



Audubon Log

Northeastern Wisconsin Audubon Society, Inc.

March 2016

Calendar / Events

Spring bird walks at the Wildlife Sanctuary.

April 23, 2016 6:30-9:00 AM

April 27, 2016 6:30 am – 9:00 am

April 30, 2016 6:30 am – 9:00 am

May 4, 2016 6:30 am – 9:00 am

May 7, 2016 6:30 am – 9:00 am

May 11, 2016 6:30 am – 9:00 am

May 14, 2016 6:30 am – 9:00 am

Finish time flexible.

Location: Lower parking lot near Director's residence, Green Bay.

Wednesday, March 30, 5:00 pm “Stitching the World Together for Migrating Birds”

Doug Tallamy, author & ecologist, will speak on the role birds play in ecosystem function, how we have fragmented the habitats that support our resident and migrant birds, and how we can reconnect viable habitats. At Riverside Ballroom, 1560 Main St, Green Bay Cash Bar/Reception/Silent Auction 5:00 p.m., Dinner 6:00 p.m., Program 7:00 p.m. Cost: \$20 per person; includes dinner & program. Register at <http://bairdcreek.org/> or mail to Baird Creek Preservation Foundation, P.O. Box 824, Green Bay, WI, 54305

April 1 – 3 “Atlas Season Two Kickoff Meeting”

To kick off the upcoming season of data collection for the WI Breeding Bird Atlas II, birders from around the state will gather April 1–3, 2016, at the Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center in Wausau for a weekend of all things Atlas: field trips, training for both first-timers and veterans, eBird workshop, tips from the experts, and more. Birders of all stripes are welcome! Registration \$35. Events, speakers, and full registration details can be found at <http://wsobirds.org/season-2-atlas-kickoff>

Saturday, April 16, 2016. Fox River Earth Day Hike

Start between 8:00 and 10:30. Finish by 1:30. Activities begin and end at the [Fox River Environmental Education Alliance \(FREEA\)](http://www.foxriverenvironmental.org/) Updates at <http://alanlawrence.net/RiverHike.html>

Saturday April 16 “Midwest Crane Count”.

Be a part of a county team to listen and look for Sandhill Cranes. No previous experience needed. Contact one of these county coordinators for more information about this volunteer opportunity:

Brian Forest 920-839-2802, Door.

brian@ridgessanctuary.org

Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary. 920-391-3671
Brown County (call for a site)

Amber Van Den Heuvel, 920-680-5523 Oconto
ocontocountycranecount@gmail.com

Jessica Miller 920-779-6433 Outagamie
Millerja@co.outagamie.wi.us

Patty Keuck 262-334-0619 Washington
pattycountingcranes@gmail.com

Tim and Colin Ewing 715-758-6999 Shawano
nnc@navarino.org

April 24, 2016 11:00 am – 3:00 pm Earth Day@WLS

Enjoy Earth Day at the Sanctuary! Activities for your family include: Critter Counter, Enrichment Table, Quill Thrills, Otter Odyssey, Fox Trots, Wolves of Wisconsin.

Battery drop off for recycling

Bird of Prey Tour 2:00 - 3:00

3:00 Animal Release

Saturdays May 7, 14, 21 at 6:30am. Ridges Sanctuary Discovery Bird Hikes.

Join fellow birding enthusiasts for a morning excursion into the woods, fields and waters around Baileys Harbor. All members of the group collaborate to identify the birds we see. Both beginners and experienced birders welcome. The May 14 hike will celebrate International Migratory Bird Day and focus on migrating waterfowl. Meet: at Ridges Cabins, 8288 Cty Q, Baileys Harbor. \$5 non-members.

Saturday, May 14, 2016 11-3. SpringsWings at Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary

Activities to celebrate birds! Birding walks, demonstrations, live birds, and more.

Celebrating Bird City and International Bird Migration Day. Multiple bird hikes at different locations and times.

On-going activities at the Nature Center: Birdhouse and birdfeeder making, Live birds of prey, Bird information booths

Saturday, May 14, 6:00 a.m. – Saturday, May 21, 4:00 p.m. *Big Bay Photography Contest*
Friday, May 20 4:00 pm-Saturday May 21, 4:00 pm *Big Bay Birdathon* Get your cameras ready for the perfect bird photograph. You will have a full week to capture your bird photos and make any edits.

Like a scavenger hunt, the Birdathon consists of finding and counting bird species. You will have 24 hours to travel anywhere throughout Wisconsin with your team in search of birds.

Please see rules for all requirements. Registration is required. For rules and registration, visit "Events" at:

www.baybeachwildlife.com or Email:

adam0227@msn.com The proceeds go toward bird conservation and education programs.

Saturdays May 21 & June 18 9:00am. *Ridges Sanctuary Not-So-Early Bird Hikes*. New to birdwatching? Join us on the mid-morning birding excursion into the woods, fields, and shorelines around Baileys Harbor. Bring binoculars if you have them or use those we supply. Meet: Ridges Cabins, 8288 Cty Q, Baileys Harbor. \$5 non-members

Wisconsin Young Birders Club

Hi everybody! My name is Ryan and I am a 16-year-old birder based in Madison, WI. Ever since my first pair of binoculars at age 7, I have loved birds! Nowadays, I like volunteering with the Madison Audubon and chasing rarities on the weekends. Recently, I have noticed how I am often the youngest birder by many years on these outings. However, I am confident there are other young enthusiasts out there! It is coming from this idea that I am creating the Wisconsin Young Birders Club (WYBC) in order to connect young bird-lovers and create a stronger community for tomorrow. I envision this club to be a non-profit, free, community-based field trip group in Wisconsin. All experience levels ages 10-18 are welcome.

More info can be found on our website <https://wisconsinyoungbirdersclub.wordpress.com> or our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/WisconsinYBC/>
With support from the National Young Birders Network, the WSO, the Madison Audubon Society and several prominent Wisconsin organizations, I am working hard to see my dream become reality. Please contact me at ryantraves@gmail.com or (608)770-6676 if you know someone or are someone who might be interested in meeting other young birders!

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

Christmas Bird Count Results

We have results from some local bird counts posted on our website. Here we print the summary for Green Bay by John Jacobs.

This year, with 69 species, had the highest number of species seen on our CBC. The previous high was 67 species in 2001. Total number seen was about average for the last 15 yrs.

The mild fall and December helped keep water open and birds-especially waterfowl in our area. Most of the fall and Dec. had daily highs 10-15 degrees above the average but count day was colder (14-24 degrees) and very bitter with a 15 mph west wind. We had a good number of people in the field but feeder counters were low. Fox River and moving water or large bodies of water were open. No snow on the ground.

Adam Sinkula/Tom Prestby/Nick Walton saw 44 species, Jim/ Bob Johnson/ Mike Gottfredsen saw 43 species, Bob Mead/Mike Rowe/Lee Bialkowski had 35, the rest of us had fewer but made significant sightings. Ed Houston became a snowbird so Jack Swelstad/Bob Scaife took over Ed's area.

Unusual sightings include: Gadwall, Widgeon, Greater Scaup, Bufflehead, Hooded Merganser, RN Pheasant, R Grouse, PB Grebe, Red-shouldered Hawk, Coot, Peregrine Falcon, GBB Gull, Snowy Owl, Kingfisher, RH Woodpecker, Flicker, GC Kinglet, Song Sparrow, RW Blackbird, Grackle, Cowbird, and Redpoll.

The CBC for 2016 will be held on Saturday Dec. 17. This is the first Saturday we can count. Mark your calendar now. Invite neighbors and friends to join you.

Banquet Registration

April 11, 2016

Regatta 220, Green Bay

Mail by April 7 to: Northeastern WI Audubon,
PO Box 1, Green Bay, WI 54305

Menu: Gorgonzola Steak Diablo Gnocchi,
Grilled Bruchetta Chicken, Cheese Tortellini.
Salad included. There will be an open bar.

Name: _____
Steak Chicken Tortellini

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Steak Chicken Tortellini

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Steak Chicken Tortellini

____ @ \$20 each = Total enclosed _____

Phone (email optional) _____

Address _____

Webmaster Needed

Our webmaster is retiring. We are looking for suggestions for a business resource which is reliable and preferably has an interest in the environment. We also need a volunteer to be the publicity intermediary, to funnel our calendar and news items to the webmaster or to our Facebook page.

Therapy Birders

We have had a request from Bellin Cancer Outpatient Clinic on Comanche Dr. for volunteers. They write "We have a beautiful garden area to the rear of our building that is visible from floor-to-ceiling windows in our chemotherapy infusion room. Recently, we have had several requests to liven up our garden space, specifically with bird feeders.

I'm seeking volunteers to come in to visit with our infusion patients and identify birds that come to our feeders. Bird seed donations would be appreciated.

If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please contact [Jennifer Renquin](mailto:Jennifer.Renquin@BEAM.org), BEAM Coordinator (920)430-4674



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.

New national Audubon memberships made through us return funds to this local area.

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

- Dual membership: Local NE WI Audubon chapter & National Audubon Society—\$35
- NE WI Audubon chapter \$25

Name _____

Street _____

City, State, Zip _____

E-mail _____

Telephone _____

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We are grateful to Carmella Blecha for her recent bequest. You also can support us through your will by making a bequest of any amount.

Restoring Bird Diversity in the Lower Green Bay

Two of our recent winter lectures focused on the Lower Green Bay and highlighted the interaction of cleanup, research, DNR efforts, and public support. Because Tom Prestby's research showed such a wonderful return of species diversity with even just the beginnings of the Cat Island Causeway, the DNR was able to justify placement of nesting platforms in the area to encourage some rarer birds to nest.

Now public support is needed. Please report any signs of breeding/nest building or fledgling terns, all species, to the DNR ([Josh Martinez](mailto:Josh.Martinez@dnr.wisconsin.gov), 662-5139). Respect access and distance limits which are posted on the causeway and in the water. Approaching too close to nesting birds causes them to leave their nests to warn away humans, exposing the eggs and young to gull attacks—and the gulls have been preying on the nests.

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NE WI Audubon Annual Meeting

Program: Bob Howe

Banquet: Regatta 220

465 Marina Lane, Green Bay

Formerly called Fratello's, Regatta 220 is located off of South Broadway north of Hwy 172. See centerfold for registration form.

RSVP by April 7—walk-in participants will be served to the best of our ability. Our annual banquet and program is open to all—members and non-members alike.

- 5:30 – Cash Bar Social Hour
- 6:15 – Dinner
- 6:45 – Business and Audubon Board Elections
- 7:15 – Program: “Birds and Research on the Bay” by Dr. Bob Howe
- 8:30 – Silent Auction results

Program: Birds and Research on the Bay

Bob Howe will speak on the Lower Green Bay/Fox River Fish and Wildlife Habitat and Population Assessment Project. The project compiles information and field studies regarding the lower Green Bay/Fox River ecosystem to assist in formulating appropriate measures, restoration projects and management actions to improve fish and wildlife populations and habitats in the Lower Green Bay/Fox River Area.

Dr. Howe is the director of the Cofrin Center for Biodiversity at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.

Silent Auction: The proceeds from the NEW Audubon Silent Auction this year are going to help support the Lower Fox River Watershed Monitoring Program. The LFRWMP, ongoing for 12 years, has introduced hundreds of high school students to stream monitoring techniques and has a database on most of the tributaries of the Lower Fox River.. Students in the program monitor water chemistry, macro-invertebrates, amphibians and birds.