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The President's Corner

by Joe Tollari

As summer approaches, we will take a break from our usual activities. Our regular monthly meetings are suspended until September, but that is not going to stop us from bird watching. We have one organized bird hike. On Saturday, June 8, we will meet at 8:00 a.m. in the parking lot of E. B. Lyons Interpretive Center to carpool or car caravan to the newly acquired addition to the White Water Canyon Preserve. Brian Preston, Executive Director of the Dubuque County Conservation Board, will lead the tour of the Valentine property. We will be looking for grassland birds especially Bobolinks and Grasshopper Sparrows. Should be a fun morning. But birding takes place all summer. Some people keep their feeders going year-round and enjoy the birds that come to their feeders. Two birding hot spots are the John Deere Marsh and Green Island Conservation Area. You would probably find the greatest diversity of birds in these two areas. Mines of Spain and Swiss Valley Nature Preserve have both woodland and grassland habitats and offer great birding, along with White Water Canyon Preserve. Or, perhaps, you want to sit in the shade of the screened porch at the Dubuque Arboretum and watch the hummingbirds jostling for position at

the feeders. There are always opportunities to watch birds. We will also participate in the North American Butterfly Association's Fourth of July Butterfly Count. This year the count will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 13, 2019, at both E. B. Lyons Interpretive Center and Swiss Valley Nature Center. This is another fun, outdoor activity for families. We will resume our regular monthly meetings in September. See you at the potluck on Thursday, September 12th.

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If you have questions or comments, please contact us!

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**SPRING SPECIES COUNT 2019**

The delayed spring and high water levels made for an interesting spring migration. The total count (142 species) was not much different from previous years nor was the list of species observed. There were not as many shore birds as usual, but then with the high water, there wasn't much shore! What was unusual was the number of birds of a species we saw. For example, if we see a flock of 15 to 20 Black Terns, then we are having a good day. This year, there were hundreds in one flock. We might see 4 or 5 Eastern Kingbirds in a day. This year, we saw groups of 10 to 15. But the most surprising were the Scarlet Tanagers. Normally, we are lucky to see one tanager in the top of a tree. This year, they were all over in large numbers at feeders, working the bottom of a chain link fence, at the water's edge. These are not places where we normally see Scarlet Tanagers. It was memorable day. Here is a list of the species observed.

Canada Goose	Lesser Yellowlegs	Cliff Swallow	Chestnut-sided Warbler
Trumpeter Swan	Hudsonian Godwit	Barn Swallow	Palm Warbler
Wood Duck	American Woodcock	Black-capped Chickadee	Pine Warbler
Gadwall	Bonaparte's Gull	Tufted Titmouse	Yellow-rumped Warbler
American Wigeon	Ring-billed Gull	Red-breasted Nuthatch	Yellow-throated Warbler
Mallard	Caspian Tern	White-breasted Nuthatch	Wilson's Warbler
Blue-winged Teal	Black Tern	House Wren	Eastern Towhee
Northern Shoveler	Common Tern	Carolina Wren	Chipping Sparrow
Green-winged Teal	Forster's Tern	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Field Sparrow
Lesser Scaup	Rock Pigeon	Eastern Bluebird	Savannah Sparrow
Hooded Merganser	Eurasian Collared-Dove	Veery	Henslow's Sparrow
Red-breasted Merganser	Mourning Dove	Swainson's Thrush	Song Sparrow
Ring-necked Pheasant	Barred Owl	Wood Thrush	Lincoln's Sparrow
Wild Turkey	Common Nighthawk	American Robin	Swamp Sparrow
Pied-billed Grebe	Chimney Swift	Gray Catbird	White-throated Sparrow
Eared Grebe	Belted Kingfisher	Brown Thrasher	White-crowned Sparrow
Double-crested Cormorant	Red-headed Woodpecker	European Starling	Scarlet Tanager
American White Pelican	Red-bellied Woodpecker	Ovenbird	Northern Cardinal
Great Blue Heron	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Louisiana Waterthrush	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Great Egret	Downy Woodpecker	Northern Waterthrush	Indigo Bunting
Cattle Egret	Hairy Woodpecker	Golden-winged Warbler	Bobolink
Green Heron	Northern Flicker	Blue-winged Warbler	Red-winged Blackbird
Black-crowned Night-Heron	Pileated Woodpecker	Black-and-white Warbler	Eastern Meadowlark
Turkey Vulture	American Kestrel	Prothonotary Warbler	Yellow-headed Blackbird
Bald Eagle	Least Flycatcher	Tennessee Warbler	Common Grackle
Cooper's Hawk	Eastern Phoebe	Orange-crowned Warbler	Brown-headed Cowbird
Red-tailed Hawk	Great Crested Flycatcher	Nashville Warbler	Orchard Oriole
Virginia Rail	Eastern Kingbird	Common Yellowthroat	Baltimore Oriole
Sora	Yellow-throated Vireo	American Redstart	House Finch
Common Gallinule	Warbling Vireo	Northern Parula	Purple Finch
American Coot	Blue Jay	Magnolia Warbler	Pine Siskin
Sandhill Crane	American Crow	Bay-breasted Warbler	American Goldfinch
Killdeer	Horned Lark	Blackburnian Warbler	House Sparrow
Spotted Sandpiper	Purple Martin	Yellow Warbler	
Solitary Sandpiper	Tree Swallow		
Greater Yellowlegs	Bank Swallow	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	
		Black-throated Green Warbler	



DUBUQUE AUDUBON SOCIETY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUMMER...2019



<p>SATURDAY June 8th</p>	<p>Field Trip!</p>	<p>8:00 AM to noon. EB Lyons Interpretive Center, 8991 Bellevue Hts, Dubuque. We will carpool for a trip to the newly acquired Valentine property (near Zwingle/Bernard) to view Bobolinks and Grasshopper Sparrows, led by Brian Preston.</p>
<p>MONDAYS June 10th - August 26th</p>	<p>Iowa Master Naturalist</p>	<p>Iowa Master Naturalists (IMN) program will be held at Swiss Valley Nature Center, 13606 Swiss Valley Rd. Classes meet Monday evenings from 6:00-9:00 PM from June 10 - Aug 26. The mission of this 12-week course is to educate a corps of adult volunteers about Iowa's environment and natural history, thus empowering these volunteers to promote appreciation and stewardship of the natural world in their own communities. The classes and field trips are lead by local experts. For more information about IMN and to register, go to http://www.iowamasternaturalists.org.</p>
<p>SATURDAY June 22nd</p>	<p>Wildflower Walk</p>	<p>1:00 PM. Hurstville Interpretive Center, 18670 63rd Street, Maquoketa. Enjoy a walk through the reconstructed prairie while learning about native wildflowers and how to identify what's blooming. Information will be provided about establishing native wildflowers on your land or in your yard.</p>
<p>SATURDAY July 13th</p>	<p>4th of July Butterfly Count</p>	<p>10:00 AM. E.B. Lyons Interpretive Center, 8991 Bellevue Hts, OR Swiss Valley Nature Center, 13606 Swiss Valley Rd. This is great family fun. Join Audubon for a fun hike filled with excitement! We will be conducting citizen science to catch, identify and release butterflies. Nets will be provided. Bring water, hat, and sunscreen.</p>
<p>SUNDAY July 14th</p>	<p>Glaciers, Waterfalls and Geysers</p>	<p>3:00 PM. Hurstville Interpretive Center, 18670 63rd Street, Maquoketa. Enjoy this armchair adventure with Jim England and Pam Bahr as they take us on a delightful trip around Iceland!</p>
<p>THURSDAY August 8th</p>	<p>Dubuque Audubon Board Retreat</p>	<p>5:00 PM. Board members will meet at Maggie's. Bring a dish to share.</p>
<p>THURSDAY Sept. 12th</p>	 <p>Potluck</p>	<p>MARK YOUR CALENDARS; Check the September newsletter for details!</p>

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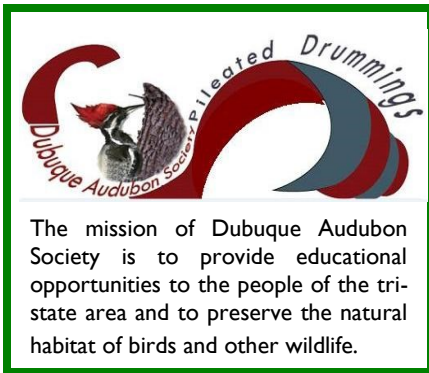
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LOCAL MEMBERSHIP: This category of membership is local chapter only. You will receive 9 issues of the local chapter newsletter, *Pileated Drummings*. All funds will remain with the local chapter. Membership year is from July to June.

_____ Local Chapter Dues = \$10.00

NATIONAL & LOCAL MEMBERSHIP: If you wish to become a member of both local and national:

Go to Audubon.org ➡ Click on "JOIN" then "Become a member"

The membership in National is \$20 per year. Any amount you give above that is considered a donation. The National membership automatically gives you membership in the local group in addition to the award winning Audubon Magazine. It is a good idea to note the month you joined so you will not be confused by multiple early reminders.

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