

Audubon Log

September/October 2004

Northeastern Wisconsin Audubon Society, Inc.

MONARCH TAGGING

We are excited to offer six weekend days in August and September to catch and tag monarch butterflies that are migrating to Mexico. These events are in cooperation with Monarch Watch at the University of Kansas, area nature centers, and botanical gardens.

At five events last year, over 250 Audubon members and others, netted, tagged and released over 700 migrating monarchs. Seven of our tagged monarchs were recovered this winter in Mexico! Each of them flew over 1,800 miles to reach their mountain-top sanctuaries in central Mexico. This year's population is down a bit. For the second time in three years, January ice storms in Mexico killed half or more of the 100 million over-wintering monarchs. With our cool summer, numbers have recovered slowly.

Participants will gather at the locations and on the dates as noted above in *Upcoming Events*. After a brief orientation and tagging demonstration, we'll drive to rural fields to match wits with the monarchs. Audubon will

supply nets, tags and something to drink. We will be in the field one to two hours; stay as long as you wish.

These events are free for NEW Audubon members. Fees for non-members are \$5 per adult, \$3 per child. No pre-registration is required. Non-members may join Audubon the day of the event. Email us at newaudubon@aol.com or visit our website at www.newaudubon.org for more information.



2003 Taggers with Monarchs Found in Mexico

*Beth Barnstorff
Gloria Gaie
Ellie Grocholski
Ed Houston (2)
Tru Hubbard (2)*

*Photos by
Diane Schauer*



WOLVES AND WHOOPERS

You won't want to miss this one!

On Saturday, October 2nd we will have a rare opportunity to listen for wolves after dark in some of the most remote areas of Central Wisconsin.

Cindy Mueller, Audubon board member, wolf expert, and naturalist at High Cliff State Park, will lead our quest to hear wolves howl along the back roads near Necedah. Cindy has located and tracked wolves throughout Wisconsin for 15 years. She will howl to the local wolf packs in hopes that they will answer back. Though there are no guarantees that the wolves will feel like howling, just being out there in the dark of night where they live is an unforgettable experience. Hearing them howl will be the ultimate thrill!

We will travel together by coach to the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge, stopping en route for a presentation to hear about Cindy's experiences with wolves over the years and learn about wolf ecology. When we arrive at NNWR at

1:30 pm, Molly Mehl, refuge naturalist, will lead us on a guided tour of the refuge to see and experience whooping cranes and trumpeter swans.

Because this is a special field trip that is seldom offered to the public, and to help cover the transportation cost, we need to charge \$25 per Audubon member. The fee for non-members is \$40. Audubon will supply cold drinks and snacks, but participants are responsible for their lunch and dinner. Due to the long day and the need for quiet at each stop, this trip is not suited for young children. Pre-registration is required and space is limited to 36 people. Please register early, we expect the spaces to fill quickly. Audubon members will have until September 10 to pre-register, and then we will open the trip to non-members. For trip details and to pre-register, please email Randy Korb at newaudubon@aol.com or call 920.884.0466.



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*See his website at
www.wolfphotography.com*



New and Renewing Members

Thanks to all new chapter-recruited members who joined Audubon, and to the existing members who renewed through our local chapter, during the last quarter. Our chapter receives the full amount from National Audubon for all chapter-recruited new members. If existing members renew through us, rather than National, using the application in this newsletter, we receive about ten times the financial benefit. These donations are needed to offer field trips, send out newsletters, and support all of our chapter activities.

Chapter-recruited new members and renewing members for June–August, 2004:

New Members

Greg Barr	Wausau
Lisa Benoit	Oconto
Allen Brunner	Suamico
Lynette Everund	Green Bay
Alex Giese	Green Bay
Lisa & Corey Hansen	DePere
Karla & Scott Isable	Green Bay
Zachariah & Caleb Jeffreys	Green Bay
Greg Jossart	Green Bay
Sara Kasper	Green Bay
Erica King	Brookfield
Rick Korb	Van Dyne
Lon Ludeman	Oconto Falls
Timm Missbach	Green Bay
Gregg & Stephanie Schreiber	Green Bay
LuAnn Skarlupa	DePere
Scott Sprader	Suamico
Jim Turek	Green Bay
Mary Joy Watkins	DePere
Claire Weiser	Suamico
Paula Steffen	Mt. Calvary

Renewing Members

Dan Lauth	Green Bay
Patricia Warrick	Appleton
Carmella Blecha	Green Bay
Lisa Seiltz	Pulaski
Randy Korb	Green Bay
Carl Hujet	Green Bay

Upcoming Events

Saturday, August 28, 1 pm

Monarch Tagging

Green Bay Botanical Garden, 2600 Larsen Road
(West Mason Street, north on Packerland Drive, west on Larsen Road)

Saturday, September 4, Noon

Monarch Tagging Brillion Nature Center

In cooperation with Friends of Brillion Nature Center. From Brillion, go south on Highway PP, west on Deer View Road, continue through the salvage yard to the main parking lot by the building.

Sunday, September 5, 1 pm

Monarch Tagging Green Bay Botanical Garden

Thursday, September, 7 pm

Training Volunteers for Bird Handling*

Kim Kaster, Neville Public Museum, Green Bay

Sunday, September 12, 1 pm

Monarch Tagging Appleton

Memorial Park Arboretum 1313 E. Witzke Blvd.
Go south on Ballard Road exit off of Hwy 41, take Witzke Road to enter Memorial Park, go 1.5 miles to the Arb (on left).

Wednesday, September 15, 7 pm

Board Meeting Shorewood, High Cliff State Park Visitor Center; all general members encouraged to attend.

Saturday, September 18, 11 am

Monarch Tagging

Oshkosh Public Library, 106 Washington Ave.
In cooperation with Winnebago Audubon Society.

Sunday, September 19, 1 pm

Monarch Tagging Sturgeon Bay

Email newaudubon@aol.com or phone 920.884.0466 for details.

Saturday, October 2

Wolves and Whooping Cranes Field Trip

Necedah National Wildlife Refuge. See article for details.

Thursday, October 14, 7 pm

Owls of Wisconsin*

John Jacobs, Neville Public Museum, Green Bay

Thursday, November 11, 7 pm

Burrowing Owls*

Ryan Brady, Neville Public Museum, Green Bay

Thursday, December 9, 7 pm

Red-shouldered Hawk Nesting Biology

John Jacobs, Neville Public Museum

** Programs featuring live birds of prey*

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Hunters of the Sky Exhibit

Produced by the Science Museum of Minnesota, this traveling exhibit will remain at the Neville Museum through Jan 26, 2005. Hunters of the Sky is about the natural history of hawks, owls, eagles and vultures and their relationship to humans. This world-class exhibit has 20 hands-on educational components, excellent taxidermy mounts, graphics, photographs, dioramas and video kiosks. Even people who are not birders are impressed. Don't miss the remaining NEW Audubon-sponsored programs at the Museum. Most feature a live bird (See Upcoming Events). Audubon members can view the exhibit free on the evenings of these programs.

New Website

We are very fortunate to have Rita McArt as our new webmaster. Rita teaches media technology at West De Pere High, instructing students on computer design and websites. Visit our new website at www.newaudubon.org for our current information and links to National Audubon and other conservation organizations. Thanks to Dennis Prusik for serving as webmaster for the past year.

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