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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Joe Tollari

Have you noticed the changes? The transition from summer to autumn is occurring. We have fewer hours of daylight. The cooler days of early August will change to the last hot days of September. And fall migration has started. Some birds began their migration in July. By the time this newsletter arrives, you will be hard-pressed to find a Bobolink! So, we are looking forward to the fall warbler migration and the southward hawk migration.

On September 13, our general membership meeting will feature **Laura Semken** from the *Iowa Raptor Project*. She will speak to us about hawks and will have two hawks with her program. She was well-received last winter when she did a program on owls.

On Saturday, September 15, we will again host a BIG SIT at Julien Dubuque Monument to count the species that migrate down the Mississippi. It will start at 5:30 am and continue until 8:30 pm. Come and visit any time during those hours. It may be too early for hawks, but the warbler migration will be in full force.

Oh yes, there is one more transition to mention. Craig Kruse's

term as President has come to an end, and I will be taking over the leadership role. Craig has been a breath of fresh air for Dubuque Audubon Society. He has challenged us think in new ways about programming and has encouraged us to use social media to recruit new members. (Visit us on the Dubuque Audubon Facebook page.) His excitement about bird watching is contagious. Fortunately, he will continue to be a presence in Dubuque Audubon. Craig, thank you for your hard work and leadership these past four years.



David Morgan/Audubon Photo Awards

2018 | YEAR OF THE BIRD

In 2018, Audubon is joining National Geographic in marking the centennial of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the most powerful bird-protection law ever passed. In honor of this milestone, nature lovers around the world are coming together to protect birds today, and for the next 100 years.



Spotted: Pileated Woodpecker Family

By Ken Kiss

I had the opportunity to photograph a Pileated Woodpecker nest at a local resident in Dubuque County this spring. The nest was located in a tree directly behind their house. The house was located near a large wooded area which extended



Photo by: Ken Kiss

from their backyard. It took the pair approximately 4 weeks to build the nest cavity. The incubation period took around 15 days. During this period the male and



Photo by: Ken Kiss

female would take turns incubating while the mate was feeding. Sometimes the female would poke

her head out of the cavity and then momentarily get out and stretch before reentering. The nesting period was approximately 30 days when typically the parents would feed the young every 1.5 - 2 hours. There was a squirrel that also lived nearby, and once I witnessed the



Photo by: Ken Kiss

woodpecker dive-bomb the squirrel to chase him away when the woodpecker felt he was too close to the nest. Two young birds - one male and one female - fledged the nest on June 12 or 13th. Enjoy some of my favorite photos of the nest site.



Photo by: Ken Kiss

Big Sit/Hawk Watch

Join us on **Saturday, September 15th**, as we sit in one spot and watch



different species of birds migrate down the Mississippi River. The event will run from 5:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the **Julien Dubuque Monument**, 1810 Monument Drive, Dubuque. You can join us for part of the day or all day as we observe different species of hawks, warblers, waterfowl and others moving through the area.



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DUBUQUE AUDUBON SOCIETY CALENDAR OF EVENTS



<p>September 8th Saturday</p>	<p>REINVENTING POWER</p>	<p>9 a.m. Key City Creative Center, 1781 White Street 10a.m. Rise for Climate, Jobs, and Justice Rally at Jackson Park</p>
<p>September 12th Wednesday</p>	<p>HAMILTON PRAIRIE WALK</p>	<p>6:00 - 7:30 PM Codfish Hollow Hill Prairie Walk (Hamilton Prairie), 4 miles east of Maquoketa on 35th St. Sponsored by Hurstville Interpretive Center. Take a walk on a native prairie and enjoy viewing flowers in bloom. Managed as a local biological preserve for 34 years, we should see blooms from 1/2 dozen varieties of asters, ladies tresses orchids, and a seasons worth of over 100 varieties of native prairie plants. Home of 5-lined skinks, one of the world's northern most population of original native purple coneflowers, prairie butterflies (one variety which may be visible on this trip is the only recognized population in eastern Iowa), seasonal nighthawk nesting, and seasonal woodcock nesting and lots more. Occasional visitors include bobcat and pileated woodpeckers.</p>
<p>September 13th Thursday</p>	<p>DUBUQUE AUDUBON PROGRAM "HAWKS"</p>	<p>EB Lyons Interpretive Center, 8991 Bellevue Hts, Dubuque. 5:00 p.m. – Dubuque Audubon Society Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. – Laura Semken, the Education Coordinator for the Iowa Raptor Project, will be bring two live hawks to teach us about those that live in Iowa.</p>
<p>September 15th Saturday</p>	<p>BIG SIT / HAWK WATCH</p>	<p>Part or whole day 5:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Julien Dubuque Monument, 1810 Monument Drive, Dubuque. Join us to sit in one spot and watch different species of birds migrate down the Mississippi River. See article in newsletter.</p>



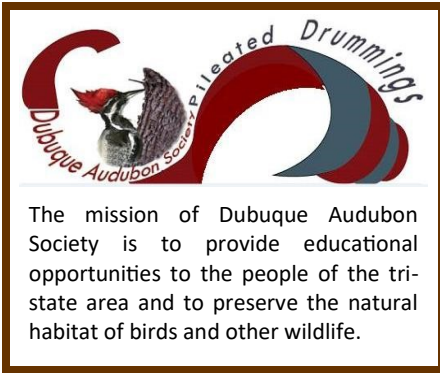
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NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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.

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" then "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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