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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Ken Kiss

Key West Technology Park Update and Recognition for Grant

Our city-approved signs have been posted at Dubuque's Technology Park. Bobolinks and Meadowlarks returned to the area this spring. You can scan the code on a sign to link to our website to see what birds you might see in this prairie.



We would like to thank Iowa Audubon, and the LaVonne and Dale Foote Memorial Fund for funding most of this project (with a \$400 grant through their 2024 Small Grants Program).

Special Recognition

We would like to thank Tonic Salon & Day Spa for their donation of \$754. They had a bake sale fundraiser for Earth Month. Donations such as this one help support interesting programs on birds and other topics.

Our Programs

All our programs are free and open to the public. Our recent program by George Archibald, co-founder of the International Crane Foundation, was very interesting and was attended by 65 people.

We will begin planning for 2024-2025 programs starting this summer. If you have any special program requests, let us know.

Spring Species Bird Count

Our spring species bird count was well attended, and a picnic was held at Swiss Valley Park to tabulate the results. This is a great time for observing warblers. This year a total of 145 species were seen.



Our annual spring count is normally scheduled for the Saturday before Mother's Day.

Recent Volunteer Activities

This spring, Tony Moline organized volunteers to plant trees at the Mines of Spain. We worked with DNR manager Elli Lineburg to identify locations to plant White Pine and Chokecherry trees and spent an afternoon planting these trees.

A week later, volunteers picked up trash at the 16th street retention basin. (We also picked up trash last fall, but more had accumulated.)

Upcoming Events

See the events page on our website audubondubuque.org for details on upcoming celebrations of the 100th Anniversary of the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and

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Fish Refuge. The first free event is on Saturday, June 8th, by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife, Savannah District, at the Ingersoll Wetlands Learning Center.

A second event will be held at Smokestack on June 9th, with story-telling, musical performances, and art exhibits. Dubuque Audubon has contributed a donation to this event. All money raised will support the Dubuque Area Land, Water and Wildlife Habitat Fund.

[Website](#)

I hope you are enjoying our redesigned website and find it user-friendly. Mary Leigh has done a great job at redesigning the site and keeping it up to date.



Stay tuned, since we aim to start posting events submitted from other groups, and a blog may be coming soon to feature various updates and topics.

Tree Planting at Mines of Spain SRA

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Dubuque Audubon volunteers planted 16 Eastern White Pines and 20 Chokecherry trees at Mines of Spain State Recreation Area. These trees were purchased from the Iowa DNR State Forest Nursery through Audubon member donations. These native trees will provide important nesting locations and food sources for a variety of birds and other wildlife once they mature!



Cleanup at 16th Street Retention Basin

Sunday, April 21, 2024

13 members of the Dubuque Audubon Society and volunteers from the public worked for over two hours to remove 28 bags of garbage from the 16th Street Retention Basin, but much garbage remains.

This area is a valuable resource for local and migrating waterfowl. A large amount of garbage accumulates there, as littering along the Bee Branch Area gets into the waterway. The DAS appeals to the community to do better to secure garbage in trash cans provided all along the Bee Branch. Let's do better together!





Summer Opportunity

Tag Along for Bluebird Monitoring at Mines of Spain

May - August

Friday afternoons/Saturday mornings (by appointment)

Love birds? Love being outside? Want to tag along on the bluebird trail? Join Lynn Schroeder of the Dubuque Audubon Society at the Mines of Spain and help her monitor nests, count eggs, and count baby bluebirds. All ages are welcome. Call or text her at 608-330-3227 if interested.

2024 Spring Species Count

May 11, 2024

Our annual spring species count was a great success! Despite virtually no shorebirds and only one owl species, we were able to locate 145 individual species! Highlights included Yellow-Breasted Chat, Surf Scoter, Common Gallinule, and 25 species of warbler.

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| 1. Canada Goose | 44. Red-tailed Hawk | 87. Eastern Bluebird | 130. Magnolia Warbler |
| 2. Trumpeter Swan | 45. Barred Owl | 88. Veery | 131. Bay-breasted Warbler |
| 3. Wood Duck | 46. Belted Kingfisher | 89. Swainson's Thrush | 132. Blackburnian Warbler |
| 4. Blue-winged Teal | 47. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker | 90. Wood Thrush | 133. Yellow Warbler |
| 5. Northern Shoveler | 48. Red-headed Woodpecker | 91. American Robin | 134. Chestnut-sided Warbler |
| 6. Gadwall | 49. Red-bellied Woodpecker | 92. Cedar Waxwing | 135. Blackpoll Warbler |
| 7. Mallard | 50. Downy Woodpecker | 93. House Sparrow | 136. Palm Warbler |
| 8. Canvasback | 51. Hairy Woodpecker | 94. Eurasian Tree Sparrow | 137. Yellow-rumped Warbler |
| 9. Lesser Scaup | 52. Pileated Woodpecker | 95. House Finch | 138. Yellow-throated Warbler |
| 10. Surf Scoter | 53. Northern Flicker | 96. Purple Finch | 139. Black-throated Green Warbler |
| 11. Hooded Merganser | 54. American Kestrel | 97. American Goldfinch | 140. Canada Warbler |
| 12. Wild Turkey | 55. Peregrine Falcon | 98. Grasshopper Sparrow | 141. Wilson's Warbler |
| 13. Ring-necked Pheasant | 56. Eastern Wood-Pewee | 99. Chipping Sparrow | 142. Scarlet Tanager |
| 14. Rock Pigeon | 57. Alder Flycatcher | 100. Field Sparrow | 143. Northern Cardinal |
| 15. Eurasian Collared-Dove | 58. Least Flycatcher | 101. White-crowned Sparrow | 144. Rose-breasted Grosbeak |
| 16. Mourning Dove | 59. Eastern Phoebe | 102. White-throated Sparrow | 145. Indigo Bunting |
| 17. Common Nighthawk | 60. Great Crested Flycatcher | 103. Savannah Sparrow | |
| 18. Chimney Swift | 61. Eastern Kingbird | 104. Song Sparrow | |
| 19. Ruby-throated Hummingbird | 62. Bell's Vireo | 105. Lincoln's Sparrow | |
| 20. Sora | 63. Yellow-throated Vireo | 106. Swamp Sparrow | |
| 21. Common Gallinule | 64. Blue-headed Vireo | 107. Eastern Towhee | |
| 22. American Coot | 65. Warbling Vireo | 108. Yellow-breasted Chat | |
| 23. Sandhill Crane | 66. Red-eyed Vireo | 109. Bobolink | |
| 24. Killdeer | 67. Blue Jay | 110. Western Meadowlark | |
| 25. Spotted Sandpiper | 68. American Crow | 111. Eastern Meadowlark | |
| 26. Solitary Sandpiper | 69. Black-capped Chickadee | 112. Orchard Oriole | |
| 27. Baird's Sandpiper | 70. Tufted Titmouse | 113. Baltimore Oriole | |
| 28. Least Sandpiper | 71. Horned Lark | 114. Red-winged Blackbird | |
| 29. Bonaparte's Gull | 72. Bank Swallow | 115. Brown-headed Cowbird | |
| 30. Ring-billed Gull | 73. Tree Swallow | 116. Common Grackle | |
| 31. Caspian Tern | 74. Purple Martin | 117. Ovenbird | |
| 32. Forster's Tern | 75. Northern Rough-winged Swallow | 118. Northern Waterthrush | |
| 33. Common Tern | 76. Barn Swallow | 119. Golden-winged Warbler | |
| 34. Common Loon | 77. Cliff Swallow | 120. Blue-winged Warbler | |
| 35. Double-crested Cormorant | 78. Ruby-crowned Kinglet | 121. Black-and-white Warbler | |
| 36. American White Pelican | 79. White-breasted Nuthatch | 122. Prothonotary Warbler | |
| 37. Least Bittern | 80. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher | 123. Tennessee Warbler | |
| 38. Green Heron | 81. House Wren | 124. Orange-crowned Warbler | |
| 39. Great Egret | 82. Marsh Wren | 125. Nashville Warbler | |
| 40. Great Blue Heron | 83. Carolina Wren | 126. Common Yellowthroat | |
| 41. Turkey Vulture | 84. European Starling | 127. American Redstart | |
| 42. Bald Eagle | 85. Gray Catbird | 128. Cerulean Warbler | |
| 43. Red-shouldered Hawk | 86. Brown Thrasher | 129. Northern Parula | |



Yellow-breasted Chat



Prothonotary Warbler

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NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & RENEWAL FORM

If you wish to join or renew membership in the Dubuque Audubon Society *without* joining the National Audubon Society, then please fill out this form. Local chapter dues are \$10 per year, and dues remain with the local chapter. Our membership year runs from July to June.

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