



## President's Message

Hello, Birders!

It is May and the Goldfinches are as yellow as daffodils! Every day there seems to be a new or returning visitor to the backyard: yesterday a Brown Thrasher, today a House Wren.

This is the month to take some time and indulge in a little birding! Meet a birding or non-birding friend for a walk in one of our local forest preserves. Join one of the DBC's 15 field trips offered this month. Take a quiet hour to sit in a park or your backyard and just listen and watch. May is a magical month for birders and it passes quickly. I encourage you to take every opportunity to get out and see as many of these wonderful creatures as you can.

May is also the month of the annual Illinois Spring Bird Count. The Spring Bird Count is held annually in Illinois and this year will be the 50th anniversary of the count. Last year in DuPage County 142 birders walked a total of 275 miles and counted 168 species in a total of 346 hours! This year's count will be on May 7th. Contact Joe Suchecki ([dupagesbc@gmail.com](mailto:dupagesbc@gmail.com)) the DuPage County coordinator, to volunteer for this great day of birding and let's see if we can beat last year's numbers!

Now is time to start planning your team for the DBC's June 5th Big Fun Morning! If you are new to the club, a long-time member who can't talk your usual birding buddy into participating, or would just like to make some new birding friends, contact Vicky Sroczynski ([VSroczynski@comcast.net](mailto:VSroczynski@comcast.net)) and she will connect you up with a team. See the Big Fun Morning article in this month's *Drummings* for details.

Another reason to celebrate May is the return to live meetings! DBC's May 12th meeting will be a Live & Zoom hybrid event. See the announcement in this month's *Drummings*.

Enjoy the birds of May!  
Natalie

### Next Meeting

May 12, 2022

Faith Lutheran Church  
41 N. Park Blvd.  
Glen Ellyn

**OR**

Via Zoom

See page 2 for details.

### Spring Bird Count

May 7, 2022

### Big Fun Morning

June 5, 2022

See page 6.



## Live Meetings with Zoom Option Start May 12!!!

Hip-Hip-Hooray! We are excited to announce that, for the first time in two years, DBC's meeting on May 12 will be held at Faith Lutheran Church—but we will also be Zooming the meeting out to those who do not attend in person. The doors will open at 6:30 PM for the first 60 people who pre-register for the meeting (see below) and the meeting itself will begin at 7:00 PM. We have three exciting topics lined up for the evening:

**Identifying Hard-to-Identify Warblers** – Denis Kania will teach us on how to quickly and accurately differentiate warblers that are often confused. He will share pictures of these warblers and point out the similarities and differences between them and what makes each one unique. A timely topic, being right in the middle of spring migration.

**The DuPage River Project** – Dennis Streicher has an almost lifelong interest in birding, but he is also actively involved in activities to restore the rivers here in DuPage County. He will be talking about a watershed approach to restoring our three rivers: Salt Creek, and the East Branch and the West Branch of the DuPage River. The DuPage River Salt Creek Workgroup has been working “behind the scenes” since 2004 on projects that are having a real difference on the biological health of our rivers.

**Traveling With eBird** – As some of us return to traveling far from home, we always enjoy looking for birds in the areas we visit. Mike Warner will share some techniques he uses to find birds in unfamiliar areas using eBird, which contains a lot of information about the bird species found in any part of the world you might travel to. Even if you're just going for a couple of days on business, to visit family, or on a no-birding vacation, eBird might just help you find a couple of Lifers while you are there.

### HOW THE HYBRID MEETING WILL WORK

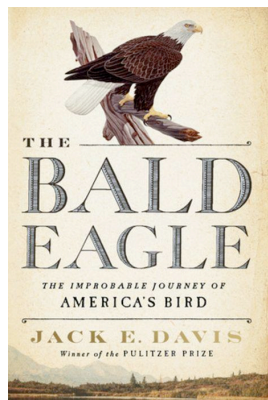
In Person: To maintain social distancing and protect each other, we are only admitting 60 people into the meeting room at Faith Lutheran Church, 41 N. Park Blvd., Glen Ellyn. To be admitted you must pre-register for the meeting by sending an email to [natcatcher7@gmail.com](mailto:natcatcher7@gmail.com). Include your name and the name(s) of anyone else that will be attending with you. You are requested to wear a mask while inside Faith Lutheran Church. You will receive a confirmation email informing you if you are among the first 60 people, or if not, how to register for the Zoom meeting.

Zoom: The Zoom meeting will begin at 7 PM. We will try to capture as much of the meeting on Zoom as possible. To register for the Zoom meeting, click on the following link: [May Zoom Meeting Registration](#)

If you have any questions regarding the in-person or Zoom meeting in May contact Mike Warner at [mwarner2543@gmail.com](mailto:mwarner2543@gmail.com)

## In Case You Missed It:

### The Bald Eagle, a Fascinating Story of our National Symbol



The April 14, 2022, meeting of the DuPage Birding Club featured Pulitzer Prize award winner Jack Davis discussing his latest book, *The Bald Eagle*, an in-depth look at the cultural and environmental history of the Bald Eagle in the United States. Dr. Davis is a professor of history at the University of Florida specializing in environmental history and sustainability studies.

Even though Congress designated the Bald Eagle as the U.S. seal in 1782, it was still being killed like many other top predators in the nation. Sadly, many myths surrounded eagles and it was considered a “public good” to reduce the population. There was even a 1908 movie titled *Rescued from an Eagle’s Nest* depicting a small child being carried away by an Eagle!

By the late 19th century, the Bald Eagle population was gone from most of the New England and Midwest states. In 1940 Congress passed the Bald Eagle Protection Act, which is still in place today. The life stories of many early activists were discussed throughout the evening—from Charles Broley, a retired banker who started climbing trees to band eaglets in the nest, to Rachel Carson, author of *Silent Spring* in 1963, to Doris Mager, one of the first raptor rehabilitators who educated the public for over 30 years.

The largest threat to the giant raptors now is poisoning through lead shot used in big game hunting; sadly, a very small amount ingested will cause harm and death. A new awareness is sweeping across the United States, and with the success of the Bald Eagle restoration and recovery in the East and Midwest, Eagle numbers are back to original population estimates.

Due to a glitch, the video begins midway through the presentation, but it is capped by a hearty Q&A discussion. To find more Bald Eagle content from Jack Davis, search on YouTube or your favorite search engine: jack davis bald eagles.

The evening concluded with two presentations from DBC VP Mike Warner: one covering where to find Bald Eagles in DuPage County (starts around: 34:00), the other sharing the club's Winter Photo Contest winners (starts around: 45:30). Click here to view the video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M8y3CL\\_GyLg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M8y3CL_GyLg)

## 2022 Member Directory Publishes

The DBC Member Directory is now published and was included in the distribution notice for the May newsletter. Thank you, DBC members, for your continued support, which supports our daily operations, speaker program, grants and donations, and more. You’re helping us continue as a vibrant, member-centric club committed to providing quality birding experiences that help our members discover the joys of birding.

## **ALERT: Avian Flu Threat Prompts Recommendations on Feeding Birds**

There has been confusion regarding the removal of bird feeders and birdbaths due to the outbreak of Avian Flu, the EA H5N1 strain of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) currently impacting some wild and domestic bird species. If you would like information to help you decide the best course of action, below are two reputable sources. Unfortunately, they give conflicting advice!

**The Illinois Department of Natural Resources** recommends halting the use of feeders and bird baths through May 31 to curtail the spread of avian influenza. HPAI has yet to be detected in songbird species, but waterfowl, raptors, and domestic birds have been impacted, among others. The IDNR recommends thorough cleaning of all removed feeders and offers guidelines for handling deceased birds and reporting incidents. The full announcement is here:

[IDNR recommends halt to use of bird feeders, bird baths through May 31 until spread of avian influenza subsides](#)

**Cornell Lab of Ornithology** states there is very low risk of an outbreak among wild songbirds and no official recommendation to take down feeders unless you also keep domestic poultry. Cornell consulted the National Wildlife Disease Program for its recommendation. Read more here:

[Avian Influenza Outbreak: Should You Take Down Your Bird Feeders?](#)

## **May 14 is Illinois Bird Day!**

While we may be sad if we choose to take down our feeders in May, it doesn't mean we can't still celebrate and appreciate our avian friends this month. Illinois Governor J. B. Pritzker recently named May 14 **Illinois Bird Day** in an official proclamation. May 14 is also World Migratory Bird Day, celebrated annually on the second Saturday in May by many countries. In addition, it's Global Big Day—join the fun and report your sightings on eBird in this worldwide event.

Thanks are due to members of the Illinois Ornithological Society, who pursued the Illinois Bird Day designation with the governor. The proclamation states:

- Birds matter to the lives of the residents of Illinois in many ways great and small
- Our state is world renowned as a major migratory pathway for birds traveling from and to the tropics
- Many visitors come from around the country and the world to view our birds

We hope you'll have a chance to get out your bins and celebrate our birds on May 14!

## **Welcome to New Members!**

Nancy Bushnell	Bensenville	Julia Styrczula and Emanuele DiTullio	Bensenville
Michelle Harder	Wheaton		
Sharon Mitchell	Warrenville		
Stephanie Scurfu	Westmont	Shelley and Jack Swanson	Wheaton

## DBC on Why Birds Matter

DBC has its own take on why birds matter. Outreach Lead Donna Kubik created this beautiful visual, which will find its home on the DBC website. If you'd like to add your own perspective, send Donna an email with your thoughts at [donnakubik@gmail.com](mailto:donnakubik@gmail.com).



**Why birds matter**

**We share their home.**  
Earth is our home, and we should all be free to live a prosperous life regardless of whether we have hands, hooves, scales, fur, or feathers.

**Birds are a crucial part of the ecosystem.**  
Birds pollinate plants, disperse seeds, and help to control insects.

**Birds are excellent environmental indicators.**  
"Because of their high rate of metabolism, their furious pace of living, birds often reflect subtle and not so subtle changes in the countryside before other living things do. It follows that the observant bird watcher becomes a watchdog of the environment, often aware before anyone else when things are slipping out of balance."  
—Roger Tory Peterson

**They inspire.**  
Birds have an amazing "wow" factor:  
With their incredibly beautiful array of colors and shapes, birds remind us of the diversity on Earth.

- Birds inspire artists, authors, and musicians.
- Birds fly, inspiring the dreamer in all of us.
- Birds display unbelievable navigation skills, often traveling very long distances via methods we still do not understand.

**Have you thanked a bird today?**

Photo: Dennis Streicher

## Spring Photo Contest Runs Through May

The DBC is looking for pictures of birds taken between March 1, 2022 and May 31, 2022, for judging by a small team of DBC members. All photos are welcome: amateur, funny, imperfect, high-quality. The "story behind the shot" will be taken into account when judging. The judges want this to be a fun contest; no categories have already been defined for award-winners so every entry has a chance to win!

The contest is open to DBC members only. Photos may be taken anywhere (not just DuPage/Illinois). If a picture includes people, the submitter must have permission from those people to publish their image on the DBC website.

There are two ways to enter your bird photographs:

If you have a Google Account (you have one if you use Gmail), click the link below.

### [DBC Photo Contest Entry Form](#)

If you don't have a Google Account, email your image as an attachment to [dupagebirdingclub@gmail.com](mailto:dupagebirdingclub@gmail.com). In the body of your email include:

- Your name.
- The species of the bird(s).
- Where the picture was taken.
- A Catchy Caption - Enter a caption or title you would like displayed with your pictures. (Optional)
- Narrative - Tell us about your picture - what's the story behind the shot? Include any information the judges might need to fully appreciate your shot.

Good luck!

# DuPage Birding Club 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Big Fun Morning

Save the Date: Sunday June 5, 2022, 5:00 am - Noon

Teams are forming as we prepare for the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Big Fun Morning on June 5.

Ten years ago, the club held a friendly BIG Day competition. We picked names out of a hat to form teams of 4, who then sallied forth with a captain to bird all day and compete to win prizes like: Most Species, Best Bird, Most Species at a Site, Most Sites Visited, Worst Missed Bird. We were out from 5 am to 4 pm and met at Portillo's for a wrap-up dinner. The team, "Pigeon, Crow and the Dreamboats"—Diann Bilderback, Jeff Chapman, Nicole and Christian Goers—won the "Most Species" award.

We're revisiting this tradition with some modifications. Get ready for a **Big Fun Morning!** We will bird from 5 am (if your team wants to do some owling) and quit at noon. We will bird at ONE site. This keeps us relatively "green" by not wasting fuel and keeps us outside and avoiding carpooling, in case there's another variant headed our way. We'll meet for lunch afterwards at Hidden Lake—we've got the picnic shelter reserved all day, and plan to have food arrive by 1 pm.

How can you participate? There are a couple of ways!

1. Volunteer to be a **Captain**, who communicates with a team of four, one of which has to be a club member. The Captain is responsible for coordinating the team's meeting time, downloading a DBC checklist to keep track of species, teaching about birding if there are new birders on the team, and making sure the team follows the rules and has a great time! Compete to earn prizes for: *Most Species, Best Bird, Worst Missed Bird, Most Species at a Big Sit, Most Species for a Biking Team*, and others.

2. Don't want to be a Captain, but **want to be on a team**? If you are new to the club or have a group of two or three friends, speak up and we will put you on a good team.

## RULES

Have fun! This is our chance to connect with each other after a long couple of COVID-influenced birding years.

All teams must have a name. Team members, stay in direct voice contact and travel together as a group at your site. Or, set up a BIG SIT at a member's yard or preserve. **All members must see/hear the bird you count towards your species total. (95% of the species reported must be seen/heard by the whole team.) Work together; help everyone succeed.**

Captains: before the Big Morning, have a group session-email, Zoom meeting, meeting or conference call to set up a plan, a start time, snack break, and meeting place (car placement—don't carpool on site if you're not comfortable). Scouting your site ahead of time is optional.

**Stay within DuPage County**, at public lands like forest preserves, places allowing public access like Cantigny or the Arboretum, or member's yards. A site can have more than one team birding.

Don't use recordings to attract birds, or a laser to point out birds, or flush birds on purpose. Pishing is fine.

Bird between 5 am and noon. If your team doesn't want to go owling, and sleeps in instead, that's fine!

If any team finds a super rarity, please text Vicky at 630-297-9512 and she'll get the word out.

HIDDEN LAKE is on Route 53 north of the Morton Arboretum and .25 mile south of 56. The entrance is on the east side of 53, and the picnic shelter is a little north of the entrance. Read up on this preserve's colorful history [here](#).

Please RSVP to Vicky Sroczynski at [VSroczynski@comcast.net](mailto:VSroczynski@comcast.net) by May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 if you would like to serve as CAPTAIN, and if you have a team and name, or would simply like to join a team.

Questions? Please e-mail Vicky or call her at 630-297-9512.

# Let's Get Social: DBC Extends Reach through Social Media (Part 1)

If you're following DBC social sites, you're enjoying lots of birding and conservation news that is fresh, timely, and interesting. People inside and outside our Club are discovering just how much fun following the DBC can be. Let's have a look at two of our sites.

## Twitter

DBC Twitter Lead Vera Miller reports that the DBC Twitter (@DBCbirds) has 613 followers. Activity over the last six months has been robust:

- DBC tweets received a total of 6,789 impressions (views) for an average of 1,100+ per month.
- We had a total of 941 profile visits for an average of 150+ per month. People visit the profile to learn more about us!
- Tweets over this period included announcements of upcoming meetings, bird count opportunities, DBC field trips, sightings in DuPage preserves, and updates on bird conservation issues such as Bell Bowl Prairie. Vera also live-tweeted updates and photos from birding events such as the Gull Frolic and exciting facts from presentations at DBC meetings. People could even follow along on Twitter as she conducted her backyard Big Sit for IOS in September.
- Twitter is a great place to get the latest bird updates: Vera re-tweeted the news that Monty the famous Piping Plover had returned to Montrose Beach just hours after it was announced!

Sign up on Twitter and search for @DBCbirds.

## DBC Education Channel on YouTube

The DBC Education Channel on YouTube has proven popular since its launch in the early days of the pandemic. Hosted by Denis Kania and administered by Steve Constantelos, this team now boasts 505 subscribers from across the country, with 74 videos ranging across four topic areas:

- Club Meetings Playlist (13 videos):  
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLQT3FeXShqci009Tvaw4oEYEQNg2cBz6f>
- Birding by Ear playlist (6 videos):  
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLQT3FeXShqchC83nvdrvya5XMi6RUKGfN>
- Birding Basics playlist (17 videos):  
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLQT3FeXShqch-kgWMR2OIxbOxqXpBjefw>
- Mini-Tutorial Playlist (60 videos):  
[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLQT3FeXShqcjPk6OxPE6\\_itOgRXvWWaKF](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLQT3FeXShqcjPk6OxPE6_itOgRXvWWaKF)

Want to take a wild guess at the most popular video? The all-time high viewership of more than 2,000 views goes to:

- Mini-Tutorial: Pine Warbler vs. Yellow-throated Vireo  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w\\_jnykJMnkk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w_jnykJMnkk)

Several others have crossed the 1,000 view mark as well. Trending in the last 90 days are Warblers from Below (Part 2), Two Scaup and the Ring-necked Duck, Rusty vs. Brewer's Blackbirds, House Finch vs. Purple Finch, and the always popular Pine Warbler vs. Yellow-throated Vireo.

Subscribe now at <https://www.youtube.com/dupagebirdingclub>

Next month we'll take a look at our two oldest channels—Facebook and Flickr—and our newest channel, on Instagram. In the meantime, check out Twitter and the DBC Education Channel on You Tube and join the fun.

## Be Ready for Spring Migrants with Help from DBC's Education Channel

We're in the thick of spring migration and we'll be encountering birds that we haven't seen in a while. We welcome this passage every year. At the same time we should also make our little friends feel welcome as they pause in this epic journey. We have a great mini-tutorial set for release on May 4. "**Three things you can do for birds in your backyard**" has been recorded by Denis Kania, and will provide you with ideas on how you can make your backyard into an attractive migration stop for birds just passing through, and birds planning to stay for the summer.

The Education Channel library also has several titles in its collection that can help you with your migration ID questions. There are a lot of video selections listed here because this is a busy time of year!

**Yellow, Female Warblers** – Hooded Warbler, Wilson's Warbler, and Yellow Warbler females can be somewhat difficult to tell apart. You'll find some useful tips in this tutorial.

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

**Thrushes** - We have a couple of great tutorials to help you sort through the thrushes as they migrate through DuPage County. One tutorial will walk you through the finer points of visual identification and the other will help you to sort through the thrush vocalizations.

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MX9Po8ZiWBM>

**Connecticut Warbler vs. Mourning Warbler** – With a bit of luck you will have an encounter with one of these skulking warbler species. Be ready to make a positive ID even if you only have a fleeting look.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0tOnsZWWFX8>

**Vireos** – Another group that can be a bit confusing both visually and by vocalization. Fortunately, there are two tutorials in our library that can answer many of your ID questions.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NbQG9MzNhD8>

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

**Pointing out a Bird** – Stop frustrating your birding companions. It's great that you possess a keen eye for spotting birds. But, there is nothing more frustrating than standing next to someone who can't give directions as to where that rare bird is hopping around. Check out this video for some tips on making this task an easy one.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rY6Cllyu2JM>



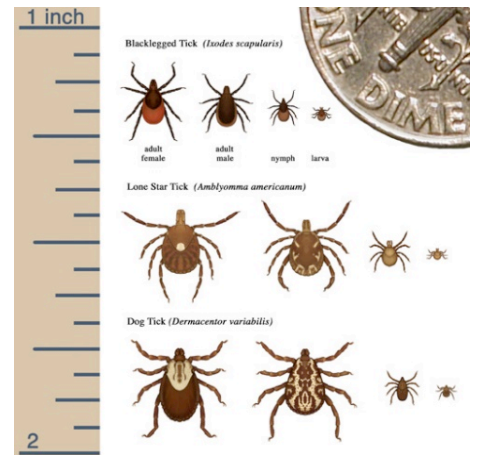
## Hello, Tick Season!

The wonderful warm weather brings the not-so-wonderful ticks! It is time to sharpen your tick prevention skills.

The Illinois Department of Public Health offers advice on how to prevent ticks from going home with you: [IDPH Tick Poster](#)

The DuPage Forest Preserve also offers some good tips for preventing tick bites: [DuPage FP Protect Yourself From Ticks](#)

Put on your light-colored clothes, tuck your pants into your socks, spray on your bug repellent, walk the middle of the path, enjoy the birds, do a tick check before going home, and leave the ticks at the park!



## News from the Forest Preserve

**Winfield Mounds**—The area within the Winfield RiverWalk holds an Intergovernmental agreement for passive recreational use such as trail use. There is both a canoe launch and bicycle repair station here. The intergovernmental agreement will be updated to reflect ongoing use now that the construction in this area is completed.

**Waterfall Glen**—A new parking lot is now under construction at Waterfall Glen, which necessitates removal of some trees, which will be done after careful consideration of the plan and design of the new parking area with minimal disturbance to aged trees. The tree protection and removal is phase one and to begin in March and to be completed by April 1. The paved lot work should begin by May. The entrance will be off Bluff Rd. just east of Cass Ave.

**Pratt's Wayne Woods**—Notice was given of State Award (NOSA) and Execution of a Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Grant Agreement between the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and the FPDDC for Trail Development at Pratt's Wayne Woods Forest Preserve for a grant of \$200,000. This covers the majority of the project funding. The district will be responsible for an additional \$50,000 for permits to complete the funding for the project.

**Willowbrook Forest Preserve**—A Professional Services Contract was made between FPDDC and Interface Engineering, Inc. for Net Zero and LEED v4 for the new building in the Phase II Master Plan Improvements at Willowbrook Nature Center. This means that there will be no energy costs to run this building. The entire project should take 18 months to complete with permitting and inspections to meet the net zero energy goal. A number of grants will support this project.

**Churchill Woods**—In 2005 the district acquired property once owned by the I-355 corridor. The city of Glen Ellyn had an existing easement in this area and has asked to continue this arrangement. The district is recommending allowing this to continue without the new permitting fee as it has been in existence for a long time and the city commits to maintain it appropriately.

## May 2022 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 gives way to grassland birding. We are offering a variety of field trips. There are opportunities for all types of birders to participate and enjoy the season. 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. Situations can sometimes change, so please check our DBC website [www.dupagebirding.org](http://www.dupagebirding.org) for the latest status information.

**NOTE: For most trips 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 [www.dupagebirding.org/field-trips](http://www.dupagebirding.org/field-trips).**

### **Sunday, May 1, 7:30 am, Elsen's Hill/West DuPage Woods, Winfield**

Pre-registration with the leader is required, limit 15 participants.

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.

**Leader: Diann Bilderback, 630-272-5746, [diann.bilderback@yahoo.com](mailto:diann.bilderback@yahoo.com)**

### **Sunday, May 1, 7:30 am: Know Your Neighborhood: Bloomingdale**

Take a leisurely stroll through Springfield Park in search of migrant songbirds, such as warblers and orioles, and waterbirds. Meet at the Springfield Park Pavilion, on 269 Springfield Dr. After the walk, join us for breakfast at a local Bloomingdale establishment.

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

**Friday, May 6, 7:30 am: McDowell Grove Forest Preserve, Naperville**

Pre-registration with the leader is required, limit 15 participants.

Meet at the main parking lot off of Raymond Rd in Naperville. Trip is looking for early spring migrants. Wear appropriate footwear and clothing and bring insect repellent.

**Leader: Joe Suchecki, [DuPageSBC@gmail.com](mailto:DuPageSBC@gmail.com)**

**Saturday, May 7: 2022 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](mailto:DuPageSBC@gmail.com) to volunteer or find out more information.

**Wednesday, May 11, 7:30 am - 10:30 am: Seager Park, Naperville**

Pre-registration with the leader is required, limit 12 participants.

Meet at the main parking lot, 1163 Plank Rd. We will be in search of migrants, especially warblers and other woodland birds.

**Leaders: Mike and Karen Warner, [mwarner2543@gmail.com](mailto:mwarner2543@gmail.com), 630 640-2450**

**Saturday, May 14, 8 am - 11:30 am: Centennial Trail, Lemont**

Pre-registration with the leader is required, limit 12 participants.

On this field trip we will meet in the gravel parking lot at the end of Canal Bank Road. Coming off Lemont Road this turnoff is called Old Lemont Road, and is unmarked, so turn at this pin: <https://www.google.com/maps/place/41°41'01.8%22N+88°00'12.8%22W/@41.6837291,-88.0040132,17z> Feel free to ask questions about how to get there after you RSVP.

We will be on the lookout for shorebirds and other migrants, such as the Centennial's breeding Prothonotary Warblers.

**Leader: Henry Meade, Please register with [Kathleenreeves22@yahoo.com](mailto:Kathleenreeves22@yahoo.com), 224-319-4377**

**Saturday, May 14, 7:00 am: Springbrook Prairie Forest Preserve, Naperville**

Pre-registration with the leader is required, limit 15 participants.

Meet at the main parking lot on 83rd Street between Book Road and Route 59. The field trip is looking for grassland and marsh birds. We will likely go off-trail so bring appropriate footwear and use insect repellent for ticks and mosquitos.

**Leader: Joe Suchecki, [DuPageSBC@gmail.com](mailto:DuPageSBC@gmail.com)**

**Sunday, May 15, 7:30 am - 9:30 am: Les Arends Forest Preserve, Batavia**

Pre-registration with the leader is required, limit 8 participants.

We will be concentrating on spring migrants along the Fox River. This will occur along the Fox River bike trail and a short loop trail out to the river (conditions permitting). The loop trail can be muddy. Meet at the northernmost shelter. The address of the preserve is 2S731 Lincoln Way - Rt. 31 Batavia. [54-](#)

[LesArendsTRAILMAP2016.pdf \(kaneforest.com\)](#)

**Leader: Angela and Wally Levernier, [wglevernier@gmail.com](mailto:wglevernier@gmail.com)**

**Monday, May 16, 7:30 am - 9:30 am: Bird Sit at Fullersburg Woods, Oak Brook**

Pre-registration with the leader is required, 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 sit on the Nature Center balcony where we will be able to observe the river and surrounding woods. Meet in the main parking lot at 3609 Spring Rd. [Fullersburg Woods](#)

**Leader: Natalie McFaul** [natcatcher7@gmail.com](mailto:natcatcher7@gmail.com)

**Thursday, May 19, 7:30 am: Lyman Woods Forest Preserve, Downers Grove**

Pre-registration with the leader is required, limit 15 participants.

This morning trip will be oriented toward early spring migration. We will be at a leisurely pace to provide as much time as desired to look at each bird and to answer questions for any new birders. 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: Bonnie Graham, 630-204-8750, [Coye72112@gmail.com](mailto:Coye72112@gmail.com)**

**Saturday, May 21, 7:00 am – 10:00 am: Montrose Point Bird Sanctuary, Chicago**

Pre-registration with the leader is required, limit 15 participants: Preference given to new DBC birders and 1st time visitors to this famous site.

Montrose is a premier birding site in Chicago, especially known for migratory birds and for the famous piping plovers, Monty and Rose. The area has prairie, shrubs, and woodland habitats. Meet at the entrance to the sanctuary: **W Montrose Harbor Dr, Chicago, IL 60640; 41.962817, -87.635138**. Most of the street parking in the area is metered and is \$2.25/hour. The trip is weather dependent.

**Leader: Bob Fisher, [bfisher928@aol.com](mailto:bfisher928@aol.com), 630 985-2956**

**Sunday, May 22, 7:30 am: Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois State Beach Park, Zion**

Pre-registration with the leader is required, limit 12 participants.

Illinois State Beach park with its diverse habitats of marsh, dune, swale, oak woods, and beach is a great place for spring migrants. We will hike the Dead River trail and explore other nearby trails as time allows. Meet in the parking lot of the Nature Center located on Old Beach Road in the South Unit of the park.

NOTE: If you are a camper you are welcome to join several of us who will be camping at the park Saturday night. Just be sure to make your reservation early—campsites are filling up quickly! [Illinois State Beach Park](#)

**Leaders: Donna Kubik & Natalie McFaul, [natcatcher7@gmail.com](mailto:natcatcher7@gmail.com)**

**Tuesday, May 24, 7:00 – 9:30 am: Timber Ridge Forest Preserve, West Chicago**

Preregistration is required, limit of 6 cars due to limited parking space.

This forest preserve has a wide variety of birding spots accessible via bike/walking trails and small parking lots in several spots. We will bird the Great Western Trail and find migrants in the smaller trees lining the trail, grasslands on the north side and some deeper wooded sections. This trip will include walking at least 3 miles. Try this under-birded preserve to discover a new go-to place. Register one or two people with the leader.

**Leader: Nancy Allured, [nallured@comcast.net](mailto:nallured@comcast.net)**

**Tuesday, May 24, 7:00 am: Elsen's Hill/West DuPage Woods, Winfield**

Pre-registration with the leader is required, limit 15 participants.

Meet at parking lot on north side of Garys Mill Rd. Field trip looking for migrants and warblers.

**Leader: Joe Suchecki, [DuPageSBC@gmail.com](mailto:DuPageSBC@gmail.com)**

**Saturday, May 28, 7:00 am: Springbrook Prairie Forest Preserve, Naperville**

Pre-registration with the leader is required, limit 15 participants.

Meet at Model Airfield Parking Lot on west side of Plainfield-Naperville Road in Naperville. We will look for grassland birds and late migrants. We will likely go off-trail, so wear appropriate footwear and clothing and use insect repellent for ticks and mosquitos.

**Leader: Joe Suchecki, [DuPageSBC@gmail.com](mailto:DuPageSBC@gmail.com)**

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

**NOTE: All last-minute changes are posted on <http://www.dupagebirding.org/field-trips>.**

**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 DuPage and Cook County forest preserves: <https://www.dupageforest.org/calendar-of-events>, [www.fpdcc.com/events](http://www.fpdcc.com/events). Also check local park districts.

Non-members 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).

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 Coordinators:**

Wally Levernier, [wglevernier@gmail.com](mailto:wglevernier@gmail.com)

Karen Warner, [k\\_warner@comcast.net](mailto:k_warner@comcast.net)



## 2022 Meeting Schedule

January 13	July 14
March 10	September 8
April 14	October 20
May 12	November 10

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