



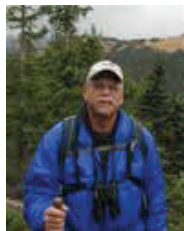
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Wayne Buchholtz

Dubuque Audubon just finished another great year. Many excellent programs throughout the fall, winter and spring and most importantly good crowds at the programs. We are going into our summer schedule. There will be no programs at the EB Lyons Center during June, July and August. Audubon will have picnics during these months at the EB Lyons Center, NICC Peosta Campus and the Arboretum. Check the calendar for dates and times and most importantly whether it is a potluck or bring your own picnic. We will try to do some birding when we get together with a short business meeting if needed.

I encourage you to take advantage of the summer and get out often. Explore local parks or head out across country to explore new areas. Some of you will be heading out across the seas to explore a portion of the earth you may not have seen before. Where ever you decide to go, remember the outdoors is

the best medicine there is. Also, check out programs, hikes and other events at the Mines of Spain, Swiss Valley or the Hurstville Interpretive Center in Maquoketa. They all will have excellent opportunities for you to explore by yourself or your family.

Next fall will bring a new board to the Audubon Society. I will continue to be President and encourage you to provide suggestions on what we can do better, what we need to start, how can we help you in your bird watching. Whether you are a beginner or professional birder, I want us to work together. Learn from each other and encourage others to start the hobby of birding.

Some goals I have in mind for next season are: 1. Increase attendance at Field Trips and increase the number of field trips held during the year; 2. Increase attendance at Programs; 3. Make Audubon Society the group to join; and 4. Promote more people going outdoors on a regular basis. Contact me if you have any suggestions for Dubuque Audubon or if you would like to assist in anyway.

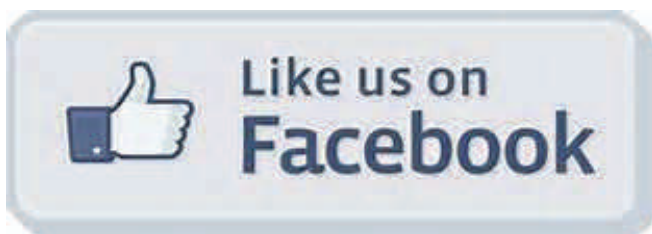


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How to become a birder in three easy steps
(Nature Conservancy Magazine, May/June 2013
by Tom Boucher)

1. Gear Up : To get started , you need a good set of binoculars and reliable guidebook, borrow some 'noocs, then test them out at a local outdoor center o biding store, how they feel in the hand is important, three of the more popular bird guides are Sibley, National Geographic and Peterson. Start with these guides' smaller, regional editions for your area.
2. Indentify: Don't try to memorize all the birds in your guide. Learn the bird families in your area; then you can quickly narrow down any species with a few simple questions: What's' its shape and size? What's it doing? What are its defining markings and colors? What sound is it making, if any? Practice this in your backyard.
3. Go with a group: Your local Audubon chapter, nature center or bird store probably hosts local bird walks. Go on many, and go at different times of the year. When you're ready to try on your own, join online birding forums where users share notes on what they've spotted and where. Springtime mornings are always a sure bet. Take your time, walk slowly and quietly, and look and listen.

**Birding is Great...
Anytime
Anywhere!**



**A BIRD KEEPS FLYING
INTO MY WINDOW.
WHY IS IT DOING THIS?
WHAT SHOULD I DO?**

Cornell Lab of Ornithology



The behavior you mention often occurs in spring and early summer. This is the time of year when most birds establish their territories, find a mate, lay eggs, and raise young. To ensure success, they defend their territory aggressively, and will attack and try to drive away any bird they view as a possible competitor or a threat to their young. When they see their own reflection in your window, they assume they're seeing a competitor and attack the image. The species most likely to do this are those that nest close to houses, such as American Robins, Northern Cardinals, bluebirds, California Towhees, Chipping Sparrows, and Song Sparrows. Both males and females engage in this.

Fortunately, this behavior usually dissipates within a few days or, at most, weeks. But while it lasts, the bird may exhaust or even hurt itself, and it distracts the bird from far more important activities. And this behavior can be extremely annoying for the people witnessing it.



DUBUQUE AUDUBON SOCIETY
 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUMMER...

JUNE - JULY - AUGUST 2013

<p>THURSDAY JUNE 13th</p>	<p>PICNIC</p>	<p>6:00 pm at NICC, Peosta, IA. Meet in the Courtyard. Bring your own picnic supper. There will be a tour of the Outdoor Learning Lab following the picnic.</p>
<p>SUNDAY JULY 14th</p>	<p>Fourth of July Butterfly Count</p>	<p>1:00 pm at E.B. Lyon s Interpretive Center, 8991 Bellevue Hts, or Swiss Valley Nature Center, 13606 Swiss Valley Rd. This is great family fun. Nets will be provided. Bring water and sun screen. 4:00 pm Tally results over your own picnic supper at E.B. Lyons Interpretive Center. Meet in the picnic area adjacent to the parking lot.</p>
<p>THURSDAY AUGUST 8th</p>	<p>DAS Board Retreat & Potluck</p>	<p>5:30 pm at Maggie O'Connell's home. Take HWY 20 W to X47 North (This is 1 mi past X47 South.). Turn right (north) onto X47 N. Go 1 mi to a T-intersection. Turn left and go 2 mi to 2829 210th St. Right turn into driveway. If you get lost call Maggie at 563-451-8818. Bring ideas and a dish to share. Car-pooling is suggested.</p>
<p>THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 12th</p>	<p>POTLUCK & MEETING</p>	<p>5:30 pm at the Dubuque Arboretum in Marshall Park, Dubuque, IA. Meet in the porch area of the visitor center. Bring your own beverage, table service, and a dish to share. Come early to walk the ground and enjoy the late summer color.</p>



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To get rid of the reflection, you must alter the outside of the window. You can cover it with netting, fabric, or newspaper, or smear soap streaks on the glass. When you're no longer seeing the bird nearby you can remove this. Often, rubber snakes frighten birds away, at least temporarily—although like any object that doesn't move, the birds get used to seeing them. Helium-filled Mylar balloons on 3-4 foot strings make movements and cast glaring light that birds find confusing and even alarming. Setting a few near a window will frighten away most birds.

e-NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE

By Joe Tollari

In an effort to control costs and save resources, Dubuque Audubon Society is offering an electronic version of this newsletter. You can receive the newsletter as an e-mail attachment or as a prompt to go to the Dubuque Audubon website to view the newsletter. E-mail your request to audubondubuque@gmail.com.



I have noticed over the last several months that it is taking longer for the print copy to reach your home through bulk mail. So, another advantage to receiving an electronic copy is that the newsletter will get to you quicker.

SPRING SPECIES COUNT

By Joe Tollari

We had a good spring species count in 2013. It was windy but mostly sunny throughout the day. This year two groups covered the area. One group started at Eagle Point Park, did the John Deere Marsh, and ended up at Green Island. The other group started at Green Island and finished at the Lost Mound Unit of the Upper Mississippi

River Refuge. Together they covered most of the habitats available in this area. A total of 136 species was observed. It was a good day. Here is the list of species observed.

LIST OF SPECIES OBSERVED:

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Pied-billed Grebe | Lesser Yellowlegs |
| Eared Grebe | Solitary Sandpiper |
| American White Pelican | Spotted Sandpiper |
| Double-crested Cormorant | Least Sandpiper |
| Great Blue Herron | Ring-billed Gull |
| Great Egret | Herring Gull |
| Green Heron | Caspian Tern |
| White-faced Ibis | Black Tern |
| Turkey Vulture | Rock Pigeon |
| Canada Goose | Mourning Dove |
| Trumpeter Swan | Yellow-billed Cuckoo |
| Wood Duck | Barred Owl |
| Gadwall | Chimney Swift |
| Mallard | Ruby-throated Hummingbird |
| Blue-winged Teal | Belted Kingfisher |
| Northern Shoveler | Red-headed Woodpecker |
| Green-winged Teal | Red-bellied Woodpecker |
| Ring-necked Duck | Yellow-bellied Sapsucker |
| Greater Scaup | Downy Woodpecker |
| Lesser Scaup | Hairy Woodpecker |
| Bufflehead | Northern Flicker |
| Hooded Merganser | Pileated Woodpecker |
| Red-breasted Merganser | Olive-sided Flycatcher |
| Bald Eagle | Eastern Phoebe |
| Northern Harrier | Great Crested Flycatcher |
| Red-tailed Hawk | Eastern Kingbird |
| American Kestrel | Loggerhead Shrike |
| Merlin | Yellow-throated Vireo |
| Peregrine Falcon | Warbling Vireo |
| Wild Turkey | Red-eyed Vireo |
| Virginia Rail | Blue Jay |
| Sora | American Crow |
| American Coot | Horned Lark |
| Sandhill Crane | Purple Martin |
| Killdeer | Tree Swallow |



LIST OF SPECIES OBSERVED, continued

N. Rough-winged Swallow	Eastern Towhee
Cliff Swallow	Chipping Sparrow
Barn Swallow	Clay-colored Sparrow
Black-capped Chickadee	Field Sparrow
Tufted Titmouse	Vesper Sparrow
Red-breasted Nuthatch	Lark Sparrow
White-breasted Nuthatch	Savannah Sparrow
House Wren	Grasshopper Sparrow
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Fox Sparrow
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Song Sparrow
Eastern Bluebird	Swamp Sparrow
Wood Thrush	White-throated Sparrow
American Robin	White-crowned Sparrow
Gray Catbird	Northern Cardinal
Northern Mockingbird	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Brown Thrasher	Blue Grosbeak (W)
European Starling	Indigo Bunting
Cedar Waxwing	Dickcissel
Tennessee Warbler	Bobolink
Nashville Warbler	Red-winged Blackbird
Yellow Warbler	Eastern Meadowlark
Cape May Warbler	Western Meadowlark
Yellow-rumped Warbler	Yellow-headed Blackbird
Black-throated Green Warbler	Rusty Blackbird
Palm Warbler	Common Grackle
Blackpoll Warbler	Brown-headed Cowbird
Black-and-white Warbler	Orchard Oriole
American Redstart	Baltimore Oriole
Prothonotary Warbler	Purple Finch
Worm-eating Warbler	House Finch
Northern Waterthrush	Pine Siskin
Common Yellowthroat	American Goldfinch
Scarlet Tanager	House Sparrow

MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY



Prothonotary Warbler

Photo by Bill Stripling

Nearly half of North America’s bird species, and about 40 percent of its waterfowl, spend at least part of their lives in the Mississippi

Flyway. Extending north to Canada’s tundra and boreal forest, this much-traveled flyway includes the vast Mackenzie River watershed and then follows the mighty Mississippi through America’s heartland to the Gulf Coast and continues south as far as Patagonia.

The Mississippi River and its vibrant grasslands, forests, and wetlands have been compromised by a century of misguided management. All along its length, the river has been controlled and manipulated to the detriment of natural systems and the birds and other wildlife that depend on them. The upper river is governed by a series of dams and locks; the lower river is channeled by more than 1,600 miles of levees. Together, these structures confine the Mississippi to less than 10 percent of its original floodplain, and the sediment that historically fed the river’s vast delta in Louisiana no longer reaches marshes and coastal forests. As a result, 19 square miles of delta wetlands disappear each year.

But Audubon is making a difference for the birds, habitats, and communities of the Mississippi Flyway.

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Innovative Audubon Program Connects Elders with Alzheimer’s to the Outdoors While Creating Healthy Bird Habitats.

Interested? Take the link below to read more about this new program.

<http://www.audubon.org/newsroom/press-releases/2013/innovative-audubon-program-connects-elders-alzheimer-s-outdoors-while-c>



AUDUBON COFFEE FOR THE BIRDS

By Kristine Thielen



When I first became the Audubon Coffee seller, I didn't really think much about it except I like these things: organic, fair trade, earth friendly, birds and coffee. I

have learned much about coffee since then and would like to share what I have learned about our coffee.

Coffee cultivation dates back hundreds of years. During the mid-1800s, large tracts of foothill forests of southern Mexico and Central America were divided into estates and planted with coffee. Coffee-growing regions expanded worldwide through the 1980s, often as sun coffee with limited shade and higher chemical inputs as compared with traditional methods. Audubon coffee farms do not follow these trends.

Coffee in its natural state is grown in the shade. Commercial coffee is grown in fields, like corn in Iowa, and barely resembles its original plant. Shade grown coffee is one of the richer sources of minerals, phytonutrients, and antioxidants. "Shade Grown Coffee" is a way of growing coffee in concert with nature. Audubon coffee is planted in trees and among a forest canopy of native trees rather than on clear-cut land in full sun. On a shade grown coffee farm, the yield on each tree is lower since there is not as much sun. However, the quality of the coffee is much better and that is what really matters. The coffee beans that are produced from these plants are pure.

Audubon coffee is grown by small farmers. Shade grown coffee cannot be produced commercially and in mass quantities. Shade coffee farming (as opposed to clear cutting for full sun) creates a healthy soil content. Bird droppings are a part of the coffee plant's natural soil ecosystem: fertilizer! Shade coffee farming also protects the environment for a myriad of animals and birds, fights global warming and truly creates a better coffee bean.



DUBUQUE AUDUBON SOCIETY ON FACEBOOK

Have you visited the Dubuque Audubon Society Facebook account yet? If not, you should consider checking it out. When you visit you can read some interesting articles, check out the photo quiz, and find reminders of events and meetings. So, if you are on Facebook look us up and make sure you "like us." If you are not yet on Facebook consider opening an account so you can check us out. When Facebook is used properly it is a great tool and it can be fun too.

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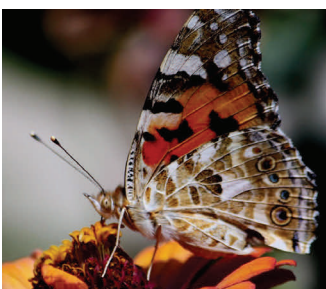
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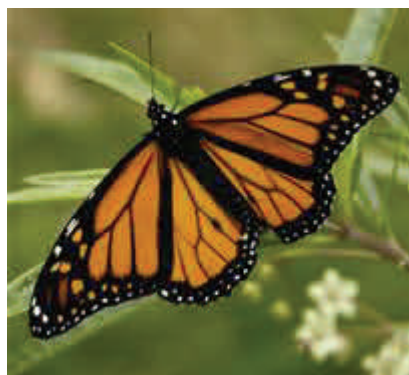
JULY 4TH BUTTERFLY COUNT

The Dubuque Audubon Society will again participate in the North American Butterfly Association Fourth of July Butterfly Count. The NABA Butterfly Count is a compilation of all butterflies observed at sites within a 15-mile diameter count circle in a one-day period. The annually published reports provide a tremendous amount of information about the geographical distribution and relative population sizes of the species counted. Comparisons of the results across years can be used to monitor changes in butterfly populations and study the effects of weather and habitat change on North American butterflies.



This is a fun family event. Children especially like using the nets to catch butterflies! It is also an opportunity to learn about the habits and the habitats of

butterflies. The counts are conducted at E.B. Lyons Interpretive Center and Swiss Valley Nature Center. We will walk through several different habitats and count and record the butterflies that we see. At the end of the day, we will meet in the picnic area next to the parking lot at E.B. Lyons Interpretive Center to tally our results. Bring your own picnic supper.



Audubon Camps

At Audubon Camps, there is something for everyone: Kids, teens, families, adults and teachers. Spend part of your summer having fun and exploring the natural world.



Beginning in April, select Audubon Centers will be taking applications for scholarships for a week of summer camp. Choose from a broad selection of day camps near you.

Wild Birds Unlimited scholarship eligibility is determined by each Audubon Center. For more information on details about general registration, camp programs and scholarships please contact the camp where you or your children want to connect to nature.

Audubon has a long history of providing life-changing experiences in natural settings. And, since 2007, Wild Birds Unlimited has proudly provided scholarship funds to more than 1000 children across the country.

By offering scholarships to more than 200 young people each summer who may not otherwise be able to attend our camps, we increase the diversity and number of children who begin their journey down the pathway to citizens concerned with our environment.

Audubon and Wild Birds Unlimited share a belief that when children spend quality time outside it can have a lasting, positive impact on their personal lives and the future of our great natural heritage.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Visit [Wild Birds Unlimited](#) for quality products to support your child's bird-related activities at an Audubon Summer Camp (or at home). To locate the store nearest you, [click here](#).

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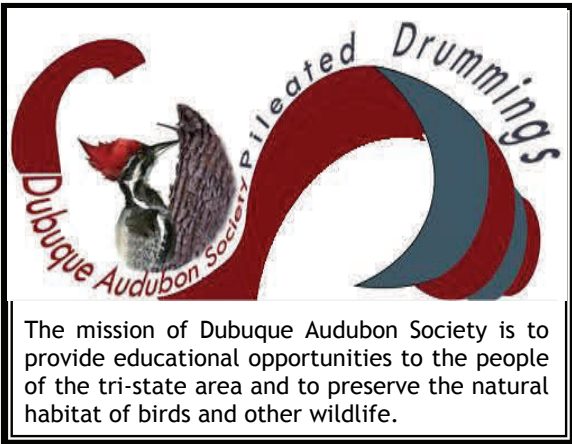
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CATEGORY A: This category includes membership in National Audubon Society and the local chapter. You will receive 6 issues of Audubon Magazine and 9 issues of the local chapter newsletter, Pileated Drummings.

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