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WELCOME SPRING!



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 Happy Mother's Day

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy May, or at least I think it is. I'm writing this in April but it sure feels like February. On the plus side, having this weird weather during migration has brought a little bit of a migration fallout to the area. The couple of times that I've been to John Deere Dike this past weekend, there were birds everywhere I looked. It's fun to drive along Riverview Road and see all sorts of Sparrows, Thrushes and Finches, scurrying around the roadside. This past weekend was also the first of our "Intro to birding" classes that we are having at Swiss Valley Nature Center. We had a fair amount of people show up to learn about birding basics and binocular use. Then we spend a hour



BIRDING BASICS CLASS

at the bird feeder station viewing a few birds, such as the House Finch, Purple Finch, and American Goldfinch, among the twenty or so odd species that were coming for the birdseed at the feeders. We even had a handful of Pine Siskins show up which is a harder bird to

find. If you're interested in attending any of these programs, check out the calendar on our website for the dates.

As always, May marks the end of our program year for Dubuque Audubon. This year we are going to out with a bang. We are bringing in Anna Lacy, a Research Associate from the International Crane Foundation to talk to us about **Sandhill Cranes, Whooping Cranes, and Whatever-happened-to-"Kevin,"** the juvenile Whooping Crane who took up residence in Dubuque a few years ago.



KEVIN

That program is going to be **6:00 p.m.** on **May 10th** at E.B. Lyons, so mark your calendars. You're not going to want to miss it. Along with the rare Whooping Crane, Sandhill Cranes are a common bird around the Dubuque Area. You can regularly see them at the John Deere Marsh, Green Island, and the Potosi boat ramp. They are a stunning bird, and we are going to learn a lot about them. So, I hope to see you there. Until then, I'll see you in the field.

Craig Kruse, President



Dubuque Audubon lifelong member news

By Charlie Winterwood

Howard Higley died recently at the age of 95. Howard and Joan were charter members of Dubuque Audubon Society. Joan, in particular, was an avid birder attending most field trips and even broke a hip on a Christmas bird count. Howard and Joan hiked every Saturday with the Mississippi Trails Hiking Club and before that hiked with the Iowa Mountaineers. Howard and Joan served on the board of the Friends of Mines of Spain and were the original recipients of the Founders award. I was speaking to Katie Weidemann, the reporter for KCRG, and she said that when she was doing a report on the Catfish creek bridge, there were two old guys there who knew every thing about the history of the area. One was Howard and the other Jack Roling. *There will be a celebration of Howard's life at Mines of Spain on June 9th.*

Every good birder has THE list. We will show different resources you can use to keep a record of birds you've seen, apps that work well for identification, and the eBird website. Each participant will receive a comprehensive list of birds found in Dubuque County to get started. We will then venture outside to see how many we can check off this list!

Spring Species Count: May 12th

Directions to Eagle Point Park are as follows: From Dodge St., turn onto US-151 N/US-52 N/US-61 N; take the Kerper Blvd exit toward Greyhound Park/Eagle Point District; Turn left onto Kerper Blvd; Turn left onto Fengler St; Turn right onto Rhomberg Ave; Turn left onto Shiras Ave. On the right will soon be the main entrance to the park; no fee before 8AM.

Meet near the tennis courts at the North Entrance to the park. This event is great for beginning bird watchers. Experienced bird watchers will help with locating & identifying resident and migrating birds. Bring binoculars/ bird book if you have them, and dress for the weather. Many of us will go at 10:00 a.m. to John Deere Marsh. Directions to John Deere Marsh: From Dodge St., turn onto N. Grandview; continue until you'll turn right onto W. 32nd St.; turn right onto Riverside Rd.; there'll be a small lot on your right. Join us for all or part of the day.

At 5:00, we will meet at a Swiss Valley Park pavilion (watch for signs) to tabulate the results & share experiences. Brats and hot dogs will be provided. Bring your own table service, beverage, and a dish to share.

May Program: All About Cranes

Join Dubuque Audubon at 6PM on Thursday, May 10th, to welcome Anne Lacy from the International Crane Foundation in Baraboo, Wisconsin. Anne will be talking to us about Sandhill Cranes, the ecology of the newly reintroduced Whooping Cranes, and whatever-happened-to-Kevin, the



juvenile whooping crane who took residence in Dubuque a few years ago.

Upcoming Birding Classes

Join DAS at Swiss Valley Nature Center, 9-11:00AM. Binoculars and field guides will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. Children under 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Call 563-556-6745 to register.

(May 12, Saturday: Spring Species Count – see the article in the newsletter.)

May 26, Saturday: In The Field

This class will be an extension on the previous class with the majority of our time in the field using the skills we've learned thus far. We will also be going more in-depth on field markings and identification by bird calls.

June 9, Saturday: The Birdlist

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DUBUQUE AUDUBON SOCIETY CALENDAR OF EVENTS



<p>THURSDAY May 10th</p>	<p>DUBUQUE AUDUBON PROGRAM: ALL ABOUT CRANES</p>	<p>EB Lyons Interpretive Center, 8991 Bellevue Hts, Dubuque. 5:00PM– Dubuque Audubon Society Board Meeting 6:00PM– Anne Lacy from the International Crane Foundation will talk about Whooping and Sandhill Cranes. See the article in the newsletter for more details.</p>
<p>SATURDAY May 12th</p>	<p>SPRING BIRD COUNT</p>	<p>8:00 a.m. Eagle Point Park, 2601 Shiras Ave, Dubuque. Meet near the tennis courts at the North Entrance to the park. This event is great for beginning bird watchers. Experienced bird watchers will help with locating & identifying resident and migrating birds. Bring binoculars/bird book if you have them, and dress for the weather. Many of us will go at 10:00 a.m. to John Deere Marsh. Join us for all or part of the day. 5:00 p.m. Meet at the Swiss Valley Park. Look for the signs for the Pavilion to tabulate the results & share experiences. Audubon will provide the brats and hot dogs. Bring your own table service, beverage, and a dish to pass. In case of bad weather, we will move to the Swiss Valley Nature Center. (See directions in newsletter article.)</p>
<p>SATURDAY May 26th</p>	<p>IN THE FIELD BIRDING CLASS</p>	<p>9-11:00 a.m. Join DAS at Swiss Valley Nature Center, 13606 Swiss Valley Rd, Peosta. This class will be an extension on the previous class with the majority of our time in the field using the skills we've learned thus far. We will also be going more in-depth on field markings and identification by bird calls. See the newsletter article.</p>
<p>SATURDAY June 2nd</p>	<p>VALLEY OF EDEN FIELD TRIP</p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Join us for a field trip to Valley of Eden Bird Sanctuary in Stockton, IL. Bring birding supplies and dress for the weather to enjoy the birds nesting in the grassland habitat, among others. On Hwy 20 E, pass through Elizabeth, IL. Turn right onto S. Derinda Road. Take an immediate left onto E. Bethel Rd. Go a few miles, then make a left turn on E. Rush Creek Rd. Look for Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation signs.</p>
<p>THURSDAY June 9th</p>	<p>THE BIRDLIST BIRDING CLASS</p>	<p>9-11:00 a.m. Join DAS at Swiss Valley Nature Center, 13606 Swiss Valley Rd, Peosta. Every good birder has THE list. We will show different resources you can use to keep a record of birds you've seen, apps that work well for identification, and the eBird website. Each participant will receive a comprehensive list of birds found in Dubuque County to get started. We will then venture outside to see how many we can check off this list! See the newsletter article.</p>

Potluck
TIME TO GET
TOGETHER

June 14 Thursday

Dubuque Audubon Potluck

5:30 p.m. Dubuque Arboretum, 3800 Arboretum Dr.
Join the members for good food and company.
Bring table service, beverage, and a dish to share.



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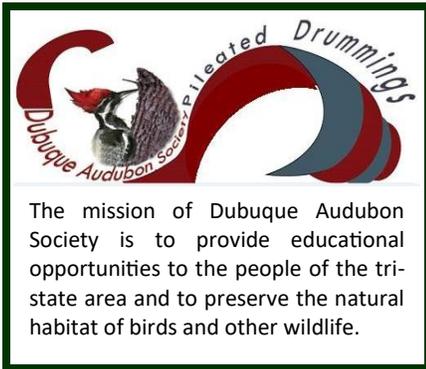
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DUBUQUE AUDUBON SOCIETY

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.

- **LOCAL MEMBERSHIP:** 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.

_____ Local Chapter Dues \$10.00

- **NATIONAL & LOCAL MEMBERSHIP:** If you wish to become a member of both local and national:

Go to Audubon.org ➡ Click on "JOIN" ➡ "Become a member"

The membership in National is \$20 per year. Any amount you give above that is considered a donation. The National membership automatically gives you membership in the local group in addition to the award winning Audubon magazine. It is a good idea to note the month you joined so you will not be confused by multiple early reminders.

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