

Audubon Log

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Bimonthly newsletter of the
Northeastern Wisconsin Audubon Society, Inc.

APRIL

7th

FIELD TRIP: The Farm

1 p.m., Sat., April 7 (see back side for details)

11th

PROGRAM: Karner Blue Butterfly Habitat Conservation Plan

6:45 p.m., Wed., April 11

Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary

Speaker: David Lentz

Wisconsin will play a key role in the protection and recovery of the Karner blue butterfly, which was added to the federal list of endangered species in 1992. This small, delicate blue butterfly is the first Wisconsin insect, still known to exist in this state, to receive federal protection.

David Lentz is on the staff at the Wisconsin DNR Bureau of Forestry in Madison working with the Bureau of Endangered Resources and a large public and private partnership on the Karner Blue Butterfly Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). Last September, Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt attended the signing ceremony that initiated the implementation phase of this precedent setting, statewide conservation plan.

Mr. Lentz will present a slide show on the biology of the federally endangered Karner blue butterfly, habitat management concepts surrounding the savanna/barrens ecosystems, and discuss the HCP process.

17th

BOARD MEETING

7 p.m., Tues., April 17, Wildlife Sanctuary

28th

FIELD TRIP: Garlic Mustard

9 a.m., Sat., April 28 (see back side for details)

MAY

9th

ANNUAL BANQUET

5:30 p.m. Social & Silent Auction,

6:15 p.m. Dinner, and 7 p.m. Program

Wed., May 9 Eagles Nest Supper Club

Program: **Heirloom Plants**

Speaker: Jeff Nekola

The banquet program features Jeff Nekola, associate professor in the department of Natural and Applied Sciences at UWGB. He will speak about his passion to save endangered species, specifically, his on-campus project to save old-time garden vegetables, the kind that might have been in our great great grandparents gardens. He and his students preserve the seeds of these "heirloom" vegetable plants and grow them in a greenhouse. Through his efforts, we will be introduced to a myriad of varieties of tomatoes and peppers of all shapes, sizes, colors, and flavors. (not just those few you see in the usual greenhouse) He will open our eyes to other vegetables which can be grown from seeds we save ourselves. He will tell us about his heirloom plant sale which will be held at UWGB about a week after the banquet.

Once again, we will be holding a silent auction during the banquet. Everyone is encouraged to bring something to be sold. Any item you no longer use but which someone else might find interesting will do. In the past, members have brought decorative swords, binoculars, books, candle sticks, picture frames, and it all sold well. You may also wish to bring a home made item, such as breads, cakes, teas, maple syrup, bird houses, etc. The auction is a lot of fun and raises money for research, education & land preservation projects that protect our native species in Wisconsin.

Upcoming Field Trips

☐ **NEW Audubon Spring Fling at THE FARM** **Saturday, April 7 1:00 p.m.**

It's an afternoon full of learning and tasty treats. You'll see demonstrations of the science and art of making maple syrup and sugar, make and eat jack wax, and enjoy a snack of flapjacks and aebleskivers drenched in homemade maple syrup. You can also see an authentic sugar shack and maple syrup arch, a badger den, a maple-beech-hemlock climax forest, a Lake Algonquin shoreline, a prairie in April, wild turkeys, possibly see a pileated woodpecker (it's ideal habitat for pileated woodpeckers), and learn the history of America's most famous food item.

THE FARM is located four miles north of Sturgeon Bay on Hwy 57.

☐ **Garlic Mustard Pulling Party** **Saturday, April 28 9:00 a.m.**

Garlic mustard may be our biggest invasive plant threat to woodlands. Learn about the biology of the plant and join our plant pulling party on April 28 at Lost Dauphin State Park. We'll be done by noon.

Lost Dauphin State Park is located five miles south of De Pere on Lost Dauphin Road just before you get to Little Rapids. Look for cars in a small parking lot on the west side of the road. Dress for weather. Contact Paul Hartman at 391-4610 for more information.

Nicolet National Forest Bird Survey

For the last 14 years hardy birders have ventured north to spend a June weekend as a group getting up at the crack of dawn to scour the Nicolet Forest to survey the birds. This has been an enjoyable event for many and also provides valuable information about bird population trends in the Nicolet.

The 15th Nicolet National Bird Survey will be held June 8-10 in the southern half of the Nicolet Forest. Headquarters will be at the LeFeber Scout Camp on Hardwood Lake, near Wabeno. If you would like information about this event, contact Bob Howe (920-465-2272) or Mike Peczynski (715-479-2827)

Board Nominations

The following are nominees for the N.E.W. Audubon Society, Inc. Board of Directors for the June 2001 to May 2002 fiscal year.

Officers:	President	Dorothy Summers
	Secretary	Marty Gallagher
	Co-Treasurers	Joe & Marlene Spangler

General Board Members:

Terrie Howe	Kenn Kiesner	Charlie Frisk
John Jacobs	Randy Korb	Dennis Prusik
Carl Hujet	Carl Scholz	Gary Fewless

The vote will take place at our annual banquet on Wed., May 9. It is important to note that all the General Board Members listed above have agreed to help with the creation of the club's newsletter, programs, field trips and annual banquet by attending the required ~~Wed., June 20~~ production board meeting at 7 p.m. at the Wildlife Sanctuary.

Baird Creek Hikes

Local botanist and UWGB professor Gary Fewless will lead May's Baird Creek hike. Gary will point out the spring flowers and other flora. The hike will be Sunday, May 6 at 1:00 pm.. Starting point is Christa McAuliffe Park at 1 p.m. To get to the park take East Mason to Superior to Sitka. Dress for the weather and wear boots.

Baird Creek Parkway Public Hearings

Here's your chance to influence the future of Baird Creek Parkway. There will be three public hearings on the parkway in April. The first hearing will be Tuesday, April 24 at Baird School. The second will be Wednesday, April 25 at the Triangle Hill Park Shelter House. The third will be Thursday, April 26 at the Humbolt Town Hall. All the hearings will be from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.



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