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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

by Joe Tollari

Thirty-five - that is the number of warbler species listed on the Iowa Ornithologists' Union checklist of Iowa birds. It might be a good idea to take out your favorite bird guide and review these birds before the Spring Species Count on May 11, 2019. The annual migration will be in full gear at that point. Some warblers will breed in Iowa, but most are headed to breeding areas farther north. They are some of the most colorful birds like the Prothonotary Warbler, American Redstart, and the ubiquitous Yellow Warbler. Some have distinctive markings like the Chestnut-sided and the Canada Warbler with its black necklace. One, the Tennessee Warbler, is very non-descript. One thing they all have in common is that they are very hungry and move quickly through the tops of trees in search of insects. They are a fun group of birds to watch.

This year, we will have two groups. One will start at Eagle Point Park (use the back entrance by the tennis courts) and the second group will start at Julien Dubuque Monument. Both locations should be good for warblers and other woodland species,

and both start at 8:00 a.m.

We will end the day at Swiss Valley Park to tally our results over brats and good times. Bird watchers have their own version of "fish stories"

**- the one that got away. -**

I hope you can join us for a fun day of birding.

**Spring Species Count:**

Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>

There are groups at two locations this year at 8AM. One will be at Eagle Point Park; the other will meet at the Julien Dubuque Monument, 1810 Monument Dr, Dubuque.

Directions to Eagle Point Park are as follows: From Dodge Street, 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; and then 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. You may bypass the main entrance on Shiras and continue to Eagle Point Dr. and park at the street's end near the tennis courts.

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## Spring Species Count

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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. Join us for all or part of the day.

At 5:00, we will meet at Swiss Valley Park Sycamore 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.* In case of bad weather, we will move to the Swiss Valley Nature Center.

## Codfish Hollow Hill Prairie Walk

Hosted by Hurstville Interpretive Center, Jackson County

**Thursday, May 16, 2019**

Codfish Hollow Hill Prairie Walk Thursday, May 16 at 6 pm. Enjoy a guided hike through Ray Hamilton's reconstructed and remnant prairie. Ray will share his knowledge of prairie plants and native pollinators. Learn to identify many native prairie flowers, especially early blooming native species. This area has been managed as a local biological preserve for 34 years and is home to five-lined skinks, one of the worlds 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.

This Prairie Walk is sponsored by Jackson County Conservation Board, Iowa Prairie Network and Iowa Native Plant Society. Wear good walking shoes, long pants recommended and dress for the weather. For more information, contact Jackson County Conservation at (563) 652-3783.

### **DIRECTIONS - HOW TO GET THERE...**

Codfish Hollow Prairie is located NE of Maquoketa. Travel 1 mile north of Maquoketa on Hwy 62, turn right (east) on 35th Street, turn left (north) on 288th Ave, travel 1/4 mile to gate.

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If you have questions or comments, please contact us!

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# **D**UBUQUE AUDUBON SOCIETY

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS - *continued...*

<b>SATURDAY</b> June 8th	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> EB Lyons Interpretive Center, 8991 Bellevue Hts, Dubuque. We will carpool for a trip to the newly acquired Valentine property to view Bobolinks and Grasshopper Sparrows, led by Brian Preston.
<b>SATURDAY</b> July 13th	Butterfly Count Mark your calendars for this event. More information will be in the June Newsletter.



# DUBUQUE AUDUBON SOCIETY

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



<p><b>THURSDAY</b> May 9th</p>	<p><b>Dubuque Audubon Program: Tick Prevention In the Dubuque area</b></p>	<p>Dubuque Audubon Program: Tick prevention in the Dubuque area EB Lyons Interpretive Center, 8991 Bellevue Hts, Dubuque. 5:00 p.m. – Dubuque Audubon Society Board Meeting <b>6:00 p.m.</b> – Dr. Kelly Grussendorf, Asst Professor at UD, has worked with students to study Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases in eastern Iowa. They work to determine the frequency at various sites, many of which are highly visited for recreational activities. Having determined the presence of many of these disease-causing agents, they also work to understand the variation in population levels and ecological factors that may contribute to this.</p>
<p><b>SATURDAY</b> May 11th</p>	<p><b>Spring Species Count</b></p>	<p><b>8:00 a.m.</b> Join groups at either Eagle Point Park, 2601 Shiras Ave. OR Julien Dubuque Monument. For Eagle Point Park, meet near the tennis courts at the North Entrance to the park. (See article for directions.) This event is great for beginning bird watchers. Experienced bird watchers will help with locating &amp; identifying resident and migrating birds. Bring binoculars/bird book if you have them, and dress for the weather. Join us for all or part of the day. <b>5:00 p.m.</b> Meet at the Swiss Valley Park at the Sycamore Pavillion. Look for the signs for the Pavilion to tabulate the results &amp; share experiences. Audubon will provide the brats and hot dogs. <i>Bring your own table service, beverage, and a dish to pass.</i> In case of bad weather, we will move to the Swiss Valley Nature Center.</p>
<p><b>THURSDAY</b> May 16th</p>	<p><b>Codfish Hollow Hill Prairie Walk</b></p>	<p><b>6:00 p.m.</b> Doc Hamilton's Prairie, 288th Ave, Maquoketa, 52060. Enjoy a guided hike through Ray Hamilton's reconstructed and remnant prairie. Ray will share his knowledge of prairie plants and native pollinators. Learn to identify many native prairie flowers, especially early blooming native species. This area has been managed as a local biological preserve for 34 years and is home to five-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. <b>- See Article on Page 2 -</b></p>
<p><b>FRIDAY</b> May 17th</p>	<p><b>Colorful Costa Rica</b></p>	<p><b>6:30 – 7:30 p.m.</b> Swiss Valley Nature Center, 13606 Swiss Valley Rd, Dubuque / Colorful Costa Rica: Comparing Biodiversity and Climate Change Effects in Three Different Forests with Tom Davis, Professor of Biology, Loras College. We will take walks via photos to examine the flora and fauna of a tropical rain forest, a tropical dry forest and a cloud forest in Costa Rica. We will discuss reasons for differences in biodiversity in each forest and also discuss the effects of climate change on these natural communities in 2019.</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](http://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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