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Change is good! Change is difficult!

By Pat Fisher, President

Welcome to a new Audubon program year! We are very excited about our new website, new ideas for speakers, and eventually a new home.

First off, the new website! The board has a newly designed website under the guidance of webmaster, Jan Friedman. She has been working hard to make the website as user-friendly as possible for those of us who are bird-savvy but computer not-so-savvy! You can find your local Audubon chapter at www.audubondubuque.org. There are numerous pages to browse right now, and Jan is busy adding more information and pictures.

One of our goals is to have a "bird sightings" page which will be updated whenever someone sends us information on new and interesting bird sightings. We will keep you posted as this develops.

Please take a look at our website and let us know what you think! We welcome your feedback!

Secondly, Michele Zuercher has generously agreed to be our program chair for this coming year. We are delighted to have her join the board and bring new ideas for our monthly meetings.



Cedar Waxwing

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Thirdly, we will temporarily be displaced from the E. B. Lyons Nature Center as they enthusiastically break ground for the expansion and remodel of their facility which will take place over the fall and winter. Please note the calendar each month so you are aware of our meeting place.

The September potluck is scheduled for the Swiss Valley Nature Center; thank you Dubuque County Conservation Board! The remaining meetings will be held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1755 Delhi St., Dubuque. Parking is good. Enter from the back of the building.

We are so looking forward to holding our meetings in the new facility at the Mines of Spain! We'll have to have a party when we move back in, hopefully in the spring of 2010...

Dave and I did some birding at Cadiz Springs Natural Area off of Hwy. 11 just west of Monroe, WI. There

is a small lake there. We walked the path around the lake and had a great time. We saw lots and lots of cedar waxwings! We started by seeing 2 baby birds, little fluffballs, sitting side-by-side on a branch about 8 feet off the ground. At first we called them swallows but eventually changed our minds. We then saw single birds calling from the highest tree tops. Then we spotted birds at the lake's edge, perched on overhanging reeds or walking on mats of grass on the water, all catching bugs! If we saw one, we saw a hundred cedar waxwings! It was quite a sight. So, now we know at least one fertile breeding area for these beautiful birds.

Enjoy these last weeks of summer! Hope to see many of you at the September potluck! Check the calendar for details.

SQUIRRELS AND FOOD HOARDING

**By Janea Little,
Senior Naturalist, Chippewa Nature Center, Midland MI**

Odds are you are more of a "larderhoarder," like a Red Squirrel, than a "scatterhoarder," like the Gray and Fox Squirrels. I say that assuming you store food in only a few locations, probably a refrigerator and nearby cabinets. That concentration is easy to protect, so you would take action against a stranger found pilfering your supplies. Similarly, Red Squirrels cache pine cones in just a few logs or tree cavities, and woe to another squirrel that approaches!

Gray and Fox Squirrels have a different system. Imagine storing soup in the yard, bread under the deck, and milk in the crawl space? Such scatterhoarding is impossible to defend. You might fight off a stranger in the yard, but by then the crawl space is emptied by someone else. Gray and Fox Squirrels bury acorns and nuts individually, but don't defend them. They simply use their memory and fine sense of smell to search out between 85 – 99 percent of these buried treasures!



DUBUQUE AUDUBON SOCIETY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September, 2009

Sept. 5 – Sat.	Monarch Tagging	1:00 pm at Hurstville Interpretive Center, Maquoketa, IA. Join the staff <u>every Saturday in September</u> to tag Monarch Butterflies before they begin their fall migration.
Sept. 10 – Thurs.	Potluck and Program	6:00 pm Potluck at Swiss Valley Nature Center. Bring your own table service, beverage, and a dish to share.
Sept. 12 – Sat.	Monarch Tagging	1:00 pm at Bellevue State Park Butterfly Garden, Bellevue, IA. Join the staff of the Hurstville Interpretive Center to tag Monarch Butterflies before they begin their fall migration.
Sept. 13 – Sun.	Flying Squirrels	1:00 pm Swiss Valley Nature Center Frances Owen will dive into the curious world of flying squirrels. She will discuss their nocturnal habits, their cool adaptations and why they are called flying squirrels when they don't really fly! All ages are welcome to this free public program.
Sept. 18-20 –Fri. to Sun.	Upper Midwest Audubon Conference	“Hope, Action and a Sense of Place” Chestnut Mountain Resort, Galena, IL. There will be sessions on bird conservation, connecting with Nature, water quality, energy and climate change, and chapter roundtables. A fun weekend of connecting with Audubon members from four states. Contact Joe Tollari (563.583.2077) for registration information.
Oct. 3 – Sat.	Timber Wolves Chris Braig Memorial Program	1:00 pm Swiss Valley Nature Center Karl Anderson from the Timber Wolf Alliance will address the history of wolves, their management, and what the Alliance is doing to educate the public about wolves. This will be a great program for the entire family. The program is made possible by the Chris Braig Memorial Fund.
Oct. 3-4 – Sat.-Sun.	Hawk Watch Weekend	Effigy Mounds National Monument Programs from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm both days. Enjoy fall foliage with live raptor demonstrations, adult educational programs, children's activities, and hawk banding catch and release.
Oct. 8 – Thurs.	Board Meeting and Regular Meeting	Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1755 Delhi, Dubuque, IA 5:30 pm – Board Meeting 7:00 pm

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NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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