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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

By Ken Kiss

The Dubuque Audubon Board members have been meeting by zoom due to Covid-19, but this November we met in person. Dubuque County Conservation hopes to have E.B.Lyons reopen in December. This means...our indoor programs will be resuming in January, 2022! Hurray! Programs will start at 6:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at E.B. Lyons. See the Calendar of Events for monthly program information. For the January program we would like Audubon members to share some of their favorite photos (birds, nature, vacation, etc.). Please share up to ten digital photos by emailing me at [1976kiteman@gmail.com](mailto:1976kiteman@gmail.com) and I will combine them into a program. Members can then add comments on their own photos.

We have had several outdoor events since our last newsletter. March 13, 2021, was our annual Duck Waddle at Green Island. This is always a good time in which our local experts help us identify the various species of ducks and birds. I don't have a count on the number of species we saw but the weather was much warmer than normal. As I traveled to Green Island, I enjoyed the beautiful sunrise across the Mississippi at Bellevue. When I arrived, the fog was just starting to lift, allowing the sun to shine.

I was disappointed that the Great Horned Owls that I follow at the Mines of Spain had no young this year - maybe they nested in a different area. Although, I occasionally got a sighting of

one adult owl. It was always easier to get sightings of the owls when they had young ones to feed through the summer. During the previous two seasons, the owls had two young.



Photo by Ken Kiss

You may have seen me checking Bluebird nesting boxes at the Mines of Spain this summer. My friend Kevin McTague trained me in the spring. I monitored twenty-two boxes through the nesting season. Below are the results.

Species	Total Eggs	# of Nestlings	# Fledged
Bluebird	30	12	12
Tree Swallows	28	21	16
BC Chickadee	7	5	5

Next year, I plan to relocate some of the boxes to better protect them from redators and sparrows.

I got excited when I saw a male Prothonotary Warbler building a nest in one of the three nest boxes I have near the pond on Horseshoe Bluff Trail. The past several years have had no success. Unfortunately, this nest was also unsuccessful. I saw two eggs but no activity for several weeks and then the

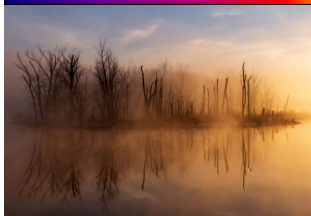


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eggs disappeared. However, later in the summer I spotted a nest in a natural cavity (old woodpecker hole) along Catfish Creek. I watch as this Prothonotary Warbler successfully fledged two young.

On the morning of September 12, 2021, Tony Moline led us on a trek to view migratory warblers at the Julien Dubuque Monument. Tony listed forty-nine species on an eBird checklist that we were able to identify. I especially enjoyed getting an excellent look at the Yellow-throated Warbler. To see what this chilly season has to offer, **mark your calendars for Audubon's 122nd annual Christmas Bird Count which will be held on Sunday, January 2nd, 2022.** We will meet in the E.B. Lyons parking lot at 8 a.m. I hope to see you there or at an upcoming program.

**121<sup>st</sup> Christmas Bird Count**  
**January 2, 2021**  
**Total Individuals 4688**  
**Total Species Reported 60**

Canada Goose	1514	Merlin	2
Trumpeter Swan	3	Blue Jay	126
Mallard	426	American Crow	106
Canvasback	4	Black-capped	
Ring-necked Duck	1	Chickadee	197
Lesser Scaup	6	Tufted Titmouse	81
Common Goldeneye	6	Red-breasted Nuthatch	5
Hooded Merganser	2	White-breasted	
Wild Turkey	141	Nuthatch	54
Great Blue Heron	2	Brown Creeper	4
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	Winter Wren	4
Cooper's Hawk	4	Carolina Wren	13
Accipiter sp.	2	Golden-crowned Kinglet	4
Bald Eagle	16	Fox Sparrow	2
Red-shouldered Hawk	2	Dark-eyed Junco	538
Red-tailed Hawk	23	White-crowned Sparrow	3
Rough-legged Hawk	2	White-throated Sparrow	8
Rock Pigeon	356	Song Sparrow	44
Mourning Dove	86	Swamp Sparrow	8
Great Horned Owl	2	Eastern Towhee	1
Barred Owl	2	Northern Cardinal	304
Belted Kingfisher	3	Common Grackle	1
Red-bellied		House Finch	60
Woodpecker	61	Purple Finch	4
Downy Woodpecker	85	Pine Siskin	15
Hairy Woodpecker	19	American Goldfinch	85
Northern Flicker	10	House Sparrow	227
Pileated Woodpecker	1	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	1
American Kestrel	41		

## Spring Species Count 2020

Canada Goose	56	Tree Swallow	25
Trumpeter Swan	10	Barn Swallow (American)	5
Wood Duck	30	White-breasted Nuthatch	1
Blue-winged Teal	9	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	2
Northern Shoveler	1	House Wren	3
Mallard	6	Marsh Wren	2
Green-winged Teal	1	Carolina Wren	1
Pied-billed Grebe	6	European Starling	1
Mourning Dove	4	Gray Catbird	3
Sora	2	Brown Thrasher	1
Common Gallinule	2	Wood Thrush	3
American Coot	14	American Robin	6
Sandhill Crane	2	House Sparrow	3
Killdeer	4	American Goldfinch	9
Least Sandpiper	10	Field Sparrow	1
Pectoral Sandpiper	2	White-throated Sparrow	3
Solitary Sandpiper	2	Song Sparrow	5
Willet	1	Eastern Towhee	2
Lesser Yellowlegs	19	Yellow-headed Blackbird	1
Double-crested		Eastern Meadowlark	2
Cormorant	16	Baltimore Oriole	3
American White Pelican	14	Red-winged Blackbird	X
Great Blue Heron	2	Brown-headed Cowbird	4
Great Egret	1	Common Grackle	6
Black-crowned		Northern Waterthrush	4
Night-Heron	1	Prothonotary Warbler	5
Turkey Vulture	1	Common Yellowthroat	7
Bald Eagle	1	American Redstart	5
Red-tailed Hawk (borealis)	1	Yellow Warbler (N'ern)	14
Red-headed Woodpecker	1	Palm Warbler (Western)	5
Eastern Phoebe	2	Yellow-rumped Warbler	6
Eastern Kingbird	2	Northern Cardinal	2
Yellow-throated Vireo	1	Ring-necked Duck	2
Warbling Vireo (Eastern)	2	Virginia Rail	1
Blue Jay	1	Stilt Sandpiper	1
Tufted Titmouse	1	Pileated Woodpecker	1
Northern Rough-winged		Eurasian Tree Sparrow	1
Swallow	6		

## OFFICERS &amp; BOARD MEMBERS

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

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# DUBUQUE AUDUBON SOCIETY CALENDAR OF EVENTS




<p><b>December 10th Friday</b></p>	<p><b>Cedars For Celebrations</b></p>	<p>1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Hurstville Fishing Pond, 63rd Street, Maquoketa. Get the ultimate in local and sustainable Christmas trees! The public is welcome to select a cedar tree from our prairie to grace their home this year. Although cedar trees are native, they can quickly shade out prairie species. Staff will be available to cut down the tree and load it up. The trees are free; donations are welcome. Please call (563) 652-3783 to place your reservation at least 48 hours before event.</p>
<p><b>December 16th Thursday</b></p>	<p><b>WILDLIFE HABITAT INSTALLATION &amp; MAINTENENCE</b></p>	<p>9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Hurstville Interpretive Center, 63rd Street, Maquoketa. Landowners and interested parties are invited to learn more about what it takes to establish quality habitat to attract and retain various game species. Lunch will be provided. Register by calling (563) 652-3783 at least 48 hours before event.</p>
<p><b>January 2, 2022 Sunday</b></p>	<p><b>122nd CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT</b></p>	<p>8:00AM Meet at E.B. Lyons parking lot, 8991 Bellevue Hts, Dubuque.</p>
<p><b>January 13th 2022 Thursday</b></p>	<p><b>DUBUQUE AUDUBON PROGRAM: Members sharing photos</b></p>	<p>EB Lyons Interpretive Center, 8991 Bellevue Hts, Dubuque. 5:30PM Dubuque Audubon Society Board Meeting 6:30PM Audubon members share photos. Send up to 10 pictures to <a href="mailto:kiteman1976@gmail.com">kiteman1976@gmail.com</a> for inclusion into the program.</p>
<p><i>Tentative Bald Eagle Watch. Check our website for upcoming date &amp; info.</i></p>		
<p><b>February 10th 2022 Thursday</b></p>	<p><b>DUBUQUE AUDUBON PROGRAM: Valentine Birds</b></p>	<p>EB Lyons Interpretive Center, 8991 Bellevue Hts, Dubuque. 5:30PM Dubuque Audubon Society Board Meeting 6:30PM Dave Shealer will showcase a variety of birds in the program "Valentine Birds".</p>
<p><b>March 10th 2022 Thursday</b></p>	<p><b>DUBUQUE AUDUBON PROGRAM: Wings over Wetlands</b></p>	<p>EB Lyons Interpretive Center, 8991 Bellevue Hts, Dubuque. 5:30PM Dubuque Audubon Society Board Meeting 6:30PM Bob Walton will present a program on ways to identify spring waterfowl.</p>
<p><b>March 12th 2022 Saturday</b></p>	<p><b>DUCK WADDLE</b></p>	<p>Join the group to see the interesting migrating waterfowl at the Green Island Wildlife Area. Meet at Banworth and Udelhoven Furniture parking lot, junction of US 61/151 and US 52. We will leave promptly at 6:00AM to caravan. Dress warmly. After our adventure we may have breakfast at the Riverview Café in Bellevue, IA, to compile our list and share stories of bird adventures.</p>
<p><b>April 14th, 2022 Thursday</b></p>	<p><b>DUBUQUE AUDUBON PROGRAM: Open for Suggestions</b></p>	<p>EB Lyons Interpretive Center, 8991 Bellevue Hts, Dubuque. 5:30PM Dubuque Audubon Society Board Meeting 6:30PM Send any suggestions to <a href="mailto:kiteman1976@gmail.com">kiteman1976@gmail.com</a></p>
<p><b>May 12th 2022 Thursday</b></p>	<p><b>DUBUQUE AUDUBON PROGRAM: MS River Museum Program on Raptors</b></p>	<p>EB Lyons Interpretive Center, 8991 Bellevue Hts, Dubuque. 5:30PM Dubuque Audubon Society Board Meeting 6:30PM MS River Museum program on Raptors</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. 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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