



President's Message

Hello, Birders!

June brings the big rush of migration to a close and the beginning of nesting season. It's a great time to find a nesting pair of birds and observe their progress as they raise their young.

Last month's *Drummings* asked the question, "Why do birds matter?" There are all kinds of very good scientific and environmental reasons why birds matter, but for me, the most compelling reason birds matter is the everyday impact these creatures can have on our day-to-day lives.

Upcoming Events

Next Meeting

July 14, 2022

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Forest Preserve Public Meetings Regarding Waterfall Glen, Greene Valley and Blackwell.

See page 9 for details.

I think of my neighbors. One has built a birdhouse and is thrilled to watch the House Sparrows who have taken up residency there. Another once asked me about a little bird in her backyard that was constantly singing. I told her it was a House Wren and all summer I received updates on how it had built a nest in a decorative planter and raised its young. My mother while hanging the laundry one summer (remember when people used to hang their clothes outside to dry?) noticed a Robin with one leg hopping around the backyard and was thrilled every spring that the one-legged Robin returned. I've stood with strangers in the parking lot of my local Jewel and watched in shared awe as a flock of Cranes flew over. Students at a junior high where I once worked stopped me in the hall to report on a Robin nesting in the corner of a second story window. My sister loved watching the Ravens that perched in the pines at her California ranch. We have all experienced running into people on a bird walk who see our binoculars and stop to share a story of the birds they've seen in the area or are curious about what we are seeing. Always people seem to have a delight and reverence for their experience.

I think birds matter because the sight of a bird flitting about the backyard, a parking lot, outside a window, or in a park can capture your mind for a moment and take you to a fascinating world that is both outside yourself and of yourself. Birds are free and accessible to everyone. They fly over borders, across towns and are uninterested in our arbitrary boundaries. They are unaware of us and that unawareness gives us an opportunity to join them and escape the small day-to-day and live for a moment in the big awe inspiring world of nature.

DBC Summer Meeting: July 14, 2022

Mark your calendar now for our summer meeting on July 14 at 7:00 p.m. We have three different presentations scheduled; each one will be of interest to our DuPage Birding Club members.

Cranes of the Midwest

We welcome back one of our IOS grantees, Stephanie M. Schmidt, Whooping Crane Outreach Coordinator for the International Crane Foundation. Here's is an overview of her presentation:

The International Crane Foundation (ICF), headquartered in Baraboo, Wisconsin, is committed to conserving all 15 species of cranes worldwide and the watersheds, ecosystems, and flyways they depend on. In the Midwest, ICF works to conserve the Sandhill Crane and the endangered Whooping Crane who face increasing threats of habitat loss, collisions, poaching, and Sandhill Crane hunting seasons.

In this presentation you will be introduced to all 15 species of cranes and learn how to identify Sandhill Cranes and Whooping Cranes by sight and sound. Furthermore, we will discuss the historic decline of Sandhill Cranes and Whooping Cranes, the legislation that aids in their protection, the reintroduction program that brought Whooping Cranes back to the eastern United States, and the threats cranes continue to face. We will conclude our presentation with a call to action and propose ways you can advocate for cranes in your community to safeguard their future in the Midwest.

DuPage Birding Club's Outreach Program

Donna Kubik will share how the DBC helps promote birding in our community through a variety of activities. Many organizations approach DBC for information about birding and Donna works hard to connect them with our members to meet their needs. Would you be willing to share your expertise with others who want to know more about birding? Donna wants you!

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 non-birding vacation, eBird might just help you find a couple of Lifers while you are there.

This will be a hybrid Live/Zoom meeting.

How the Hybrid Meeting Will Work

In Person: To maintain social distancing we are only admitting 60 people in 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. 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: [July Zoom Meeting Registration](#)

If you have any questions regarding the in-person or Zoom meeting in May contact Mike Warner at mwarner2543@gmail.com

In Case You Missed It—May 12 Meeting Review

The Club's very own members Denis Kania and Dennis Streicher both gave presentations for the first virtual and in-person hybrid meeting on May 12.

Denis K. taught us how to quickly and accurately differentiate warblers by pointing out similarities and differences and breaking them down into smaller groupings. The highlight was seeing all Denis's drawings of warblers from the underside, an all too common viewing perspective while birding.

Dennis S. has been involved and passionate about DuPage County waterways for many years and showed us the restoration efforts of our three main rivers—Salt Creek and the East and West Branch of the DuPage River—using a watershed approach. Since 2004, the DuPage River Salt Creek Workgroup <https://drscw.org/> has been working behind the scenes on projects throughout these watersheds to help improve the biological health of the rivers. Seeing the aerial views of the waterway during and after major construction projects gave a new perspective of the large spatial scale of the waterways.

See the full video at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-_jBCCEXyLo

It's not Too Late: Join the 10th Anniversary Big Fun Morning

Sunday June 5, 2022, 5:00 am - Noon

Teams have formed as we prepare for the 10th Anniversary Big Fun Morning on June 5. We have several teams competing for prizes like: Most Species, Best Bird, Most Species at a Site, Most Sites Visited, Worst Missed Bird.

We will bird from 5 am (if your team wants to do some owling) and quit at noon. We will bird at ONE site and 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.

Please RSVP to Vicky Sroczyński at VSroczyński@comcast.net ASAP 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.

June 25 Outreach Opportunity at the Aurora Pollinator Festival



The DuPage Birding Club will be representing *Birds as Pollinators* at the Aurora Pollinator Festival <https://fb.me/e/2n04afsoL> Saturday, June 25, 1:00-6:00 p.m.

We have lots of ideas: activities for kids, information about New World bird pollinators (Hummingbirds) as well as bird pollinators in other parts of the world (such as Sunbirds and Honeyeaters). We welcome your input and participation at the event by all who are interested!

If you'd like to join us, please contact Donna Kubik: donnakubik@gmail.com

Susan Kaley Receives Distinguished Achievement Award

Long-time DBC member Susan Kaley is the latest recipient of the Distinguished Achievement Award, a recognition reserved for a very few select members who have gone above and beyond to support the Club over an extended period.

Susan has served as Vice President, President, Past President, and Corresponding Secretary, representing at least five years on the Executive Committee. She was newsletter editor for 8 years and was part of the team that produced and distributed the print newsletter back in the day before electronic communications. Currently she oversees the Lending Library along with Jeff Smith and recently produced our 2022 Membership Directory.

Vice President Mike Warner presented Susan with a print of a Saw-whet Owl drawn by Denis Kania and engraved with a plaque recognizing the award. Congratulations, Susan, and thank you for your many years of service.



Decoy Sale Raises \$2,000+



The collection of decoys donated to the Club from the estate of fellow birder Craig Holderness earned the Club just over \$2,000 at a two-day sale and silent auction hosted by the North American Decoy Collectors Show April 29-30, held at The Westin Hotel in Lombard.

Many thanks to Joe Suchecki, who researched decoy pricing and had the collection evaluated, arranged for our exhibit at the decoy event, mustered the supporting team, and hosted our table. Other volunteers included Jane Barnett, Daphne Suchecki, Diann Bilderback, Steve Constantelos, Natalie McFaul, John Hebert, and Denis and Melissa Kania.

Well done, team! All proceeds will fund bird conservation, research, or education. Stay tuned for more details.

News from the Web

https://www.audubon.org/news/do-yourself-favor-spring-go-see-american-woodcocks-sky-dance?utm_source=mobile-app&utm_campaign=webview-content&utm_content=home

<https://chicago.suntimes.com/2022/5/6/23057777/crows-comeback-illinois-west-nile-american-crow-robin-tara-beveroth-human-health>

Stunning New IMAX Film Celebrates Magic Of Prairie Wetlands

In many cities across America, giant screen theaters are becoming windows into one of the most important—yet little known—ecosystems in North America.

Read in Forbes: <https://apple.news/A3tlEpv3DSqaR39eoAU-Lsg>

The 2022 Spring Bird Count Results

Joe Suchecki, DuPage Co. SBC Compiler

The first DuPage County Spring Bird Count (SBC) was held on May 5, 1973. Paul Mooring organized the first count, and there were seven participants out in the field on count day. They found 72 species with a total effort of 28.5 party hours. The second SBC in 1974 was more successful. Paul recruited 36 birders for the count who spent 80 party hours in the field and found 101 species.

From those humble beginnings 50 years ago, the SBC in DuPage County has grown to be a much-anticipated premier birding event. In 2022, the DuPage Birding Club coordinated the participation of 139 birders who spent a total of 381 party hours in the field on Saturday May 7th – a new record high for total effort on the count! All of those hours in the field resulted in finding 173 species and over 26,700 birds. That is considerably above the average species count over the 50 years of 155.5 species and 5 species higher than the number of species found in 2021. The all-time high species count of 188 species occurred in 2018.

Since 1973, we have recorded a total of 263 species on the Spring count in DuPage County. Having conducted the SBC in DuPage County for 50 years, one would expect that it would be difficult to find additional species in the County. However, in 2022 we actually added 3 new species to the SBC list: Trumpeter Swan, Neotropic Cormorant, and Common Redpoll. The swan was observed at McKee Marsh, the Neotropic Cormorant was a bird that was seen hanging out at Lambert Lake for some time, and the Common Redpoll was coming to a feeder in Aurora. The fact that we can add three new birds to the DuPage SBC list after 50 years of birding is truly amazing and a testament to the dedication and birding skills of all the participants.

So, what are the most common birds in DuPage County as indicated by the SBC results? They are Red-winged Blackbird, American Robin, Canada Goose, Tree Swallow, and Yellow-rumped Warbler.

We hit new high counts for several species including Hooded Merganser (10), Sora (111), Sandhill Crane (32) Tufted Titmouse (13), White-breasted Nuthatch (245) and American Pipit (10). It was also a great year for woodpeckers. New high counts were recorded for Red-bellied Woodpecker (471), Downy Woodpecker (329) and Pileated Woodpecker (11).

But, there were also some big misses on the count. We failed to find any Black-crowned Night Herons, Sedge Wrens, or Horned Larks. In the case of the Night Heron, we had not missed finding that species on the count since 1976.

You can look through the complete list of birds recorded on the 2022 SBC below or on the DBC website in the near future. In addition, there is a spreadsheet on the website showing count results back to 1973 when the first Spring Bird Count was completed in the County. You can look at that table and see how birds have changed over the last 50 years.

Thanks to all the birders who volunteered to take part in the count this year. DuPage County is consistently near the top in number of participants throughout the State. Keep up the great work.

And speaking of great work, I would like to acknowledge and thank the Area Captains who do all of the work organizing and assuring coverage of all the birding areas in the county for the Spring Bird Count. They are Dave Hodge, Kyle Wiktor, Margie and Al Busic, Dave Yeager, Herman Jensen, Urs Geiser, Eric Secker, Jeff Reiter, Glenn Perricone, Jim Huebler, Peter Kasper, Jerry and Jodi Zamirowski, Susan Kaley, Linda Radtke, Joe Suchecki, Mike Madsen, and Jim Green.

Not too early to plan for next year's count - keep open Saturday May 6th for the 2023 Spring Bird Count. Who knows, you may be the birder to find the next new species to add to our list.

Area: DuPage County

Spring Bird Count - May 7, 2022

species not on this list must be documented

	Snow Goose
1193	Canada Goose
9	Mute Swan
207	Wood Duck
104	Blue-winged Teal
6	Northern Shoveler
4	Gadwall
	American Wigeon
977	Mallard
	Northern Pintail
4	Green-winged Teal
	Canvasback
	Redhead
2	Ring-necked Duck
	Lesser Scaup
10	Hooded Merganser
	Common Merganser
	Red-brstd Merganser
4	Ruddy Duck
	Ring-necked Pheasant
10	Wild Turkey
29	Pied-billed Grebe
75	Rock Pigeon
348	Mourning Dove
	Yellow-billed Cuckoo
	Black-billed Cuckoo
1	Whip-poor-will
126	Chimney Swift
13	Ruby-t Hummingbird
26	Virginia Rail
111	Sora
1	Common Gallinule
109	American Coot
32	Sandhill Crane
	Black-bellied Plover
	Amer Golden Plover
	Semipalmated Plover
125	Killdeer
	Dunlin
10	Least Sandpiper
	White-rmp Sandpiper
1	Pectoral Sandpiper
	Semipalm. Sandpiper
	Short-bill Dowitcher
4	Amer Woodcock
14	Wilson's Snipe
2	Wilson's Phalarope
57	Spotted Sandpiper
75	Solitary Sandpiper
2	Greater Yellowlegs
25	Lesser Yellowlegs

	Bonaparte's Gull
95	Ring-billed Gull
24	Herring Gull
89	Caspian Tern
3	White Pelican
1	Neotropic Cormorant
302	Dble-crtd Cormorant
5	American Bittern
	Least Bittern
206	Great Blue Heron
103	Great Egret
36	Green Heron
	Blck-crwn Night-Heron
96	Turkey Vulture
13	Osprey
4	Northern Harrier
7	Sharp-shin Hawk
50	Cooper's hawk
12	Bald Eagle
2	Red-shouldered Hawk
10	Broad-winged Hawk
120	Red-tailed Hawk
4	Eastern Screech Owl
20	Great Horned Owl
2	Barred Owl
9	Belted Kingfisher
1	Yellow-bell. Sapsucker
24	Red-hded Woodpecker
471	Red-beld Woodpecker
329	Downy Woodpecker
55	Hairy Woodpecker
11	Pileated Woodpecker
230	Northern Flicker
7	American Kestrel
3	Peregrine Falcon
1	Merlin
2	Eastern Wood-Pewee
	Acadian Flycatcher
1	Willow Flycatcher
24	Least Flycatcher
55	Eastern Phoebe
43	Great- Crstd Flycatcher
59	Eastern Kingbird
1	White-eyed Vireo
	Bell's Vireo
17	Yellow-throated Vireo
56	Blue-headed Vireo
1	Philadelphia Vireo
46	Warbling Vireo
17	Red-eyed Vireo
712	Blue Jay
63	American Crow

	Horned Lark
192	Rough-winged Swallow
23	Purple Martin
1124	Tree Swallow
6	Bank swallow
541	Barn swallow
6	Cliff Swallow
331	Black-capped Chickadee
13	Tufted Titmouse
7	Red-breasted Nuthatch
245	White-breasted Nuthatch
7	Brown Creeper
302	House Wren
3	Winter Wren
24	Marsh Wren
7	Carolina Wren
276	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
290	Ruby-crwnd Kinglet
78	Eastern Bluebird
26	Veery
18	Gray-cheeked Thrush
71	Swainson's Thrush
4	Hermit Thrush
21	Wood Thrush
2600	American Robin
284	Gray Catbird
46	Brown Thrasher
1	Northern Mockingbird
478	European Starling
10	American Pipit
59	Cedar Waxwing
189	House Finch
5	Purple Finch
712	American Goldfinch
5	Pine Siskin
1	Common Redpoll
57	Chipping Sparrow
5	Clay-colored Sparrow
122	Field Sparrow
81	White-crowned Sparrow
195	White-throated sparrow
1	Vesper Sparrow
87	Savannah Sparrow
20	Henslow's Sparrow
581	Song Sparrow
10	Lincoln's Sparrow
215	Swamp Sparrow
107	Eastern Towhee
	Yellow-breasted Chat
	Yellow-headed Blackbird
30	Bobolink
48	Eastern Meadowlark

16	Orchard Oriole
216	Baltimore Oriole
4001	Red-wingd Blackbird
775	Brown-head Cowbird
679	Common Grackle
35	Ovenbird
	Wrm-eating Warbler
	La Waterthrush
73	Northern Wtertrush
1	Golden-wing Warbler
3	Blue-wing Warbler
114	Bl-and-wt Warbler
3	Prothonotary Warbler
9	Tennessee Warbler
9	Orange-crwn Warbler
56	Nashville Warbler
	Mournng Warbler
	Kentucky Warbler
204	Common Yellowthroat
1	Hooded Warbler
1	American Redstart
1	Cape May Warbler
2	Cerulean Warbler
18	Northern Parula
7	Magnolia Warbler
4	Bay-breastd Warbler
6	Blckburnian Warbler
371	Yellow Warbler
4	Chestnut-side Warbler
3	Blackpoll Warbler
7	Blk-thrd Blue Warber
761	Palm Warber
27	Pine Warbler
998	Yellow-rump Warbler
3	Yellow-thrd Warbler
86	Bl-thr Green Warbler
	Canada Warbler
1	Wilson's Warbler
3	Summer Tanager
13	Scarlet Tanager
779	Northern Cardinal
94	Rs-brstd Grosbeak
2	Blue Grosbeak
21	Indigo Bunting
560	House Sparrow

Other Species

7	Monk Parakeet
2	Dark-eyed Junco
1	Golden-crwn Kinglet
1	Trumpeter Swan

33 Species Count

47 Species Count

49 Species Count

Overall Total

3716 Number of Birds

3442 Number of Birds

9564 Number of Birds

44 Species Count
173 Total Species Count

Party Hours Foot
Party Hours Car
Hours Owling

Party Miles (Foot)
Party Miles (Car)
Miles Owling

9978 Number of Birds
26700 Total Bird Count

Let's Get Social: DBC Extends Reach through Social Media (Part 2)

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. Last month we profiled Twitter and the DBC Education Channel on YouTube. This month we'll look at Facebook and our newest site, Instagram.

Facebook



DBC's Facebook page is a place where people can learn about upcoming club events, such as field trips and meetings. It is also a place where bird and conservation items are shared. Currently, we have 1,455 followers, more than 100 of which were added in the last month. John Cebula is the primary lead on our account, with contributions from others.

From November 1, 2021, to April 24, 2022, our 59 posts averaged 327 views. However, response to posts can be highly variable. During that same period, the most viewed page occurred on November 10, with 2,882 views! The subject: a poster stating "No insects=no birds." The fewest views were on February 6, announcing the last call for members to submit information for the Member Directory. (No surprise there!) Now that brings up another point: Facebook followers reach far beyond our membership roster, including people from outside the United States.

In the period April 23-May 20, we reached 1,890 people, 353 of which engaged with us in some way (shares, likes, etc.). The most popular posts were ones announcing field trips and a post dealing with Monty and Rose.

If you're a Facebook user, don't miss the fun. Follow DBC news at www.facebook.com/dupagebirdingclub.

Instagram



Instagram is our newest social media channel, with 260 followers to date. More than 100 people have looked at the Club's profile. Interestingly, it reaches a nicely balanced demographic, including 24% aged 25-34, 23% aged 35-44, 18% aged 45-54, and 17% aged 55-65. Among our visitors, 64% are women and 36% are men.

Instagram is managed by Keri Myslinski and Madison Olivieri. Check out our Instagram page at <https://www.instagram.com/dupagebirdingclub/>

Helpful Summer Tutorials on the DBC Education Channel

We're settling in for the breeding season and one of the more interesting habitats to explore at this time of year are our grasslands. In early June, Joe Suchecki will be releasing a tutorial on the sounds of grassland birds so that you will be well equipped when searching for these species.

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!

Three Things to Help Birds – This tutorial was released just last month. Apparently, we were all out birding and not thinking about ways to improve our yards for both resident birds and those migrants. Both groups could really use a helping hand. Viewing this tutorial can give you a head start on making improvements for the sake of birds.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dRYqE2lk49k>

The Cuckoos – Cuckoos can be quite elusive and a challenge to find. Should you have the opportunity to see one of these denizens of the forest this video will help you with your ID questions.

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

Confusing Backyard Juveniles – With the breeding season well underway it won't be long before birds in juvenile plumage begin to show up in backyards. This tutorial can give you a few clues to what species are showing up.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jgz0geU980s>

The Beak of the Bird – When birders ask for help in identifying a bird to seems that their descriptions seldom include any information pertaining to the bill shape or color. By watching this tutorial you will find that a description of the bill can be quite helpful.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ko7zTaFt4s8>

Welcome to New Members!

Franz Burnier	Wheaton	Arif Khan	Aurora
Nick and Tammy Caltagirone	Batavia	Kim King	Aurora
Daniel Danahey	Wheaton	Sandra Michelau	Hinsdale
Paul Eberhart and Meg Ebersole	Wheaton	Tariq Mohiuddin and Naziya Sultana	Woodridge
Anne Houle	Naperville		

News from the Forest Preserve

2021 Projects: 8 projects in 11 different preserves

- West parking lot of Mayslake
- St. James Farm Mack Road Trail (eventually will connect with Cantigny!)
- Timber Ridge West Branch of DuPage River Stream Bank Stabilization
- Vegetative management at St. James Farm, Blackwell Storage Yard, Herrick Lake
- Mayslake Hall Staircase Balustrade restoration; all done by 1 volunteer and their own funding!
- Preserve at Oak Meadows Clubhouse open for use
- St. James Farm Picnic Pavilion upgrades
- Blackwell Accessibility Pier for all folks

2022 Projects

- Storm water and vegetative management at 11 preserves
- Willowbrook Rehabilitation outdoor cages in preparation for spring and summer inundation of critters
- Pratt's Wayne Woods Wayne segment of the North Central DuPage Regional Trail to be completed
- Blackwell Archery Netting Backstop netting to be replaced
- Blackwell Solar Project West Branch management building panels to be installed
- Waterfall Glen parking lot and flush washroom installation
- Mayslake restoration wood, stucco, new entrance, draining etc. on exterior to be addressed
- Willowbrook Masterplan Phase II outdoor animal enclosures to be built in preparation for the larger project
- Wood Dale Grove flush washroom installation
- Danada/Herrick Trail connecting residents to the trail system at Cromwell Road near Butterfield Rd.
- Springbrook Prairie Trail improvement from east side of Naperville Plainfield Road to Springbrook

2023 Projects

- Willowbrook Net Zero visitors center and animal clinic
- West Branch DuPage River Trail to West Branch DuPage Woods will cross Roosevelt Road—project started 40 years ago!
- Storm Water Vegetation work
- Greene Valley support building
- Pratt's Wayne Woods trail
- Blackwell Trail along Mack Rd. for citizens of Warrenville just east of Rt. 59

In addition, numerous capital expenditures are planned for bridge and other infrastructure management. Masterplan implementation continues to be finalized and will be presented to the board on May 24 and then public input will be gathered. Proposed plans for three preserves (Blackwell, Greene Valley, and Waterfall Glen) can be viewed at: "<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/d1fd31733c8c49739730b73f72641a04>"

Public meetings will be held at each of these 3 sites on Saturday, June 11, 2022.:

Waterfall Glen 9-11 a.m. Northgate Rd. Trailhead

Greene Valley 12:30-2:30 p.m. Greene Rd South lot.

Blackwell 3:30-5:30 p.m. Silver Lake Boat Launch

June 2022 Field Trips

In June, migration gives way to the breeding season when many birds will be singing in all landscapes, from grassland to water to woods. 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. Non-members are welcome.

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 for the latest status informa-on.

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.

<https://dupagebirding.org/aba-code-of-ethics/>

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

Saturday, June 4, 7:30 am

Dixon Waterfowl Refuge at Hennepin & Hopper Lakes

Meet at the observation tower where we will start the trip by scanning for summering waterfowl, Yellow-headed Blackbirds, and rails. We will then scan from the boat launch lot before moving on to Sandy Hollow to look for sparrows (Lark, Grasshopper, etc.) Due to Covid, lunch we be on your own. Pack a sandwich if you plan to stay past noon. Leader will stay until 5:00 p.m. for those who want to "make a day of it." Bring a scope if you have one. Bring plenty of water and snacks. No water available on site. It is a 1 1/2 hour drive from Bolingbrook I-55 ramp to the site. Don't fret if you are running late as we will be scanning the lake for the first hour. Directions and other information can be found at the link below.

<http://www.wetlands-initiative.org/dixon-location-and-visiting>

Leader: Jeff Smith, 331-481-3362, mrqmagoo13@gmail.com

Sunday, June 5, Fun Big Morning

Bird anytime from 5 AM to noon.

Meet at Hidden Lake Forest Preserve at 1:00PM for lunch.

Please join us for a fun opportunity to meet fellow birders. Create a team of four or join a team of four. Sign up by contacting Vicky Sroczynski VSroczynski@comcast.net. Bird one park in DuPage county anytime between 5 AM and Noon then meet at Hidden Lake Forest Preserve at 1:00 PM for lunch and socializing. For specific details see the DBC website <https://dupagebirding.org/news/> or the latest Drummings. <https://dupagebirding.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/202205-Drummings-1.pdf>

Hidden Lake is located on Route 53 about a 1/4 mile South of Butterfield Road. <https://www.dupageforest.org/places-to-go/forest-preserves/hidden-lake#driving>

Leader: Vicky Sroczynski VSroczynski@comcast.net

Saturday, June 11, 7:00 am

Springbrook Forest Preserve, Naperville

Pre-registration with the leader is required, limit 15 participants. You are not registered unless you receive confirmation from the trip leader.

Meeting at the main parking lot for Springbrook Prairie on 83rd Street between Route 59 and Book Road. This will be a field trip to look for grassland birds that nest at Springbrook such as Eastern Meadowlark, Bobolink, Henslow's Sparrow, Sedge Wren, and Dickcissel. Possibility for Grasshopper Sparrow as well. We will be going off-trail and walking in uneven terrain so wear appropriate footwear and long pants. Bring and use insect repellent - there are many ticks at this time of year at Springbrook.

Leader: Joe Suchecki, dbcsec2020@gmail.com

Monday, June 13, 7:30 - 9:30am

Bird Sit at Fullersburg Woods: Oak Brook

Pre-registration with the leader 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, field guides, bug spray and water. 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.

<https://www.dupageforest.org/places-to-go/forest-preserves/fullersburg-woods>

Leader: Natalie McFaul natcatcher7@gmail.com

Tuesday, June 14, 7:00 am

Springbrook Forest Preserve, Naperville

Pre-registration with the leader is required, limit 15 participants. You are not registered unless you receive confirmation from the trip leader.

Meet at the gravel parking lot on the east side of Plainfield-Naperville Road south of 75th Street. This will be a field trip to look for grassland and shrubland birds such as Eastern Meadowlark, Bobolink, Henslow's and Savannah Sparrows, Clay-colored Sparrow, Orchard Oriole, Yellow-breasted Chat, Willow Flycatcher, and Bell's Vireo. We will be going off-trail and walking in uneven terrain so wear appropriate footwear and long pants. Bring and use insect repellent - there are many ticks at this time of year at Springbrook.

Leader: Joe Suchecki, dbcsec2020@gmail.com

Thursday, June 16, 8:00 am

Greene Valley, Woodridge

Pre-registration with the leader is required, limit 20 participants. This morning trip will be more oriented for new birders, but experienced ones are welcome. We will walk at a leisurely pace to allow for all to see any birds. We will search for late migratory birds and summer residents. Meet at the Thunderbird Youth Camp Parking Lot. 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, coye72112@gmail.com

Tuesday, June 28, 7:30 am-11:30 am

James Pate Philip State Park and nearby areas, Bartlett

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

Let's meet at James Pate Philip State Park in the northwest corner of the county to look for nesting grassland, shrubland, and marshland birds. This preserve includes an area designated as an Illinois Nature Preserve, comprised of a Dwarf Bur-Reed Marsh. Please be prepared to walk almost 4 miles on flat turf and limestone trails, mostly without shade.

Park in the main parking lot in front of the Visitor Center. Bring a sack lunch so we can eat there together afterwards. Depending on time, and scouting results, we could visit parts of Pratt's Wayne Woods, especially the nearby wetland areas, and check out the newly improved Dunham Woods Forest Preserve afterwards.

Leader: Vicky Sroczynski, 630-297-9512, RSVP to VSroczynski@comcast.net

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 <https://cantigny.org/events/> and sign up there.

For additional birding opportunities, check out the DuPage and Cook County forest preserves: <http://www.dupageforest.org/calendar-of-events>, www.fpdcc.com/events. Also check your local park district calendars.

Non-members are always welcome. We do not charge fees for birding trips. Field trip information is also found at: www.dupagebirding.org.

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:

Wally Levernier, wglevernier@gmail.com

Karen Warner, 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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