



# Audubon Log

Northeastern Wisconsin Audubon Society, Inc.  
September 2011

## Natural History Lectures

Lectures are held at the Neville Public Museum, 210 Museum Place, Green Bay, and co-sponsored with them. No admission charge. For more information call 920-448-4460.

## Audubon Monthly Gathering

Open to the public, programs followed by refreshments at Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary, Nature Center Estuary Room, 1660 East Shore Drive, Green Bay.

**Wednesday, September 21, 7:00pm. "Birder Certification"** by Nick Walton, UWGB graduate studying ornithology. He will speak about the new online Birder Certification, why it was created, how people can access it, and what to expect as you go through the process.

**Wednesday, October 19, 7:00pm. TBA.** We don't have details set yet for the next program. Plan to come to another interesting presentation. We will post details on our website as soon as available..

## Outdoor Hikes and Activities

All hikes start at Christa McAuliffe Park, a portal to the Baird Creek Parkway, located on Sitka St, east side of Green Bay. From there we walk into the Baird Creek Parkway. Hikes are kid friendly, free, open to public.

**Saturday September 17, 1:00pm. "Fish Hike"**  
Join Charlie Frisk and explore nature at Baird Creek Parkway. We will meet at Christa McAuliffe Park and walk from there.

## World Water Monitoring Day Sept. 18, 2011

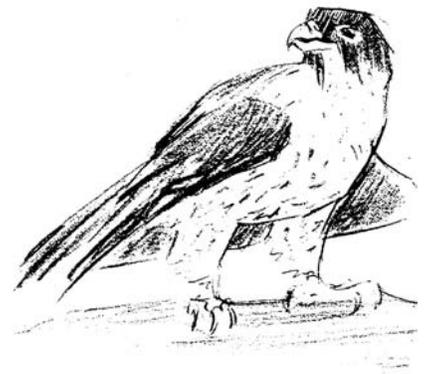
Our thanks to the students and teachers active in the Lower Fox River Watershed Monitoring Program, and to all citizens monitoring their favorite lake or stream.

YOU CAN PARTICIPATE TOO—CONTACT:  
Project WET, Amalia Baldwin (608) 264-8930;  
Citizen Lake Monitoring Network, Jennifer Filbert (608) 264-8533; Water Action Volunteers (608) 264-8948

**Wednesday September 14, 6:30pm. "Rails to Trails Bike Program"** by Matt Kriese. Brown County has over 35 miles of recreational trails that were once use as railroad lines and have since been converted to recreational corridors. We will be discussing why this changed and the benefits these trails have towards a healthier lifestyle.

**Wednesday October 12, 6:30pm. "Thousand Islands"** by Debra Nowak. 1000 Islands was one of the first places eagles were spotted during their comeback from the brink of extinction. Learn about the life cycle and history of the bald eagle, including the vital role that humans have played in both the fall and return of their populations in the Fox Valley.

**Wednesday November 9, 6:30pm. "Return of the Peregrine Falcon"** by Greg Septon. A richly illustrated presentation of the recovery efforts in Wisconsin since 1987 which will also cover urban nest site management, nesting chronology, overwintering and much more. We'll look at the re-occupation of historical cliff eyries along the Mississippi River and recovery efforts on the Door Peninsula as well as what the future may hold.



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## WBCI Annual Meeting

open to public

Sept. 29 – Oct. 1, 2011

Green Bay, WI

**Register soon!** You won't want to miss out on the latest in bird monitoring, bird science, and how to be a better birder! *All three days* (or any combination of two) can be had for **just \$50.00**. See the WBCI homepage

([www.wisconsinbirds.org](http://www.wisconsinbirds.org)) for full information and registration form. Workshops will be held at Comfort Suites and UW-Green Bay. Co-hosted by the Wisconsin Bird Conservation Initiative (WBCI), UW-Green Bay Cofrin Center for Biodiversity, Western Great Lakes Bird & Bat Observatory, and Wisconsin Society for Ornithology,

[Here's a peek at the highlights.](#)

Thursday, Sept. 29, 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Theme: Effective bird monitoring.

- \* *Evaluating Our Work: Moving beyond surveillance monitoring*
- \* *Moving Forward: How do we build quality programs?*
- \* *Evening Social.*

Friday, Sept. 30, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Theme: What's up with bird science in WI?

- \* *A full day of talks on Common Loons, Golden-winged Warblers, Spruce Grouse, and other active research projects in WI*
- \* *Great Lakes Offshore Waterbird Surveys*
- \* *Dinner – catered on-site*
- \* *Evening Program – Western Great Lakes*

Bird & Bat Observatory will host two events

Saturday, Oct. 1, 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Theme: Becoming a Better Birder and Citizen Scientist

- \* *Birder Certification and Online Training Tools*
- \* *eBird: How to use and Advanced skills by the Wisconsin eBird team*
- \* *Identification of Hawks in Flight*
- \* *Identification of Great Lakes Waterbirds*
- \* *Lunch – on your own.*
- \* *Optional Afternoon Birding Field Trip to Lake Michigan* (additional cost)

## Grosbeaks Galore!

*How to Create an Oasis for Migratory Birds On Your Property*

**Saturday, Oct. 8**

**9:00 am – 4:00 pm**

**Forest Beach Migratory Preserve**

4970 Country Club Beach Road, Belgium, Wisconsin (former Squires Golf Course north of Port Washington)

*This event, which is open to the public, costs **only \$5**, which includes lunch. To help them plan, you must preregister with Kim Grveles at Wisconsin DNR 608-264-8594 or [Kim.Grveles@Wisconsin.gov](mailto:Kim.Grveles@Wisconsin.gov). Please do so soon. This is not too far out of our area and very much worth it. If you want to carpool, write us at [newaudubon@live.com](mailto:newaudubon@live.com), or message our Facebook page.*

\*Keynote speaker Dr. Doug Tallamy, author of *Bringing Nature Home: SAVING THE ECOSYSTEM-SUSTAINING MATRIX OF INSECTS AND ANIMALS*

\*Kim Grveles: Stopover ecology: PROVIDING AN OASIS FOR BIRDS

\*Craig Thompson: Orioles to Ocelots: THE WINTER HOMES OF "OUR" BIRDS

\*Vicki Piaskowski: WHICH BIRDS TO EXPECT ON YOUR PROPERTY IN WI

\*Mariette Nowak: WISCONSIN PLANTS THAT BIRDS USE

\*Bill Mueller & Scott Diehl: ELIMINATE THREATS TO BIRDS

\*Dr. Noel Cutright: CONNECTING MIGRANT BIRDS WITH THE LANDSCAPE- Western Great Lakes Bird and Bat Observatory

In addition to these speakers, there will be activities both indoors and out, native plant vendors and restoration consultants, displays on the Bird City Wisconsin program, invasive plants and how to deal with them on your land, water features for birds, a bird-banding demonstration area, and guided walks around Forest Beach Migratory Preserve, which is being developed specifically for migratory songbirds. Sponsored by the Wisconsin Stopover Initiative.



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## 2011—International Year of the Forest

Trees remove more carbon dioxide from the atmosphere than any other plant or human effort. Research concludes that old, wild forests are far better than plantations of young trees at ridding the air of carbon dioxide, which is released when coal, oil and other fossil fuels are burned....In old forests, huge amounts of carbon taken from the air are locked away not only in the tree trunks and branches, but also deep in the soil, where the carbon can stay for many centuries, (Kevin R. Gurney, research scientist at Colorado State University).

Fuel value of common trees expressed in gallons of number 2 fuel oil per cord of wood	
Ironwood	150
White Oak	135
Hard Maple	126
White Ash	117
Birch	108
Poplar	75

“Oh, I don't object, of course, to cutting wood from necessity, but why destroy the forests? The woods of Russia are trembling under the blows of the axe. Millions of trees have perished. The homes of the wild animals and birds have been desolated; the rivers are shrinking, and many beautiful landscapes are gone forever. And why? Because men are too lazy and stupid to stoop down and pick up their fuel from the ground.” -Anton Chekhov (1860-1904), *Uncle Vanya*, 1897

### NEW Audubon Board

Board meetings are held 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays monthly at 5:30, followed by programs in winter. We meet at Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary, 1660 East Shore Drive, Green Bay or at the Brown County Library in summer. Contact a board member for more information.

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*My brother asked the birds to forgive him; that sounds senseless, but it is right; for all is like an ocean, all is flowing and blending; a touch in one place sets up movement at the other end of the earth.*

-Feodor Dostoyevsky (1821–1881)



### 2011 State of the Birds Report

The Department of the Interior's 2011 State of the Birds Report focuses on Birds on Public Lands. A copy is available at

<http://birds.audubon.org/state-birds> "This report is telling us that we must take action to protect the public lands our nation's birds depend on," said David Yarnold. "That means environmentally-sound siting for green energy-- and the discipline to wean ourselves off fossil fuel. That means adequate funding for the public agencies that preserve, restore and manage these lands for wildlife... " WBCI has their State of WI Birds Report, available at <http://www.wisconsinbirds.org/>, which lists ideas you can do to help birds. They found that in Wisconsin, approximately 6 million acres of lands, or less than 20% of the state, are owned and managed by public conservation agencies and partners; the vast majority of which consists of forest (80%) and open wetland (15%). While these habitats are incredibly productive, more large-scale grasslands restoration efforts are needed and public lands managed for rare birds that require special habitat conditions.