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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Craig Kruse

I was leaving work the other day going through the usual ritual of checking my voice mails and the various texts that were waiting for me on my phone when I got the message that there were two Snowy Egrets at the Maquoketa River Delta. I'd been looking for this bird all year without success. I stopped home, grabbed my camera and of course Olivia and ran out the door. I didn't even bother to change.



I must have been quite a site crawling around the marsh in my dress pants and tie taking pictures, but we got to see a real cool bird. The point of the story is we got to see this because someone let me know about it. When I got home that day I paid it forward and set out a bunch of emails letting people I'm connected to know that the bird was there so they could have the experience of seeing it too. I've heard of this being called being part of a "flock". A group of birders who see something cool let others in the group know so they can move in that direction also. We flock together.

One of the many things that Dubuque Audubon tries to do is to get people excited

to get into nature. One way to do this is to let people know what we are all seeing out there. We have three ways of doing this: word of mouth, audubondubuque.org (our website) and our [Facebook](#) page. Word of mouth is great, but it takes time to get to everyone you may want. Our website is a good place to post photos of birds that you see and to check to see what's new in the area. However, I'm thinking about something that's a little quicker and that people seem to check more often. I'm proposing we use our [Facebook](#) to communicating our "special" sightings.



If you're not familiar with it, [Facebook](#) is a great communication tool. You can talk to anyone in writing, and they can see what you write almost the second you post it. You can write things to a specific person or put it out there to all the people you're connected. The thing is you can decide who sees a particular bird. You have that control.



We started a [Dubuque Audubon Facebook page](#) about a year ago. We make postings about our meetings, bird sightings, and other useful tidbits. We even have a photo quiz a couple of times a month. I'm proposing that whoever is interested in the bird sightings in the area check our [Facebook](#) page and also post their sightings there. If you don't have an account, just log onto your computer and go to facebook.com on the web. It's free. If you have an account





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or just created one, go to the search engine at the top of your home page and type [Dubuque Audubon](#). We should pop right up. Then you can communicate you're sightings with the group and vice versa. It's almost instantaneous, and this way, hopefully, everyone can see what's out there. We can "flock" together.

Hawk Watch 2014



The Audubon sponsored Hawk Watch was held October 5th at Balltown Overlook. Charlie and Gretel Winterwood counted ten participants in the annual event and mentioned there were plenty of future birders there, too! As the event began around 11am, the sky was cloudy and the winds were out of the west. Most of the birds were flying over the river; but, it wasn't long before the birds started moving toward the overlook, and the sun peaked out of the clouds for a fairly fruitful count. So, without further hesitation, here are the numbers:

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| Turkey vulture-33, | In the other category: |
| Red-tailed hawk-13, | Cormorants-10, |
| Mature Bald eagle-14, | Canada geese-9, |
| Immature Bald eagle-5, | American crow-3, |
| American kestrel-2, | Goldfinch-20, |
| Merlin-1, | Eastern bluebird-2, |
| Coopers hawk-2, | Yellow-rumped warblers-7, |
| Sharp-shinned hawk-2, | House sparrow-1. |
| Broad-winged hawk-2, | |
| Unidentified hawks-6. | |

Audubon looks forward to hosting another successful Hawk Watch in 2015. Look for this and other fantastic programs on the Audubon website www.audubondubuque.org or Like us on Facebook @ Dubuque Audubon Society!



November Program

The Audubon **Birds and Climate Change Report** is a first-of-its-kind study that predicts how climate change could affect the ranges of 588 North American birds. The results are shocking: 314 species (nearly half of the birds) in the continental U.S. and Canada are seriously threatened by 2080. Come to hear Audubon Minnesota's director, Matthew Anderson, tell us about this research, how our birds will be affected, and what we can do for conservation – together – in terms of preparation and adaptation and reducing the impacts of climate change. To see the full report, see <http://climate.audubon.org/>.

Matthew Anderson comes to Audubon Minnesota from the National Religious Partnership for the Environment (NRPE) where he spent two and half years as executive director. Before joining NRPE, Matthew directed the Creation Care Fund, an intermediary fund that provides financial and technical support to Christian environmental grassroots initiatives. His experience also includes serving as the director of environmental and rural advocacy and education for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, as well as national campaign efforts on climate and energy for the National Council of Churches of Christ. Matthew also served as executive director of Faith in the City, a multi-sector faith-based coalition in the Twin Cities.

Do you watch birds at feeders at home? Do you view birds while on a hike? Or just like seeing birds when you are outdoors? Come to this program and find out about what is already happening to bird populations and what is predicted to happen and what you can do to help.

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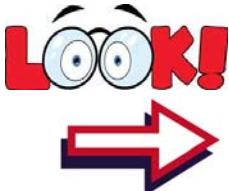

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DUBUQUE AUDUBON SOCIETY CALENDAR OF EVENTS



<p>NOVEMBER 8th Saturday</p>	<p>RATTLESNAKES ALIVE</p>	<p>1:00 pm EB Lyons Interpretive Center, 8991 Bellevue Hts, Dubuque, IA. Come see this national touring program that offers an exciting, educational experience! Tom Kessenich will provide a program about venomous snakes.</p>
<p>NOVEMBER 13th Thursday</p>	<p>DUB. AUDUON PROGRAM: BIRDS AND CLIMATE CHANGE</p>	<p>EB Lyons Interpretive Center, 8991 Bellevue Hts, Dubuque, IA 5:30 pm – Dubuque Audubon Society Board Meeting 7:00 pm – Program: Matthew Anderson from Audubon Minnesota will speak on Audubon’s Birds and Climate Change Report.</p>
<p>NOVEMBER 18th Tuesday</p>	<p>TALKING TURKEYS</p>	<p>4:00-6:00 pm. Hurstville Interpretive Center, 18670 63rd St, Maquoketa, IA. Join a naturalist in learning all about turkeys! Have fun with stories, games, crafts, and activities. Come and go at your leisure between 4:00-6:00 pm for the program and to view the exhibits.</p>
<p>NOVEMBER 22nd Saturday</p>	<p>TURKEY TAILS</p>	<p>10:00 am. Swiss Valley Nature Center, 13606 Swiss Valley Rd., Peosta. Learn about the Wild Turkey and all of its adaptations. Learn their calls, how they find a mate, what they eat and where they call home. All ages are welcome.</p>
<p>JANUARY 3rd Saturday</p>	<p>CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT</p>	<p>Mark your calendar for this premier birding event. Come to join the fun as we conduct a bird census.</p>
<p>JANUARY 17th Saturday</p>	<p>Bald Eagle Day</p>	<p>Mark your calendar.</p>
	<p><i>E-Newsletter Available</i></p> 	<p>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</p>

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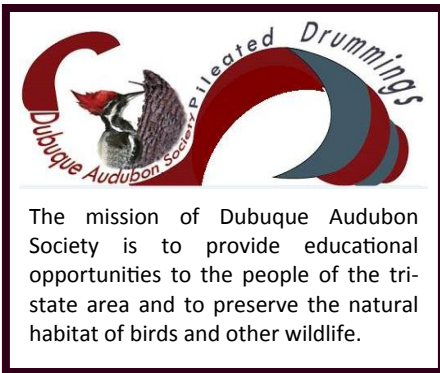
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NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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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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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