



President's Message

I recently spent a sunny morning at the Morton Arboretum. In this season of starting families, one of the quiet highlights was watching a few Tree Swallows flying around and into the limbs of a birch tree snag that they'd made their home.

I thought back to a journal called *Sialia* in which I immersed myself during my teenage years and early 20s. This is the journal of the [North American Bluebird Society](#), aka NABS. One issue featured a list of the 98 species of North American birds that nest in cavities, that is, birds that lay eggs and raise their young in holes in trees, buildings, riverbanks, etc. And I remembered one of the NABS refrains of the time: "Where have all the bluebirds gone?"

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May 13, 2021

Via Zoom

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Bluebird Boxes

Like many species, many cavity nesters have declined in numbers, usually due to human intervention reducing their housing options. There is a housing shortage, and until the landscape changes dramatically, it takes dedicated humans to help the birds out. In lieu of tree cavities and old agricultural wooden fenceposts, people started building bluebird boxes, creating trails of homes for these bright spots of blue. Bluebirds have made a comeback thanks to our intervention, and we can all thrill to see them amid all the shades of green and brown as we explore the outdoors.

It was 20 years ago I got the chance to monitor half a dozen bluebird boxes. Once a week, from late March through July, I went out to the early morning fields as the steam was burning off at Huntley Meadows park in Virginia. I was armed with a screwdriver to open the boxes, a bar of soap to rub against the inside walls if it was wasp-infested, a notebook to record my findings, and the other tools of the trade, like a good shady hat.

Sometimes I met basking turtles or snakes, but I was most excited when one of my boxes showed signs of Eastern Bluebirds. Other native species, like wrens and swallows nest in the boxes sometimes, but the biggest threats often come from European Starlings and House Sparrows. Clever box-builders and monitors have ways to make these homes most hospitable to bluebirds, but it does take vigilance. Of the six boxes I monitored, three were bluebird homes, two House Wren, and one hosted a Tufted Titmouse.

The Morton Arboretum and Forest Preserve District of DuPage County are two of the more prominent bluebird box providers in our county, and many more places, public and private, have them. And I'm sure many of our club members are monitoring them. Here's our state's take on helping out our [Gems of Blue](#).



A good look at an Eastern Bluebird nest, from the film camera days, hence the tilt. But you see a little speck of blue in there, don't you?



This bluebird box was home to some House Wrens, which is no surprise given its proximity to vegetation. Plants grow rapidly in Virginia!

Purple Martin Houses

<https://www.purplemartin.org/>

There are a number of “House Sparrow sanctuaries” around our county that used to be housing for Purple Martins. The fad for building and tending to them has faded, but Lake Osborne in Naperville, Armstrong Park in Carol Stream, Dean Nature Sanctuary in Oak Brook, and many other places have martin homes in various states of repair. Just driving down a road, I turn to look outside my window and sometimes see one on a tall pole in a random residential lot.

East of the Mississippi, Purple Martins now rely on these “apartments” or “hotels” as well as special gourds put out by humans. I have seen two functioning colonies around here, at Cantigny and Independence Grove in Libertyville (Lake Co). Cantigny’s own “martineer,” Ray Feld, hosts an annual [Purple Martins 101 class](#) that is always well-attended. It’s hard work, but maybe more people will take it up again. The old houses could use repairs or replacement, but at least they’re easy to spot, up there on poles waiting to be rejuvenated



Purple Martin homes fit in well amid the bustle of Lake County’s Independence Grove.

Chimney Swift Towers

<http://chimneyswifts.org/>

It's hard to describe the feeling of entering a field bordering some woods and finding a mysterious tower about 12 feet high, standing in silence. Luckily, when I ran across a Chimney Swift tower there was someone to tell me what it was. They look a little like a mini-lighthouse or obelisk, but they're built for birds that used to find plenty of hollow trees for nesting. Along with the occasional still-accessible chimney or smokestack or silo, about all swifs have left for their nesting are these towers.

There are a few in our area: at Cantigny and Fermilab, for example, along with those built by industrious private landowners. The first one I saw is at Lyman Woods and is off the beaten paths; it appears to need some tender loving care. I'm not sure if it's ever hosted a Chimney Swift family or if anyone's ever tended it, so it's a source of both frustration and inspiration. It seems ripe for adoption by a DBC member. I have a call in to Lyman about their swift tower and will report back on what I find.



The awaiting Chimney Swift tower at Lyman Woods.

If you don't have a lot of large, open property, but are interested in helping with housing for any of these species—from bluebird box to martin house to swift tower—I am sure you could make headway if you contact the relevant property managers. If you're having trouble figuring out who to contact, email me or the club (dupagebirdingclub@gmail.com) and we'll help you get in touch. Meanwhile, keep your eyes out for these and other cavity-nesting species, and thank the humans who are making our county more hospitable to them!

Finally, a thank you to DBC's own Jeff Reiter's *Words on Birds* blog for some background on the above: <https://wordsonbirds.blogspot.com/>. Doing a keyword search on the top left of his page is a great way to learn about all kinds of bird species.

Happy spring birding!

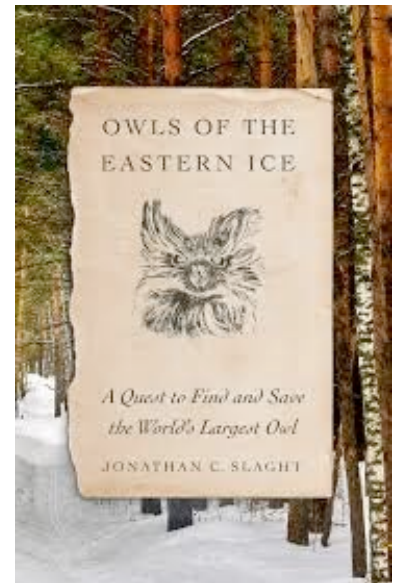
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Coming Thursday, May 13, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom

Owls of the Eastern Ice: Blakiston's Fish Owl Conservation in Russia With Jonathan Slaght

This month we are delighted to host Jonathan Slaght, author of *Owls of the Eastern Ice*. If you have not read his book, you're in for a treat! It is an engrossing and interesting look at field work in the Russian wilderness.

From 2006-2010, Jonathan Slaght studied Blakiston's fish owls in Russia for his Ph.D. in Wildlife Conservation at the University of Minnesota. His memoir of this experience, called *Owls of the Eastern Ice*, was published in summer 2020 to great acclaim. It was named a New York Times Notable Book for 2020, longlisted for a 2020 National Book Award for Nonfiction, called one of the Ten Best Books of 2020 by the Wall Street Journal, and most recently, selected as a finalist for the PEN/E.O. Wilson Science Writing award.



In his presentation, Slaght will describe the owls and his project, including details of the adventures and struggles of fieldwork as well as ongoing conservation efforts with this endangered species.

Slaght is the Russia & Northeast Asia Coordinator for the New York-based Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS). He manages research projects involving endangered species such as Blakiston's fish owls and Amur tigers and coordinates WCS avian conservation activities along the East Asia-Australasian Flyway from the Russian Arctic to the mudflats of Southeast Asia.

Slaght's writings, scientific research, and photographs have been featured by the [BBC World Service](#), the [New York Times](#), [The Guardian](#), [Smithsonian Magazine](#), [The New Yorker](#), and [Audubon Magazine](#), among others. *Owls of the Eastern Ice* is his first book.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYvduirpzwpGtfQyfaLVSMUOK4LMOkY1Xti>

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

In Case You Missed It...Zoom Meeting April 8

The theme of the April 8, 2021, meeting was all about highlighting various and possibly different opportunities to observe and learn about birds right here in DuPage County.

Steve Constantelos called attention to a new kind of field trip, the first one scheduled on April 20 at Herrick Lake Forest Preserve, called "Bird the Park." It will be leaderless, but with opportunities to meet other DBC birders on the trail in order to share sightings. Check out Field Trips here in the Drummings or at www.dupagebirding.org for more information about trips of this kind that will be offered regularly. He also announced that the DBC Outreach Committee offers talks to clubs or groups on bird topics. Contact information for the Committee can be found on the DBC website or just email dupagebirdingclub@gmail.com.

Joe Suchecki shared information about the Spring Bird Count, this year on May 8. Members were encouraged to participate and can get more information about how to sign up by emailing dupagesbc@gmail.com.

Bob Fisher gave a mini-tutorial about The Bird Conservation Network, BCN. This is a group of about 20 organizations, including DuPage Birding Club, that are interested in bird conservation. One of BCN's projects is maintaining a database of breeding bird information, which is used to analyze population trends, identify species of concern, and encourage land stewards to get to know the habitat needs of birds on the list. BCN seeks volunteer monitors to do point counts at sunrise from early June to mid-July. To receive a fact sheet explaining how to apply to become a monitor, email dbcbirds@aol.com.

Denis Kania pointed out opportunities for bird-related classes at Morton Arboretum, www.mortonarb.org, and for walks and activities sponsored by the DuPage Forest Preserve District, www.dupageforest.org.

The featured speaker was John Cebula, an educator, writer, naturalist, and DBC member. John highlighted diverse but underappreciated habitats within DuPage County, stressing the terrific birding opportunities that are not far from home. He suggested a variety of places to visit including:

Lambert Lake, Glen Ellyn

West Branch Forest Preserve, Pioneer Park, and Kress Creek Farms Park, all in West Chicago

Elsen's Hill/West DuPage Woods in Winfield – a premier place for warblers

Mallard Lake Forest Preserve, Bloomingdale Township

St. James Farm, Winfield

Hidden Lake Forest Preserve, Downers Grove

Oldfield Oaks Forest Preserve, Darien

Greene Valley Forest Preserve, Woodridge/Naperville

Egermann Woods County Forest Preserve, Lisle

Check out Hotspots on the DBC website for more information about some of these sites and other places to bird.

With so many suggestions for ways to study and observe birds without traveling far, good advice is to get up early, get outside, and enjoy the birds!

View this meeting on the DBC Education Channel on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/xkcBI5-6yAQ>.

DBC Shares Birding Tips in New Podcast

DBC President Steve Constantelos and Corresponding Secretary Joe Suchecki served as ambassadors for birding in a recent podcast for ParkTalk, a program of the Naperville Park District. Steve and Joe talked about great local birding sites and what birds observers might see, why they enjoy birding, the benefits of membership in the DuPage Birding Club and advice for beginners. The podcast was featured in the April 18, 2021, Sunday edition of the Daily Herald. Listen to the full podcast here: <https://www.napervilleparks.org/podcast/s22-episode-02-bird-watching>

New Hotspots!

As warm spring breezes make us hanker to hit the trails, it just might be time to get acquainted with new birding destinations. We're pleased to report that three new sites have been added to the 20 + already hosted at <https://dupagebirding.org/dupage-hotspots/>.

- Herrick Lake, Wheaton (Susan Kaley)
- Hawthorn Hills Woods, Woodridge (Richard Roche)
- Lambert Lake Nature Preserve, Glen Ellyn (John Cebula)

If you have a favorite patch, big or small, that you'd like to share with others, please write up a Hotspot description for us. We'll provide a template and guidance and the rest is yours to share. Contact diann.bilderback@yahoo.com for more information.

Refresh Your Skills for Spring Migration at the DBC YouTube Education Channel

Spring migration is upon us and migrants are flooding into our favorite birding haunts. There are some great mini-tutorials set for release that can help you to prepare for the new arrivals.

In May we will be releasing two new tutorials titled "Warblers from Below, Part 1 and 2" presented by Denis Kania. Look for new releases on the first and third Wednesday of every month.

The education channel library also has several titles in its collection that can help you with your migration ID questions. Check these out so that you are at the top of your game when these migrants arrive.

Yellow, Female Warblers – How to separate female Yellow, Wilson's and Hooded Warblers.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EpYh2FIdurY&t>

Spotted Thrushes – Do you know if you are looking at a Swainson's Thrush or a Gray-cheeked Thrush? How about Hermit Thrush, Wood Thrush, or Veery?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hluC2VcGAi8>

Tanagers – Be ready to distinguish a Scarlet Tanager from a Summer Tanager as well as a vagrant Western Tanager.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qYk8nNEw3HM>

Bird Topography – Improve your birding ID skills by understanding how feather tracts come together to form the field marks that we use to identify birds.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IQ9oUSNVjzA>

NOTE: YouTube has instituted new terms of service and is now occasionally running ads on DBC videos. Please note that the club is not gaining any revenue from these ads, nor do we endorse the products appearing in these ads.

BCN Invites You to Become a Bird Monitor

The Bird Conservation Network invites you to participate in its annual survey of breeding birds in our region and will sponsor a tutorial to prepare you for the role. On Tuesday, May 18, 1:00-3:00 p.m., you can learn to identify breeding birds by song, field marks and habitat in a Zoom tutorial. This is one of several courses offered by BCN to enhance the birding skills of its volunteer monitors.

Annual BCN surveys provide vital information for understanding the population trends of key species. Monitors conduct two bird survey visits in June at one of the selected preserves in our area. As a monitor, you go to predetermined points throughout your chosen preserve and count the number of birds seen and heard for five minutes at each point. After wrapping up your count, you enter your results into a special BCN section of eBird.

If you might be interested in monitoring, register for the Bird ID courses by emailing Sagawauenvironmental.learningcenter@cookcountyil.gov. Enter the course title (“Breeding Bird ID”) in the subject line and include your name and phone number in the body of the email.

Registration will close two days prior to the course and Zoom links will be emailed the day before. For additional information, call Sagawau at 630-257-2045 or view the attached video featuring interviews with BCN monitors and land managers who use the data: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zcs3AfAhxtU>.

If after this introduction, you feel ready to monitor, visit www.bcnbirds.org to get connected with the Bird Conservation Network or other monitoring opportunities.

Calling All Citizen Scientists: Help Track Bald Eagle Sightings at the Arb

A piece of happy news is that Bald Eagle sightings in DuPage County are becoming more frequent. Jody and Jerry Zamirowski, natural areas stewards for bird monitoring at the Morton Arboretum, have been keeping records for the last 13 years of sightings at the Arboretum. They’d like your help to track these more frequent occurrences. If you see a Bald Eagle on the Arboretum grounds, please report your sighting to them. Include the date and location; for instance, March 8, 3:00 p.m., near the berm along I-88. Send your information to beewacker@comcast.net.

Welcome New Members

Sandy Ketcham	Plainfield	Amy and Dave Herring	Medinah
Lisa Spellman	Berwyn	Karly Tumminello	Lisle
Sharon Kutta	Berwyn	Barbara and Jim Stephenson	Winfield
June and Willian Sadlick	Bolingbrook	Sarah DeMink	Downers Grove
Julie Bax	Batavia	Doris Schubert	Oak Brook
Mary Ciconte, Francis Ploof	Lombard	Jeff Bauman	Naperville
Judy Gustafson	Lombard	Nancy Deaton	Downers Grove
Marybeth Fox-Grim	Westmont	Abishekk Karthikeyan	Naperville
Ron Krause	Naperville	Christine Novak	Naperville
Cynthia and Courtney Tanner	Downers Grove	Maria and Michael Wachholz	Lombard

May 2021 Field Trips

May is peak time for migratory birds. These field trips are designed to cover areas where we hope to see migrating waterfowl, raptors, passerines, returning species and shore birds. Migration then gives way to grassland birding. 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 and bring protection for biting insects, including ticks. 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. Situations can sometimes change, please check our DBC website www.dupagebirding.org for the latest status information.

NOTE: All last-minute changes are posted on dupagebirding.org/field-trips. 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. Attendees of DBC field trips and other events who are under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Participant limit is set at 10-15, 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.

Sunday, May 2, 7:30 am

Elsen's Hill/West DuPage Woods, Winfield

This location has the designation of "Important Bird Area." Elsen's Hill is known for spring migrating birds and is a traditionally excellent spot for warblers. Take Winfield Rd. to Gary's Mill Rd. Go west on Gary's Mill Rd. to the preserve parking lot entrance on the north side of the road. Be sure to wear appropriate clothing and boots for muddy trails. Limited to 15 participants.

Leader: Diann Bilderback, 630-272-5746, diann.bilderback@yahoo.com

Tuesday, May 4, 7:30 am

McDowell Grove Forest Preserve, Naperville

We'll be concentrating on woodland migrants as we explore some of the excellent trails through this preserve. We will meet in the main parking lot which is accessed off of Raymond Drive where it intersects with McDowell Road (stop light). This trip is limited to 10 participants.

Leader: Denis Kania, djkan36@gmail.com

Tuesday, May 4, 7:30 am

Danada Forest Preserve - East side, Wheaton

Meet at the parking lot east of Naperville Rd. between Butterfield Rd. and Warrenville Rd. We will be searching for resident and migrant species, through a variety of habitats including woodlands, prairie and Rice Lake. A scope would be helpful. Limited to 15 participants.

Leader: Nancy Allured, nallured@dupagebirding.org

Thursday, May 6, 8:00 am

Maple Grove Forest Preserve, Downers Grove

We'll be looking for spring migrants, including warblers, songbirds, and Wood Ducks that nest in the area. Trails are dirt and may be muddy, so wear appropriate footwear.

Meet in parking lot off of Maple Ave. in Downers Grove. Limited to 15 participants.

Leader: John Hebert, johnhhebert@yahoo.com

Saturday, May 8, 2021 Spring Bird Count, DuPage County

A hundred or more birders will fan out across DuPage County to identify all the bird species they can find. A group of birders will be in the field somewhere near your home. Come join us; we need more birders to make it possible to cover as many locations within the county as we can. You don't have to be an expert birder to participate; all skill levels are welcome. Even if you can only bird for part of the day, we can use you. And if that's your preference, you'll probably be able to look for birds close to home, since we divide the county into 17 areas, with teams scouring each area. Email Joe Suchecki at DuPageSBC@gmail.com to volunteer or find out more information.

Sunday, May 9, 3:00 pm

Whalon Lake and Peacock Marsh, Will County

We are going to start this trip in the afternoon to get the sun at our back. Waterfowl, shorebirds, and grassland species are targets. We'll start at Whalon Lake in Naperville. Drive down to meet at the picnic shelter next to the parking lot near the dog play lot. Whalon Lake on the south side of Royce Rd., west of Rt. 53 and south of 75th St. From Whalon Lake, we will drive south to visit Peacock Marsh to look for waterfowl again. Limited to 15 participants.

Leaders: Bob and Jean Spitzer, 630-790-4842, (birding day cell: 630-222-3307), bspitzer@dupagebirding.org and jeanspitz1@gmail.com

Tuesday, May 11, 7:30 am

Beginners Bird Walk, St. James Farm, Warrenville

With migration in full swing, there should be plenty of birds around. We will concentrate on basic bird ID skills in order to establish a foundation for your future enjoyment of birds. We will meet in the main parking lot. The entrance is located on the east side of Winfield Road, 0.25 mile north of Butterfield Road. This trip is limited to 10 participants.

Leader: Denis Kania, djkan36@gmail.com

Friday May 14, 7:00-11:00 am

Waterfall Glen, Poverty Prairie, Lemont

Please park in the lot for Poverty Prairie, on the east side of Lemont Road at 101st Street. We'll be on limestone trails with a slight elevation until we level out onto the prairie. Expect about a 3.5 mile walk round trip. We're looking for all the migrants and possibly local woodpeckers and owls, and to see if the Blue Grosbeaks, Bell's Vireos, and Yellow-breasted Chats returned after a thorough burn on the shrublands this year. Limited to 15 participants.

Leader: Vicky Sroczynski 630-297-9512 vsroczynski@dupagebirding.org

Saturday, May 15th, 7:00 - 10:00 am

Springbrook Prairie Forest Preserve, Naperville

Birding by Ear Field Trip

Field trip concentrating on building birding by ear skills to identify birds. The field trip will focus on how to identify and learn bird songs in the field at Springbrook Prairie in Naperville. Combination of grassland birds and spring migrants. Meet at the gravel parking lot on the **EAST** side of Plainfield-Naperville Rd., about 0.5 miles south of 75th Street. We will be going off trail over bumpy terrain. Be prepared for wet grass and use insect repellent for ticks and mosquitos. Limited to 10 participants.

Leader: Joe Suchecki, 630-369-5570, dbcsec2020@gmail.com

Monday, May 17, 7:30 am

Beginners Bird Walk McDowell Grove Forest Preserve, Naperville

With migration in full swing there should be plenty of birds around. We will concentrate on basic bird ID skills in order to establish a foundation for your future enjoyment of birds. We will meet in the main parking lot which is accessed off of Raymond Drive where it intersects with McDowell Road (stop light). This trip is limited to 10 participants.

Leader: Denis Kania at djkan36@gmail.com

Tuesday, May 18, 7:30 am

Bird Sit at Elsen's Woods, West DuPage Woods, Winfield

This is a field trip for anyone who finds the long walks of our regular field trips too difficult or who would just like a less vigorous birding experience, but still wants to share the camaraderie of fellow birders. Bring your folding lawn chairs, binoculars, and field guides. We will meet and sit as a group (**masked and socially distanced**) and look for early spring migrants and any birds that come to us! Birders of all levels are welcome. Limited to 10 participants.

Take Winfield Rd. to Gary's Mill Rd. Go west on Gary's Mill Rd. to the preserve parking lot entrance on the north side of the road. Bring a lawn chair and dress warmer than you think necessary as it is harder to stay warm while sitting.

Leader: Natalie McFaul, natcatcher7@gmail.com

Saturday, May 22, 7:00 am

McKee Marsh, Warrenville

Join us for another morning walk to the marsh where we hope to see residents and migrant waterfowl. Bring a spotting scope if you have one. 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 limestone and earthen trails: wear appropriate shoes and clothing. Limited to 15 participants.

Leader: Kathy Mineck, cell day of: 630-254-4077, kmineck@dupagebirding.org

Tuesday, May 25, 7:00 - 10:00 am

Bird the Park: St. James Farm, Warrenville

This is a leaderless birding experience. You will bird on your own between the hours of 7 am and 10 am. The idea is you will “bump” into fellow birders as you make your way along the trail loop, chat a little about what you are seeing, then move on and hopefully run into another birder further along the trail. You can start at 7 or sleep in and start at 8 or even 9!

The route we will follow is as follows. Starting at Waterlily Pond (just south of the Office) follow the St. James Trail to the McCormick Woods Trail intersection. Follow McCormick Woods Trail all the way to the Information Kiosk by Mack Road, then travel South down the drive to just past the Horse & Hound Cemetery and back to the parking area. [St James Farm Map](#)

The entrance is located on the east side of Winfield Road, 0.25 mile north of Butterfield Road. You can hike the loop in either direction.

Dress for the weather. Masks and social distancing required.

Organizer: Natalie McFaul, natcatcher7@gmail.com

Saturday, May 29, 7:00 am

Springbrook Prairie Forest Preserve, Naperville

Joe Suchecki, the Forest Preserve's District's volunteer Steward and Bird Monitor for Springbrook, will lead this trip. Participants will cover several of the key birding areas at Springbrook that are good for grassland birds and late spring migrants. Park at the Model Aircraft Field Parking Lot on the west side of Plainfield-Naperville Rd. about 0.5 miles south of 75th St. We will be going off-trail over bumpy terrain. Be prepared for wet grass and trails, ticks, and mosquitos. Use insect repellent. Limited to 15 participants.

Leader: Joe Suchecki, 630-369-5570, dbcsec2020@gmail.com

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.

Field Trip Coordinators:

Bonnie Graham, coye72112@gmail.com

Joan Campbell, peachjmc@gmail.com



2021 Meeting Schedule

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

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