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President's Corner

By Craig Kruse

As I write this, last Saturday was our annual Spring Species (Bird) Count. Lots of cool birds were seen, we had a fair amount of new participants, and I got to cook the brats this year. I still stand by my comment that burning them a little makes them taste smoky. Getting to see the birds at these events is always the best part of the year, but having new birders along is always the icing on the cake. A new set of eyes which sees a bird for the first time that you may see every time can make that bird feel a little extra special again. It's almost like reliving the first time you saw it, and that's very cool to me. The picnic at the end of the day is also always a treat. Everyone always has a special story to tell and something cool that he or she has seen. It was a fun time, burnt brats and all.

This is going to be my final President's Corner for a while. Every May at our final meeting of the year, Dubuque Audubon elects the members of our board for the following year. Along with a few other changes, Joe Tollari will be taking over as Dubuque Audubon's president next year. I am a big believer that it's a good idea to rotate certain positions to stay fresh,

and I believe Joe is the perfect person to take the reigns and keep Dubuque Audubon moving forward. You all know Joe; he's a great guy and a good birder. When he talks, you always want to listen, because you know what he is going to say is worth hearing. He's going to do well for us. Besides, this current vice president has a little bit (!) of Dubuque Audubon experience and will help out where ever he can, providing he doesn't burn the brats (insert wink here).

As for me, I plan on staying involved. Notice I did say this is my last President's Corner for a while, not forever. I'll still be at as many meetings and our events as I can. I like writing, so I'll be contributing to the newsletter as often as I can. I hope I've gotten you to think about what's outside your door a little bit and encouraged you to see some of it by writing these articles. If I were to give you any takeaways from my time as DAS president over the last four years, they would be: Don't just read about life and what's out there, though go live it and see it for yourself. Take someone with you and encourage them to enjoy it, also. Don't be afraid to try to identify what you see - be it a bird, tree or plant. You may make mistakes. WE ALL DO. It's part of the game, so don't take it





PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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to heart. And don't be too hard on those of us who do misidentify from time to time. We are learning and get our own enjoyment from what we see. I know too many people who are afraid to start learning about birds, because it seems overwhelming. They can do it, and we need to encourage them to just take it a piece at a time. So, promise me this summer you'll get together with a friend a couple times a month and walk out the door. There's a lot to take in out there, so enjoy it. I'll be seeing you soon. And until then, maybe I'll see you in the field.

Spring Species Count 2018

by Joe Tollari

The Spring Species Count was held on May 12, 2018. It never did really warm up. It never did really stop raining/misting. But, that didn't stop the fun. The group identified 150 species of birds. It was a good day for warblers. Twenty-three (23) species of warblers were identified. One group counted the first ever Whooping Crane on the Spring count. (Is Kevin coming back?) We had fun sharing stories at the wrap up in Swiss Valley Park. As one of his last official duties, Craig cooked (nearly burned?) the brats. What is a little charcoal among friends?

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| Canada Goose | Cooper's Hawk |
| Trumpeter Swan | Red-tailed Hawk |
| Wood Duck | Sora |
| Mallard | Common Gallinule |
| Blue-winged Teal | American Coot |
| Northern Shoveler | Sandhill Crane |
| Hooded Merganser | Semipalmated Plover |
| Red-breasted Merganser | Killdeer |
| Ring-necked Pheasant | Spotted Sandpiper |
| Wild Turkey | Solitary Sandpiper |
| Pied-billed Grebe | Greater Yellowlegs |
| Double-crested Cormorant | Lesser Yellowlegs |
| American White Pelican | Dunlin |
| Great Blue Heron | Baird's Sandpiper |
| Great Egret | Least Sandpiper |
| Green Heron | Blue-gray Gnatcatcher |
| Turkey Vulture | Pectoral Sandpiper |
| Bald Eagle | Semipalmated Sandpiper |
| Northern Harrier | Short-billed Dowitcher |

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|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Ring-billed Gull | Brown Thrasher |
| Caspian Tern | European Starling |
| Black Tern | Cedar Waxwing |
| Common Tern | Ovenbird |
| Forster's Tern | Louisiana Waterthrush |
| Rock Pigeon | Northern Waterthrush |
| Mourning Dove | Golden-winged Warbler |
| Eastern Screech Owl | Black-and-white Warbler |
| Great Horned Owl | Prothonotary Warbler |
| Barred Owl | Tennessee Warbler |
| Chimney Swift | Orange-crowned Warbler |
| Ruby-throated Hummingbird | Nashville Warbler |
| Belted Kingfisher | Common Yellowthroat |
| Red-headed Woodpecker | American Redstart |
| Red-bellied Woodpecker | Cape May Warbler |
| Yellow-bellied Sapsucker | Northern Parula |
| Downy Woodpecker | Magnolia Warbler |
| Hairy Woodpecker | Bay-breasted Warbler |
| Northern Flicker | Yellow Warbler |
| Pileated Woodpecker | Chestnut-sided Warbler |
| American Kestrel | Blackpoll Warbler |
| Peregrine Falcon | Palm Warbler |
| Eastern Wood-Pewee | Yellow-rumped Warbler |
| Willow Flycatcher | Yellow-throated Warbler |
| Least Flycatcher | Black-throated Green Warbler |
| Eastern Phoebe | Wilson's Warbler |
| Great Crested Flycatcher | Eastern Towhee |
| Eastern Kingbird | Chipping Sparrow |
| Bell's Vireo | Field Sparrow |
| Yellow-throated Vireo | Savannah Sparrow |
| Warbling Vireo | Grasshopper Sparrow |
| Philadelphia Vireo | Song Sparrow |
| Red-eyed Vireo | Lincoln's Sparrow |
| Blue Jay | Swamp Sparrow |
| American Crow | White-throated Sparrow |
| Horned Lark | White-crowned Sparrow |
| Purple Martin | Scarlet Tanager |
| Tree Swallow | Northern Cardinal |
| Nor. Rough-winged Swallow | Rose-breasted Grosbeak |
| Bank Swallow | Indigo Bunting |
| Cliff Swallow | Bobolink |
| Barn Swallow | Red-winged Blackbird |
| Black-capped Chickadee | Eastern Meadowlark |
| Tufted Titmouse | Common Grackle |
| White-breasted Nuthatch | Brown-headed Cowbird |
| House Wren | Orchard Oriole |
| Sedge Wren | Baltimore Oriole |
| Marsh Wren | House Finch |
| Carolina Wren | Purple Finch |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet | Pine Siskin |
| Eastern Bluebird | American Goldfinch |
| Veery | House Sparrow |
| Swainson's Thrush | Eurasian Tree Sparrow |
| Wood Thrush | Whooping Crane |
| American Robin | |
| Gray Catbird | |



DUBUQUE AUDUBON SOCIETY
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUMMER...2018

<p>SATURDAY June 2nd</p>	<p>VALLEY OF EDEN FIELD TRIP</p>	<p>9:00 AM 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>SATURDAY June 9th</p>	<p>THE BIRDLIST BIRDING CLASS</p>	<p>9-11:00 AM 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!</p>
<p>THURSDAY June 14th</p>	<p>DUBUQUE AUDUBON SPRING POTLUCK & BOARD RETREAT</p>	<p>5:30 PM 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>SUNDAY July 8th</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 sunscreen.</p> <p>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>SATURDAY July 21st</p>	<p>MACROINVERTEBRATE MAYHEM</p>	<p>1:00 PM, Hurstville Interpretive Center, 18670 63rd St. Maquoketa, IA. We can tell a lot about the health of our waterbodies by what macroinvertebrates we find in them. Come catch, identify, and learn about these amazing creatures with a naturalist in the Hurstville Interpretive Center pond. Be prepared to get wet and enjoy a nice summer day.</p>
<p>THURSDAY September 13th</p>	<p>DUBUQUE AUDUBON PROGRAM: HAWKS OF IOWA</p>	<p>EB Lyons Interpretive Center, 8991 Bellevue Hts, Dubuque.</p> <p>5:00 PM—Board meeting</p> <p>6:00 PM—The friendly people at the Raptor Research Project will feature two hawks, in combination with our Hawk Watch/Big Sit. Stay tuned for more info in our September newsletter.</p>



JDCF's Valley of Eden Bird Sanctuary Grand Opening -

Public Invited

by Maureen Bardusk

The Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation will be opening a 409-acre property near Stockton, Illinois, on Saturday, June 2, 2018, beginning at 9 AM. After opening remarks, trails will be open for self-guided tours; and bird experts will be on hand with spotting scopes to answer your questions. We will also be joined by the Hoo Haven Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center with their American white pelican ambassador, Marshmallow, for a live bird program. Wear sturdy shoes for hiking on uneven ground, and bring your sense of adventure. A generous gift from



Nancy Hamill Winter, Valley of Eden offers a variety of habitats to sustain many native Illinois birds that have been on the decline for the past 50 years due primarily to habitat loss or alteration to grasslands, forests, and oak savannas. The grassland habitat at

Valley of Eden will support species that have suffered the steepest decline, including the bobolink, Henslow's sparrow, dickcissel, sedge wren, and more, by providing the right cover and food mix to allow them to breed and successfully rear a family.

The name Valley of Eden is a tribute to the Eden families who settled in this valley and have farmed here for 4 generations and continue to raise Black Angus cattle in one of two pastures during most of the growing season as part of the management of the property. The site has over 6 miles of grass walking paths that weave through grasslands, along forests and pasture edges, and between beautiful oak savannas. More than 108 bird species have been identified, and the list is growing. **Please note that dogs and dog walking are not allowed.**

Valley of Eden Bird Sanctuary is located at 5559 E. Rush Creek Road, Stockton, Illinois. Visit our website for more information: www.jdcf.org

The Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation is a local non-profit whose mission is to preserve land for the lasting well-being of people and wildlife. JDCF owns several beautiful and unique preserves that are open to the public for hiking, wildlife viewing, and picnicking. For more information about JDCF, please visit their office at 126 N Main Street, Elizabeth IL, or contact them at www.jdcf.org, or info@jdcf.org.

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2018 Butterfly Count



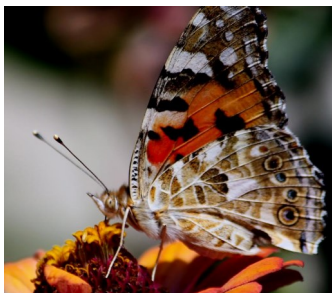
Join us at **Mines of Spain or Swiss Valley Nature Center at 1PM on SUNDAY, July 8th**, to participate in

compiling a list of observed butterflies visiting our area. The North American Butterfly Association (NABA) has orchestrated this program in the United States, Canada, and Mexico since 1993. According to NABA, 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.



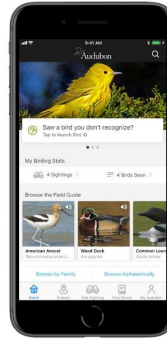
Prepare for the weather and enjoy the species variety! At 4:00PM tally the results over your own picnic supper at E.B. Lyons Interpretive Center. Meet in the picnic area adjacent to the parking lot.



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_____ Local Chapter Dues \$10.00

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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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