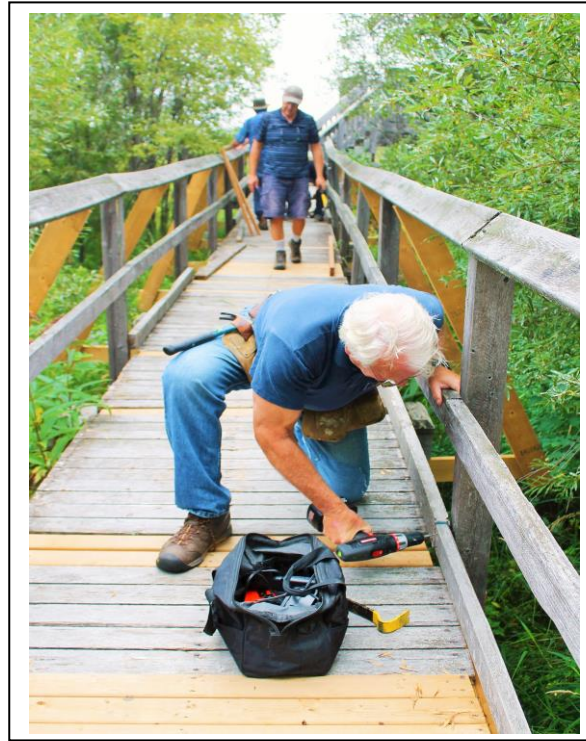


## Nature Observations

With diverse interests, Club Members are always on the lookout for interesting birds, plants, insects, fungi, geology and wildlife. The Christmas Bird Count is a highlight of the holiday season followed by a potluck dinner. Bioblitzs are an opportunity for large numbers of people to “blitz” an area, cataloguing all the natural features they can find in a 24-hour period. Members enjoy sharing their observations at meetings and most importantly, on outings.



The Club has assisted in the compilation of individual breeding bird atlases for both Ontario and Michigan, and our bird checklist is available on our website.



## Outings

Outings are held year-round, rain or shine. Meet up for short walks to day-hikes; weekend excursions, canoe-/kayak trips, camp outs, snowshoe and ski excursions, cycling and more.

Outings are led by club volunteers who have expertise in birds, flowers, mushrooms, edible plants, geology and wildlife. This variety allows everyone to choose activities that match their interests – or learn something new!

## Conservation

Sault Naturalists are active in environmental advocacy, stewardship, and education. For example, the Club, in partnership with Algoma University and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is working to protect critical habitat for Chimney Swifts, an endangered species in Ontario. The Club is also actively involved in the management of invasive species within the city, such as Garlic Mustard

## Affiliation /Partnerships

Sault Naturalists holds memberships in Ontario Nature, Michigan Audubon Society, and Nature Canada. In addition, we partner on various projects with Sault College, Algoma University, Invasive Species Centre, Conservation Authority and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. These affiliations allow us to have a voice in environmental issues at the state, provincial and national levels. We also receive current information from these groups and have access to their expertise, publications and facilities.

## Meetings & Programs

- Held September to June
- Second Tuesday of each month
- Held in Sault, Ontario or Sault, Michigan

Local knowledgeable speakers address current environmental issues, topics in natural history and research as well as travel experience to exotic ecosystems. The annual meeting, which includes a banquet, is held in February and features a keynote speaker.