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Happy Thanksgiving

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Joe Tollari

The Dubuque Audubon Society Board has been grappling with how to increase attendance at meetings. General membership meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month from September through June. We have advanced the meeting start time from 7:00 pm to 6:00 pm to encourage family participation. We hope that the meeting will be over by 7:00 so that children can be home and ready to settle in by 8:00 pm.

In the past year, we have had two programs by the Iowa Raptor Center, one on owls and the more recent program on hawks and Turkey Vulture. We have sponsored two programs by the Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium. Last spring they did a program on insects and last month a program on reptiles and amphibians. All of those programs included animal ambassadors. The International Crane Foundation presented a program on their Whooping Crane program including an update on Kevin, the wayward Whooping Crane that loved fast food in Dubuque. In addition, we have local speakers who present on a variety of topics from travel to Monarch butterflies to living with ticks.

All of those programs offered families an evening of entertainment and education – just as we had hoped. If you have any program ideas, let us know. We will try to incorporate them into our schedule.

In November, we will conduct our annual appeal. Some of these programs have associated costs like travel expenses, etc.. Once a year, we ask for help. If you like the programming, please consider a donation so that we can continue to offer fine educational entertainment.

Would you like to be an Assistant Treasurer?

Dubuque Audubon is in need of someone to learn the ropes in keeping the finances in check. Our trooper, Maggie O'Connell, had learned the skill and has modernized the accounting procedure to balance each year during our group's audit! We are thankful of her efforts every month. We all think it's a good idea to have someone as a basic understudy for 15 minutes a month to review the month's records. If you would like to "wait in the wings" to then assume the role or teach it to another (your choice), please email Maggie at maggieoc1@gmail.com.

**2018 - YEAR OF THE BIRD****3 Ways You Can Help Migrating Birds This Fall**

By: Andrew Del-Colle

*This article reprinted with permission from the National Audubon Magazine**Migrants heading south face myriad man-made obstacles, but there are actions we can all take to save their lives.***Make Your Windows Obvious**

Anywhere from 100 million to 1 billion birds a year are estimated to die as a result of impacts with clear or reflective glass. Windows can confuse birds in a couple of ways. Sometimes the glass reflects the trees and surrounding landscape, causing the bird to think the reflection is just more of the natural world. Sometimes the window can make it appear that there is an open space on the other side. Either way, the result is often the same: a lethal impact. Preventing these strikes, however, is fairly easy.

For starters, putting decals on your windows can drastically reduce bird strikes. And because birds are used to darting through narrow spaces, make sure you use multiple decals close enough together to actually deter them (despite what you often see, just one or two in the middle of a window won't do). The gaps between each decal shouldn't be bigger than 2"x4" inches, or no larger than the space a sparrow would fly through.

If colored decals don't appeal, you can use [films with dots on them](#), strips of [translucent tape](#), or opt for [UV stickers](#), which are less apparent to the human eye but remain highly visible to birds (when applying them, still stick to the same spacing guidelines). You could also get a little creative, putting up streamers, beads, or [making your own bird decorations](#) that could also prevent strikes. And for the slackers out there, here's something to feel good about: Dirty windows also reduce impacts. So next time you are starting to feel behind on your chores, give yourself a break. You'll also be giving one to the birds.

Go Lights Out

Another easy way to prevent bird impacts is simply to keep your household or apartment lights off from dusk until dawn. Many birds that migrate during the night—the Blackburnian included—use the stars and moon to help guide their way. But now that the landscape below them twinkles with artificial light, birds can easily be confused. Studies suggest that up to a million birds a year can die because of light pollution. Sometimes the birds are attracted to or disoriented by the lights and run into a building or window. Other times they can get “trapped” by a city's glow or powerful beams, exhausting themselves as they continuously circle.

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are lured by the glow. Stuck flying around the beam, birds waste valuable energy they need to fuel their long journeys. But thanks to the hard work of New York City Audubon, the city now partners with the chapter [to monitor](#) how many birds get trapped. When the number gets too high, they shut the lights for 20-30 minutes to let the birds escape and continue along their way.

This is just one example of how Audubon's [Lights Out](#) initiative is making a difference. By reducing light pollution we can save birds and many other wildlife disoriented by lights—turtles coming ashore to nest, for example, can also get turned around by artificial lighting. In addition to just turning off your inside lights manually, homeowners should also make sure external lighting is either off or has a shield, and to use timers in case you are away or forget. With these simple actions, you can contribute to a nationwide movement aimed at saving migrating birds *and* reducing your energy consumption.

Become an Advocate

Putting up decals and flipping the switch will certainly help birds, but perhaps the best thing you can do for them is to become an advocate on their behalf. Speaking at city planning meetings, making appointments with your elected representatives, and letter writing are all ways to possibly affect much larger changes. For example, campaigning for your city to enact bird-friendly architecture guidelines can produce real results, such as the [bird-safe building standards](#). Golden Gate Audubon helped get implemented in San Francisco, Oakland, and Richmond, California. And when the bright lights of a building in Texas led hundreds of migrating birds to their death this past spring, [Houston Audubon](#) worked with the building's owner to turn the lights off.

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DUBUQUE AUDUBON SOCIETY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

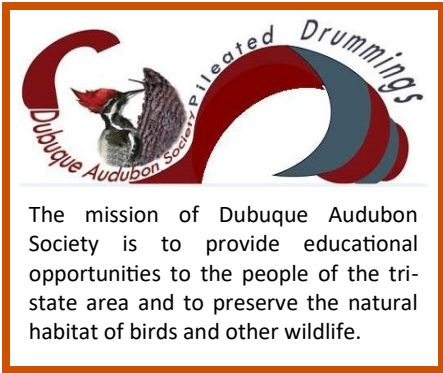


<p>November 8th Thursday</p>	<p>DUBUQUE AUDUBON PROGRAM: <i>Dubuque Flyfishers</i></p>	<p>EB Lyons Interpretive Center, 8991 Bellevue Hts, Dubuque. 5:00PM– Dubuque Audubon Society Board Meeting 6:00PM – Join Dubuque Audubon and the Dubuque Flyfishers for an introduction to fly fishing. Several topics will be taught including: how fly fishing differs from conventional fishing, basic equipment that you will need, fly casting, and there will be a fly-tying demonstration. It's sure to be a fun evening learning new skills or dusting off old ones.</p>
<p>November 11th & December 9th Sundays</p>	<p><i>Hike & Hygge</i></p>	<p>1:30 PM. Prairie Creek Recreation Area, 223rd Ave, Maquoketa Join a naturalist the 2nd Sunday of the month this winter for a hike at the park followed by hygge. If snow, we'll snowshoe. If not, we'll hike. Find animal tracks, ID winter birds, do some antler hunting, learn about the trail system at the park and enjoy some outdoor activity. Meet at the Pavilion at Prairie Creek Recreation Area Free event for all ages! What is Hygge? Pronounced Hue-ga, hygge is a Danish concept of creating time and space for all things comforting. Warm drinks, soft light, food made with love, cozy clothes and a good book or friend make for a hygge time. You should feel safe and warm. We'll strive to have a bit of hygge time at the PCRA Pavilion with a fire, warm drinks and unhurried conversations. Let's build community, make memories and enjoy the softer side of life.</p>
<p>November 13th Saturday</p>	<p><i>Estate Planning For Conservation</i></p>	<p>6:00 PM. Hurstville Interpretive Center, 18670 63rd Street, Maquoketa It's never too early to start planning for your land's future. Join the Iowa Natural Heritage Area, Natural Resource Conservation Services, Pheasants Forever and Wright and Coakley Law Office for a forum on estate planning related to conservation. Each organization will explain how they can assist and then will open the discussion for questions.</p>
<p>November 20th Tuesday</p>	<p>Landscapes That Shape Us</p>	<p>6:30 PM – 7:30 PM, Swiss Valley Nature Center, 13606 Swiss Valley Rd, Dubuque. The Iowa DOT presents the video "Landscapes that Shape Us: Mitigation Efforts for US 20." This video tells the story of cultural resources discovered during the planning stages of the US 20 expansion and how government agencies, Native American tribes, historians, and archaeologists worked together to balance transportation needs while protecting the integrity of the land. The video will be followed by a Q&A sessions with Brennan Dolan, archaeologist and cultural resource manager for the Iowa DOT.</p>
<p>December 13th Thursday</p>	<p>DUBUQUE AUDUBON PROGRAM: <i>The Big Year</i></p>	<p>EB Lyons Interpretive Center, 8991 Bellevue Hts, Dubuque. 5:00PM– Dubuque Audubon Society Board Meeting 6:00PM– Join us for the comedy film, <i>The Big Year</i>, as actors Steve Martin, Jack Black, and Owen Wilson venture across the country to count more bird species than the others. Rated PG, 1hr 40min</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 Society. 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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