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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

President's Corner
by Craig Kruse

It's mid-September and migration is in full swing. Every day I see more and more flocks of birds following the Mississippi south toward their wintering grounds. The Warblers have returned and pretty soon our snow loving friends will begin to show. On our most recent birding trip, Olivia and I had to make sure we brought along our jackets. As I write more of these



articles you'll hear me refer to my daughter Olivia quite a bit. She's the other half of the Kruse birding team and she's a heck of a bird spotter. She's 14 years old, and she's been an avid birder for more than half of her life. Olivia attends every Dubuque Audubon meeting and board meeting that she is able. She often writes her own newsletter articles, and if truth were to be told, she contributes and edits most of mine.

Last Saturday, Olivia and I got to do something new for me. Our friend and sometimes birding partner Dave Shealer is

a licensed bird bander. On this day he set some nets up and invited a group of us to participate. When banding, Dave sets up several tall poles that are connected by netting that is stretched between them. It kind of resembles a very long volleyball net, but the netting is much finer. Then, birds fly into the netting, and Dave is able to untangle them and then study them. He measures them, weighs them, and takes some other scientific data, including their age. After he is done, he releases the birds unharmed. Dave is an excellent at identifying birds, and he's a very good teacher. The highlight of the day was when, after studying some of the birds, he handed them over to Olivia to release. How many people can say they held a Black and White Warbler or Catbird? It was too cool. If you ever get the chance to watch banding in action, make sure you go.

Speaking of people with which we bird, October 9th is our first program of our new year, and it's going to be a good one. Our friends Bob and Sandy Walton will be presenting "The Birds of Costa Rica." Bob is a retired Dubuque County Conservation Board Director, and Sandy is a retired Senior High School science teacher. They are both very talented birders and Olivia and I have been fortunate to venture and learn from them often. They recently completed a trip to the birdwatcher's paradise of Costa Rica and are going to share their experiences with us. It's sure to be a good program and we hope to see you there. Until then, try to get outdoors as much as you can and take a friend birding.

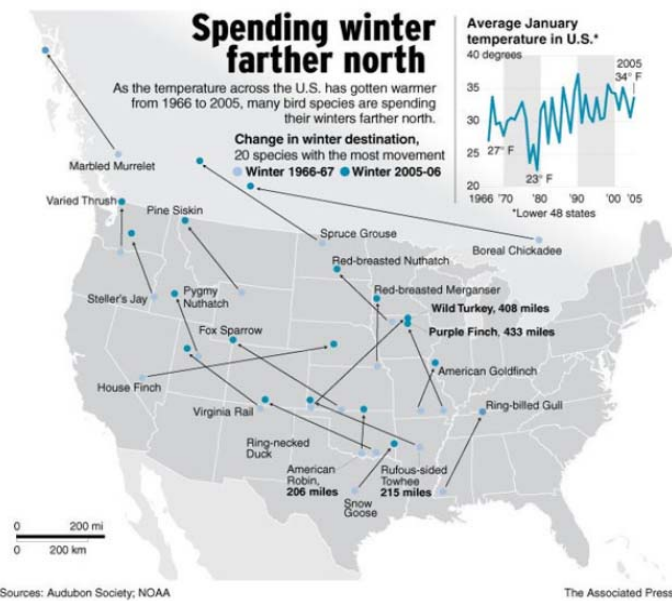




Birds & Climate Change

Reprinted from the National Audubon Society web-site "STATE OF BIRDS" article.

Nearly 60% of the 305 relatively widely distributed bird species found in North America in winter are on the move, shifting their ranges northward by an average of 35 miles. Audubon scientists analyzed 40 years of citizen-science Christmas Bird Count data -- and their findings provide new and powerful evidence that global warming is having a serious impact on natural systems.



Birds & Climate Change Map

Northward movement was detected among species of every type, including more than 70 percent of highly adaptable forest and feeder birds.

Only grassland species were an exception - with only 38 percent mirroring the northward trend. But far from being good news for species like Eastern Meadowlark and Henslow's Sparrow, this reflects the grim reality of severely-depleted grassland habitat and suggests that these species now face a double threat from the combined stresses of habitat loss and climate adaptation.

This Is Just the Beginning

Reprinted from the National Audubon Society web-site "TAKE ACTION" section.

Protecting birds from climate change is a central pillar of Audubon's mission. In the hands of the Audubon network around the country, this data will drive our conservation efforts now and into the future.

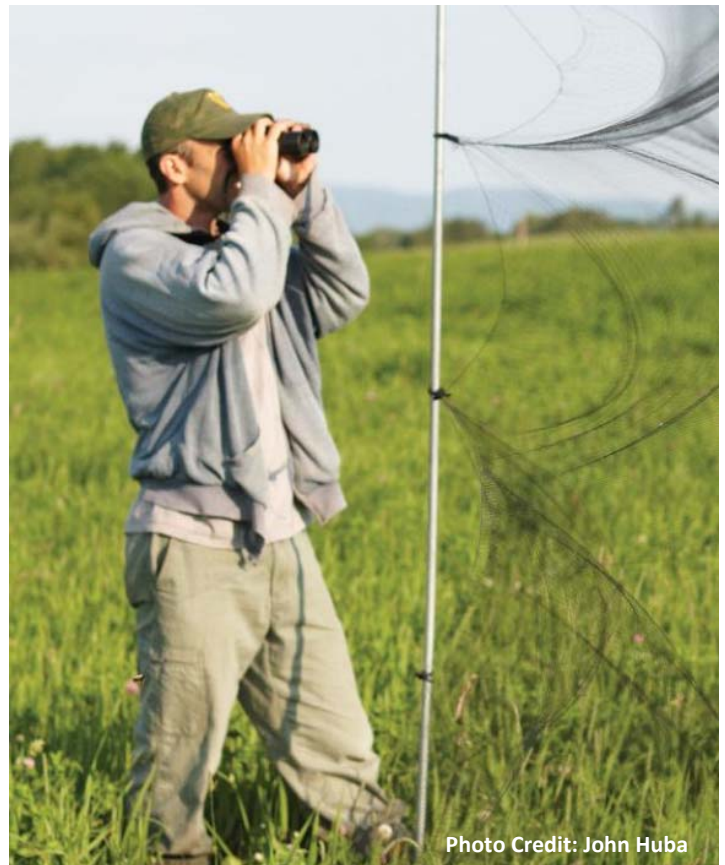


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Going forward, we will be making this extraordinary data set more widely available outside of Audubon, both to further effective, targeted conservation efforts and to combine it with other open data sets to enable others to create powerful visualizations.

Because The National Audubon Society believes everyone has a role to play in finding solutions that protect birds and people alike, we are compelled to get these tools in as many hands as possible. If you are a conservation or data visualization professional who is interested in learning more about this work and how you can participate, [please get in touch](#).

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DUBUQUE AUDUBON SOCIETY CALENDAR OF EVENTS



<p>October 5 th SUNDAY</p>	<p>DUBUQUE AUDUBON SOCIETY HAWK WATCH</p>	<p>11:00 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 to southern wintering grounds. Members of the Dubuque Audubon Society will help identify birds and provide insight about hawk habits. Call 588-2783 for details or in case of foul weather. Breitbach’s Country Dining is a short walk away.</p>
<p>October 8th Thursday</p>	<p>DUBUQUE AUDUBON PROGRAM: BIRDS of COSTA RICA</p>	<p>EB Lyons Interpretive Center, 8991 Bellevue Hts, Dubuque, IA 5:30 pm – Dubuque Audubon Society Board Meeting 7:00 pm – Program: Bob and Sandy Walton will take us on an adventure trip to Costa Rica focusing on the culture and, the birds from the “bird Mecca” of Central America.</p>
<p>October 18th Saturday</p>	<p>HALLOWEEN HIKE</p>	<p>6:00-8:00 pm. Hurstville Interpretive Center, 18670 63rd St, Maquoketa, IA. Bring your family for some Halloween fun with a nature twist. Join a trail hike full of characters with environmental messages. Cost is \$2/person or \$5/family. Call ahead to sign up for a specific hike time between 6-8:00.</p>
<p>October 26th Sunday</p>	<p>CHRIS BRAIG MEMORIAL PROGRAM: MISSISSIPPI RIVER HISTORY</p>	<p>1:00 pm. Swiss Valley Nature Center, 13606 Swiss Valley Rd., Peosta. Mark Wagner, Director of Education at the River Museum and Aquarium, will be presenting his River History program. He will discuss fur trapping and trading on the Mississippi and give everyone an understanding of our rich river history.</p>
<p>October 12 th Sunday</p>	<p>FLIGHT OF THE PASSENGER PIGEON</p>	<p>2:00 pm. Hurstville Interpretive Center, 18670 63rd St, Maquoketa, IA. From billions to none, 2014 marks the centenary of the passenger pigeon’s extinction. Join a naturalist for an interesting and informative presentation about the once most abundant bird in America.</p>



E-Newsletter Available


In an effort to control costs and save resources, Dubuque Audubon Society is offering an electronic version of this newsletter to our members. You can receive the Newsletter as an e-mail attachment or as a prompt to go to the Dubuque Audubon Web-Site to view the Newsletter. E-Mail your request to be added to this program to: audubondubuque@gmail.com

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DUBUQUE AUDUBON SOCIETY

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

If you are a member of National Audubon Society, you are automatically a member of the local Audubon Society and do not need to sign-up separately.

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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