## **DuPage Birding Club**

## **Drummings October 2021**



#### **Next Meeting**

October 14, 2021

**ZOOM Meeting** 

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## **President's Message**

I hope everyone had a birdy September. Maybe you saw a warbler species you missed in the spring or puzzled out a bird you had never seen in its juvenile form. October should continue to be pretty interesting, so I hope you get out there and enjoy it as much as possible, including logging some sightings on October 9, an international Big Day (see later in this newsletter for details). If you see any interesting sparrows or sparrow behaviors (other than immediately disappearing), let me know!

As I thought about this message these past few weeks, the word that kept crossing my mind was "sociability," the quality of being sociable. Maybe this is because the similar-looking word, "birdability," has been featured in Jeff Reiters's Words on Birds blog and manifested in bird sits and walks that he, Joan Campbell, and Natalie McFaul have been hosting this year. Birdability is all about inclusive, accessible birding: www.birdability.org. There's even a birdability map listing an evergrowing number of friendly sites throughout the world. And, this just in, ABC is hosting a webinar series on the topic. Register for the first one, on October 5, featuring Birdability's founder Virginia Rose, here.

Birdability opens the world to more nature lovers, going hand in hand with sociability, and I'm hoping the DBC can enhance its reputation for both of those things. This makes sense for an organization that calls itself a "club" as opposed to, say, the DuPage Birding Hermits. Back when I started down the naturalist's path, I usually went it alone, with just the sights, sounds, and some occasionally poetic words bouncing around in my head. When I started taking courses and going on field trips, I found biologists and nature-lovers excited that I took an interest: they were supportive and willing to spend their time guiding me. This spirit continues with the people I've met through the DBC.

Zoom brings people together, so do field trips, and lately there's been a lot of comparing notes about the performance of Merlin's new Sound ID feature. But "sociability" popped into my head as we were cleaning up after August's outdoor Birding and Breakfast event. It was the club's largest gathering since January 2020. So many attended that we had to split the bird walk into two groups! Camaraderie takes many forms, and we're working to offer as many opportunities for that as we can, whatever the world situation. We have a Big Day and Volunteer

Luncheon coming soon, with more events coming down the pike. In between club activities, I hope you're communicating and meeting with other club members as much as you'd like to, whether it's emailing, birding together, or just chatting over a cup of coffee. If there's a way you'd like the club to be social that we're not covering, drop me a line.



A dozen of the dozens of CBCM rescued (live!) birds from a recent September morning.

A quick p.s. to last month's message on bird rescue—what should you do if you find an injured songbird? CBCM has the details you need in these links—

https://www.birdmonitors.net/InjuredBird.php https://www.birdmonitors.net/BabyBird.php

In short, if you find a bird, place it in an unwaxed paper bag that has a paper towel or napkin at the bottom. (Note, woodpeckers and some other birds can work their way through paper, so sometimes a cardboard box or double-bagging is needed.) Fold the top of the bag over once or twice and clip it. Then set the bird in a safe, quiet, temperate place until it's time to transport it—do not feed or give it water. Once the bird is safe, bring it to Willowbrook Wildlife Center or if you can't get there call CBCM at 773-988-1867 and they'll work to arrange a pickup.

Happy birding!

Steve / <u>steve.constantelos@gmail.com</u>

## October 14, 2021 Meeting: "Where in the World are the Birds?"

As it turns out, everywhere! Join Denis Kania and Joe Suchecki for a worldwide perspective on the joys of international birding. Even if you have never felt the urge to venture beyond our own borders, you may find yourself dreaming about some of the exotic species and exotic destinations that Denis and Joe will cover in their presentation.

Denis started his international travels with a family/birding trip to Costa Rica in 1994. Joe's first trip to England and



Scotland in 1978 was a business trip with a little birding on the side. They teamed up for a trip to southeast Ecuador in December 2000 and sweated it out in an Amazonian jungle hut while Naperville was being pounded with several snow storms. The timing seemed perfect although their wives would disagree. Since then, they have traveled to almost every corner of the world in search of inspiring landscapes, iconic tourist locations, and of course spectacular birding. If you are inspired to make that leap, you'll never regret it. Denis and Joe will show you just how easy it is to plan a successful trip. If you are not ready to make that leap, you'll receive plenty of material to assist with your daydreams of magical bird encounters.

Denis Kania is a founder of the DuPage Birding Club and a past President. He has been enjoying international birding since 1994. In that time, he has made about 40 trips to 27 countries. When not on the road, Denis teaches bird classes at the Morton Arboretum. Having to stay put due to the pandemic, Denis has devoted his energy to creating YouTube videos which reside on the DBC Education Channel. There are currently over 60 tutorials in the library where Denis shares his birding knowledge.

Joe Suchecki is a long-time member and past President for the DuPage Birding Club. He has been birding for over 40 years, and has traveled all over North America to find new birds. He is a regular contributor to the club's Members Night presentations but is perhaps best known for his long-time volunteer work and bird monitoring at Springbrook Prairie in Naperville. Joe took the plunge and completed his first international birding trip (other than Canada) in 2000 when he visited Ecuador with Denis. He has been hooked ever since, has visited 15 countries, and is approaching 4,000 birds on his international life list.

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIuf-ChrjgrH9XWwVUeQkHLo5XmsKI05qlk

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

# Coming November 11, 2021, via Zoom: "21 Years of Breeding Bird Monitoring by the Bird Conservation Network"

Presenters: To be announced

Join the DBC November meeting for this in-depth look at the status of our region's breeding bird species. The Bird Conservation Network (BCN) is a coalition of 20+ local and regional birding and conservation organizations; the DuPage Birding Club is a member.

BCN volunteers use scientific protocols to monitor bird populations throughout the Chicago region during the breeding season. Their data is used to help land managers improve habitat for our breeding species, prioritize species of concern, and provide a measuring stick for progress in local and regional restoration projects.

BCN recently completed a massive data analysis/update of what is now 21 years of breeding bird monitoring data. The speakers will present highlights from this important resource, examining local breeding bird population trends, and discuss how this valuable database is put to use. This will be an interesting night in which DBC members have an opportunity to see firsthand how on-the-ground citizen science and data collection are used to help protect our local birds.

The slate of 2022 DBC board nominees will also be presented for a vote by the DBC membership at this meeting.

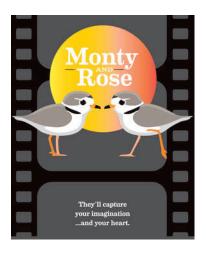
Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0vc-CgrTopE9aveAXE5lsvCb3ExSAiS8cQ

## In Case You Missed It: Monty and Rose 2

September's meeting featured a beautifully told story of a couple who met on a beach and their move to Chicago where they struggled to set up a new home and raise a family, and the people that helped them succeed. Unusual topic for a DuPage Birding Club meeting? Not really, because the couple is Chicago's most famous couple, Monty and Rose, the first Piping Plovers to nest in the Chicago area in more than 60 years.

More than 100 DBC members were treated to Bob Dolgan's new film, *Monty and Rose 2: The World of Monty and Rose*. The film, with beautiful images, a great soundtrack, and interesting interviews, tells the



story of the endangered Piping Plovers that have nested at Chicago's Montrose Beach the past three summers. Afterward, Bob answered questions about the plovers and the making of the film.

The DBC is proud to have helped fund such a well-told and important story.

If you missed this fun night, you can now view the film on Vimeo.

## View Monty & Rose 2 on Vimeo

For a listing of viewing events, click the link below, which will connect you to the *Monty and Rose 2* website events page.

Monty & Rose 2 Website

#### DBC Volunteer Luncheon October 2 at Hidden Lake

The DuPage Birding Club Board would like to acknowledge the efforts of all of our volunteers with a luncheon Saturday, October 2, at Hidden Lake Forest Preserve. The event is open to anyone who has volunteered on behalf of the club in the last two years, from September of 2019 to now. That includes current and 2021 Board and Committee members, field trip leaders, outreach volunteers, newsletter and website contributors, and any others who have helped out.

The event begins at 9:00 a.m. with a leisurely stroll around the lake to look for waterfowl, migrants, and resident birds, followed by a luncheon at 11:30, rain or shine! This is also a great time to socialize with fellow members so mark your calendar now.

## **GET READY: October 9 Big Day Is Coming!!!!**

Join the ranks of fellow DBC members and let's have some fun participating in eBird's annual Big Day, set for October 9. Big Days represent a 24-hour opportunity to note birds you see and hear, and in this case, record your sightings on eBird. Sometimes Big Days support friendly competition among birders, and sometimes a Big Day is all about challenging yourself to meet a goal. This Big Day is about celebrating birds and



contributing to important citizen science via eBird, where data will be compiled in a massive list to learn more about migratory trends, bird abundance, and more. In participating, you will be joining a global community celebrating the second Global Birding Weekend and World Migratory Bird Day.

We thought it would be fun to show the world what a great birding destination we have in DuPage County and the greater Chicagoland area with a strong showing from our community of birders. We'll monitor results for the county and share any highlights we see in the next issue of Drummings.

To join the fun, you first need a free eBird account (sign up for free at <a href="www.ebird.org">www.ebird.org</a>). Then watch birds on October 9. However much time you have—even 10 minutes in the backyard—will help. Enter your sightings on eBird via their website or mobile app and then <a href="besselow-ebird">besselow-ebird</a> account: <a href="mailto:DuPageBC">DuPageBC</a>.

More information and tips on managing your Big Day are here: <a href="https://ebird.org/news/october-big-day-2021">https://ebird.org/news/october-big-day-2021</a>.

## Are You Doing a BIG YEAR this year?

If you have made 2021 a Big Year for bird sightings, email us at <u>dupagebirdingclub@gmail.com</u>. We'd like to celebrate your achievement and hear any interesting stories and sightings you picked up along your year's journey.

#### 100 Words on Birds

The New York Times hosts a challenge to readers to capture their thoughts on a topic in 100 words. DBC member Madison Olivieri found this challenge a great pandemic-year exercise. One of her compositions on the subject of modern love was published! Here's one Maddie composed about learning from birds:

"I feel a bit stuck, but there are gulls here today that weren't here yesterday. The cardinals and black-capped chickadees stayed during the winter, chirping away. The robins are back for the spring, searching for worms, and the red-winged blackbirds congregate once again around the neighbor's bird feeder. As I sit at home, these birds fly from Brazil to Florida to Chicago, responding to the changing climate around them. My climate feels rather different now, too. I suppose if the birds know what to do when their world changes, then I can learn something from them about resilience."

If you'd like to share what you've learned from birds and birding in this 100-word challenge, send your composition to <u>diann.bilderback@yahoo.com</u> and we'll choose a few to publish in future *Drummings* issues.

## Always something happening on the DBC Education Channel!

This month the DBC You Tube Education Channel team will release a tutorial explaining bird plumage and molt. Watch for the new release on the first Wednesday of the month.

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

#### Nelson's and LeConte's Sparrows

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XRXSxOjGWBY&t

## Lincoln's and Swamp Sparrows

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=asVfBM\_5r9Y&t

## **Brewer's and Rusty Blackbirds**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ncStcaAhdC8&t

There are many tutorials in the library to help you with tips on everything from bird song identification to understanding bird topography. Watch the videos of your choice and hone your skills for the next time you are in the field birding.

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.

#### **News from the Forest Preserve**

Thanks to Dennis Streicher for this thorough update on FP doings.

**Mallard Lake Forest Preserve Stream Bank Stabilization:** A bridge is in the design stage to cross the West Branch of the DuPage River in Mallard Lake Forest Preserve. As a result, an easement was created for storm sewer improvements along with stream bank stabilization.

**Pratt's Wayne Woods Forest Preserve Trail:** An easement agreement was created with Commonwealth Edison for a recreational trail adjacent to Pratt's Wayne woods. This trail will connect the North Central DuPage Regional Trail with the Illinois Prairie Path – Elgin Branch. The lease of ComEd property allows the District to construct, operate, and maintain the trail for the public's use.

**Willowbrook Wildlife Center:** To date, there are 481 responses (and counting) from the public regarding the massive project to expand the Willowbrook Wildlife Center with a new clinic and visitor center. The plans are to move away from zoo-like displays and increase emphasis on wildlife rehabilitation. The public would still like to see some educational displays of wildlife. Although most comments were in favor of the plan, some concerns for the expense were expressed. The use of wildlife cameras on various trails in preserves to study native animals was strongly supported. Much positive feedback was given for the behind-the-scenes opportunity to view the rehab process.

Willowbrook Outdoor Recreation Trail Improvements: An OSLAD Grant has been applied for to do stream bank stabilization, removal of invasive species, habitat improvement, and some signage and trail improvement along the Wildlife Center property. This work should be done toward the end of 2022.

**Arbovirus Disease Monitoring and Management:** Arbovirus is carried by insects such as mosquitoes and ticks. The goal is to reduce the threat to public health without injury to habitats and species.

For *mosquitoes*, the program will identify, monitor, and reduce breeding sites; capture and test adult mosquitoes for West Nile Virus; and share data with the public and other public health partners. Results will be available on the FP website. For *ticks*, the program will collect ticks at determined sites, test tick species for disease, and identify and treat all staff tick bites.

**Master Plan Update:** There were 33 required projects determined in the Master Plan. Three projects have been completed. Another six have been funded and will begin construction within the year. Many of the others have begun—2022 should be a big year for project completions.

## You're Invited: Join Project FeederWatch!

This annual bird-counting program from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and Birds Canada runs from November through April. Cornell gives you tools to keep track of the birds that visit your chosen count area (most people count at home), and you will contribute to a growing database on the dynamics of bird populations across North America.

Guess what: you can FeederWatch without feeders! If you have plantings, water, or other features that bring birds to your yard even without feeders, you can still participate. In fact, counts without feeders are just as important as counts with feeders.

For more information, visit: <a href="https://feederwatch.org/">https://feederwatch.org/</a>

## List of DuPage County Vagrants Now Available

You can now view a list of vagrants that have visited DuPage County over the last few decades. View it here: <a href="https://dupagebirding.org/other-checklists/">https://dupagebirding.org/other-checklists/</a>. The list includes some cool birds, such as Garganey, Long-tailed Duck, and Cinnamon Teal, among others.

Thanks to Jeff Smith for meticulously tracking and recording these sightings.

## **Annual Dues Renewal Time is Near**

Your 2022 annual dues for membership in the DuPage Birding Club are due by December 31. Dues remain \$20 for individuals, \$30 for families and \$10 for students. We know it's early, but we hope to close the membership roster very early in 2022 in order to publish a timely Member Directory.

Please note that any new member joining on or after September 1 is automatically registered for 2022 and need not renew their membership.

Dues may be paid through our website using PayPal or credit card. Here is the link to the renewal page of our website: <a href="https://dupagebirding.org/renew/">https://dupagebirding.org/renew/</a> Dues may also be paid by check and mailed to:

DuPage Birding Club P.O. Box 3381 Glen Ellyn, IL 60138

## In Memoriam...Kathy Andrini

With the sudden passing of Kathy Andrini on September 12, the DuPage birding community has lost a long-time member, friend, and educator.

Kathy Andrini and her husband Bob have been synonymous with Kane County Audubon for decades. Their influence has been felt well into DuPage County and we too claim Kathy as one of our own.

We will miss her infectious smile, enthusiasm, and bird knowledge. When Kathy greeted you, she always made you feel like you were the most special person in the room. Her passing is great loss to all in the birding community.

Deep condolences to Bob and the rest of the Andrini family and friends.





## October 2021 Field Trips

October finds many species of birds continuing their migration southward. There are opportunities for all types of birders to participate and enjoy the season.

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, so please check our DBC website www.dupagebirding.org for the latest status information.

NOTE: Registration with the trip leader is required; you are NOT registered until you receive a confirmation from the trip leader. Each trip has a participant limit ranging from 10 to 20 (including the leader). Absolutely no stretching the limit.

Field Trips will observe a few guidelines to ensure that our birding is safe and comfortable for all:

- It is expected that all field trip participants will follow the CDC's recommendations regarding masks and social distancing.
- Anyone not feeling well should not attend.
- Attendees of DBC field trips and other events who are under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- All field trip attendees should be aware of and follow the **ABA Code of Birding Ethics**.

NOTE: All last-minute changes are posted on <a href="www.dupagebirding.org/field-trips">www.dupagebirding.org/field-trips</a>.

Saturday, October 2, 7:30 am

Wood Dale Reservoir, School Street off of North Wood Dale Road, Wood Dale, IL <u>Pre-registration with the leader is required by email please, limit 15 participants.</u>

During this field trip we will be targeting migrating shorebirds and possibly warblers at one of the best shorebird spots in DuPage County. We will meet at the parking lot off of School Street and we will start the field trip at 7:30 am. There is a paved trail around the reservoir, and it is about a mile loop. We will also check Salt Creek for warblers and possibly Salt Creek Marsh, depending on the water level. Bring a spotting scope if you have one.

Leader: Henry Meade, sign up by email to kathleenreeves22@yahoo.com

Tuesday, October 5, 7:30 am - 9:30 am

Bird Sit at Greene Valley North Picnic Area, Naperville

#### Pre-registration with the leader is required by email please, limit 10 participants.

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 share the camaraderie of fellow birders. Bring your folding lawn chairs, binoculars, and field guides. We will be birding at Greene Valley North Picnic Area, near the dog park. Meet at the very end of the parking area off Greene Road. The lot for the north picnic area is on Greene Road, 0.3 mile north of 75th Street and south of Hobson Road. Greene Valley Website

Link to Google Map

Dress for the weather and bring bug spray (sitting, we are easy targets for mosquitoes!) and drinking water.

Leader: Natalie McFaul, natcatcher7@gmail.com

Thursday, October 7, 8:00 am – 10:00 am Greene Valley Forest Preserve, Woodridge

## Pre-registration with the leader is required by email please, limit 20 participants.

This morning trip, oriented toward early fall and late summer birds, 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. Meet at the Thunderbird Youth Camp Parking Lot. From Greene Road, go west on 79th about 1/2 mile, the entrance is on the south side of 79th Street, west of Greene Road in Naperville/Woodridge.

Leader: Bonnie Graham, 630-204-8750, cove72112@gmail.com

Saturday and Sunday, October 9 & 10, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Hawkwatching 2.0; Greene Valley Scenic Overlook, Woodridge

## Pre-register please, it will help in determining the number of handouts needed.

This is an opportunity for DBC birders unfamiliar with hawkwatching to learn the ins and outs of spotting and identifying distant raptors as they fly by the hilltop. Briefing on techniques and handouts will be provided, from the regulars at the Greene Valley Hawkwatch (which operates from 9/1 through 11/30). Bring a scope if you have one. Dress warmly and bring extra layers – it's almost always colder and windier up on the hilltop, even in mid-fall.

The entrance to the scenic overlook is south of 75<sup>th</sup> St on Greene Road in Naperville/Woodridge, past 79<sup>th</sup> St – the entrance to the road to the hilltop will be just S of the road level GV parking lot, on the W side of Greene. **Don't arrive early; the hill is not open to the public until 11 am.** The hill stays open until 6 pm.

Leader: Bob Fisher 630 985 2956, bfisher 928@aol.com

Saturday, October 16, 7:30 am

**Springbrook Prairie Forest Preserve, Naperville** 

## Pre-registration with the leader is required by email please, limit 15 participants.

Join Joe Suchecki for our annual club fall trip to locate Nelson's and LeConte's sparrows at Springbrook Prairie. We also will be looking for other late migrant species of the wetlands and grasslands. This trip requires that we go off-trail through uneven terrain, so this is not for those who want/need to stay on wide, flat groomed trails. The vegetation and footing will likely be wet as we walk along the edge of wetlands looking for the sparrows, so rubber boots are recommended.

Meet at the Model Aircraft Field Parking Lot on the west side of Plainfield-Naperville Road south of 75th St.

Leader: Joe Suchecki, jsuchecki@dupagebirding.org

Monday, October 18, 8:00 am – 10:00 am

St. James Farm Forest Preserve, Warrenville

#### Pre-registration with the leader is required by email please, limit 15 participants.

Explore the woodlands of this preserve looking for woodpeckers, nuthatches, and other fall and winter birds. We will also check out the open spaces for grassland birds and the skies for migrating raptors. Be prepared for some dirt trails, possibly muddy if wet.

Meet at the parking lot off Winfield Road.

Leader: Nancy Allured, nallured@comcast.net

Tuesday, October 19, 7:00 am - 10:00 am

Bird the Park: Fullersburg Woods, Oak Brook

#### This is a leaderless birding experience; you do not need to sign up with the organizer.

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, 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! We will follow the Riverbend trail. This trail is a loop and starts at the main parking lot by the visitor's center. You can walk the loop in either direction. Map

The main entrance is at 3609 Spring Road, 1 mile south of 31st Street and 0.25 mile north of Ogden Avenue.

Do not use the Graue Mill parking lot on York Road. Fullersburg Woods Website

Dress for the weather, bring bug spray and water.

Organizer: Natalie McFaul, natcatcher7@gmail.com

Wednesday, October 20, 8:00am - 10:00 am

Lyman Woods Nature Center, 901 31st St, Downers Grove, IL

## Pre-registration with the leader is required by email please, limit 15 participants

After meeting in the parking lot, we will explore varied habitats of Lyman. We will be

Looking for late migrants and birds that winter in our region. Lyman's trails are known for being very muddy. At this time, they are quite dry, but if a rainy spell occurs, be prepared with appropriate footwear. Meet at the parking lot on 31st Street.

Leaders: Mike & Karen Warner, mwarner2543@gmail.com

Thursday, October 21, 7:30 am

Elsen's Hill Area (West DuPage Woods Forest Preserve)

#### Pre-registration with the leader is required, call or text only please, limit 20 participants.

Join us for a walk around one of DuPage County's top hotspots in search of fall migrants. This walk will be on earthen & limestone trails. Meet at the parking lot on the north side of Gary's Mill Rd. to the west of Winfield Rd. & east of the intersection of Gary's Mill & Roosevelt Roads.

**Leader: Kyle Wiktor, 708-506-5186** 

## Saturday, October 23, 7:30am Lincoln Marsh, Wheaton

## Pre-registration with the leader is required by email please, limit 15 participants

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 resident birds and fall migrants.

Directions: The entrance to Lincoln Marsh is on the west side of the park, at the corner of Harrison St. and Pierce Ave. From County Farm Rd., turn east on Harrison St. and proceed one mile to the parking lot. Be prepared for wet trail conditions and insects; dress accordingly.

Leader: John Cebula, 630-640-2721, jcebula@dupagebirding.org

Monday, October 25, 7:30 am McKee Marsh, Warrenville

## Pre-registration with the leader is required, call or text only please, limit 20 participants.

Join us on a morning walk to the marsh for fall migrants, including shorebirds and waterfowl. Bring a spotting scope if you have one. Most of our walk will be on preserve limestone and earthen trails; wear appropriate shoes and clothing. Meet at the visitor parking lot on the north side of Mack Rd. and be prepared for some dirt trails, possibly muddy if wet. Located between Winfield Rd. and Rt. 59 in Warrenville.

**Leader: Kyle Wiktor, 708-506-5186** 

# NOTE: Don't forget to register with the leaders. You are not registered until you receive a confirmation from the leader.

**Cantigny** posts field trips several months in advance on the Cantigny website, and for that reason they are often sold out by the time the DBC publishes its monthly calendar. To ensure your spot on a monthly Cantigny field trip, check **Events** | Cantigny and sign up there.

For additional birding opportunities, check out the Illinois Birding Calendar at <a href="http://www.illinoisbirds.org/">http://www.illinoisbirds.org/</a> <a href="mailto:illinois-birding-calendar/">illinois-birding-calendar/</a> or the DuPage and Cook County forest preserves: <a href="https://www.dupageforest.org/calendar-of-events">https://www.dupageforest.org/calendar-of-events</a>, <a href="https://www.dupageforest.org/">www.fpdcc.com/events</a>.

Non-members are always welcome. We do not charge fees for birding trips. Field trip information is also found at: <a href="https://www.dupagebirding.org">www.dupagebirding.org</a>.

Email us if you have questions or 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

#### **2021 DBC Executive Committee Members**

President: Steve Constantelos Vice President: Natalie McFaul

Treasurer: John Hebert

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Corresponding Secretary: Joe Suchecki

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Contact the Board and its members at dupagebirdingclub@gmail.com or by

filling in the online form at <a href="https://dupagebirding.org/contact/">https://dupagebirding.org/contact/</a>.

#### 2021 DBC Committee Chairs

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