Day	18	19	20 Ramadan ends	21 World Curlew Day Apr 21–22 – Eid al-Fitr	22 Earth Day Peak of Lyrids meteor shower (Apr 22-23). Best in dark location just after midnight																																										
23	24 Miriam's birthday (1954)	25 World Immunization Week (Apr 24-30)	26	27	28 Workers Mourning Day for workers killed at work	29 Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare																																										
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*Red-winged Blackbird, High Park, April 24, 2018*







# May

*The meandering Rankin River on the Bruce Peninsula is fringed by marshy areas which provide food and shelter for birds, frogs, turtles, insects and other aquatic life. On our way to the nearby Oliphant Fen, we stopped here to take in the beauty of the area, and Miriam took some photos.*

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<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Victoria Day International Day for Biological Diversity	<b>23</b> World Turtle Day (HelptheTurtles.ca)	<b>24</b> Canadian Lakes Loon Survey May 24 – Sep 5 National Chimney Swift Roost Monitoring Day 1	<b>25</b> Week of Solidarity with Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>																																																	
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*Marsh, Bruce Peninsula, Summer 2017*







# June

*In 2015, we took a boat tour to Witless Bay Ecological Reserve, a group of islands off the coast of Newfoundland which is home to millions of seabirds, including an estimated 250,000 nesting pairs of Atlantic Puffins. Puffins nest in burrows to protect their young from airborne predators.*

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*Atlantic Puffins, Witless Bay Ecological Reserve, Newfoundland, Summer 2015*





# July

*Great Egrets are another bird species that is re-establishing itself in its former range. Egrets were extensively hunted for their feathers, decimating their population. Great Egrets hunt fish and aquatic invertebrates, and may also venture into fields in pursuit of small mammals. Plumes at the rump indicate a breeding bird.*

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*Great Egret, Toronto Islands, July 2017*





# August

*Savannah Sparrows are grassland birds which spend most of their time foraging on the ground and generally keeping out of sight. However, in breeding season males find a suitably visible perch from which they can sing and proclaim their availability to potential mates. This one was singing near the mouth of the Grand Codroy River.*

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*Savannah Sparrow, Grand Codroy Estuary, Newfoundland, Summer 2015*







# September

*Black-crowned Night-Herons can see when there is little light, so they are often seen hunting at dusk. Their prey includes fish, frogs, aquatic invertebrates, young birds, and small mammals. This one is poised above Grenadier Pond in Toronto's High Park.*

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*Black-crowned Night-Heron, High Park, Summer 2013*





# October

*In the fall, Monarchs feed on autumn flowers to build up stores of energy for the long and perilous migration they are about to embark on. Miriam was deeply moved by the Monarchs' indomitable spirit, these seemingly frail creatures battling wind and storm and rain and extreme temperatures, and against all the odds, prevailing.*

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*Monarch Butterfly, Humber Bay, Autumn 2013*





# November

*A fallen tree provides a welcoming site for mushrooms and other fungi. Mushrooms draw nourishment from the tree, and the bark provides a perch to grow on. Mushrooms are the reproductive structures of fungi; many emerge in the fall, like these at the Wye Marsh which Miriam photographed in 2015.*

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*Mushrooms, Wye Marsh, Autumn 2015,*





# December

*This female cardinal caught Miriam's eye when we wandered through High Park.  
The bright red males tend to attract more attention (from humans anyway),  
but the more subtle colours of the female are also quite striking.*

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Cardinal, High Park, 2013

# Miriam's Nature Calendar 2023

*Photos by Miriam Garfinkle*

This calendar presents a selection of Miriam Garfinkle's nature photos. All the large photos in the calendar are by Miriam. The buttons on the calendar pages are ones that Miriam wore. Calendar text and captions are by Ulli Diemer. Photos of Miriam are by Ulli Diemer, except January, which is by Roger Rolfe, and June, by an unknown photographer. Front cover: The Tablelands, Gros Morne National Park, 2005.

Miriam took many photos. To see more of them, visit  
[www.diemer.ca/Photos/MiriamsSelected1.html](http://www.diemer.ca/Photos/MiriamsSelected1.html)

Articles and letters by Miriam, and articles about Miriam and her many involvements, are at [www.diemer.ca/Miriam/](http://www.diemer.ca/Miriam/)

The Moments with Miriam page, with many contributions from people who knew Miriam, is [www.diemer.ca/Docs/MomentswithMiriam.pdf](http://www.diemer.ca/Docs/MomentswithMiriam.pdf)

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The calendar as a PDF: [www.diemer.ca/Miriam/Calendar2023.pdf](http://www.diemer.ca/Miriam/Calendar2023.pdf)



*Miriam photographing the Tablelands, Gros Morne National Park, 2005*



## WEBSITES TO EXPLORE

Birds Canada – [birdscanada.org](http://birdscanada.org)

Swiftwatch – [birdscanada.org/bird-science/swiftwatch/](http://birdscanada.org/bird-science/swiftwatch/)

eBird – [ebird.org/canada/](http://ebird.org/canada/)

Toronto Field Naturalists – [torontofieldnaturalists.org](http://torontofieldnaturalists.org)

Amphibians and Reptiles of Canada – [canadianherpetology.ca](http://canadianherpetology.ca)

Astronomy Calendar – [seasky.org/astronomy/astronomy-calendar-2022.html](http://seasky.org/astronomy/astronomy-calendar-2022.html)

Electronic Intifada – [electronicintifada.net](http://electronicintifada.net)

Mondoweiss – [mondoweiss.net](http://mondoweiss.net)

Climate & Capitalism – [climateandcapitalism.com](http://climateandcapitalism.com)

Zatoun – [zatoun.com](http://zatoun.com) (fair trade olive oil from Palestine)

Miriam Garfinkle Social Justice Fund – [www.miriamgarfinklefund.org](http://www.miriamgarfinklefund.org)

Connexions – [connexions.org](http://connexions.org)

Ulli Diemer – [diemer.ca](http://diemer.ca)



# Miriam Garfinkle Ln

## Remembering Miriam

### Miriam Garfinkle Lane

The City of Toronto named a laneway after Miriam. It runs east from Clinton Street, just south of Barton Avenue.



### Peace Garden

A guerrilla garden created and maintained by Jim Sugiyama is now known as the Gaza Miriam Garfinkle Peace Garden.

### Miriam Garfinkle Social Justice Fund

Friends of Miriam have set up the Miriam Garfinkle Social Justice Fund. The fund was established to honour Miriam's lifetime of work for social justice. Its mission is to support projects and initiatives that aim to change the world in large ways and small, with the ultimate goal of building a world based on justice and community where people live in harmony with the planet.

The Fund prioritizes grassroots initiatives, with emphasis on projects designed to raise awareness and stimulate organizing and action.

For more information, or to make a donation to the Fund, visit [www.miriamgarfinklefund.org](http://www.miriamgarfinklefund.org)



### M is for Miriam

M is for Miriam is a children's book about Miriam, written by Ulli Diemer and illustrated by Emma Lightstone. It's an alphabet book with each page devoted to some aspect of Miriam's life:

C is for Community, D is for Doctor,  
G is for Garden, L is for Laughter,  
N is for Nature, P is for Piano,  
Q is for Questions, S is for Solidarity,  
W is for Waffles....

Information: [diemer.ca/ContactDiemer.html](http://diemer.ca/ContactDiemer.html)