



# Audubon Log

Northeastern Wisconsin Audubon Society, Inc.

November 2014

## CBC = Christmas Bird Count

The CBC is your opportunity to contribute to birding research. You must sign up with a coordinator in order to have your results submitted to the database. You can join a group out in the field or observe at your own bird feeder. Each count has a specified 15 mile diameter area for their report. See a summary of last year's count at <http://birds.audubon.org/113th-cbc-wisconsin-regional-summary>

**Dec 27, 9:00 –11:30 am** Woodland Dunes in Two Rivers is holding a **CBC For Kids**. What a great way to teach our next generation of birders! They'll learn birding basics at a "binocular boot camp". For more info & registration 920-793-4007

**November 29 1:00 - 3:00 pm. "Backyard Birding"** at Ridges Sanctuary. Learn the basics of enjoying birds in your own backyard. Participants will be prepared with all of the skills that they will need to enjoy birding on their own time, as well as participating in events such as the Christmas Bird Count. Register: 920-839-2802

**\*Appleton Dec 14** Contact Darwin Tiede 920-997-9418

**\*Brussels, Dec 14.** Contact Wendy Lukes 920-746-7616.

**\*Dyckesville Dec 14.** Anyone wanting to join please call Ed Houston 920-339-3273.

**\*Ephraim/Ridges Sanctuary, Dec 14.** Contact Brian Forest 920-839-2802  
[Brian@ridgessanctuary.org](mailto:Brian@ridgessanctuary.org)

**\*Lakewood Dec 14.** Contact Kay Kavanagh 715-589-2299 [kkav2299@gmail.com](mailto:kkav2299@gmail.com)

**\*Washington Island. Dec 14.** Contact Sandy Petersen, [buboarcto2@gmail.com](mailto:buboarcto2@gmail.com)

**\*Shiocton/Mosquito Hill, Dec 19** Contact Steve Petznick 920-779-6433 several days in advance.

**\*Green Bay Dec 20** Contact John Jacobs 920-676-3309, emails must put "CBC" in subject line [jacobs\\_rs@yahoo.com](mailto:jacobs_rs@yahoo.com)

**\*Shawano. Dec 20** Contact Tim Ewing 715-758-6999 [nmc@navarino.org](mailto:nmc@navarino.org)

**\*Sturgeon Bay, Dec 20.** Contact Wendy Lukes 920-746-7616.

**\*Kewaunee Dec 27.** Contact Paul Schilke 920-639-6151 [paulschilke@gmail.com](mailto:paulschilke@gmail.com)

**\*Stockbridge/High Cliff, Jan 3, 2015.** Contact Terri Welisek 920-989-1880

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## Programs

Announcing the new Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary Nature Lecture Series. Since the Neville Museum has discontinued its natural history lecture series, the WLS has stepped in to fill the void. This series will be co-sponsored by both NE WI Audubon and the Bay Area Bird Club.

**Lectures held at 7:00 PM at the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary Nature Center,** Estuary Room, 1660 East Shore Drive, Green Bay.

**\*November 20, 2014** "Kirtland Warbler Restoration in Wisconsin" Kim Grevles, DNR

**\*January 15, 2015** "West Shore of the Bay of Green Bay" James Harbaugh, DNR

**\*February 19, 2015** "Wetland Birds and Amphibians: Great Lakes Monitoring" Erin E. G. Giese, UWGB, Team Coordinator for the Great Lakes Coastal Wetland Monitoring Program

**\*March 19, 2015** "Shorebirds" Tom Schultz

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## SAVE THE DATE

2015 WBCI Annual Meeting, March 19-21, 2015, Chippewa Falls. Theme: ***Making Our Private Lands Count for Birds.*** Field trips, workshops, & presentations on all types of habitats.  
<http://www.wisconsinbirds.org/annualmeeting-2015.htm>

## Field Guide to the Future: Nearly Half of North America's Birds at Risk from Global Warming

To understand the links between where birds live and the climatic conditions that support them, Audubon ornithologists analyzed 30 years of historical North American climate data and tens of thousands of historical bird records from the U.S. Geological Survey's North American Breeding Bird Survey and the **Audubon Christmas Bird Count**. Understanding those links then allowed scientists to project where birds are likely to be able to survive – and not survive – in the future.

Nearly half of the bird species in the continental U.S. and Canada are threatened by global warming. Here **in Wisconsin**, 314 bird species threatened by global warming include Golden-winged Warbler losing 100% of its summer range, Bohemian Waxwing and Evening Grosbeak losing most of their summer range and over half of their winter range.

“The greatest threat our birds face today is global warming,” said Audubon Chief Scientist Gary Langham, who led the investigation. “That’s our unequivocal conclusion after seven years of painstakingly careful and thorough research. Global warming threatens the basic fabric of life on which birds – and the rest of us – depend, and we have to act quickly and decisively to avoid catastrophe for them and us.”

The study also reveals areas that are likely to remain stable for birds even as climate changes, enabling Audubon to identify “stronghold” areas that birds will need to survive in the future. The result is a roadmap for bird conservation in coming decades under a warming climate. The study provides a key entry point for Audubon’s greater engagement on the urgent issue of global warming.

Andrea Alfano, in an [article](#) for Audubon, states “... while climate is critically important to the survival of a species, it’s far from the only important factor. In addition to the correct climate conditions, the birds still need everything else that creates the appropriate habitat, including the right food sources, proper trees for nesting, and safety from predators. If any element is missing, the bird likely won’t survive.”

Solutions will include personal choices to conserve energy and create backyard bird habitat, local action to create community climate action plans, state-based work to increase rooftop solar and energy efficiency, and our work in Important Bird Areas and other efforts to protect and expand bird habitats.

For more information, visit [www.audubon.org/Climate](http://www.audubon.org/Climate)

*Audubon’s new science sends a clear message about the serious dangers birds face in a warming world. Protecting them will require both redoubling conservation efforts to safeguard critical habitat and curbing greenhouse gas emissions. Below are a few important steps you can take right away:*

**\*Create a Bird-Friendly Yard.** Healthy birds will be better equipped to face the challenges of a warming world. Commit to creating safe spaces for birds in your home and community by using fewer pesticides, letting dead trees stand, installing bird baths, and converting lawns and gardens to native plants. School grounds, parks, vacant lots, and common areas can all be “bird-scaped,” too. Learn more at [athome.audubon.org](http://athome.audubon.org)

**\*Get Involved With Your Local Important Bird Area.** Protect the places birds need most today and in the future by pitching in with Audubon’s IBA program, which identifies and conserves areas that are vital to birds and biodiversity. You can help with IBA restoration, cleanup, citizen science, and field trips. **In our area**, from east to west we have Mink River Estuary at Newport State Park, Toft Point /Ridges Sanctuary area, Whitefish Dunes/Shivering Sands area, Lower Green Bay/Bay Beach WLS, West Shore of Green Bay, Lower Peshtigo River, Seagull Bar, and Waupee Lake.

**\*Put Birds on Your Community’s Agenda.** Begin a conversation with your neighbors, colleagues, and local leaders about why it’s important to you to protect your community’s birds. Share what you’re doing on behalf of birds. Reach more people by writing a letter to your newspaper, speaking at a community event, or visiting a local school.

**\*Meet With Local Decision Makers.** Share this science with state wildlife agencies, city parks departments, extension services, and other groups that manage our natural resources to illustrate how global warming imperils birds, and ask decision makers how they are planning to address global warming. For more information on how to help decision makers use and integrate Audubon’s science, email [climatescience@audubon.org](mailto:climatescience@audubon.org)

**\*Support Policies That Lower Emissions.** Urge leaders at the local, state, and national levels to enact policies that lower greenhouse gas emissions and support clean energy. Renewable portfolio standards, energy efficiency targets, and other proactive measures reduce emissions and will limit the effects of global warming on birds. Put these policies on your leaders’ agendas, and publicly support efforts to make them stick.

## 2015 Planning

We need your help to enliven birding in NE WI. Our nominating committee wants to expand our board to include more aspects of birding, increase field trip opportunities and teach younger people about birding, reconnect with birding research in our area, and work on protecting and maintaining the Important Bird Areas in NE WI.

Serving on the board can mean only a few hours a month, but is so important.

We'd like to do a series on each of the Important Bird Areas in our region, but need your article submissions!

Wonder where the nice bird pictures are in this issue? Submit your photo!

Think there should be more news of bird sightings on our facebook page? Post yours!

Wish we had more field trips or workshops? Work with us to get them set up!

Please contact us now to find out how your talents and experience can be of use.

Mike Reed, 920-391-3675 mikere @ greenbaywi.gov

Janet Smith, 920-468-6154

Juniper Sundance, sundj30 @ hotmail.com

or NE WI Audubon, PO Box 1, Green Bay, WI 54305

2014 Lights Out DC Birds by Sam Droege, used under [Creative Commons 2.0](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/2.0/) These birds died from window strikes in 2013

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## Visit Our Website

Check [www.NeWiAudubon.org/](http://www.NeWiAudubon.org/) for the latest information on field trips and events. Updates may take a couple of weeks, so for notification of events as soon as they are planned, send us your e-mail address and request to be put on our field trip mailing list.

**Website:** [www.NeWiAudubon.org](http://www.NeWiAudubon.org)

Email: birders @ NeWiAudubon.org

Facebook group: [NortheastWisconsinAudubon](https://www.facebook.com/NortheastWisconsinAudubon)

## Membership Form

Your chapter membership number and expiration are printed above your address, followed by your national membership number and expiration. If your membership is about to expire, please consider renewing now. If your expiration date is listed as 00/00 or is blank we have no record of payment.

Give a gift subscription or renew. Renewing your national Audubon membership through us keeps more of your funds in this local area.

Mail to: NE WI Audubon, PO Box 1  
Green Bay, WI 54305-0001

- Local NE WI Audubon chapter & National Audubon Society—dual membership \$35
- NE WI Audubon chapter (local only) \$25

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### PHENOLOGY

We had a request on our facebook page asking for a new source for phenology calendars now that the WI Land Fund is no longer printing them. We recommend the Aldo Leopold Foundation, which has Aldo & Nina's data from decades to inform you. <http://www.aldoleopold.org/Programs/phenology.shtml>

The WI Land Fund continues its work of providing grants for natural area conservancy. Without a fundraising calendar, donations are welcome. Checks can be written to "Wisconsin Land Fund" and sent to: Greater Green Bay Community Foundation, Inc., 310 W. Walnut, Suite 350, Green Bay, WI 54303-2734. Their mission is "For the benefit of Wisconsin's native birds, plants, and animals; for the benefit of water quality, the foundations of our human society; we annually award partial grants to those who will protect Wisconsin's declining natural areas. We emphasize placing wild land in to permanent wilderness trust, especially near water." See the list of past grants on our website: <http://newiaudubon.org/WLF.html>

### New Research

The Wood Thrush, which is estimated to lose 82% of its summer range and 46% of its winter range, is being studied by Forsyth Audubon in North Carolina in order to support the Wood Thrush throughout its life cycle. They are getting really creative about it—this year they're putting GPS trackers on the birds to gather the information they need to drive their conservation efforts.

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