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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Joe Tollari

The 31st annual Bald Eagle Watch is over. It will be remembered for the bad weather. We had to cancel the Friday school program. The late start and early release announced by the Dubuque schools would not have allowed enough time for the program. We had to cancel the outdoor activities on Saturday. The observation area at the Lock and Dam was closed because of the work on the locks so we had to move the observation to AY McDonald Park. With strong winds and no shelter at that location, we thought it unwise to continue with the outdoor portion.

While the attendance was down this year because of the weather, the programs were a great success for those who braved the elements. The World Bird Sanctuary from St. Louis had an excellent program as usual. They brought a Barn Owl, Harris' Hawk, Bateleur (African Eagle), and Bald Eagle. They presented the birds with a mixture of humor and knowledge. I was especially impressed with how the presenter respected the kids present.

The second program was presented by John Howe of the Raptor Resource Project. This is the group that brings us the Decorah Eagles. He discussed what had been learned from these eagles from nest building to incubation to hatching and fledging to where they go

after fledging. RRP has learned much since they first started watching these eagles in 2008. As one who has been a fan of the Decorah Eagles, it has been a fun adventure.

Soon we will be planning for next year. If you have any suggestions, let me know at audubondubuque@gmail.com.

**2018
 CHRISTMAS
 BIRD COUNT RESULTS**



- Canada Goose 3002
- Trumpeter Swan 66
- swan sp. 12
- American Black Duck 2
- Mallard 148
- Common Goldeneye 35
- Common Merganser 30
- Wild Turkey 30
- American White Pelican 1
- Great Blue Heron 3
- Cooper's Hawk 2
- Bald Eagle 66
- Red-tailed Hawk 26
- Rough-legged Hawk 3
- Ring-billed Gull 13
- Herring Gull 1

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- Rock Pigeon 244
- Mourning Dove 122
- Great Horned Owl 4
- Barred Owl 3
- Short-eared Owl 1
- Belted Kingfisher 6
- Red-headed Woodpecker 2
- Red-bellied Woodpecker 67
- Downy Woodpecker 54
- Hairy Woodpecker 3
- Northern Flicker 8
- Pileated Woodpecker 9
- American Kestrel 15
- Blue Jay 65
- American Crow 88
- Black-capped Chickadee 109
- Tufted Titmouse 15
- Red-breasted Nuthatch 3
- White-breasted Nuthatch 65
- Brown Creeper 2
- Carolina Wren 11
- Golden-crowned Kinglet 1
- Eastern Bluebird 17
- American Robin 53
- European Starling 173
- Cedar Waxwing 31
- American Tree Sparrow 105
- Dark-eyed Junco 445
- White-crowned Sparrow 2
- White-throated Sparrow 22
- Song Sparrow 22
- Eastern Towhee 1
- Northern Cardinal 138
- Common Grackle 1
- House Finch 40
- Purple Finch 3
- Pine Siskin 40
- American Goldfinch 64
- House Sparrow 423

Count Summary Report
Total Individuals 5918

MARCH PROGRAM

NATIONAL PARKS AND THEIR WILDLIFE

with Wayne Buchholtz

Explore some of our National Parks with Wayne and his wife, Pam, as they hike into



Photo by W. Buchholtz

the back country. What wildlife is around the next corner? Where do they call home? What land characteristics, habitats, elevations and time of year are all factors to best view wildlife? We will explore Yellowstone in January, Glacier, Smokies, Zion, Bryce and others in October, Rocky Mountains in September, Niagara Falls and other parks across our vast park system.

Big Horn sheep, bison, grizzlies, goats, flies, shrimp and more will be explored. You never know what you will see, where you will see it, how far you need to go, or how close you need to get to see it. Come along as we hike

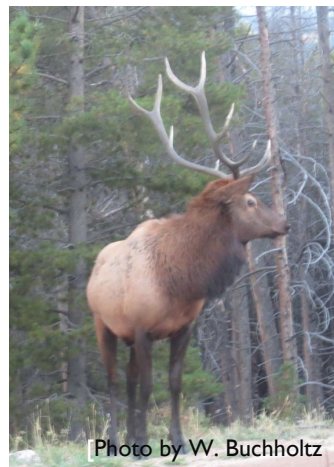


Photo by W. Buchholtz

some 350 miles of scenic trails in some of our most majestic national parks.

Wayne was Park Ranger at the Mines of Spain Recreation Area for 25 years and Park Ranger with the State Of Iowa for 38 years. He and his wife have traveled to various national parks, taking in some of the best trails which average 50 miles per area to find America's wildlife and natural wonders.

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DUBUQUE AUDUBON SOCIETY CALENDAR OF EVENTS



FEBRUARY 2019

<p>February 10th Sunday</p>	<p>BIRDHOUSE WORKSHOP</p>	<p>4:00 p.m. Hurstville Interpretive Center, 18670 63rd Street, Maquoketa, Iowa. Birdhouses are a wonderful addition to your yard & can increase your success of seeing birds around your home. Materials, information and instruction are provided at this workshop where you will make & take your birdhouse. Cost: Wren \$5, Bluebird \$7, Kestrel \$19, Wood Duck \$30. Pre-registration (563-652-3783) required by February 5th. See you there!</p>
<p>February 10th Sunday</p>	<p>COFFEE & CONSERVATION</p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Swiss Valley Nature Center, 13606 Swiss Valley Road, Dubuque. Join us for coffee and conservation to learn about the latest happenings with the Dubuque County Conservation areas. This is a social hour meant for meeting staff and other outdoor enthusiasts.</p>
<p>February 14th Thursday</p> 	<p>DUBUQUE AUDUBON PROGRAM "Outlook Not So Good: The Plight of the Black Tern"</p>	<p>EB Lyons Interpretive Center, 8991 Bellevue Heights, Dubuque. 5:00 p.m. - Dubuque Audubon Society Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. - David Shealer, Loras College Professor of Biology, will talk to us about the plight of the Black Tern. He will discuss population trends and questions that remain to be answered.</p>
<p>February 24th Sunday</p>	<p>STORYTELLING IN WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY</p>	<p>1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. EB Lyons Interpretive Center, 8991 Bellevue Heights, Dubuque. You are invited to attend a presentation on Storytelling in Wildlife Photography presented by Dubuque Camera Club member Andreas Exner. He will share a slideshow of his images and discuss these questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do I get started with wildlife photography, even with a small camera & lens? • What are good locations to photograph wildlife in & around the Mississippi Valley? • How can we become better storytellers with our photos? • What about safety and ethics? 
<p>February 28th Thursday</p>	<p>LANDOWNER HABITAT WORKSHOP</p>	<p>6:30 p.m. Swiss Valley Nature Center, 13606 Swiss Valley Road, Dubuque. Private landowners are invited to learn more about how to maintain habitat on their property for various types of wildlife. Knowledgeable speakers will cover a variety of topics about implementing management practices on your land. Call 563-556-6745 to register.</p>
<p>March 14th Thursday</p>	<p>DUBUQUE AUDUBON PROGRAM "National Parks and Their Wildlife"</p>	<p>EB Lyons Interpretive Center, 8991 Bellevue Heights, Dubuque. 5:00 p.m. - Dubuque Audubon Society Board Meeting. 6:00 p.m. - Wayne Buchholtz will present the details of how particular wildlife are best adapted to their habitats in multiple national parks. See newsletter for article and sample pics!</p>

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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 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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