



President's Message

I hope you have had a wonderful spring birding experience and enjoyed the spring migrants as they passed through our area. Summer is right around the corner and with that will come the irritating mosquitos, which are already making their presence known and the continuing risk of tick bites.

I recently received information from the DuPage Forest Preserve District about Ticks and would like to share some of the key points of that communication. Since Tick bites can lead to Lyme disease which can create many health issues, it is important to know prevention and other techniques involved to stay healthy after visiting our woodlands.

>If visiting woodlands, stay on designated paths wherever possible

>Tuck your shirt into your pants and your pant legs into your boots or sox.

>Spray your clothes with Deet repellent.

>After visiting woodlands, Check your body and clothes for Ticks and check again the next morning

>If you have a tick you can remove it with tweezers. Grasp it near the mouth parts and pull out slowly, pulling straight out and not twisting.

Use antiseptic on the bite site and observe the site for the next few days. Wash your hands when done.

>if you have symptoms such as bulls eye rash, flu like symptoms, see your doctor immediately.

More information can be found on the DFPD web site at <http://www.dupageforest.org/education/educationcenters/willowbrook/livingwithwildlifeindupagecounty/ticks>

Just a reminder, that the DBC annual membership renewal fees are due before July 1. You have several options on how to pay your renewal fees.

1. You can mail your renewal check along with your updated membership account information
2. You can renew at our Upcoming July 13th meeting
3. Most convenient, you can renew online using your pay pal account or credit card. For more information go to dupagebirding.org/renew-your-membership

Stan Zatarski

Next Meeting

July 14, 2017

7:00 p.m. Social Time

7:30 p.m. Speaker

Faith Lutheran Church

41 N. Park Blvd. Glen Ellyn

Basement

6:00 p.m. Pre-meeting dinner

Panera Bread

541 Roosevelt Rd. Glen Ellyn

In Case You Missed It – May 11, 2017

Mary Hennen, Assistant Manager of Collections in the Bird Division of the Field Museum, spoke to the club at the May 11 meeting about her work with the Chicago Peregrine Program. The program has led to the successful recovery of a breeding population of Peregrine Falcons in Illinois. Mary's wide-ranging talk included information on falcon nesting behavior and the decline and recovery of falcon populations in the state, as well as her own close-up experiences with these impressive birds atop a variety of downtown buildings. She was joined by Molly the Peregrine Falcon, who was found on a beach and later given to Mary when she had already become too habituated to people to be released to the wild.

Over the past three decades, recovery efforts have enabled the once-endangered Peregrine Falcon to thrive in urban settings by nesting on the pseudo-cliffs provided by tall buildings. In cities they also find no competition for food and ample prey. Mary walked step by step through the Peregrine Falcon's life cycle, complete with videos of their courtship and vocalizations. Both adults incubate the eggs, which hatch around Mother's Day. The young birds typically fledge by the end of July.

As leader of the Chicago Peregrine Program, Mary serves as ambassador for the birds and works with the building officers and condo owners to educate them on peregrines. She monitors the wild breeding pairs, rescues injured birds for rehabilitation, and bands the legs of peregrine chicks to track them—a task that comes with hazards. The adults fiercely defend their nests, so Mary often holds up a broom for the birds to strike rather than people's heads. However, the chicks come with their own defenses and will flip over and try to grab you with their talons!

The Peregrine program has been very successful, with 24 breeding pairs recorded in Illinois as of 2016. Some are even now using natural cliffs again for nesting. The Chicago Peregrine Program's monitoring work will continue, and they are interested in additional research to learn more about the migration of Peregrine Falcons. For more on Peregrines, the Field Museum will have an art exhibit opening June 23, 2017, entitled "Peregrine Returns," in conjunction with the release of a new book by the same title created by Mary Hennen and Field Museum Artist-in-Residence Peggy Macnamara.



Sunrise from atop Greene Valley on the Spring Bird Count was my highlight of the day. What was yours? Send to chipnotes2013@gmail.com

Cranes—A Special Presentation at Cantigny

There will be an extra very special meeting of the DuPage Birding Club on Tuesday, July 25th at Cantigny, 1S151 Winfield Road in Wheaton. This event is being co-sponsored by the Club and Cantigny. In this special presentation, Dr. George Archibald, Co-Founder of the International Crane Foundation, will tell his story beginning with the early years, when dreaming big depended on taking risks and the audacity to follow his visionary path. Over the past 50 years, Dr. Archibald's life has been dedicated to the study and conservation of endangered cranes, and this dedication has led him to some of the most remote areas on five continents and to meetings with Indira Ghandi, the Emperor of Japan, and other world leaders. His message of hope and encouragement helps others live their own versions of dream and action. The beauty and charisma of cranes, time and again, have brought people together because they are symbolic ambassadors of harmony and peace, flying free across many borders inspiring people around the world to work together to protect our natural treasures.

Dr. Archibald was born in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, Canada, and received his undergraduate degree from Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in 1968. He completed his Ph.D. at Cornell University in 1977. In recognition of his many accomplishments, Dr. Archibald has received four honorary doctorates and many awards including the Gold Medal from the World Wildlife Fund, a Fellows Award from the MacArthur Foundation, The Wildlife Conservation Medal from the Zoological Society of San Diego, the Lilly Medal presented by the Indianapolis Zoo, and the Douglas H. Pimlott Award from Nature Canada. In 2013, Dr. Archibald was awarded the Order of Canada on behalf of Queen Elizabeth II, and received the inaugural Dan W. Lufkin Prize for Environmental Leadership from the National Audubon Society. He and his wife, Kyoko, live in the Baraboo countryside where they enjoy gardening and aviculture.

The presentation will be at 7:30 preceded by a social hour at 7.



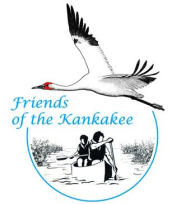
Join us Saturday, June 24 for...

a Breeding Bird Blitz!

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Kankakee National



Wildlife Refuge

For 1 day only, we are on a mission to search for and document as many breeding bird species as we can find at Kankakee NWR's black oak savanna and sand flatwoods! Are you up for the challenge? Join bird experts and/or provide your own expertise as we learn more about this exciting refuge and the birds that inhabit it. **Meet at 7:00 AM at Refuge sign at 17000E and 8000S in Kankakee County, IL*** At 11:30 AM we will meet for lunch at a local establishment in St. Anne. Optional afternoon and evening birding for those interested!



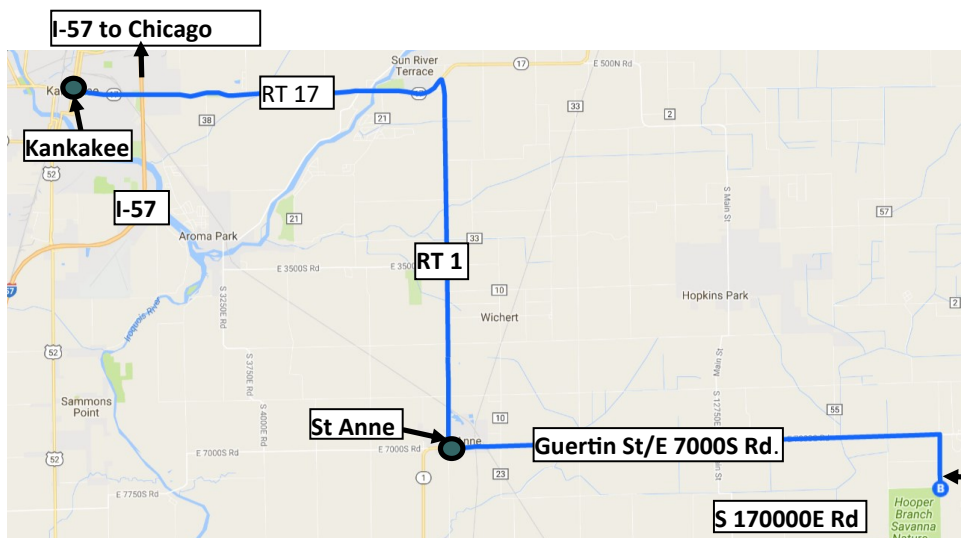
Waterproof hiking boots or rubber boots are recommended.

Note there are no facilities at the refuge yet. For the nearest restrooms, please visit the Iroquois County State Wildlife Refuge, IL or Willow Slough State Game Preserve, IN. The nearest town is St. Anne, IL.

For more information, contact: Stephanie Beilke, sbeilke@audubon.org.

920-366-5825

This event is supported by a grant from the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation.



***Directions:** From Kankakee, IL, take **Route 17** east toward Momence. Route 17 joins Route 1 at a traffic light; **turn right (south) on Route 1** to St. Anne, IL. At the 4-way stop in St. Anne, **turn left (east) on Guertin St., which becomes 7000 S Rd.** After 9.4 miles, **turn right (south) on 17000 E Rd**, a gravel road. **Continue 1 mile to the intersection with 8000 S Rd.**, and find parking along the road.

Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge

JUNE 2017 FIELD TRIPS

NOTE: Check DuPageBirding.org for any trip changes, additions or cancellations.

Migration gives way to the breeding season when many birds will be singing. We are offering a variety of field trips, including mid-week trips. There are opportunities for all types of birders to participate and enjoy the season. There is special support for new birders on some trips. Participants, please remember that the weather can be variable, and trails can be muddy, so dress accordingly. Also, don't forget about those pesky bugs and have some bug spray with you. We expect everyone to enjoy birding in a safe manner by being careful and prudent. Participants are welcome to contact the leader if they have any questions. Our field trip leaders can help you find the trip's starting location if you need additional directions.

Friday, June 2, 7:30 am – 10:00 am

Meacham Woods Forest Preserve, Bloomingdale

This walk will cover approximately 3 miles of trails through woodland groves, meadows, wetlands and along open edges. Meet at main parking lot on Circle Avenue, just north of Lake Street (Rt 20). Woodland trails can be wet and/or muddy.

Leader: Nancy Allured, Cell 630-240-6004, nallured@gmail.com

Sunday, June 4, 7:30 am

Lyman Woods, Downers Grove

This is a morning trip over gravel and earthen trails. This site has multiple habitats that attract birds. Meet in the parking lot in front of the Lyman Woods Interpretive Center, located one block east of Highland Ave. on 31st Street. Wear boots if weather has been wet (highly recommended).

Leader: Joan Campbell, Cell: 630-337-2605, peachjmc@gmail.com

Thursday, June 8, 8:00 am - 10:00 am

Herrick Lake Forest Preserve

We will meet off the Butterfield Road parking lot at the Boat Rental building. Here is the official DuPage County Forest Preserve link for driving directions: http://www.dupageforest.org/Herrick_Lake_Map.aspx There are restrooms and water available at the start of the walk. We will walk on marked trails and bird various ecosystems: woodland, aquatic, wetland and prairie looking for summer residents.

Leader: Laurel Salvador, 630-344-9803, laurelsalvador@yahoo.com

Friday, June 9, 7:30 am - 10:30 am

St. James Farm Forest Preserve, Warrenville

Join us in our morning search for migratory and breeding birds in the former domain of the McCormick family. Our targets include Acadian Flycatcher, Summer Tanager and Hooded Warbler. The 600-acre preserve has one of the oldest pre-settlement forests in the district. Trails can be wet and muddy here. Meet “at the horse statue,” in the main parking lot, off Winfield Road, just north of Butterfield.

Leader: Vicky Sroczynski, Cell 630-297-9512, vsroczynski@comcast.net

Saturday, June 10, 8:00 am

Herrick Lake, Wheaton

This location has the designation of “Important Bird Area”. We’ll be looking for late spring warblers and breeding birds and any less common species that have been located at this site. Since we will be covering a variety of habitats and could well be on footpaths as well as main trails, long pants are advisable. Wear appropriate shoes and bring insect repellent. Meet at the entrance to the parking lot on Herrick Road south of Butterfield (IL-56) on the west side of the preserve, for this morning trip.

Leader: John Cebula 630-858-3767 (cell on day of trip 630-640-2721) joceb2005@sbcglobal.net

Saturday, June 10, 7:30 am

Cantigny Park, Wheaton

Cantigny started a birding program in 2008 and offers regular walks on the 500-acre property. Please bear in mind that 25 or more birders is common. Enter through the main gate on Winfield Road (just south of Roosevelt Rd.) and tell the attendant you are with the bird walk. Parking is free. Meet at the Visitors Center.

Leader: Jeff Reiter, jreiter@wordsonbirds.com

Wednesday, June 14, 7:30 am

Morton Arboretum, Lisle

We will be looking for breeding birds, including Summer Tanager, Scarlet Tanager, Baltimore Oriole, Eastern Towhee, Woodpeckers, and Great-crested Flycatcher. Meet at parking lot #13 on the east side for this morning trip. Parking Lot #13 is across the main road from Big Rock. Maps are available at the entry. The Arboretum is located just north of I-88 off Rte. 53. There is a per-person charge for nonmembers. On Wednesday's it's \$9 adults, \$8 seniors over 65. Note: The Arboretum does not open its gates until 7 a.m. Wear appropriate clothing and shoes.

Leaders: Marcia & Lee Nye, 630-605-6374, warbler4908@gmail.com

Friday June 16, 2017, 5:00 pm

Know Your Neighborhood: Carol Stream

The sixth of twelve 'Know Your Neighborhood' trips, exploring hidden gems, odd and under-birded hot spots in DuPage County, we will be visiting Armstrong Park, home of the United States' longest running Purple Martin colony as well as the Carol Point Marsh. Meet at the Armstrong Park SOUTH parking lot by taking Gary Ave. to Hiawatha, then turning right onto Illini Dr. immediately after passing the library. This will be an easy walk, but will require driving to the second location, Carol Point Marsh, a mile north of Hiawatha.

Leader: Glenn Perricone, 630-687-2921, gp_arts39@yahoo.com

Saturday, June 17, 7:30 am

Springbrook Prairie Forest Preserve, Naperville

This location has the designation of "Important Bird Area". This is one of the largest grassland preserves in DuPage County. This is an opportunity to go birding with the Springbrook expert. Our leader will show birders some special views. Target birds are grassland, breeding birds. Meet at the main parking lot for Springbrook Prairie on 83rd street between Route 59 and Book Road. Wear appropriate clothing and shoes.

Leader: Joe Suchecki, 630-368-5570, issuesman50@yahoo.com

Saturday, June 17, 2017, 8:30 am

Fermilab Species Spotlight: Breeding Birds (Pre-registration required)

Come celebrate Fermilab's 50th birthday with a bird walk! We will be searching for site breeding birds such as Bobolink, Henslow's Sparrow and Sora. Because we will be entering non-public areas, REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED at least two days in advance for the limited number of participants allotted.

Leader: Glenn Perricone, 630-687-2921, gp_arts39@yahoo.com

Sunday, June 18th 7:30 am

Songbird Slough FP, Itasca

The 391-acre preserve is a part of a large glacial kettle formation in northeast DuPage County. Songbird Slough is a combination of natural and constructed wetlands, fishing ponds, restored prairies, and meadows. This urban retreat serves as a nesting spot for numerous grassland and song birds plus waterfowl. Ron Skleney is the bird monitor for this preserve. Exit I-355 onto West Lake going east, drive to North Mill Road and proceed north to the FP entry. Meet at the large parking lot with the picnic shelter.

Leader: Ron Skleney, lynys2859@yahoo.com

Thursday, June 22, 8:00 am - 10:00 am

Herrick Lake Forest Preserve

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There are restrooms and water available at the start of the walk. We will walk on marked trails and bird various ecosystems: woodland, aquatic, wetland and prairie looking for summer residents.

Leader: Laurel Salvador, 630-344-9803, laurelsalvador@yahoo.com

Saturday, June 24, 2017, 7:30 am

Birding by Ear: St. James Farm

Get your ears tuned and ready to explore the singing woods of St. James Farm in this field trip with an emphasis on auditory birding. Target birds will include Wood Thrush, Veery and Acadian Flycatcher! We will meet in the main parking lot off of Winfield Rd. and embark at 7:30 am. Some of the trails will be earthen, so wear proper footwear for the conditions (mud boots if it rains prior to the walk) and it is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED that you bring bug spray because mosquitoes will be out in full force.

Leader: Glenn Perricone, 630-687-2921, gp_arts39@yahoo.com

Saturday, June 24, 8:00 am

Lincoln Marsh, Wheaton

Between 1979 and 1992 more than 100 parcels of land were assembled to form the core of this park. Today it is one of the most accessible natural areas in DuPage County, having wood chip trails and a floating boardwalk. The focus of the trip will be observing and interpreting breeding and nesting bird activity. Wear appropriate shoes and bring insect repellent! The entrance to Lincoln Marsh is on the west side of the park, at the corner of Harrison Ave. and Pierce Ave. in unincorporated Wheaton. From County Farm Rd., turn east on Harrison Ave. (Harrison and Pierce) and proceed one mile to the parking lot.

Leader: John Cebula, 630-858-3767, (Cell day of trip: 630-640-2721) joceb2005@sbcglobal.net

For additional birding opportunities check out the Illinois Birding Calendar at <http://www.illinoisbirds.org/illinois-birding-calendar/>

Email us if you have questions about the trips or if you would like to lead a trip. Leaders do not have to be birding experts, just familiar with the location. There is no need to register for trips *unless otherwise indicated*. Visitors are always welcome. We do not charge fees for birding trips. Field trip information is also found at: www.dupagebirding.org

Field Trip Coordinators

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DuPage Birding Club

The club exists to provide fun and camaraderie between birders of all skill levels and ages while enjoying some serious birding experiences.

Member Benefits include:

- Meetings featuring regional and national speakers
- Field Trips throughout the year
- Informative Club Website
- Illinois Spring Bird Count
- Christmas Bird Count
- DuPage County Checklist
- Lending Library of bird-related videos & books
- Biennial Auction of birding items

Contact Us at dbcboard@gmail.com

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First Class



2017 Meetings

January 12

March 9

April 6

May 11

July 13

September 14

October 12

November 9

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