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The President's Corner

By Joe Tollari

I trust that we are all adjusting to social distancing in the time of corona. I have been heartened by newspaper reports that people are getting out into area natural areas to break up the monotony of staying at home. As I have hiked Swiss Valley, Mines of Spain, and Heritage Trail, I have noticed a common courtesy develop when groups meet. One group will pull off to the side while another passes exchanging pleasantries as they pass. I guess it is a recognition that we are all in this together.



This newsletter covers the months of May, June, and July. We had several events scheduled during this time period. The Board has voted to cancel the monthly meetings for May and June which are held at E.B. Lyons Interpretive Center. In addition, the Spring Species Count scheduled for May 9, 2020 has been canceled. While this is not an event sponsored by Dubuque Audubon Society, it is

hard not to get out and participate in the spring migration of warblers and shore birds. For those who do go out bird watching, I will compile a master list of species observed. Just e-mail your lists to me at jtollari@mchsi.com.

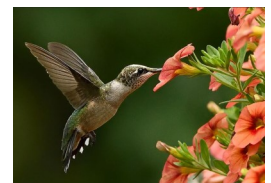
At this time, we have not canceled the Butterfly Count on July 11, 2020. We will assess the situation and make a decision in late June. Watch for updates on our Facebook page, Dubuque Audubon Society.

For helping to while away the time, I recommend the Decorah



eagle cam and the falcon cam at the Dubuque Court House. There are 3 eaglets in the nest at Decorah and 4 falcon eggs in the nest in Dubuque. You can find the cams at www.raptorresource.org/birdcams/decorah-eagles/and/dubuquecounty.org/385/Courthouse-Falcons.

Hummingbirds are coming! I put out my feeders today, April 26. Now the wait begins.





2020 Butterfly Count

Check the DAS website or facebook page first.

Join us at Mines of Spain (E.B. Lyons Nature Center) or Swiss Valley Nature Center at **10AM on Saturday, July 11th**, 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!



Duck Waddle 2020

Snow Goose	15
Ross's Goose	2
Greater White-fronted Goose (W.)	2500
Canada Goose	800
Trumpeter Swan	42
Wood Duck	4
Northern Shoveler	91
Gadwall	323
American Wigeon	33
Mallard	4000
Northern Pintail	23
Green-winged Teal (Am.)	13
Redhead	29
Ring-necked Duck	422
Lesser Scaup	122
Bufflehead	16
Common Goldeneye	4
Hooded Merganser	3
Mourning Dove	1
American Coot	1
Sandhill Crane	5
Killdeer	10
Wilson's Snipe	3
Ring-billed Gull 7	1
Northern Harrier	1
Bald Eagle	9
Belted Kingfisher	1
Downy Woodpecker	1
Pileated Woodpecker	1
Blue Jay	1
American Crow	2
American Robin	2
American Tree Sparrow	28
Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored)	2
Song Sparrow	9
Red-winged Blackbird	88

36 species observed &
8678 total individuals

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If you have any questions or comments, please contact us!

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DUBUQUE AUDUBON SOCIETY
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY - JUNE - JULY 2020

THURSDAY May 21st Stream Ecology *A Facebook Live Event*

10:00 - 10:30 AM. We are all in this together! For a virtual, family-friendly activity on Fb, join JDCF Education & Outreach Manager, Jess Carryer, for the next in our series of nature-related, educational Facebook Live events sponsored by Gabby's Gifts in Galena, IL. We will be practicing social distancing while conducting an ecological survey of a local stream. By liking, commenting, or sharing the video, you will be entered into a drawing for an item donated by Gabby's. Like us at Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation to join in.

THURSDAY MAY 28th Savannas *A Facebook Live Event*

10:00 - 10:30 AM. We are all in this together! For a virtual, family-friendly activity on Fb, join JDCF Education & Outreach Manager, Jess Carryer, for the next in our series of nature-related, educational Facebook Live events sponsored by Gabby's Gifts in Galena, IL. We will be practicing social distancing while learning about oak savanna habitat from a surprise guest speaker. By liking, commenting, or sharing the video, you will be entered into a drawing for an item donated by Gabby's. Like us at Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation to join in.

SATURDAY JUNE 6th Birding 101 *A Virtual Lesson*

9:00 AM - 12:00 noon. On jdcf.org, join a team of expert birders for instructional tours of the Valley of Eden Bird Sanctuary. We should warn you that after watching the video, you might never look out of a window the same. You might

SATURDAY JUNE 20th Experience Horseshoe Mound *A Walking Tour*

11:00 am - 12:00 noon. 1679 N Blackjack Rd, Galena. Have you ever wondered what a guided tour of Horseshoe Mound Preserve would be like? Well, wonder no more because we have brought back our popular walking tours with JDCF Education and Outreach Manager, Jess Hepker. Participants will get the inside scoop on geologic features that can be seen from the top of the mound and tour the many points of interest found at the preserve. You will also have a chance to see and ask questions about the restoration work being done on the western slope of the mound that is visible from Highway 20. The walk will take place along mowed trails over rolling terrain. We will meet in the parking lot at the top of the lane. A suggested donation of \$10/person for non-members of JDCF is welcome to help with costs of maintaining the preserve. We thank the Apple River State Bank/First Community Bank of Galena for sponsoring this event.

WEDNESDAY JULY 8th iNaturalist Workshop

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM OR 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM JDCF is holding a workshop on how to use the popular nature app, iNaturalist. Jess Hepker, JDCF's Outreach and Education Manager, will walk through the basics of iNat and show everyone how to make observations with it. By using the iNat app, you can create research quality data for scientists around the world to use. This online community can also help you identify and understand the environment around you. After the indoor session, we will head outside to the Schurmeier Teaching Forest, just south of town, where we will practice using the app. \$10/person for non-members. Limited seats available. RSVP your session preference to educator@jdcf.org.

SATURDAY JULY 11th 4th of July Butterfly Count

10:00 AM. 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

SATURDAY JULY 18th Experience Horseshoe Mound *A Walking Tour*

11:00 am - 12:00 pm. See June 20th entry.

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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. There are two categories of memberships in the Dubuque Audubon Society.

LOCAL MEMBERSHIP: This category of membership is local chapter only. You will receive 4 issues (August, November, February, & May) 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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