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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Craig Kruse

I love May. There is so much going on that I have material for a dozen President Corners but very little time to sit down and write it. I just got a text from Tony that there is a Snowy Egret at Deere, and I'm using a lot of willpower not to run out the door to see it. Things are happening. Three weeks ago we had Dubuque Audubon's spring birding trip to the Schlitz Audubon Center in Milwaukee. We started out that Saturday morning in Potosi and birded our way across the state until we reached our hotel in Milwaukee. The next morning we met up with a group of volunteers at the Schlitz Center and birded for the next five hours around the property. After getting a personal tour of the center itself, we headed to Lake Michigan where we watched mergansers, terns, and gulls fly across the backdrop of the endless waters. That afternoon we birded our way to Dubuque. It was a fun weekend, we made some new friends, and we saw seventy-eight species of birds.

Eighteen birders from Dubuque Audubon split up and covered the tri-state area counting all of the bird species they could find. At the end of the day we met up at Swiss Valley Park, cooked up some brats and tallied up our counts for the day. We had an impressive 148 species! The thing I love most about the Spring Bird Count is that during migration there are so many species around that everybody seems to be able to contribute a sighting that the others didn't get to see. Every set of eyes is important. Among the noteworthy sighting are: Bob Walton's group saw a Little Gull, Tony Moline got Short-billed Dowitchers, Maggie O'Connell's group saw a Least Bittern and Charlie Winterwood's group saw a Golden-winged Warbler. I think everyone had a good day.

May is the end of our programing year for Dubuque Audubon, but that doesn't mean the fun is ending. We have all summer to look forward to before we resume meeting for next year's programs in October. There are lots of ways to keep up with Dubuque Audubon and what's going on. Check out the calendar on our

Saturday, May 13th was our Spring Bird Count. It was a fun-filled day.





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website at www.audubondubuque.org/calendar.html We also have our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Dubuque-Audubon-Society-127996510693563/> if you haven't already "liked" us, please do so and share us with your friends. There's lots going on this summer from our potluck in June to the Butterfly Count in July. We hope to see you there or at one of our field trips. Until then I have a bird to go see. I'll see you in the field.

Dubuque Audubon Society Annual Fund Raising Campaign

THANK YOU TO ALL that have donated to the Dubuque Audubon Society Annual Fund Raiser. Donated funds are used to assist with research projects, wildlife reintroductions, habitat improvements, educational programs and more. Your donations make it possible for us to provide you with professional and informative programs on a variety of topics. Your funds also have allowed us to provide funding to learn more about bird species like Red-shouldered Hawks and Cerulean Warblers that live within the Mississippi River Watershed. Funding has also allowed us to leverage funding through grants to assist the local area in creating and improving natural habitat in order to improve bird populations such as Bobolinks, warblers, Henslow's Sparrows, meadowlarks, and more -- along with assisting in education exhibits.

The following members have graciously made donations to the Dubuque Audubon Society:

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| <i>Ann Burns</i> | |

If you have not made your donation at this time, it is not too late. Please consider donating today to help with programming, research, habitat improvements and more. Our goal of \$4000 has not been reached. We still need approximately \$1400 to meet our goal. Please help in providing funds for the goals we have planned. You can send donations to:

**Dubuque Audubon Society
PO BOX 3174
Dubuque, Iowa 52004**

Thank you for supporting the Dubuque Audubon Society and our Mission!

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DUBUQUE AUDUBON SOCIETY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUMMER...2017



<p>Thursday June 8th</p>	<p>DUBUQUE AUDUBON SPRING POTLUCK</p>	<p>5:30 pm at Dubuque Arboretum and Botanical Gardens Visitor Center. <u>Bring your own beverage, table service, and a dish to share.</u> Come early to tour the gardens and watch the birds.</p>
<p>Saturday June 24th</p>	<p>FLOWERS OF THE PRAIRIE</p>	<p>1:00 pm, Hurstville Interpretive Center, 18670 63rd St. Maquoketa, IA. Learn about prairie wildflowers and their medicinal and food uses during the times of early pioneers and Native American Peoples.</p>
<p>Sunday July 9th</p>	<p>FOURTH OF JULY BUTTERFLY COUNT</p> 	<p>1:00 pm at E.B. Lyons Interpretive Center, 8991 Bellevue Hts, or Swiss Valley Nature Center, 13606 Swiss Valley Rd. This is great family fun. Join Audubon for a fun hike filled with excitement! We will be conducting citizen science to catch, identify and release butterflies. Nets will be provided. Bring water, hat, 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 10th</p>	<p>DAS BOARD RETREAT</p>	<p>5:30 pm. Hurstville Interpretive Center, 18670 63rd St., Maquoketa, IA. Board members bring ideas for the upcoming membership year and a dish to share.</p>
<p>Thursday September 14th</p>	<p>DUBUQUE AUDUBON FALL POTLUCK</p>	<p>5:30 pm. Site will be announced in September newsletter.</p>



SPRING SPECIES COUNT 2017


We had great weather for the 2017 Spring Species Count. A cool, dry morning gave way to a warm (but not hot) afternoon. High water on the river meant that we did not see the numbers of shore birds that are usual for this area, but the warblers were in abundance. The group recorded 147 species of birds. The list is printed here.

- Canada Goose
- Mute Swan
- Trumpeter Swan
- Wood Duck
- Mallard
- Blue-winged Teal
- Northern Shoveler
- Redhead
- Lesser Scaup
- Hooded Merganser
- Common Merganser
- Red-breasted Merganser
- Ruddy Duck
- Wild Turkey
- Pied-billed Grebe
- Double-crested Cormorant
- American White Pelican
- Least Bittern
- Great Blue Heron
- Great Egret
- Turkey Vulture
- Bald Eagle
- Broad-winged Hawk
- Red-tailed Hawk
- Virginia Rail
- Sora
- Common Gallinule
- American Coot
- Sandhill Crane
- Killdeer
- Spotted Sandpiper
- Greater Yellowlegs
- Lesser Yellowlegs
- Baird's Sandpiper
- Least Sandpiper
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
- White-rumped Sandpiper

- Pectoral Sandpiper
- Semipalmated Sandpiper
- Short-billed Dowitcher
- Bonaparte's Gull
- Ring-billed Gull
- Caspian Tern
- Black Tern
- Common Tern
- Forster's Tern
- Rock Pigeon
- Eurasian Collared-Dove
- Mourning Dove
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo
- Great Horned Owl
- Barred Owl
- Chimney Swift
- Ruby-throated Hummingbird
- Belted Kingfisher
- Red-headed Woodpecker
- Red-bellied Woodpecker
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
- Downy Woodpecker
- Hairy Woodpecker
- Northern Flicker
- Pileated Woodpecker
- American Kestrel
- Peregrine Falcon
- Eastern Wood-Pewee
- Willow Flycatcher
- Eastern Phoebe
- Great Crested Flycatcher
- Eastern Kingbird
- Bell's Vireo
- Yellow-throated Vireo
- Warbling Vireo
- Philadelphia Vireo

- Red-eyed Vireo
- Blue Jay
- American Crow
- Purple Martin
- Tree Swallow
- Nor. Rough-winged Swallow
- Bank Swallow
- Cliff Swallow
- Barn Swallow
- Black-capped Chickadee
- Tufted Titmouse
- White-breasted Nuthatch
- Sedge Wren
- Marsh Wren
- Carolina Wren
- Eastern Bluebird
- Swainson's Thrush
- Wood Thrush
- American Robin
- Gray Catbird
- Brown Thrasher
- European Starling
- Cedar Waxwing
- Ovenbird
- Northern Waterthrush
- Golden-winged Warbler
- Blue-winged Warbler
- Black-and-white Warbler
- Prothonotary Warbler
- Tennessee Warbler
- Orange-crowned Warbler
- Nashville Warbler
- Kentucky Warbler
- Common Yellowthroat
- American Redstart
- Cape May Warbler
- Northern Parula
- Magnolia Warbler

- Bay-breasted Warbler
- Blackburnian Warbler
- Yellow Warbler
- Chestnut-sided Warbler
- Blackpoll Warbler
- Palm Warbler
- Yellow-rumped Warbler
- Yellow-throated Warbler
- Black-throated Green Warbler
- Canada Warbler
- Eastern Towhee
- Chipping Sparrow
- Field Sparrow
- Savannah Sparrow
- Grasshopper Sparrow
- Henslow's Sparrow
- Song Sparrow
- Swamp Sparrow
- White-crowned Sparrow
- Scarlet Tanager
- Northern Cardinal
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- Indigo Bunting
- Bobolink
- Red-winged Blackbird
- Eastern Meadowlark
- Rusty Blackbird
- Brewer's Blackbird
- Common Grackle
- Brown-headed Cowbird
- Orchard Oriole
- Baltimore Oriole
- House Finch
- American Goldfinch
- House Sparrow
- Little Gull

Enjoy the image of our Newsletter Namesake the **Pileated Woodpecker** (*Dryocopus pileatus*), a large woodpecker native to North America. This crow-sized bird normally inhabits deciduous forests in eastern North America, the Great Lakes, the boreal forests of Canada, and parts of the Pacific Coast. It is the second-largest woodpecker in the United States, after the critically endangered and likely extinct Ivory-billed Woodpecker... 



Pileated Woodpecker



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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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