



Audubon Log

Northeastern Wisconsin Audubon Society, Inc.

April 2013

Outdoor Hikes and Activities

Annual Banquet

Clarion Hotel (former Holiday Inn)
200 Main St, Green Bay.

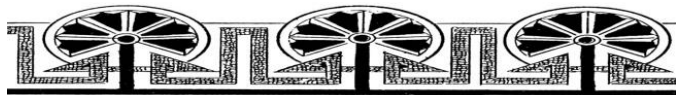
Thursday, May 9
RSVP by May 4

5:30 –Social
6:15 –Dinner
6:45 –Business and Board Elections
7:15 –Program
8:30 –Silent Auction results

Our annual banquet and program is open to all—members & non-members alike. [Registration on page 3.](#)

Silent Auction: Be prepared for delightful gifts—our silent auction returns this year. If you would like to donate items or assist with the auction, contact Marty at 499-1776.

Program: “Costa Rican Bird Connection” Joe Henry, Endangered Resources Ecologist for the WI DNR, will talk about the partnership between the WI Bird Conservation Initiative and Osa Conservation which protects wintering habitat for 54 species of “our” local neotropical migrants on the Osa Peninsula in Costa Rica. He will also highlight the wealth of biodiversity there.



Appleton Event

Tuesday, June 25, 6:00-7:30 pm. **“Going Full Circle: A 1,555-mile Walk Around the World’s Largest Lake”** Mike Link & Kate Crowley share the joys and the challenges of their journey as well as the knowledge they gained by walking close to the lake shore. Their first goal was to bring attention to, appreciation for and education about Lake Superior, the Great Lakes and fresh water. They also want to encourage others to exercise and to lead healthy lives, and show it is possible to accomplish your dreams at any age. Co-sponsored by NE WI Audubon. **Appleton Public Library**, 225 N Oneida St, 920-832-6392

Saturday, May 18, 9 am-12. “West Shore of the Bay Birding Trip” Randy Hoffman, WDNR Natural Areas Ecologist, will lead this spring migration field trip which will take place on a private property located on the Bay that has several different bird habitat types. Hoffman is the author of the well-known book, Wisconsin’s Natural Communities, and a primary contributor to the Important Bird Areas of Wisconsin book. As an avid bird conservationist, Randy, was the first person in Wisconsin to record sightings of more than 300 species of birds in one calendar year. Co-sponsored with NE WI Land Trust. Please RSVP by May 13th for details to newlt@newlt.org or (920) 738-7265.

Baird Creek Hikes: All hikes begin at 1pm, are led by a nature expert and 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

May 11, “Spring Wildflowers”. You’ll learn about “skunk cabbage”, marsh marigolds, and many other beautiful and fascinating wildflowers, some of which only show themselves in the Spring. Remember to bring your camera!

June 15, July 20, Aug. 17, Sept. 21. topicTBA

Saturday April 20th from 9:00 a.m. until noon. “Annual Baird Creek Clean up” Local environmental groups will have displays. We’ll assist with clean-up efforts, invasive species removal, trail improvement projects, and planting of native species. Participants will be grouped into teams based on their interest area. Light snacks and drinks will be provided. All are welcome to participate; children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Volunteers should dress for the weather and wear work gloves if desired. Meet at the **Triangle Hill Pavilion** (500 Beverly Road), Green Bay. If your group of ten or more will be helping, please let us know by sending an email to execdirector@bairdcreek.org.

Natural History Lectures

Wednesday July 10, 6:30-8:00pm. "Sturgeon Moon" This film, based on the book *People of the Sturgeon*, is a story of an aging fisherman in Wisconsin and his lifelong dedication to help save the sturgeon, a prehistoric fish on the brink of extinction. For the Menominee Indian Tribe, preservation of their cultural traditions is tied to this sacred fish. *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.*

Hummingbirds at Home

National Audubon is launching a new family-friendly program in which participants will log hummingbird sightings and the flowering plants or feeders they visit. The goal is to document the hummingbirds' journey, and better understand how changing flowering patterns and supplemental feeding by people relate to hummingbirds' migration and breeding success. Learn more at www.audubon.org/citizenscience



Youth Outreach

How is a hummingbird's bill like a soda straw? How is a warbler's bill like a tweezers or a grosbeak's like a pliers? Do you know of a scout, youth or school group that would be interested in being involved with a really fun bird activity? The NE WI Audubon Youth Outreach Coordinator, Steve Krings, is offering to lead an hour long, hands-on activity that engages children of all ages in learning about adaptations of bird bills for feeding on certain types of food. If you're interested, reach him at skrings@new.rr.com or 920-432-5756.

Here's what Elaine Sotka said about his recent visit to her Daisy Troop where he led a "Fill the Bill" activity: "The girls had an awesome time. I've overheard them asking their teachers "what makes a bird a bird?" You should hear the giggles when the teachers say wings and the girls say....NOOOOOOOO FEATHERS!!!!"

International Migratory Bird Day

May 11, Green Bay, WI

Celebrate International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD) The theme for 2013 focuses on life cycles—all aspects of a migratory birds' life, from nesting and migration to breeding and raising young. Most importantly, it addresses the need for conservation throughout the life cycle. Citizens who are enthusiastic about birds, informed about threats, and empowered to become involved in addressing those threats, can make a tremendous contribution to maintaining healthy bird populations.

Schedule of Bird hikes in Brown County:

- ❖ Baird Creek Preservation Foundation, Christie McAuliffe Park, – 6:00 am
- ❖ Barkhausen Waterfowl Preserve, Suamico – 7:30 am for families/beginners, 10-12 duck rescue demonstrations
- ❖ Izaak Walton League Osprey Pt, De Pere - 9:00 am. Osprey Nest Observation 9-12
- ❖ Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary, - 6:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 1:00 pm

Springs Wings at Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary

11:00 am – 3:00 pm. Events include:

- ❖ Bird House and Bird Feeder building
- ❖ Bluebird Restoration booth
- ❖ Green Bay Duck Hunters booth
- ❖ Bird City booth
- ❖ Birds of prey demonstration at 11:00 & 12:30
- ❖ NE WI Audubon information booth with kid-banding bird activity

For more information, please call the Wildlife Sanctuary at (920) 391-3671.



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Green Bay, WI 54305-0001

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Banquet and Annual Program

Registration
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RSVP by May 4

Name: _____ ST/F/V

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Dinners are \$16 each.

Please circle choice: ST=sirloin tips, F=fish,
V=Vegetarian

Total enclosed _____

Phone _____

Address (email optional) _____

Mail to: NE WI Audubon, PO Box 1,
Green Bay, WI 54305



NE WI Audubon Board

Board meetings are held 3rd Thursdays monthly at 5:30, followed, in winter, by programs. We meet at Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary, 1660 East Shore Drive, Green Bay. Contact a board member for more information.

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BIG BAY BIRDATHON CONTEST

Fri. May 10-Sat. May 11 4:00 pm – 4:00 pm

What is a Birdathon? ...a competitive and educational event for any level of birdwatching. Like a scavenger hunt, the Birdathon consists of finding and counting bird species. You will have 24 hours to travel Wisconsin with your team in search of birds.

How to Participate ...Participants begin at any location at 4pm Friday and end 4pm Saturday at Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary, 1660 East Shore Dr., Green Bay, where results and prizes will be awarded.

BIG BAY PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

6:00 am Sat. May 4 – 4:00 pm Sat. May 11

Photography Contest ...Get your cameras ready for the perfect bird photograph. You will have a full week to capture your bird photographs and make any edits. Final photos must be submitted by 11:59 pm on Sun. May 12 to Bigbayphotos @ gmail .com. Prizes and awards will be given for the best photos. Only bird photographs taken during the allotted time frame will be accepted. Cameras must be set to the correct time & date.

Registration is Required. See rules at <http://newiaudubon.org/Birdathon.html> or Email: adam0227 @ msn.com

Big Bay Registration

BirdathonTeam Name: _____
Captain: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
Address: _____
Team Members 1: _____
2. _____
3: _____
4: _____

Photography Registration

Name: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
Address: _____

____ Please enter me into the "Early Bird" drawing as my entry is in before April 27.

Total Number of Participants: _____

Total Due \$ _____
(\$10 per Participant / per contest):

Make Checks Payable To
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Or Register Online with Paypal
<http://www.baybeachwildlife.com/events/special-events/>