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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

By Craig Kruse

After weather in the mid-sixties, it's suddenly cold again. I'm trying to get my fingers to thaw so I can type this article. As I write this, the Woodcock Walk is five days away. Knowing I was going to miss the event, Nick, Olivia and I ignored the weather tonight and walked out to the far edge of the woods at White Water Canyon to try to find ourselves a new bird for the year. The three of us huddled together against the cold - must have been a sight for those little birds. They took pity on us and performed quite a show. Two of them buzzed by our heads and another took to the sky climbing higher than I could see before spiraling back down to

the ground. It was worth standing in the cold for a little while, and if you made it the Woodcock Walk, you know what I mean.

Another event that happened in the past month is the Duck Waddle. We had quite a turn out in birds and in people observing our feathered friends with us. We had about thirty people make it to Green Island for the Waddle this year, and we observed fifty-four species. Some of the highlights were thirteen different species of ducks, a Golden Eagle, an Iceland Gull and sixty-two Sandhill Cranes!!!!



The Sandhill Cranes were quite a sight. Audubon events are always a good time. It's fun to get out

and see new things and to be able to spend some time with people that you may not get to see very often.



Speaking of getting together our next, Audubon meeting is on **April 9<sup>th</sup>** and Tom Shelkie will be talking to us about photography. On the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, we





# Species Seen on This Year's Duck Waddle

At Green Island (Jackson County):

- 1. Trumpeter Swan
- 2. Swamp Sparrow
- 3. Canada Goose
- 4. Red-winged Blackbird
- 5. Bald Eagle
- 6. Ring-necked Duck
- 7. Mallard
- 8. (62) Sandhill Cranes!!!!!!



SANDHILL CRANE

- 9. Northern Shoveler
- 10. American Wigeon
- 11. Northern Cardinal
- 12. American Robin
- 13. Greater White-fronted Goose
- 14. Ring-billed Gull



RING-BILLED GULL

- 15. Gadwall
- 16. Northern Pintail
- 17. Green-winged Teal
- 18. Common Grackle
- 19. American White Pelican
- 20. Killdeer
- 21. Great Blue Heron
- 22. Rusty Blackbird
- 23. Hooded Merganser
- 24. Bufflehead
- 25. Cackling Goose
- 26. Black-capped Chickadee

27. Wood Duck



HOODED MERGANSER

- 28. Tree Swallow
- 29. Herring Gull
- 30. Redhead
- 31. Hairy Woodpecker
- 32. Red-bellied Woodpecker
- 33. Rough-legged Hawk
- 34. Lesser Scaup
- 35. Ruddy Duck
- 36. Ring-necked Pheasant
- 37. American Coot
- 38. Belted Kingfisher



BELTED KINGFISHER

- 39. Northern Flicker
  - 40. Eastern Meadowlark
  - 41. Snow Goose
  - 42. Common Merganser
- South Sabula Lake (Jackson County):

- 43. Iceland Gull
  - 44. Double-crested Cormorant
  - 45. Golden Eagle
  - 46. Black-legged Kittiwake
- On the Road Home (to Dubuque county):
- 47. Peregrine Falcon
  - 48. Red-tailed Hawk
  - 49. European Starling
  - 50. American Kestrel
  - 51. Turkey Vulture
  - 52. Horned Lark



# DUBUQUE AUDUBON SOCIETY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April, 2015

|                         |   |  |
|-------------------------|---|--|
| Apr. 9 – Thurs          | DUB. AUDUBON PROGRAM                                    | EB Lyons Interpretive Center, 8991 Bellevue Hts, Dubuque, IA<br>5:30 pm – Dubuque Audubon Society Board Meeting<br>7:00 pm – Tom Shelkie will talk about photography   |
| Apr. 11-12, Sat. – Sun. | FIELD TRIP TO CHICAGO’S FIELD MUSEUM AND MONK PARAKEETS | Visit the Field Museum of Natural History on Saturday. On Sunday, join the field trip to hunt for Monk Parakeets. Monk parakeets are medium-sized birds in the parrot family. They originate in South America but have become established in urban areas around the world, most likely due to escape or release from pet owners. In Chicago, they were first observed in the Hyde Park neighborhood in the 1960s and have subsequently spread to surrounding areas. Contact President Craig Kruse for specific information (563-582-0328). |
| Apr. 24-25, Fri.- Sat,  | BIOBLITZ  | Prairie Creek Recreation Area, Maquoketa. Join us in this 24-hr event where we will survey and inventory as many plant and animal species as possible at the park. Participant sign-up required by Monday, April 13 at 4:00 pm. Call 563.652.3783.   |
| Apr. 29 – Wed.          | Spring Wildflower and Turtle Telemetry Trip             | 8:00am – 3:30pm. At 8:00am participants can meet at location of their choice; Locust Hy Vee, Hurstville Interpretive Center, or Mississippi Palisades State Park. We will do a spring wildflower hike at Mississippi Palisades in Savanna, IL, then do a picnic lunch at Ingersoll Learning Center, and finally explore ornate box turtle telemetry at Thomson Prairie in Thomson, IL. Call 563.556.6745 to register for this program.   |

[Spring is here!](#)

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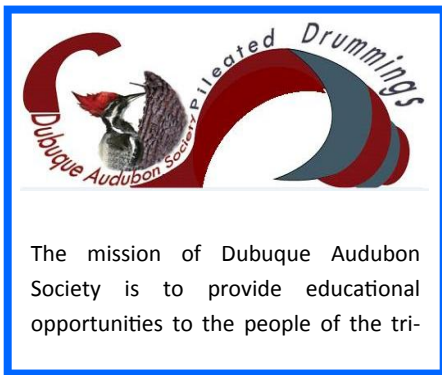
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\_\_\_\_\_ Local Chapter Dues \$10.00

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