



President's Message

Given the impressive amount of cold and snow recently heaped upon us, I imagine [Great Backyard Bird Count](#) participation in Chicagoland was higher than ever, even if most living things were in hiding most of the time. For my small slice of it, I was thrilled a Red-breasted Nuthatch decided to return and show its refreshing colors during a break in the snowfall. A lone, seemingly bewildered robin took to feeding and sitting in a crabapple tree in the front yard, fending off two starlings at one point; a few juncos took up in the tree when the robin wasn't there. But now, while you read this, our remarkable February may be a fading memory in a March of mud and green grass.

Next Meeting

March 11, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

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Spring Bird Count

May 8, 2021

No surprise that my thoughts last month turned to warmer weather birding, which made a colorful historical DBC document grab my attention. In 1989, club member Eric Walters wrote [this fascinating summary](#) of the club's quest to find and count the nests of the breeding birds of DuPage. This effort was on the behalf of the Breeding Bird Atlas—a project that has never quite come to fruition, but one that got our club engaged in a kind of birding you don't hear much about anymore.

Club members partnered up and scoured the preserves for nesting birds and their homes. Denis Kania recounted his experience:

Back then I remember that multiflora roses (invasive) were very popular with scrubland birds. To avoid disturbing any birds and nests, I would get down on all fours and sometimes lay on my back to look up into the shrubs. Looking upward into the canopy of the rose bush it was easy to spot nests. It is my recollection that the rose bushes were the easiest place to find Black-billed Cuckoo, Brown Thrasher, and Gray Catbird nests.

If you took part in these counts and have a memory to share, please [email me!](#)

The illustrated document is a fascinating snapshot of bird abundances often different than now: Black Terns breeding in our county; “Little Green Herons” and “Green-backed Herons”; the rise of the House Finch and the Canada Goose; bluebird boxes bringing that target bird while Purple Martins went into decline; Loggerhead Shrikes would sometimes breed here; Springbrook Prairie—referred to then as Dragon Lake—was just rising up as a preserve.

What struck me most, though, was how the Atlas project sparked DBC members to search the county, learning about bird nests and how to find them. If done ethically, it's a fascinating dimension of birding I've never really explored. Birders are generally pretty good at being unobtrusive and can operate at a distance pretty well with their optics, although disturbing birds can sometimes be an unintended consequence. Still, many nests can be found without causing much alarm, and evidence of breeding in the form of vocalizations, parental behavior, fledglings, and juvenile birds also indicates nesting.

Now, if this sort of thing appeals to you, opportunities to become a "citizen scientist"—now often called "community scientist"—abound in our area. For one, there's the Spring Bird Count, coming before you know it. Keep your eyes peeled for announcements about that, and meanwhile explore the [Bird Counts](#) page in the Birding DuPage section of our website.

For breeding birds, there is the Bird Conservation Network (BCN) survey. Monitors hit their assigned nature spots two early mornings in June to listen and look for local summer residents. With member organizations across the northern half of Illinois, the BCN provides vital data to land managers and other bird conservation efforts. DBC's Glenn Perricone is the new BCN DuPage County Coordinator and you can find his letter about the survey in this newsletter.

Happy birding!

Steve

sconstantelos@dupagebirding.org



Spring is where?

2021 Membership Directory to Publish in April so Renew Your Membership Now!

The new DBC Membership Directory will publish in April. If you have yet to renew your dues, act now or be left out! You can renew one of two ways:

- Online using PayPal or credit card—visit <https://dupagebirding.org/renew/> and click on the PayPal button. Easy!
- Via mail—mail a check for your dues to DBC, P.O. Box 3381, Glen Ellyn, IL 60138. Please do not mail cash.

Members' Night Happens March 11

One of the most interesting meetings of the year is coming up on March 11, when DBC members share their personal birding adventures. This year's lineup includes regional and international reports from seven presenters. Here's your chance for a peek at birds of the Galapagos, Thailand, Jamaica, Cuba, Colombia, and across five U. S. States. We'll also share a great site where you can view more than 2,000 bird images—and add your own. Register now for this entertaining evening:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZArcuqrqDssGNR7XnnIzUWIn9oulJsmycG->

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with login details.

April 8, 2021 7:00 PM Zoom meeting

Great Spring Birding in DuPage County

John Cebula

Beginning birders and birders new to the area: Don't miss this chance to learn about some of the best birding areas in DuPage County. John Cebula, educator, writer, naturalist and long-time DuPage Birding Club member, will share when and where to look for those fantastic migrating birds.

Been birding DuPage for years? John will also be sharing information on some underbirded and overlooked sites in DuPage County. Join us and learn about a possible new favorite birding spot!

The pandemic has us all birding closer to home. Don't miss this opportunity to get reacquainted with the great birding in DuPage County as John shares with us what a great deal DuPage birders have right here.



Photos: John Cebula

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0lduutrTwpGtA4NE6NzZZPQgZJrG8M5j7D>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

2020 Greene Valley HawkWatch Results Are In!

Commentary by Bob Fisher

Except for these two battling “dinosaurs,” 2020 was another “average” raptor year on the hill (see yearly totals excluding Broadwings in the Table below).

In this fifteenth year of the GVHW, no new high species counts were set. We registered one all-time low with just two Golden Eagles though it was a good year for Broad-winged Hawks –1,868 BWs, the third highest total in our 15-year history. TVs, Sharpies and Redtails as usual made up nearly 80 percent of GV’s total count (excluding BWs). Redtails up-ticked from their apparent slow decline in

numbers, but Sharpies continued their drop-off. Mild weather over the last several days of November proved to be poor for raptor migration.



J. A. J. N. W. Photography

- 98 species in all were seen from the hilltop during the 2020 hawkwatch season.
- 9/7 was memorable for a massive migration movement of dragonflies, with large numbers of Monarchs. Green Darners dominated, but the swarm included many Black Saddlebags and Wandering Gliders.
- Horned Larks, American Pipits, Lapland Longspurs (very early arrival on 9/17) and Snow Buntings (first seen on 10/30) as always kept us company, the longspurs and buntings on a daily basis in good numbers later in the season. On 11/8, 150+ longspurs flew around the hilltop – a very large flock!
- We recorded our last Chimney Swift, on 10/16, 4 days earlier than in 2019.
- Just over 16,000 Sandies flew over during the season; the biggest single day count was 5,865 on 11/17. This was down about 30% from 2019, perhaps attributable to the mild weather for most of the season.
- On 10/25 a family group of 3 Whooping Cranes flew by, giving all present great views.
- A very late group of swallows (likely Trees) flew past on 11/7.
- Speaking about the weather (and how can we not?), 40% of our winds this season had a mostly southerly component—80 of the 156 hours we spent on the hill in November had that southerly component.

But it's not all about the numbers, or the rarities, is it? So many great views of striking birds, some captured on camera, some not, the moments that keep us coming back...the birds, the friendships, but perhaps most of all, the genuine feeling of peaceful detachment from the hustle and bustle more than 200 feet below us. That feeling was especially valuable in this year of the Covid pandemic, noisy politics, etc.



One or more of our dedicated volunteer counters were on the hill for 562 hours during 2020, slightly higher than 2019 and a new record; the aggregate volunteer time on the hill totaled 1,925 hours! Special thanks to Margie Busic, Tony C, Katherine Howard, Jeff Smith, who logged over 340 hrs—now that's dedication, Vicky Sroczynski and Stan Zatarski for spending more than 100 hours on the hilltop, and thanks to the other counters who weren't able to put in quite as much time, but who helped greatly in spotting and counting on many occasions.

Species	Turkey Vulture	Osprey	Bald Eagle	N. Harrier	Sharp-shinned Hawk	Cooper's Hawk	N. Goshawk	Red-shouldered Hawk	accipiters total	
2020	963	46	101	42	353	62	1	37	416	
2019	1021	79	112	58	444	57	2	24	503	
2018	935	70	86	48	331	69	1	27	401	
2017	841	36	69	32	313	91	3	23	407	
2016	546	47	91	47	593	102	2	21	697	
2015	658	43	52	64	340	94	3	29	437	
2014	605	44	100	64	472	82	2	22	556	
2013	1078	30	57	40	563	90	4	37	657	
2012	763	65	60	75	463	146	3	16	612	HIGH
2011	512	44	35	52	646	117	5	22	768	COUNTS
2010	306	36	22	69	486	94	6	14	586	IN
2009	650	17	21	45	574	124	5	24	703	GREEN
2008	510	39	22	50	328	103	2	20	433	LOW
2007	471	17	12	60	682	164	10	13	856	COUNTS
2006	185	16	12	45	236	113	2	7	351	IN
15 year total	10044	629	852	791	6824	1508	51	336	8383	RED
15 year avg.	670	42	57	53	455	101	3	22	559	
Species	Broad-winged Hawk	Red-tailed Hawk	Rough-legged Hawk	Golden Eagle	Am. Kestrel	Mertlin	Peregrine Falcon	Unknown raptor	TOTAL	Total minus Broadwings
2020	1868	547	14	2	9	40	31	69	4187	2319
2019	4993	433	10	10	5	46	61	72	7431	2438
2018	423	449	11	4	12	45	46	64	2625	2202
2017	56	656	17	3	8	38	45	63	2286	2230
2016	4271	651	12	5	17	71	70	82	6632	2361
2015	240	559	11	11	5	45	60	47	2261	2021
2014	1596	682	27	7	12	50	28	44	3837	2241
2013	36	986	16	8	8	66	46	54	3119	3083
2012	4432	848	7	5	15	40	19	51	7008	2576
2011	716	836	17	5	22	54	37	42	3162	2446
2010	48	643	31	11	14	31	30	48	1889	1841
2009	73	893	10	3	22	29	40	41	2571	2498
2008	1745	788	17	10	14	31	16	40	3735	1990
2007	687	838	14	3	25	33	32	38	3099	2412
2006	786	318	2	6	5	26	8	27	1794	1008
15 year total	21970	10127	216	93	193	645	569	782	55636	33666
15 year avg.	1465	675	14	6	13	43	38	52	3709	2244

No rare/vagrant raptor species were seen this year so our raptor rarity hopes were dashed.

Here's the history: Mississippi Kite: 10/3/08, 10/11/11, 9/9/12, 9/20/12, 9/3/17, 9/17/17, 9/13 (2) and 9/17/19; Swainson's Hawk: 1 in 2012; 2 in 2013; 3 in 2014; 1 on 9/18/17; 1 on 9/14/18; 1 on 10/9/19; Snowy Owl: 11/14/07; Ferruginous Hawk: 10/15/10 and 9/25/12; Prairie Falcon: 9/21/14 and 10/17/17; Gyr Falcon 11/6/16.

187 SPECIES SEEN ~ Greene Valley Hawkwatch 2006-2020 (2 new to list in 2020 in green)



Red-tailed Hawk. Vicky Sroczynski

Gr. White-fronted Goose
Snow Goose
Cackling Goose
Canada Goose
Mute Swan
Trumpeter Swan
Tundra Swan
Wood Duck
Gadwall
American Wigeon
American Black Duck
Mallard
Blue-winged Teal
Northern Shoveler
Green-winged Teal
Northern Pintail
Ring-necked Duck
Greater Scaup
Black Scoter
Common Goldeneye
Hooded Merganser
Common Merganser
Red-br Merganser
Red-throated Loon
Common Loon
Horned Grebe
Double-cr Cormorant
Anhinga
Am. White Pelican
American Bittern
Least Bittern
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Cattle Egret
Green Heron
plegadis Ibis sp.
Turkey Vulture
Osprey
Golden Eagle
Mississippi Kite
Northern Harrier
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk
Northern Goshawk
Bald Eagle
Red-shouldered Hawk
Broad-winged Hawk
Swainson's Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
Ferruginous Hawk
Rough-legged Hawk
Yellow Rail
Sandhill Crane
Whooping Crane
Black-necked Stilt
Black-bellied Plover
Am Golden-Plover
Semipalmated Plover
Killdeer

Spotted Sandpiper
Solitary Sandpiper
Greater Yellowlegs
Lesser Yellowlegs
Upland Sandpiper
Hudsonian Godwit
Buff-br Sandpiper
Dunlin
Least Sandpiper
Pectoral Sandpiper
Wilson's Snipe
American Woodcock
Bonaparte's Gull
Franklin's Gull
Ring-billed Gull
Herring Gull
Iceland Gull
L Black-backed Gull
Great Black-backed Gull
Caspian Tern
Black Tern
Rock Pigeon
Eurasian Collared-Dove
Mourning Dove
Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Great Horned Owl
Snowy Owl
Barred Owl
Short-eared Owl
Common Nighthawk
Eastern Whip-poor-will
Chimney Swift
Ruby-thr Hummingbird
Belted Kingfisher
Red-head Woodpecker
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Pileated Woodpecker
American Kestrel
Merlin
Gyr Falcon
Peregrine Falcon
Prairie Falcon
Olive-sided Flycatcher
Eastern Wood-Pewee
Eastern Phoebe
Say's Phoebe
Eastern Kingbird
Northern Shrike
Warbling Vireo
Blue Jay
American Crow
Horned Lark
N. Rough-winged Swallow
Purple Martin
Tree Swallow

Bank Swallow
Barn Swallow
Cliff Swallow
Cave Swallow
Black-cap Chickadee
Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-br Nuthatch
House Wren
Winter Wren
Sedge Wren
Marsh Wren
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Eastern Bluebird
American Robin
Gray Catbird
European Starling
American Pipit
Sprague's Pipit
Cedar Waxwing
Lapland Longspur
Smith's Longspur
Snow Bunting
Nashville Warbler
Common Yellowthroat
Magnolia Warbler
Blackpoll Warbler
Palm Warbler
Am. Redstart
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Wilson's Warbler
Eastern Towhee
American Tree Sparrow
Grasshopper Sparrow
Chipping Sparrow
Clay-colored Sparrow

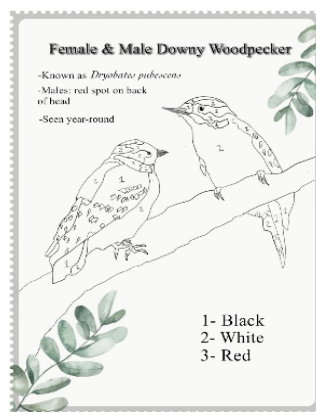
Field Sparrow
Vesper Sparrow
Lark Sparrow
Savannah Sparrow
Henslow's Sparrow
Le Conte's Sparrow
Fox Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Lincoln's Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco
Northern Cardinal
Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Indigo Bunting
Dickcissel
Bobolink
Red-winged Blackbird
Eastern Meadowlark
Western Meadowlark
Yellow-headed Blackbird
Rusty Blackbird
Brewer's Blackbird
Common Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird
House Finch
Purple Finch
Red Crossbill
Common Redpoll
Pine Siskin
American Goldfinch
Evening Grosbeak
House Sparrow

“DBC Paintbox” Rolls Out for Budding Bird Artists

The DBC Outreach team is pleased to introduce DBC Paintbox, a color-by-number series of bird images that guides the budding bird artist in bringing a beautiful bird image to life. The drawings are highly detailed, which helps the artist learn the parts of the bird. Many birders practice drawing birds to force themselves to look carefully at all parts of the bird.

The first three birds in the Paintbox series are Mallard, Downy Woodpecker, and American Goldfinch, with more to follow. The concept and illustrations were created by DBC member Di Lan Johnson with support from the Outreach team. Thank you, Di Lan!

Paintbox is one of several Tools for Educators in the DBC’s Learn About Birds program. Other tools for those teaching others about birds include a deep dive into the most common birds of DuPage County, a Birdo-Bingo game, group presentations, and more. These tools were highlighted in a story in The Daily Herald on February 10, 2021. See more here: <https://dupagebirding.org/tools-for-educators/>



Divers and Dabblers: Coming Soon to a Pond Near You

With migration season getting under way, there’s no better time to refresh your waterfowl identification skills. Fortunately for us, the DBC Education Channel on You Tube features two new videos targeting Female Diving Ducks and Female Dabbling Ducks. Each begins with a brief review of the male species and then takes a deep dive into the plumages, head and bill shapes, and other characteristics of the females, most of which tend to various shades of brown.

In addition, you’ll find another video to help you separate our three mergansers as well as a video to take a closer look at the two scaup species compared to Ring-necked Duck. Get ready for spring; it will be here before we know it. Learn more at <https://www.youtube.com/dupagebirdingclub>.

Outreach Presentations Tee Up Spring

DBC members will be presenting four times in March at area community centers. To join the roster of presenters, contact Donna Kubik at dkubik@dupagebirding.org.

Darien Garden Club

Attracting Hummingbirds to Our Yards by Denis Kania

March 1

<https://www.dariengardenclub.com/calendar>

Itasca Public Library

Attracting Hummingbirds to Your Yard by Denis Kania

March 10

<https://events.itascalibrary.org/event/7046340>

Woodridge Library

Start Spring Birding! by John Cebula

March 25

<https://www.woodridgelibrary.org/virtual-start-spring-birding>

Glenside Library

Spring Migration by Ron Skleney

March 18 7:00

<https://glensidepld.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=9508&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2021/03/01>

Bird Conservation Network Seeking Volunteer Monitors



The DuPage Birding Club is a charter member of the Bird Conservation Network, an organization of 20 conservation groups across Northeast Illinois dedicated to the preservation of our endemic breeding bird species. One important way we have supported BCN goals is by recruiting our members to become breeding



bird survey monitors. BCN coordinates annual surveys of breeding birds across the region providing vital information about population trends of key species. With the start of a new year, DBC would again like to solicit our members' participation in the BCN survey program.

The data BCN collects is used in several ways. They develop an analysis of population trends across the region, provide data to land manager organizations responsible for habitat conservation, and share data with the scientific community in conducting species studies. The nature of these data uses requires that BCN monitors be able to identify the species of birds breeding in our region, by sight as well as sound.

Monitoring entails two visits in June at one of the selected natural areas in our county, going to identified points and counting the number of birds seen and heard for five minutes. Then you enter your results into the BCN eBird portal, and you're done.

We urge our membership to consider becoming a monitor. The information you collect assists natural resource managers in preserving the places we love to bird, and provides vital data in assessing how well we're doing in preserving our bird species. It's a great chance to give back to the birding community and make a difference!

If interested, please contact BCN coordinator Glenn Perricone at bcndupage@gmail.com. If you find you're not quite ready to monitor but are still interested in a future assignment, please contact Glenn and he will work with you to get you up to speed.

Just for Fun

Virtual Wings & Wetlands Birding Festival: March 24-26

We received word about this cool virtual festival out of Kansas. A good variety of speakers and topics, and wetlands are ever important in the bird conservation world. Information and registration at <http://www.wingsandwetlands.com>

Instant cheer birdsong graphic from the Minnesota DNR

https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/mcvmagazine/bird_songs_interactive/index.html

Hold the date – 2021 Spring Bird Count May 8th

The annual statewide Spring Bird Count in Illinois will be held on Saturday, May 8, 2021. For all DuPage birders, mark the date on your calendars and prepare to spend a fun day looking for all those wonderful spring migrants. Joe Suchecki is the DuPage County Coordinator for the Spring Bird Count and will be contacting everyone with more information regarding the count in April. Look for more information on the DBC website and in the April Drummings.

Update on Pulte Housing Development Near Danada and Herrick Lake Forest Preserves

As previously reported in Drummings, Pulte Homes has proposed a high-density residential development on land currently owned by Nokia Corporation northeast of Warrenville and Naperville roads in Naperville. The proposed development is directly adjacent to Danada and Herrick Lake Forest Preserves and is close to an existing Great Blue Heron nesting rookery. The Forest Preserve District also announced that there is an active Bald Eagle nest in the same area, one of only four in DuPage County.

The Naperville Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) continued the public hearing on the proposal on February 3rd. At that hearing, a vast majority of public testimony opposed the project, including the Forest Preserve District and DBC member Joe Suchecki - Joe spoke on his own behalf regarding impacts to habitats and birds. Facing significant concerns about the proposal from several Commissioners, Pulte pulled the project from consideration in order to try and work out the issues and come back to the PZC with a revised plan. The public hearing was continued until the March 17th PZC meeting.

Pulte will have to work with the Forest Preserve District to address their issues and also will have to consult with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Illinois Department of Natural Resources regarding the Bald Eagle nest. The most logical solution is to re-design the development to include a sufficient buffer area between the development and Forest Preserve property. Interested DBC members should continue to follow developments on the project and voice their opinions to the Naperville PZC on or before March 17th.

Welcome New Members

Katey Miley	Glen Ellyn	Kelly Hong	Bolingbrook
Anne and John Gould	Glen Ellyn	Mark and Karen Godish	Carol Stream
Barbara and Bill Graue	Downers Grove	Marcelina Wawrzyniak	Palos Park

March 2019 Field Trips

NOTE: All last-minute changes are posted on dupagebirding.org/field-trips

These early spring field trips target migrating waterfowl, raptors, passerines and shorebirds plus some returning breeders. 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. We encourage everyone to enjoy birding in a safe manner. Please remember that the weather can still be very cold, and trails can be muddy, so dress accordingly, wearing proper warm clothing and appropriate footwear.

Registration with the trip leader is required;

You are **NOT** registered until you receive a confirmation from the trip leader.

Field trips are open to nonmembers.

Participant limit is set at 10, including the leader. Absolutely, no stretching the limit.

Face masks are required, which should cover both nose and mouth. Participants should spread out and keep in mind the six-foot distancing recommendations. Anyone not feeling well should not attend.

Friday, March 12, 6:00 pm

Woodcocks, Greene Valley Forest Preserve, Naperville/Woodridge

Greene Valley Forest Preserve is known for its Woodcock displays, which begin shortly after sunset. Join us this spring on one of our walks. Meet at the west entrance parking lot: west on 79th St. from Greene Rd, then Thunderbird Rd. south, appr. ½ mile to the campground entrance. The walk will NOT be cancelled due to weather.

Leader: Jeff Smith, mrqmagoo13@gmail.com

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 14

Saturday March 20. Time to be announced at registraion

Mississippi River - Waterfowl Trip

Waterfowl, cranes, eagles and pelicans will be sought on this all day trip exploring spots along the Mississippi, both in Illinois and Iowa. In addition to the river, Lost Mound will be visited to search for Western Meadowlark and Northern Mockingbird.

Please contact Jeff Chapman at jchapman@948@gmail.com for meeting time and location. We will caravan from the western suburbs.

Leader: Jeff Chapman, Jchapman948@gmail.com

Sunday, March 21, 8:00 am

Palos Area-McGinnis Slough: Waterfowl and More

This location is an Audubon "Important Bird Area." Loons, grebes, and other waterfowl are targeted on this trip. Meet at McGinnis Slough, on the west side of LaGrange Rd. (US45), approximately 1/2 mile south of 131st St. Contact Bob Fisher to register. Finding waterfowl is associated with open water conditions. Bob will monitor conditions and may change the starting location in order to see more birds; so, ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER CONDITIONS! This trip might extend past the noon hour. Wear appropriate clothing.

Leader: Bob Fisher, 630-985-2956, bfisher@dupagebirding.org

Sunday, March 21st, 7:30 am

Lyman Woods Forest Preserve, Downers Grove

We'll be looking for late Winter birds, early Spring birds, and everything in between. Meet in the parking lot in front of Lyman Woods Interpretive Center, located one block east of Highland Avenue on 31st Street. Boots are HIGHLY recommended.

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

Thursday, March 25, 7:00 pm

Woodcocks, Greene Valley Forest Preserve, Naperville/Woodridge

Greene Valley Forest Preserve is known for its Woodcock displays, which begin shortly after sunset. Join us this spring on one of our walks. Meet at the west entrance parking lot: west on 79th St. from Greene Rd, then Thunderbird Rd. south, appr. 1/2 mile to the campground entrance. The walk will NOT be cancelled due to weather.

Leader: Jeff Smith, mrqmagoo13@gmail.com

Saturday, March 27, 7:30 am

Cricket Creek Forest Preserve, Addison

This morning trip is especially designed for new birders and will be at a leisurely pace to provide as much time as desired to look at each bird and to answer questions on equipment or bird identification. Join us to check out this small preserve on the eastern side of DuPage County, right next to Salt Creek. Meet at the parking lot north of Fullerton Avenue (west of Rt. 83, east of Villa Ave.).

Website link: <http://www.dupageforest.com>

Leaders: Andrew and Rebecca Steinmann, 708-533-6604, asteinmann@dupagebirding.com

Don't forget to Register for the walks you're interested in.

NOTE: All last-minute changes are posted on dupagebirding.org/field-trips.

Other Birding Opportunities For additional birding opportunities check out the Illinois Birding Calendar at [http:// www.illinoisbirds.org/illinois-birding-calendar/](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. 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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Joan Campbell peachjmc@gmail.com



DuPage Birding Club

2021 Meeting Schedule

January 14	July 8
March 11	September 9
April 8	October 14
May 13	November 11

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Glenn Gabanski, Tom Mulcahy, Glenn Perricone

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DBC Apparel: Steve Constantelos

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Instagram: Madison Olivieri

Lending Library: Jeff Smith

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Spring Count Coordinator: Joe Suchecki

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