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Elgin County Archives Acquires St. Thomas Field Naturalist Club records

The Elgin County Archives has acquired the records of the St. Thomas Field Naturalist Club and its predecessor, the Elgin Nature Club. The donation was made on behalf of the club by its past president, Allan Hurst.

The records were created circa 1940-2000 and include minutes of meetings, annual reports and programmes, newsletters, field observation notes, bird censuses, and photographs documenting club events and activities. The St. Thomas Field Naturalist Club has long been an effective advocate in the Elgin-St. Thomas region for conservation initiatives, habitat preservation and species health and diversity. In particular, the Club is known for its organization of annual bird observation and census-taking events at Long Point Provincial Park and Hawk Cliff.



St. Thomas Field Naturalist Club past president Allan Hurst examines the original minute book of the Elgin Nature Club, 1941.

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Club member Jim Ronald examines an eagle's nest near Port Stanley, 1958.

The St. Thomas Field Naturalist Club remains active. Information concerning membership, meetings and activities may be found on its blog at <http://www.sttnaturalist.blogspot.com/>

