



Audubon Log

Northeastern Wisconsin Audubon Society, Inc.

March 2017

Calendar / Events

Midwest Crane Count Saturday April 8

Be a part of a team to listen and look for Sandhill Cranes! No previous experience needed. Contact the event coordinator for more information about this volunteer opportunity: MikeRe@greenbaywi.gov.

Earth Day Celebration Sunday April 23, 11:00am-3:00pm @ Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary

Enjoy Earth Day at the Sanctuary! Activities for your family include: Critter Counter, Used Battery Drop-off, Animal Release, Otter Odyssey, Quill Thrills, Fox Trots, Wolf viewing, Question and Answer, Bird of Prey Tour, and more! No fee or registration. For more information visit <http://www.baybeachwildlife.com/events/special-events>

*****NEW Audubon Annual Banquet with Guest Speaker Dr. Benjamin Zuckerberg*** Friday April 28, 5:30pm @ Swan Club 875 Heritage Rd, De Pere, WI 54115**

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Benjamin Zuckerberg as the guest speaker for our Spring Banquet. Dr. Zuckerberg is a distinguished researcher and professor at UW-Madison, with a research emphasis in climate change ecology. Before arriving at UW-Madison, he conducted research at the renowned Cornell Lab of Ornithology. His research focuses on the impact of climate change on natural systems, including birds and their habitats. These studies range from a specific biological level to a broad landscape level. This research is extremely important for managing species in complex and changing ecosystems. Dr. Zuckerberg has published over 50 studies, and his research has been featured in publications by NASA, Smithsonian Magazine, National Wildlife Federation, National Science Foundation, and the Big Ten Network.

Please join us for this special and timely presentation! Cash Bar Social/Silent Auction 5:30pm, Dinner 6:15pm, Program 7:00pm. Cost: \$20 per person; includes dinner & program. Please RSVP by April 24; night-of registration O.K. See registration form on back. For more information about the annual banquet, email us at birders@NeWiAudubon.org.

Spring's Wings Migratory Bird Festival Saturday May 13 @ Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary

Activities to celebrate birds! Birding walks, demonstrations, live birds, and more. No fee or registration.

For more information contact MikeRe@greenbaywi.gov.

Big Bay Birdathon Friday May 20, 4:00pm-Saturday May 21, 4:00pm and Big Bay Photography Contest Saturday May 14, 6:00am-Saturday May 21, 4:00pm

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. The proceeds go toward bird conservation and education programs. For rules and registration, visit "Events" at www.baybeachwildlife.com or send an email to adam0227@msn.com.

Wisconsin Breeding Bird Atlas II Adopt-a-block Program

With the warmer temperatures and increasing daylight comes the breeding season! Some species are already breeding, and many more will begin very soon. Please document breeding activity that you observe to the Wisconsin Breeding Bird Atlas II (WBBA II), which is in its third year

of the five-year project. One of the ways NEWI Audubon Society will be helping is by “adopting” two priority blocks as part of the “Adopt a-block” program. We are responsible for gathering data for the Pensaukee CE block in southern Oconto County and the Namur CE block in southern Door County (check out these two blocks using the “Block Request Tool” online: <http://wiatri.net/projects/WBBA/WBBAmapping.cfm>). To help, simply go birding in either of these blocks and enter your data at www.ebird.org/atlaswi. The blocks have a variety of quality habitat and both are less than a half hour drive from Green Bay. Stay tuned for NEWI Audubon Society field trips to these blocks, though you are also encouraged to visit them and enter data on your own or in small groups. **If you have any other questions about the WBBA II, please see the website at www.wsobirds.org/atlas or contact Training and Support Coordinator Tom Prestby (prestbyt@uwgb.edu) or Brown and Shawano County Coordinator Erin Giese (giese@uwgb.edu).**

Recaps

Winter 2016/2017 Rarity Roundup

The winter season started with excitement when a juvenile Black-legged Kittiwake was found at the mouth of the Fox River in Green Bay. Better yet, it lingered and yielded fantastic views to most birders for about a week. Although it was not an irruption year, Snowy Owls were found in typical locations east of Green Bay and near Freedom. A Eurasian Tree-Sparrow was an unusual find on the Kewaunee CBC but has been difficult to relocate. Kewaunee hosted a female Harlequin Duck all winter as well as a White-winged Scoter and occasional Ross's, Snow, and Greater White-fronted Geese. These three species of geese are being sighted in the area in higher than normal numbers in late winter and early spring, especially just south and west of Green Bay. Another female Harlequin Duck spent the winter between Kaukauna and Oshkosh. Bohemian Waxwings were seen in modest numbers in the Green Bay area but only briefly, and it was a poor winter overall for winter finches. Hopefully the spring will bring some more rarity excitement!

Banquet Registration

April 28, 2017

Swan Club, De Pere

Mail by April 24 to: Northeastern WI Audubon,
PO Box 1, Green Bay, WI 54305

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Phone (email optional) _____

Address _____

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

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NE WI Audubon Board

Board meetings are held during fall and winter on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:00pm, followed 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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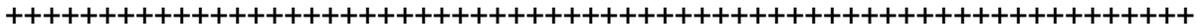
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NE WI Audubon Annual Meeting

Program: Dr. Benjamin Zuckerberg

Banquet: Swan Club

875 Heritage Rd, De Pere, WI

RSVP by April 24—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/Silent Auction
- 6:15 – Dinner
- 6:45 – Business and Audubon Board Elections
- 7:15 – Program
- 8:30 – Silent Auction results

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