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## **FEBRUARY**



# PROGRAM: BATS - THE MISUNDERSTOOD MAMMAL

7:00 p.m., Wednesday at the **Neville Public Museum** Speaker: Mike Brandel

Mike Brandel, Executive Director of the Buboltz Nature Preserve in Appleton, will present a slide lecture on "Bats:

The Misunderstood Mammal."

Using excellent slides from Bat Conservation International (like the photos you have seen in *National Geographic* magazine) and a live native bat, Mike will discuss and demonstrate the unique physical modifications, locating sonar, and the food habits of local bats. Mike will also talk about colonial and individual roosts and nurseries, migration, reproduction, pesticide problems, predators, and other aspects of the natural history of Wisconsin bats as well as other bats of North America.

Bats have evolved and adapted quite well to their surroundings. One example is their variation in size. Of the more than 980 different kinds of bats in the world, their size ranges from the tiny hog-nosed bat of Thailand which is about the size of a bumblebee to Australia's grey-headed flying fox with a wingspan of up to six feet.

The presentation coincides with the exhibit <u>Masters of the Night: The True Story of Bats</u> which is on display at the Neville Public Museum from January 22 to April 19, 2000.

It will be a treat to see a live native bat as well as the national traveling exhibit. See you at the museum on February 9.



#### **BOARD MEETING**

7 p.m., Tuesday Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary All members may attend.

### MARCH



## PROGRAM: WHAT'S NEW AT THE ZOO

6:45 p.m., Wednesday at the **N.E.W. Zoo Visitor Center** Speaker: Neil Anderson

Neil Anderson, Manager of Zoological Facilities, Programs and Collections at the N.E.W. Zoo, will present a program on "What's New at the Zoo." This program will highlight recent additions as well as future zoo plans. Included will be discussion regarding several of the endangered species programs that the zoo is involved in.

A special program that will begin this year is called "Suitcase for Survival." It is a cooperative educational program depicting excessive and illegal wildlife trade and its role as a major factor in the extinction of the Earth's wildlife. The loss of biological diversity worldwide will also be discussed.

The U.S. Department of the Interior, World Wildlife Fund, and the American Zoo and Aquarium Association collaborated to produce a wildlife trade education package (Suitcase for Survival), which was distributed to zoological parks and aquariums in key U.S. cities.

Through its educational efforts, the N.E.W. Zoo hopes to foster an appreciation for wildlife. Come and see "What's New at the Zoo" this March.





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To become a **new member** of the National Audubon Society and our local chapter, simply send \$20 to:

National Audubon, P.O. Box 51001, Boulder, CO 80321-1001. Please include "This is a new member recruited by the Northeastern Wisconsin Audubon Society, Inc., #205, 1701 Ninth St., Green Bay, WI 54304.

#### Our club's WeatherFriend Land Fund - a chance to make a difference

Would you like to save the beauty of places like Door County, rivers like the Oconto and Wolf? Most Audubon members would, if we had the opportunity and the kind of money it takes. Our club's WeatherFriend Land Fund is not only our endowment, it is designed to save special places in Wisconsin. It is an opportunity for those of us with modest means to make a difference.

Consider a memorial donation, or a place in your will for the WeatherFriend Land Fund of the Northeastern Wisconsin Audubon Society. Our WF Land Fund is a wonderfully appropriate place for special remembrances, because any donation placed there will be focused on saving wild areas in our state every year forever. That's how our endowment works! For specific information on how you can participate in this "living legacy," call Dennis Prusik, 499-9689.

### Christmas Bird Count Wrap Up

With 59 species recorded (our club's 5th highest) and 30,007 total birds tallied (the highest total ever), it was another excellent Christmas Bird Count.

Ty and Ida Baumann had the highest area with 44 species; Ron Eichhorn, Joan Berkopec and Dorothy Summers had 35; Bob Mead's group had 32; and the rest of us saw between 17 and 25 species.

Some unusual birds spotted this year included: Sharp-shinned Hawk, Northern Harrier, Peregrine Falcon, Sandhill Crane, Lincoln's Sparrow, and Fox Sparrow. The Pileated Woodpecker was seen at the Wildlife Sanctuary by the Baumann's and by Cletus Glaser on Lacount Road.

A big thank you to all who participated.

John Jacobs

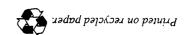
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#### Mark Your Calendar - April Field Trips

Sat., Apr. 8 A trip to THE FARM for a tasty treat - the art of making maple syrup.

Sat., Apr. 29 Learn more about the Garlic Mustard invasion and then destroy the enemy!

See the next issue of the Log for more details.



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