



## President's Message

Time marches on. The fall migration period is slowly coming to a close and although there are still reports of fall migrants, you can see that the numbers are dropping and the better days are in the past. As the days become shorter, the reports of winter residents to our area will continue to increase.

### Next Meeting

November 9, 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

The DBC is offering many opportunities in November to witness late fall migrants and early arrivals of our winter resident species. Our field trip committee and our field trip leaders have put together a great list of November outings that you can participate in. Check out DBC's field trip lineup in the November issue of Drummings or on our website at [www.dupagebirding.org](http://www.dupagebirding.org).

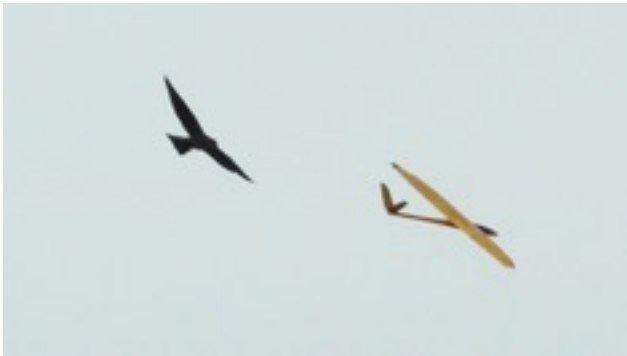
Finally, please note the announcements in this issue of the Drummings about our November 9<sup>th</sup> club meeting at Faith Lutheran Church. As you may know, November is our annual election of officers and we will be electing club leadership for the 2018 club year. There is a full list of nominees along with other important information you may be interested in. The evening program will follow the election with Dr. Trevor Price making a presentation on Bird Speciation. Please join us on Thursday November 9<sup>th</sup>.

# November Meeting

## *Speciation in Birds*

Dr. Trevor Price

For as long as it has been appreciated that one species can split into two, birds have been at the center of speciation theories. Birds are easy to observe in the field and have been widely studied, making them one of the best taxonomic groups with which to review the importance of ecological factors in speciation. But birds have more than that to offer. In particular, they are an excellent group with which to investigate the role of behavior, especially those factors involved in choice of mate and the process of sexual selection. It turns out that the choice of a mate is a critical feature of speciation. Dr. Price, Professor of Biology, University of Chicago, has done extensive research in this area. His current research focus is on the determinants of bird species diversity along the Himalayas, notably the question of why there are twice as many species in the eastern Himalayas as the west. Join with Dr. Price to discover how bird species split into subspecies and subspecies become species in his fascinating and lavishly illustrated talk.



Peregrine Falcon hunting a glider.



Prairie Falcon

## Greene Valley Hawkwatch October Summary

After a slow September migration picked up the pace a bit. We did well with the large winged species (Eagles, Ospreys, and Vultures) and the Falcons. Accipiters, Harriers, and Buteos were still well below average. We ended with 1498 birds for October which was above the 12 year average for the month. We recorded our 40,000th bird on 10/15, a Turkey Vulture. The raptor highlight was our 2nd record for Prairie Falcon on the 17th. Non-raptors highlights included American White Pelicans, a gathering of 42 American Crows, and our almost annual sighting of Anhingas (2) on 10/10. We are looking forward to an excellent November as hawk watchers to the north are reporting pretty good numbers of Northern Goshawks, Rough-legged Hawks, and Golden Eagles. Hopefully many will find their way to the hill. Visit [hawkcount.org](http://hawkcount.org) to view data from Greene Valley and other Hawkwatchs across North America. To see more photos visit the Greene Valley Hawkwatch Flickr page at [www.flickr.com/groups/2892085@N24](http://www.flickr.com/groups/2892085@N24)

## Nominees for the 2018 Board of Directors

The DuPage Birding Club provides many opportunities for members to come together to learn from a wide variety of speakers, to improve birding skills, to make and renew birding friendships, and to make a difference to local communities. Volunteers make all of this possible. At our club's evening meeting on November 9, we will elect the Board of Directors for 2018. We are pleased to present the following members for leadership positions on the Board:

**Vice President, Pat Eggleston:** Pat was given a set of Audubon Bird books (which she still has) by her grandmother when she was 10. Though she had no one to help her, Pat did learn birds in her upstate New York area. She still remembers being awed by a Great Blue Heron that was in a marsh near her home. After leaving home for college, Pat didn't bird for many years, picking it up again in her forties when she lived in California. Since she lived close to the ocean, she mostly learned shorebirds. Pat moved to the Chicago area in the mid-'80s, but didn't get into birding until she moved to Wheaton. She doesn't remember how she heard about it, but one spring morning Pat went to Elsen's Hill and was walking along, looking for birds. That morning changed her whole birding life as she met Muriel Smith. As Muriel had done with many new birders, she "took Pat under her wings." Pat and several others were frequently invited to Muriel's house for "study sessions." Pat was hooked and has stayed interested in birding since. Pat thinks that happened about 20 years ago. At that time, she learned to bird by sound, but as she has "aged" Pat is learning to bird all over again—this time by sight. She guesses birding is always a learning process—one that is always a pleasure. Pat can't imagine a more interesting way to spend her time than birding. It even has influenced her choice of where to live. When Pat returned from living in Arizona 2 years ago, she chose a townhouse that backs up to a forest preserve prairie area. She spends many mornings on her balcony with her binoculars and scope. Elsen's Hill is also less than a mile away. Birding clearly is an integral part of Pat's life. She has had two careers—first, as a preschool and kindergarten teacher, with nature a huge part of her curriculum. She then got a PhD in education and spent many years training teachers. Pat went back to school, obtained another degree in psychology, is a licensed psychologist, and spent 10 years teaching others to be psychologists.

**Treasurer, Bonnie Graham:** Bonnie has been a casual birder for about 9 years, after her daughters gave her a Field Guide to Birds in 2008. She became a more serious birder after retirement 6 years ago. She has been a DBC member for 5.5 years and went on her first DBC Field Trip in July 2012, where she saw her "spark" bird, a Common Yellowthroat, which continues to be her favorite bird. Her favorite place to bird is The Morton Arboretum, where she has seen 123 species. Bonnie is also an amateur photographer and has had 11 bird photos published in the Daily Herald and 3 in *BirdWatching* Magazine. Bonnie is wrapping up her 1-year position on the 2017 Board as a Director.

**Recording Secretary, Steve Constantelos:** Steve grew up in DuPage County and became interested in birding back in the mist of the early '90s, witnessing springtime street fights between Robins, tracking Pileated Woodpeckers, dodging Mockingbirds, and monitoring Bluebird boxes while living in Virginia. A Christmas Bird Count back home in DuPage at that time sealed the deal. He now participates in bird collision monitoring, bird banding, and plain old birding, enjoying Christmas Bird Counts at Salt Creek and Wolf Road Prairie, and trying to spot Brown Creepers amid mixed foraging flocks at Greene Valley Forest Preserve, Seager Park, Lyman Woods, and his parents' backyard. Steve's current project: sparrows.

**Director, Glenn Perricone:** In 2011, while volunteering at the Willowbrook Wildlife Center, Glenn Perricone was introduced to the world of birdwatching by Naturalist Ron Skleney after an early-April encounter with a Northern Parula. Since then, Glenn has earned a BA in Biology from Elmhurst College, followed in Ron's footsteps by becoming a Naturalist for the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County, and has dived head first into birding. Traveling much of the eastern United States, but more so, delving deep into DuPage County's local birdwatching hotspots, Glenn has already added over 300 bird species to his life list. In 2013, Glenn became a DBC Field Trip Leader and since then has led over 40 club field trips, including his unique monthly 'Know Your Neighborhood' series. Whether conducting bird surveys at Fermilab or aural bird counts at Pratt's Wayne Woods, or leading children on education programs at Fullersburg Woods, Glenn is most at home when outside enjoying the birds.

**Director, Joan Campbell:** Joan has been birding since 1979, when her son brought home a pinecone feeder from Sunday school, right after they had relocated to St. Louis. They were staying in a temporary residence with a tiny little deck, where she hung up his feeder so as not to hurt his feelings. The next day, a woodpecker came to the feeder, and from the moment she was finally able to identify it as a Downy, she was hooked. For about 30 years, most of her birding was at backyard feeders, plus a few side trips during vacations. Joan attended birding symposiums, but until 2009, when she was introduced to the fall migration walks at Fullersburg and Willowbrook, she never birded with a group. During a Willowbrook outing, Ron Skleney gave her a calendar with information about Cantigny bird walks, and in spring 2010 she became an active participant on those, as well. Joan says birding with others has had a gigantic impact on her skills and enjoyment. Prior to that, she didn't know even one other person that was interested in birds except Jenny Vogt, whom she met by accident at one of the Midwest Birding Symposiums back in the mid-'90s. Her "patch" is Lyman Woods, where she leads DBC Walks and does breeding bird surveys. But her favorite place to bird is Sanibel Island, specifically, Ding Darling. Joan was a member of DBC many years back but dropped out because she didn't really know anyone. She re-joined several years ago, and has served on the Field Trips Committee for the past 2 years. Because the club has offered so much to her, Joan is ready to continue supporting the club by serving as a Director.

**The following nominees are returning to the Board:**

John Baker, President                      Stan Zatarski, Past President                      Leslie Hayward, Corresponding Secretary

**We thank the following outgoing Board members and Committee Members for their dedicated service to the club:**

Davida Kalina, Past President                      Jon Grainger, Treasurer and Webmaster

Vera Miller, Recording Secretary                      Bonnie Graham, Director                      Kathy Mineck, Director

Joan Campbell, Field Trips                      Ron Skleney, Liaison to Bird Conservation Network and Twitter Administrator

Vicky Sroczynski, Liaison to Forest Preserve District

**We welcome the following new Committee Members:**

Jessica Grunow, Field Trips                      Vera Miller, Twitter Administrator                      Katherine Howard, Webmaster

Thanks again to all the incoming and outgoing Officers and Committee Members, dedicated volunteers who help keep the DuPage Birding Club going strong!

## Seeking a new DBC Liaison to the DuPage County Forest Preserve District

The DuPage Birding Club is seeking one or more volunteers to serve as the club's volunteer liaison(s) to the Forest Preserve District. The position is an open term for a single individual or a team.

The Liaison helps keep DBC members apprised of Forest Preserve District plans and key activities of interest and helps represent DBC interests related to birds and birding to the FPD where appropriate, and accomplishes this by (1) attending and participating in meetings of the FPD which are open to the public, (2) reporting to the DBC Board any issues on which the Board may want to take a position, and (3) reporting to the membership FPD plans and key activities of interest.

If you are interested in becoming the DBC Liaison to the DuPage County FPD, or if you would like more information, please contact:

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## DBC 2017 Auction Night Wrap-up

DuPage Birding Club members and their guests gave up watching the Cubs to come to the club's biennial fundraiser on October 12 at Cantigny Park in Wheaton. Over 70 attendees registered to bid on the evening's 50+ live auction items, and even more folks joined them to shop the popular Birder's Bazaar tables and purchase raffle tickets to increase their chances of winning a trip to the raffle table to choose from more than 20 raffle items.

The club collected a total of \$5,200 that evening to support guest-speaker expenses, grants and donations to bird-friendly causes, outreach programs, and other activities that help keep our club vital and growing. Jeff Chapman entertained the crowd as he auctioned off a range of items, including binoculars, subscriptions and memberships, bird feeders and seed, artwork, photographs, apparel, gift baskets, games, and more. Seven guided field trips, donated by DBC's expert birders, brought in a total of \$1,160 during the live-auction!

Many thanks go to club members who donated a rich variety of field trips—Scott Latimer, Bonnie Graham, Carl Strang, Jon Duerr, Joe Suchecki, Jeff Chapman, and Vera Miller; beautiful artwork—Jenny Vogt, Zettie Jones, Cookie Graham, Dorothy Gillette, and David Quinn; and stunning photos—Christian Goers, Bonnie Graham, and Marcia Nye. Much appreciation also goes to the many club members who donated live auction merchandise, raffle prizes, and items for the Birder's Bazaar. Every contribution helped make our 2017 Auction Night a great success!

Congratulations to the auction committee—Davida Kalina, Diann Bilderback, Jeff Reiter, John Baker, Jon Grainger, Kathy Mineck, Stan Zatarski, and Vera Miller. And a big 'thank you' to all the Auction Night volunteers—Nancy Allured, Margie & Alan Busic, Leslie Hayward, Bonnie Graham, Joan Campbell, Jeff Chapman, Dale Kalina, Steve Mineck, Bob Spitzer, Joann Zatarski, Geralynn Hoffmann, Gail MacMillan, Karen Kasterin, Steve Mineck, David Miller, Denise Britton, and the auction committee.

The DuPage Birding Club thanks the following businesses and organizations for their generous support that helped make Auction Night a big success and encourages club members to support them: American Birding Association, Barn Owl Garden (Carol Stream), Binny's Beverage Depot (Glen Ellyn), BirdWatching, Bird Watcher's Digest, Cantigny Park, The Conservation Foundation, Cornell Lab of Ornithology, The Growing Place (Naperville & Aurora), Illinois Audubon Society, Illinois Ornithological Society, International Crane Foundation, Jenny Vogt Fine Art, Kin-Ko ACE Hardware, Downers Grove, Len's ACE Hardware (Glen Ellyn), The Morton Arboretum, Pet Supplies Plus (Glen Ellyn), PJ's Camera (Glen Ellyn), Schaumburg Boomers, The Wetlands Initiative, Wannemaker's Home & Garden (Downers Grove), Wild Birds Unlimited (Lisle), and Willowbrook Wildlife Center.

# November 2017 Field Trips

**NOTE:** Check [DuPageBirding.org](http://DuPageBirding.org) for any trip changes, additions or cancellations.

The coming months are the time to see late fall and early winter birds. Some species are only seen this time of year. We are offering a variety of field trips both during the week and on weekends.

There are opportunities for all types of birders to participate and enjoy the season. Please dress for the weather and trail conditions. We expect everyone to enjoy birding in a safe manner by being careful and prudent.

Situations sometimes change. Check our DBC website ([DuPage Birding Club](http://DuPage Birding Club)) for the latest status information. Participants are welcome to contact the trip leader if they have questions including additional driving directions.

## **Friday, November 3, 8:00 am-10:30 am**

### **Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve, Poverty Prairie, Lemont**

We will look for later fall migrants, winter arrivals, and resident woodpeckers and raptors. Meet at the Lemont Street Parking Lot, at the stoplight, across the street from 101st Street.

**Leader:** Vicky Sroczynski, cell 630-297-9512, [vsroczyński@comcast.net](mailto:vsroczyński@comcast.net)

*Central Standard Time begins on Sunday, Nov 5th.*

## **Sunday, November 5, at 9:00 am**

### **Crabtree Nature Preserve, South Barrington (Cook County)**

We will seek late fall migrants and early winter visitors at this 1,000+ acre preserve in northwestern Cook County. Over 260 species have been recorded here. Habitats include woodland, wetland, and prairie. Trails tend to be mowed grass (think Lyman's Woods or Elsen's Hill) and have been relocated this year; appropriate footwear is a must. Gates to the preserve are usually locked before 8:00 a.m. The preserve is located on the north side of Palatine Road, west of Barrington Road (County Farm Road in DuPage County) and east of Algonquin Road (IL-68). Meet in the parking lot below the nature center. Please contact the leader if you plan to attend.

**Leader:** John Cebula, 630-858-3767 (cell 630-640-2721 day of trip) [joceb2005@sbcglobal.net](mailto:joceb2005@sbcglobal.net)

## **Friday November 10, 4:00 pm**

### **Know Your Neighborhood: Aurora**

The eleventh of twelve 'Know Your Neighborhood' trips, exploring hidden gems, odd and under-birded hot spots in DuPage County, we will visit Eola Rd. Marsh in search of migrant waterfowl. Meet at the WBIG radio station parking lot on Old Eola Rd. To get to the parking lot turn onto Waterstone Dr. off of Eola Rd. just north of Liberty St. and head south on the frontage road. We will walk on grass to gain access to a prime view of the lake. Be sure to dress appropriately for the weather and bring a spotting scope if you have one.

**Leader:** Glenn Perricone, 630-687-2921, [gp\\_arts39@yahoo.com](mailto:gp_arts39@yahoo.com)

## **Saturday, November 11, 8:00 am**

### **Channahon Area, Will County - Advance registration required!**

There are birds for viewing at the formation area of the Illinois River, where the Kankakee, Des Plaines and DuPage Rivers converge. We will check the birding at several places in the vicinity of Channahon. Let's carpool together on this trip.\* We may do some trail walking. Wear appropriate clothing and shoes. This trip will go at least until noon. We plan to stop for lunch before driving back to the carpool site. Please contact the trip leaders if you plan to participate, as we may cancel the trip for seriously inclement weather.

**Leaders:** Bob & Jean Spitzer, 630-790-4842, [bobspitzer1@msn.com](mailto:bobspitzer1@msn.com)

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\*Note: To carpool, meet at Bolingbrook Park & Ride, just south of I-55, off of Route 53  
(Left at Old Chicago Drive) at 7:00 a.m.

**Saturday, November 11, 8:30 am**

**Cantigny Park, Wheaton**

Cantigny, the 500-acre former estate of Robert R. McCormick, began bird walks in 2008 in partnership with DBC. These outings are a good entry point for new birders, but participants should be aware that attendance can be 40 or more! Enter through the main gate on Winfield Road (just south of Roosevelt) and tell the attendant you are with the bird walk. You will not be charged for parking. Meet at the Cantigny Visitors Center.

**Leader:** Jeff Reiter, [jreiter@wordsonbirds.com](mailto:jreiter@wordsonbirds.com)

**Sunday November 12, 8:00 am (Pre-registration required)**

**Fermilab Species Spotlight**

Come celebrate Fermilab's 50th anniversary with a bird walk! We will be searching the north roads for Snow Bunting, Longspur and uncommon Geese (such as Snow and White-fronted). Because we will be entering non-public areas, REGISTRATION is REQUIRED at least two days in advance for the limited number of participants allotted. This trip will mostly be driving, however, an opportunity may arise to walk on unsteady terrain through plowed agriculture fields. Wear appropriate clothes and footwear. Bring a spotting scope if you have one.

**Leader:** Glenn Perricone, 630-687-2921, [gp\\_arts39@yahoo.com](mailto:gp_arts39@yahoo.com)

**Saturday, November 18, 7:30 am**

**McKee Marsh, Warrenville**

Join our morning walk around the marsh to check out late fall and early winter birds. Meet at the visitor parking lot on the north side of Mack Rd., located between Winfield Rd. and Rt. 59 in Warrenville. Most of our walk will be on Preserve limestone and earthen trails; wear appropriate shoes and clothing. Please contact the trip leader if you are bringing a group to this popular field trip.

**Leader:** Joan Campbell, Cell: 630-337-2605, [peachjmc@gmail.com](mailto:peachjmc@gmail.com)

**Sunday, November 19, 7:30 am**

**Pratts Wayne Forest Preserve**

We will be looking for late fall and early winter birds. Meet at the Harrier Lake parking lot on the north side of the preserve on Stearns Rd., located between Powis Rd. and Munger Rd., in Wayne, Illinois.

**Leader:** Steve Fluett, Cell: 630-918-8793, [sfluett@comcast.net](mailto:sfluett@comcast.net)

**Saturday, November 25, 7:30 am**

**Morton Arboretum, Lisle**

This is a morning of birding. Here's a chance to walk off that turkey dinner while not venturing too far from home. We will check out several sites and habitats in the Arboretum. Let's all meet at the far northwest corner of the main parking lot. We will visit several sites in the Arboretum. When we finish, we can get a cup of coffee at the Visitors Center. The Arboretum has a per person charge for nonmembers. It is \$14 for adults, \$12 for senior over 65 and \$9 for kids. Note: The Arboretum does not open its gates until 7:00 a.m.

**Leaders:** Bob & Jean Spitzer, 630-790-4842, [bobspitzer1@msn.com](mailto:bobspitzer1@msn.com) (birding day Cell: 630-222-3307)

**Other Birding Opportunities**

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](http://www.dupagebirding.org)

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# News from the Wacky World of the Web

## **The Elusive Songbird Species That Likely Never Existed**

Smithsonian

After fruitless hunts for a Liberian songbird, DNA analysis suggests that the species is not new [Read the full story](#)

## **Sooty Bird Feathers Reveal a Century of Coal Emission History**

Smithsonian

A story of pollution hides in the grime of museums' birds specimens [Read the full story](#)

## **Great Tits May Be Evolving Bigger Beaks. Here's Why.**

National Geographic

Since Darwin's time, birds have served as models for the wonders of evolution—and this study was no exception. [Read the full story](#)

## **Birds might be evolving to eat from bird feeders, study says**

The Washington Post

A new study on great tits in the U.K. and the Netherlands is the latest to show that natural selection is happening fast and now — and sometimes is driven by humans. [Read the full story](#)

## **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

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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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