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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

The President's Corner  
by Craig Kruse



Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> found me sitting in the dark at the Julien Dubuque Monument at 5:30 a.m. That's

the time we start Dubuque Audubon's "Big Sit," an event we have every September where we bird in one spot from sunrise until sunset. This is an easy birding event. A viewer doesn't have to move much at all. As a matter of fact, I spent a fair amount of time perched in my lawn chair with my binoculars and a cooler full of Dr. Pepper next to me.

The Big Sit is one of our bigger events.



People come and go all day. We talked to eighty-three people who stopped by the monument while we were there. We saw sixty-nine species of birds throughout the day; fifteen species were warblers. We spotted all three of the falcons known

to be here. Eagles, flycatchers, gnatcatchers, wrens, and a few others were the remaining species seen. You couldn't ask for a better mix of birds. If you haven't attended a Big Sit yet, then look for us at the monument next September. It's a lot of relaxing fun.



Photo by Craig Kruse

This article should be reaching you about the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of October and Fall Migration should just about be getting to its

last stages with the [waterfowl migration](#). Pretty soon you should be able to look onto the river and see all sorts of ducks in a variety of colors. Canvasbacks, Goldeneyes and mergansers will be hanging out in the channel while shovelers, Gadwalls and lots of other "dabblers" will be tipping on-end to look for food in the backwaters. One of my favorite places in Dubuque-land to observe waterfowl is, of course, John Deere Marsh. There is a lot to observe in the backwater habitat, and within a short walk, there's more in the middle of the channel. October is a great month to get outside, so you should check it out.

Our next Dubuque Audubon Meeting is Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m., and it will feature Bill Johnson talking about (cont'd on pg 2)





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his bee farming. Bill will speak about his experiences with beekeeping and the current threats to these amazing pollinators. He is an energetic, passionate, and knowledgeable speaker. With the decline in honey bee populations and the general threat to pollinators, this topic is an important one for our future. I hope to see you there, and until then I'll see you in the field.

**OCTOBER PROGRAM:**

**BEEKEEPING WITH BILL JOHNSON**

Bill is very involved in promoting beekeeping in our region. He is active with the [American Beekeeping Association](#) and has been on the board of the [Iowa Honey Producers Association](#) for fifteen years. He teaches a six-week beekeeping course at [NICC](#) every January and also works with the Iowa Honey Queen.

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**Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation Program Conservation Foundation**

[The Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation](#) (JDCF) is hosting a potluck and program,

**“Insects and Our Food: Pests to Protein,”**  
on **Wednesday, October 5,**  
at **Woodbine Bend restaurant**, on the Woodbine Bend Golf Course, just south of the town of Woodbine, Illinois.

Going back to the plagues of ancient times, insects have threatened our food. In today's gardens and fields, the state-of-the-art method of control is called Integrated Pest Management. Which bugs are really a threat? And when and how should we control them? Our experts will tell you. ... And what about the food value of insects themselves? We all know they are eaten by other cultures. Why not here? We'll learn about the environmental and nutritional benefits of entomophagy (humans eating insects) from a passionate proponent. And for the adventuresome, specially prepared insect dishes will be on hand to sample. If attending the potluck at 5:30 p.m., please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Wine, beer and other beverages will be available for purchase. This is not a BYOB event. The presentation will begin at 7 p.m. for those wishing to attend just the program.

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# DUBUQUE AUDUBON SOCIETY CALENDAR OF EVENTS



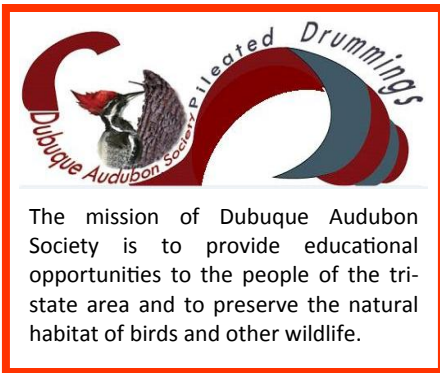
October 1st SATURDAY	DUBUQUE AUDUBON SOCIETY HAWK WATCH	10:00 am. Meet at the Balltown Ridge overlook in Balltown, IA. Bring binoculars, a hat, sunscreen, and water. This is your chance to see locally rare hawks like the red-shouldered and broad-winged as they pass through our area on their annual fall migration. Audubon Society members will help identify birds and provide insight about hawk habits.
October 13th THURSDAY	DUBUQUE AUDUBON SOCIETY PROGRAM:  <i>BEEKEEPING With Bill Johnson</i>	EB Lyons Interpretive Center, 8991 Bellevue Hts, Dubuque, IA 5:30 pm – Dubuque Audubon Society Board Meeting 7:00 pm – Bill Johnson will speak about his experiences with beekeeping and the current threats to these amazing pollinators. He is an energetic, passionate, knowledgeable speaker. With the decline in honey bee populations and the general threat to pollinators this topic is an important one for our future.
October 16th SUNDAY	SACAJAWEA and the LEWIS & CLARK EXPEDITION	1:30 pm, Hurstville Nature Center, 18670 63 <sup>rd</sup> St., Maquoketa, IA. Guide, Wife, Interpreter, or Slave? A picture of a fascinating young woman emerges from what the past almost 200 years of records have told the world about her. This program is free and open to the public, sponsored by Humanities Iowa.
October 23rd SUNDAY	CHRIS BRAIG MEMORIAL LECTURE	1:00 pm. Swiss Valley Nature Center, 13606 Swiss Valley Rd., Peosta, IA. Linda Nebbe is a mental health counselor and wildlife rehabilitator will discuss how humans need contact with nature and wildlife for mental and physical health.
November 10th THURSDAY	DUBUQUE AUDUBON SOCIETY PROGRAM:  <i>WILD EDIBLES</i>	EB Lyons Interpretive Center, 8991 Bellevue Hts, Dubuque, IA 5:30 pm – Dubuque Audubon Society Board Meeting 7:00 pm – Andy Benson will speak about wild edibles.

**Dubuque Audubon Society**

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**DUBUQUE AUDUBON SOCIETY  
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Do NOT use this form to renew a membership in National Audubon Society. Use the form mailed to you by the National Audubon. There are two categories of memberships in the Dubuque Audubon Society.

**CATEGORY A:** This category includes membership in National Audubon Society and the local chapter. You will receive 6 issues of Audubon Magazine and 9 issues of the local chapter newsletter, Pileated Drummings.

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**CATEGORY B:** 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.

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