

Audubon Log

Northeastern Wisconsin Audubon Society, Inc.

WHAT'S ALL THE WOOF ABOUT WOLVES?

Most people will never see a wolf in the wild in their lifetime. But what happens when a wolf becomes an unlikely visitor to your back forty or your backyard? Wolf sightings in Northeastern Wisconsin have some residents concerned.

Join local naturalist, Cindy Mueller, a.k.a. Lady Timber Wolf Tracker, to learn about wolves, find out what makes them tick and what motivates them to travel outside of places we think they should live. Discover how to correctly identify a wolf by sight and by the tracks and traces it leaves behind.

Cindy has been involved with Wisconsin's Timber Wolf Recovery Program as a volunteer since the late 1980s. Her interest was firmly planted after participating in a successful "howling demonstration" led by a wolf biologist in 1987. At that time, there were only 20-30 wolves in the entire state. So hearing an entire wolf pack sing got her "hooked on wolves!" She now tracks and howls to wolves on her own in order to help provide information for annual state population surveys.

Northeastern Wisconsin Audubon Society Annual Banquet

*Eagle's Nest Supper Club
3261 Nicolet Drive, Green Bay
Wednesday, April 13, 2005
Social & Silent Auction Begins: 5:30 pm.
Dinner: 6:15 pm.
Business: 6:45 -7:15 pm.
Silent Auction Bid: 7:15-7:30 pm.
Program: 7:30-8:15 pm.
Speaker: Cindy Mueller
"What's All the Woof About Wolves"
Cost: \$15*

*Send registration to:
Terrie Howe
2479 Vagabond Street
Green Bay, WI 54302
by April 11, 2005*



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REGISTRATION FORM

N.E.W. Audubon Society Annual Banquet, Wednesday, April 13

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

All are welcome to attend. Please submit registration by April 11, 2005.
Tickets are \$15 per person. Enclosed please find \$_____ for _____ (#individuals).
Please make checks payable to NEW Audubon, and mail to:
Terrie Howe, 2479 Vagabond Street, Green Bay, WI 54302

Upcoming Events

For more information:

website – www.newaudubon.org

e-mail – newaudubon@aol.com

Bay Area Bird Club/Audubon Hotline:
920-391-3686

Late March-mid April

Northern Pike Spawning Lineville Road, west shore of Green Bay. Take Highway 41 north from Green Bay about 3 miles to the Lineville Road exit. Turn right or east. Cross J and continue straight on Lineville Road toward the Bay. The pike can be seen in the roadside ditches on warm, sunny days. Look for parked cars and people.

Saturday, April 9

Woodcock Nuptial Flights

UW-Green Bay campus, 7:30 pm. Enter the campus at the Nicolet entrance, drive about 200 yards & meet at the pull-off area by the information kiosk. Free. Bring binoculars, but we have extra.



Early April

Salamander Surveys Find salamanders in woodland breeding pools in Brown and other northeast Wisconsin counties. Weather dependent. Email newaudubon@aol.com to get on the notification list for field trip dates & details.

Monday, April 11

Baird Creek Foundation Banquet Green Bay

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April 15-May 5

Sturgeon Spawning Field Trips Shiocton & Shawano on Wolf River. Sturgeon begin spawning when water temperature is above 50 degrees F. Email newaudubon@aol.com to get on email notification list for our field trip details. Call Wisconsin DNR sturgeon hotline, 920-303-5444, starting April 15, for daily updates.

Saturday, April 23

6th Annual Baird Creek Clean Up Day
Green Bay

Saturday, April 23

Festival of Frogs: Art, Science and Storytelling

Brown County Central Library, 515 Pine Street, Green Bay. 10:30 am–3:30 pm. Features live frog exhibits and hands-on programs by N.E.W. Audubon; a six-foot walking storybook “Froggy”; artist Naomi Moes-Jenkins and her giant wall-climbing frogs; author/illustrator veterinarian Sarah Wolfe and her live red-eyed tree frogs; as well as stories of frog facts, fable and folktales from around the world. Call 920-448-4400 x381 for more details.



Frog Night Hikes* (May 7, 14, 21, 29 and June 11) start with a 30-minute indoor introduction to frogs & toads featuring live Wisconsin frogs. Kids may hold the frogs. Then we go outside to find and listen to calling male frogs. Bring a flashlight, but we have extra. Audubon member families free, non-members \$5 per adult, \$3 per child 17 & under. Non-members may join the night of the event.

Saturday, May 7

Frog Night Hike* Appleton. Meet at Memorial Park Arboretum Visitor Center, 8 pm. Take Highway 41 to the Ballard Road/County E exit. Go south on Ballard about one mile to the park entrance and turn right on Witzke Road. Go about 1/2 mile and entrance to parking lot & Visitor Center is on the left. No pre-registration. Members free.

Saturday, May 14

International Migratory Bird Day Mosquito Hill Nature Center, New London is coordinating a variety of area groups & bird events. Call Jessica at 920-779-6433 or go to Mosquito Hill Nature Center website for details.

Saturday, May 14

Frog Night Hike* Sturgeon Bay. Meet at Crossroads at Big Creek, Collins Learning Center, 8 pm. Crossroads is located on the east side of Sturgeon Bay with the main entrance on Michigan St., just east of the intersection of Michigan and Highway 42/57. No pre-registration required. Members free, non-members \$5 adults, \$3 children 17 & under.

Sunday, May 15

Northern Pike Field Trip Barkausen Waterfowl Preserve/West Shores Interpretive Center, Green Bay, 1–2:30 pm, in cooperation with Brown County Parks & WI DNR. After an introduction on the pike spawning phenomena, we'll go to an 8-acre spawning habitat created especially for northern pike and check live traps for 2 and 3 inch fingerling pike. Children can hold these little pike before returning them safely to water. Pre-registration not required. Members free, non-members \$5 adults, \$3 children 17 and under. Go north of Green Bay on Highway 41 to the Lineville Road exit. Turn right or east on Lineville Road to County J. Turn north or left on County J and go less than a half mile to the entrance sign on the right side.

Saturday, May 21

Frog Night Hike* Barkhausen Waterfowl Preserve/West Shore Interpretive Center, 8 pm. Pre-registration is required. Call Brown County Parks Dept. Call 920-448-4466 and press 0 to pre-register.

Sunday, May 29

Frog Night Hike* Gillett. Meet at Gillett Library, 200 E. Main Street, 7:30. Pre-registration not required. Free.

Saturday, June 4

Turtle Days-Citizen Science Barkhausen Waterfowl Preserve. 1–2:30 pm. See, hold and learn about Wisconsin's turtles in the Interpretive Center. This is the peak breeding season and we'll find nesting turtles outside. Then we'll remove other turtles from live traps to age, sex, measure, weigh and photograph each individual. Our information will help Barkhausen staff manage their turtle populations. Pre-registration not required. Members free, non-members \$5 adults, \$3 children 17 & under.

Saturday, June 11

Red-shouldered Hawk Nesting Biology and Banding Barth Education Center, NEW Zoo. Go to Zoo admissions office. 9 am–noon. John Jacobs will talk on nesting Red-shouldered hawks, a Wisconsin threatened species. Weather permitting* he will weigh, measure and band one or more nestling hawks. Participants can hold and have their photo taken with a young hawk. Then we will walk 1/2 mile

back to the nest where John will climb the tree and return the young to their nest. Bring/wear appropriate clothing-hiking boots or tennis shoes, hats, mosquito repellent or netting, binoculars, and cameras. Pre-registration is required. Email newaudubon@aol.com or call 920-884-0466 to pre-register. Free for Audubon & Zoo members. Non-members \$5 adults, \$3 children 17 and under.

**Rain or nest failure will prevent nestling hawks to be included in this program, but John will still give his talk at 9 am.*



Saturday, June 11

Froggin' After Dark High Cliff State Park,

Sherwood. 8–10 pm. This program is similar to our Frog Night Hikes. Free and open to the public. A vehicle admission pass is required; \$20 annual, \$5 daily. Call the High Cliff park office for more details, 920-989-1106.

Saturday, June 18

Purple Martin Banding High Cliff State Park, Sherwood, 10 am–4 pm. Weather permitting. Free. A vehicle admission pass is required: annual \$20, daily \$5. Park attendant will direct participants to banding site. Wisconsin DNR wildlife biologist Dick Nikolai will band nestling purple martins from this stable, healthy colony of 200 pairs along Lake Winnebago. Purple martin numbers have declined in the past 25 years according to the Wisconsin breeding bird census.

Photos:

- Woodcock photo ©Diane Porter 2005, used with permission. Visit her website at www.birdwatching.com.
- A young hawk and egg in the nest, photo by John Jacobs.
- An adult Red-shouldered hawk, photo by Dan Helgeson.

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Teaching Bird Conservation in Area Schools

The Wisconsin Bird Conservation Initiative (WBCI), NEW Audubon and the Green Bay Bird Club are partnering to bring bird education and conservation into local schools. WBCI is part of a larger national bird conservation effort that seeks to “keep common birds common” and “restore imperiled bird populations.”

An important WBCI goal is to recruit bird educators in all 72 counties to teach in state K-12 schools. WBCI is supplying kits, donated by Eagle Optics, to educators. Each kit contains 15 pairs of binoculars, a spotting scope, four bird field guides, and slides of common birds. NEW Audubon received one of the first kits at a recent bird conservation conference in Wisconsin Rapids. We will start our classroom instruction this spring, refine our program, and begin teaching in earnest in 2005-06. Experienced birders with the Bay Area Bird Club will help us by leading students and teachers on bird identification hikes near the school, an excellent follow up to the classroom instruction.



Baird Creek Parkway Preservation Foundation Annual Banquet

When: Monday, April 11

Where: Holiday Inn City Centre

200 Main St., Green Bay

Social: 5 pm. • Dinner: 6 pm.

Program: 7 pm.

Keynote Speaker: Roy Lukes

Cost: \$15.00 per Person

RSVP: Alison Frazier

2516 Pickard Circle, Green Bay, WI 54301

RSVP 920-432-2726 by April 8

The Baird Creek Preservation Foundation is pleased to announce that Roy Lukes—naturalist, educator, writer, and conservationist, will be our keynote speaker this year! After 20 years teaching in Wisconsin schools, he became resident naturalist (1976-1990) at the Ridges Sanctuary in Baileys Harbor. He has written five books and still writes his weekly nature columns for area newspapers as he has for the past 30 years.

Baird Creek Clean Up

Join in our sixth annual clean up on Saturday, April 23 from 8:30 until 11:30 am. Meet at Triangle Hill Shelter at Baird Creek. Wear boots and gloves. Please bring two or three garbage bags.