



President's Message

Hello, Birders!

July brings the summer heat and fledge watching. There have been Robin fledges at the birdbath, some looking completely dumbfounded by the water, others taking a wonderfully splashy bath. A House Wren has been ceaselessly going back and forth with a mouthful of insects feeding fledges in a nest in the neighbor's backyard, and a male Cardinal has been trailed by a begging fledge for several days now. At the Bird Sit at Fullersburg Woods last week, we were entertained by a Barn Swallow feeding its young. It is always interesting and fun to watch these family gatherings.

July is filled with our own family gatherings too, with many folks getting together for picnics, family reunions, and summer vacations. I hope during this busy month you will have time to attend the DBC's July 14th meeting featuring Stephanie Schmidt, Whooping Crane Outreach Coordinator for the International Crane Foundation. Stephanie will discuss the history of Sandhill and Whooping Cranes and the ongoing efforts by the ICF to reintroduce and protect these species. The meeting is both live and on Zoom; for details see the article in this month's *Drummings*.

I hope everyone can get out and enjoy some of these long glorious days of summer. They go by so quickly.

Happy Birding,
Natalie

Next Meeting

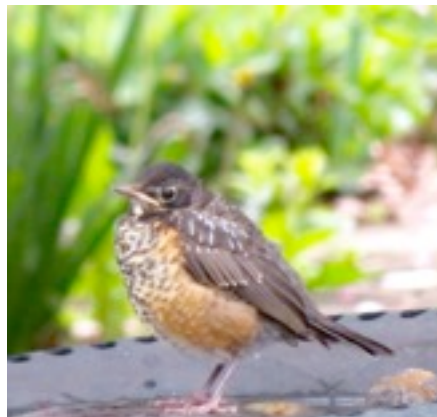
July 14, 2022. 7:00 p,m,

Faith Lutheran Church, 41
N. Park Blvd., Glen Ellyn

And

via Zoom

See page 2 for details.



DBC Summer Meeting: July 14, 2022

Mark your calendar now for our summer meeting on July 14 at 7:00 p.m. This will be a hybrid format, including a live presentation with a Zoom alternative. 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 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.

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 preregister 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.

To attend viaZoom: The Zoom meeting will begin at 7 PM. We will try to capture as much of the meeting on Zoom as possible. To register click on the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0sdemvqjgiGtCD4zZBQfZCztnDdYu3f82l>

Big Fun Morning Was Definitely Big Fun

Gathering at Hidden Lake for pizza and salad, everyone was in good spirits after participating in the Big Fun Morning. Seven teams “competed” to find the most species, the best bird, and the worst missed bird. The teams were a mix of old and new members, so we had a chance to connect after a long, pandemic-caused hiatus in in-person meetings.

The Springbrook Trill Seekers, with Joe Suchecki as captain, won the highly coveted Most Species Award by walking more than ten miles to find 74 species. (Sharp Terns came in second place with 71 species at Waterfall Glen’s Poverty Prairie.)

The Wing Nuts, with Bonnie Graham as captain, won the Best Bird Award for finding a migrant Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, the only migrant



among the teams’ Best Bird nominations. These included Summer Tanager, Scarlet Tanager, Blue Grosbeak (spotted by two teams, showing this species is truly expanding its range,) Hooded Warbler, Wilson’s Snipe, and Virginia Rail.

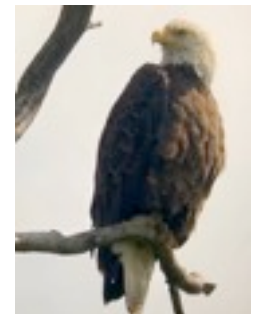
The Greene Valley team, the Greene Herons, won the Worst Missed Bird Award with their Canada Goose, though many



geese have moved out if they haven’t bred, or retreated to different spots to molt and finish raising their young. The Bald Eagle photograph here was taken by Jeff Smith. This species could have won for Best Bird, since it is a unique nesting bird in the county.



Altogether, the teams discovered 105 species, 103 of which were breeding species, in DuPage—a testament to their skills and cooperation and to habitat restoration by Forest Preserve staff. We had such a good time! Thanks to Vicky Sroczyński for organizing the teams and to Natalie McFaul, Andie Duffy, Donna Kubik, and Jane Barnett for coordinating the luncheon for the club. Let’s do it again next year!



Aurora Pollinator Festival a Big Success!

The inaugural Aurora Pollinator Festival was a big success for all participants, including the DBC!

Sirimon and Surasak Reutrakul shared information about Bird Pollinators of the World with visitors and offered a gift of a small salvia to the little ones! They also distributed many DBC brochures and checklists, answering questions about the club.



Using a hummingbird hat and flower, cleverly designed and expertly made by Katherine Howard, Bob Fisher demonstrated how hummingbirds drink nectar, inspiring many little ones to experience what it's like to be hummingbird, too!

Andie Duffy, Natalie McFaul, Jackie Tilles, and Di Lan Johnson amazed visitors with fun facts about hummingbirds, for example, asking them to guess the



weight of the birds. Kids also “helped” little paper hummingbirds pollinate flowers, by dipping the bird’s beak into the pollen (glitter) inside one flower, then passing the glitter on to the neighboring flower. And many took bird drawings to color at home.

“I can't overemphasize how many people visited our tables, and their enthusiasm, both young and old,” said Donna Kubik, Outreach Coordinator. “And the weather was iffy, too; it was initially very stormy, and it was super-windy all day (our posters were flapping like flags). Yet so many people came out to enjoy the festival!”

And, hopefully everyone learned a little more about why bird pollinators matter!



2022 Auction Canceled

We're sad to report that concerns about social distancing and the ongoing COVID pandemic has led the Board to a decision to cancel the planned fall auction. We hope to resume the traditional auction in 2023.

Announcing DBC's Spring Photography Contest Winners!

The DBC's first photo contest was a great success, with 35 entries submitted! The photo contest entries were judged by John Hebert, Andie Duffy, Steve Constantelos, Natalie McFaul, and Mike Warner. Because of the variety and quality of the submissions, the committee had a very tough time deciding on which pictures to recognize. The committee wants to thank all the photographers for their entries.

Below are the DBC Spring '22 Photography Contest Winners.



Best of Show - "Gold on Yellow"

Photographer: Dennis Streicher

Species of Bird: American Goldfinch

Where was the picture taken? Morton Arboretum

Narrative: While monitoring my count area at the Arb I came across this male Goldfinch admiring (?) this yellow flower. The light and position was an opportunity for a wonderful shot with one of our local beautiful birds.



Best Moment - "Lizards for Dinner"

Photographer: Jeanne Rosone

Species of Bird: Great White Egret

Where was the picture taken? New Port Richey, FL

Narrative: We were on Spring Break in New Port Richey, FL when I saw this Egret walking across the lawns of people's houses looking for snacks. My husband was driving and we were following it slowly. We saw it go into some bushes and pull out a lizard. I was able to capture a picture of it just before it was swallowed!



Best B&W Photo - “Fullersburg Wood Duck - Female”

Photographer: Eric Schwister

Species of Bird: Wood Duck female

Where was the picture taken? On Salt Creek at Fullersburg Woods, Oak Brook

Narrative - While waiting for this pair of Wood Ducks to get closer, I was standing behind a tree near the entrance to Fullersburg Woods and very close to Spring Road. Every time I stepped away from the tree, my silhouette would scare the ducks and they would paddle away. I had to almost hug the tree while waiting about 20 minutes before they got close enough for these pictures. A good number of cars and even people walking the trail passed by, wondering, I'm sure, about the crazy tree hugger next to Salt Creek.



Best Group Shot - “Three Bachelors”

Photographer: Sirimon Reutrakul

Species of Bird: Wood Duck

Where was the picture taken? Thatcher Woods Forest Preserve

Narrative: After a long day of computer work, I ventured out to the nearby woods. It was quiet and I walked towards the edge of the river where I found these three handsome Wood Ducks. They lined up perfectly for about half a minute and then took off one at a time.



Best Backyard Bird Photo: “Orange You Glad It's Spring?”

Photographer: Ken List

Bird Species: Baltimore Oriole

Where was the picture taken? My backyard in Wheaton

Narrative: My wife and I always look forward to spring when the Baltimore Orioles spend a few brief weeks with us. This feeder is outside our kitchen window where we can sit and watch them come and go. They add another wonderful color to the yellows of the finches and the reds of the cardinals.



Best Warbler - “Okay, make it fast, guys, I'm busy!”

Photographer: Diann Bilderback

The species of the bird: Prothonotary Warbler

Where the picture was taken: Magee Marsh Boardwalk, Ohio

Narrative: I lined up three deep with dozens of birders jostling for a good look at this dazzling Prothonotary Warbler at the Magee Marsh Boardwalk. He was busy investigating a nest hole, preening, and flitting about in dense bushes. Suddenly he hopped up on a nearby branch and posed for a full 10 seconds. The crowd heaved an audible gasp and the cameras clicked furiously, mine included. He was so beautiful as the sun caught his beautiful yellow breast and that stunning profile.



The Patience Pays Off Award - “White-eyed Wiggler”

Photographer: Jackie Tilles

Species of Bird: White-eyed Vireo
Where was the picture taken?

Montrose Point Bird Sanctuary

Narrative: I never realized how active White-eyed Vireos are until I tried to photograph this bird. It was constantly hopping from branch to branch in pursuit of bugs. It could champion any warbler. Luckily the vireo stayed in the same area all morning and with time, determination and a lot of patience, I was able to get a few clear shots.



Best Couple Portrait - “Working Together”

Photographer: Carrieann Fischer

Species of Bird in Photo: Yellow Warbler

Where was the picture taken? Fischer Woods

Narrative - A special moment in a young family's life.

Best Rarity - “A True Rarity”

Photographer: Mike Davern

Species of Bird: Little Stint

Where was the picture taken? Heislerville Wildlife Management Area, New Jersey

Narrative - This is a bird that was not supposed to be there. I participated in a bird walk as part of the Cape May, New Jersey Spring Birding Festival. On May 20th one of our group saw this slightly reddish looking bird mixed in with hundreds of Semipalmated Sandpipers and Plovers. After first guessing it was a Western Sandpiper, which is an occasional fall visitor to New Jersey, we settled on the extremely rare visitor from Asia, the Little Stint. Watching the experienced birders go through the progressions of trying to identify this little guy was quite amazing. The excitement rippling through the group was palpable when we realized this was a true lifer. Once we settled on the Little Stint a call went out to the American Birding Association with pictures and the finding was confirmed and put on the US Rare Bird list the next day. (Not sure of the exact process but I did see the posting the next day.) Another group went out on the 21st and it was found again in the same location. Only the 4th or 5th time ever seen on the east coast, although the Little Stint does sometimes visit Alaska from the east. Most birds are still lifers for me but this one was a special treat.



Great Story Award - “Do Birds Steal Eggs?”



Photographer: Laurel Ahlenius

Bird Species: Red-headed Woodpecker

Location: Lyman Woods

Narrative: Okay, this is one for the experts. While on the DBC Birdwalk, on May 19th, at Lyman Woods, our group observed a pair of Red-headed Woodpeckers, drilling out a larger hole at the top of a very tall dead tree. In the same tree was a Hairy Woodpecker, very upset and crying out, and being chased off by the Red-headed Woodpeckers. It was a consensus of some in the group that this was a dispute about a nesting spot. However more information came to light, once I looked at the photos that I had taken.

I wish now that I had taken more, as this was one of my last photos of this dispute. It is a challenge for me to hold an 8 pound camera, literally almost straight up, with a long lens, and keep it steady for several minutes. This was also more of a challenge to do so without moving my feet to balance me as we were on a boardwalk, and there were other people present and I didn't want to fall.

Somehow, as the story my photos showed, that the Red-headed had enlarged the opening, and one finally managed to climb inside, and grab this egg and then back out with it in its beak. What happened after that, I do not know. I feel badly for the poor Hairy Woodpecker, who was so upset. Although it is a pain to lug this camera around, it often provides me with more information via photos about bird behavior than what can be seen through the human eye, as the photos do “stop a moment in time”. I do love doing bird photography.

Best Still Life Award - “In Perfect Stillness”

Photographer: Laurel Ahlenius

Bird Species: Blue-winged Teal

Location: Whalon Lake

Narrative: Since this was the start of May and daylight was lasting longer I decided to go for gold and try to find the beautiful Eared Grebe at Whalon Lake, even though it was almost 5pm. Sadly, it was not to be found, but I decided to pursue my search and walked around the northwestern part of the lake on the paved path. It was an interesting day. If my recollection is correct, it seems in the afternoons that typically the waves were present to some degree and seem to be more pronounced at the end of the day. This however was different. The lake was perfectly still, grey hues instead of blue and rather hazy due to the cloudy overcast.

So, sadly with no Eared Grebe in sight, I found other candidates. Some ducks, Coots and Pied-billed Grebes were doing their thing of swimming, fishing and enjoying the day. I found some interesting subjects, as especially the males were decked out in breeding feathers. Though far away, I spotted this sleeping duck and started taking pics. It was one of those photographic moments/scenes that I couldn't pass up. It is so rare to find perfectly still water, especially the hued gray tone that can mirror-reflect the subject on top. I took quite a few pics and he never moved. This typically is a scene one only gets early in the morning before the business of life kicks in. For those who do photography and processing: other than some cropping and adjusting just a smidge of exposure and texture, no other changes/edits were done to this pic.



New Photo Gallery Debuts on DBC Website

So many gorgeous images and interesting stories have been contributed to our photo contests that we've decided to give them a permanent home on the DBC website. You will find a new page called Member Photo Gallery under the Member Corner. At the moment, winning photos from our first contest are posted, and we will add the second contest winners shortly. Check out the Member Photo Gallery here: <https://dupagebirding.org/member-gallery/>

Summer Photo Contest Launches

Speaking of photo contests, due to the popularity of our first and second Bird Photography contests we are doing it again! The DBC is looking for pictures of birds taken between June 1, 2022 and August 31, 2022. Photographs will be judged 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. In the body of your email include:

- a) Your name.
- b) The species of the bird(s).
- c) Where the picture was taken.
- d) A catchy caption - Enter a caption or title you would like displayed with your pictures. (Optional)
- e) 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!

Welcome to New Members!

Lynette Jones	Downers Grove
Margaret Kaliski	Elmhurst
Rebecca Kerschen	Darien
Brad and Mary Ullrick	Glen Ellyn

Save the Date: Birding and Breakfast August 13!

One of life's great pleasures is birding. Another is eating. Put them together and you have a perfect start to your day, Birding and Breakfast! AND it is a great opportunity to socialize and get to know new club members and see some friends you may not have seen for a while!

Please join us for a bird walk and casual breakfast at Pratt's Wayne Woods, Saturday, August 13. We will begin at 7:30 a.m. with a short bird walk. Then at 9:00, breakfast will be served in the picnic shelter. The club will provide fruit, bagels, donuts, juice, and coffee. All birders and potential birders are welcome!

Just like last year, this event is a great time to get together and share highlights of your summer birding experiences. Pratt's Wayne has a variety of habitats, so you might just be able to pick up one more bird for your summer list, spot a new dragonfly, or see a butterfly or two.

Pratt's Wayne is located at Powis Road south of Stearns Road in Wayne ([Driving Directions Here.](#)) Meet at the picnic shelter.

News from the Web

The patients at this New Zealand rehab center aren't people -- they're penguins

The yellow-eyed penguin, known as hoiho, is facing an increasing number of threats — and its population has plummeted in the past decade. Now, conservationists in New Zealand are rallying to save the endangered bird from extinction.

Read in CNN: <https://apple.news/AJCXn-jm5RieqJcrltQzFg>

Baby woodpecker gets tangled in woman's hair. See what happened next

Would you be this calm if a woodpecker got tangled in your hair? CNN's Jeanne Moos reports her brother came to the rescue.

Read in CNN: <https://apple.news/AJ45D8wZxQQaGmps19bTZoQ>

Roseate spoonbills feeling the effects of rising seas and warming climate

Change in range of roseate spoonbills are evidence of a rebounding population, but also sea level rise and warmer temperatures, experts say.

Read in USA TODAY: <https://apple.news/AWea9svu-SoWc12jH58hYlg>

Nature: Loons in Massachusetts

"Sunday Morning" leaves us with the call of the loons on a lake in Hubbardston, Massachusetts. Videographer: Doug Jensen.

Read in CBS News: https://apple.news/A_tqXGYsOQDOxYrK5EwjGcA

Remembering Monty and Rose, the Chicago shorebirds that became the face of a movement

The birds' legacy will endure through restoration efforts for endangered Great Lakes wildlife.

Read in Popular Science: <https://apple.news/A2fK98k0QS8G1mAejR3RPjQ>

Wandering Wolf Road Prairie and savoring the plants, birds, history and company

Wandering Wolf Road Prairie with E.J. Neafsey and Joel Greenberg is a sure way to savor the plants, birds and history of a one-of-a-kind remnant prairie in Chicago's suburbs.

Read in Chicago Sun-Times: <https://apple.news/AartqjNuiT-G0IWnX109zlg>

July 2022 Field Trips

Now is the time for birds to nest, raise their young, molt feathers, and prepare for the fall migration. There are opportunities for all types of birders to participate and enjoy the month.

Please remember that the weather can be variable, 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 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).

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.
- A responsible adult must accompany attendees of DBC field trips and other events who are under the age of 18.
- 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.

Tuesday, July 5, 7:30 am - 10:30 am: Pratt's Wayne Woods Forest Preserve, Bartlett

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

On this morning trip we will be searching for summer residents including sparrows, wrens, and marsh birds. Meet in the Pickerel Lake parking lot off Powis Road.

Leader: Henry Meade. Please register with kathleenreeves22@yahoo.com.

Wednesday, July 6, 7:30 am - 9:30 am

Bird Sit at Herrick Lake, Wheaton

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, and field guides. We will be birding at the **Herrick Lake West Shelter**. Meet at the parking lot located on the east side Herrick Road south of Butterfield (Hwy 56). Drive all the way to the end of the parking lot, the shelter is on the right. The lot for the **West shelter** is located on the east side of Herrick Road south of Butterfield.

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

Leader: Natalie McFaul, natcatcher7@gmail.com

**Saturday, July 9, 11 am - 1 pm (Rain date: Sunday, July 10), Greene Valley Overlook, Naperville/
Bolingbrook**

Pre-registration with the leader required, limit 20 participants.

Meet at the second-highest point in DuPage County for grassland birds and lunch.

At 11:15, we'll gather and walk on grass around the parking lot and up to the glider hill in search of grassland birds.

Bring your own lunch and a chair so we can eat together around 12 or 12:30 pm.

RSVP so you can get a drink and dessert.

The driveway to the overlook can be found on the west side of Greene Road, just south of the parking lot on the west side of Greene Rd. The overlook opens at 11am. Drive 75th street either from the east or west, and turn south on Greene Rd., proceeding past 79th Street and the trailhead parking lot on the west.

Leader: Vicky Sroczynski, vsroczynski@comcast.net, call 630-297-9512 with any questions.

Wednesday, July 13, 7:00 am - 10:30 am

Bird and Bike, Greene Valley and Whalon Lake, Bolingbrook/Naperville

Pre-registration required with the leader, limit 6 participants.

We'll start at the Greene Rd. parking lot and head east to the fluddle, and then bike south to Whalon Lake.

Leader will have a scope in case we see shorebirds or waterfowl.

Leader: Vicky Sroczynski, VSroczynski@comcast.net

Questions? Call or text 630-297-9512.

Friday, July 15, 7:00 am - 10:00 am: McKee Marsh, Warrenville

Pre-registration with the leader is required, limit 10 participants.

We hope to see summer residents, waterfowl, grassland birds, and raptors. Meet at the visitor parking lot on the north side of Mack Rd., located between Winfield Rd. and Rt. 59 in Warrenville. Most of our walk will be on limestone and earthen trails. Bring bug spray. If the temperature is higher than 89F at 7 am, we will cancel the trip (it is a long, hot walk in the open fields).

Leaders: Steve and Kathy Mineck, kmineck@yahoo.com, (day of: 630-254-4077)

Tuesday, July 19, 7:00 am - 9:30 am: Danada Forest Preserve - West

(3S580 Naperville Rd, Wheaton, IL 60189)

Pre-registration required with the leader, limit 10 participants.

This preserve has open grasslands with a few ponds. We will look for grassland birds, shrubland birds, raptors, and some other possibilities in the ponds. Plan to walk 3 - 4 miles on limestone and uneven grass trails.

Leader: Nancy Allured, nallured@comcast.net

Saturday, July 23, 7:30 am - 9:30 am: Fullersburg Woods Forest Preserve, Oak Brook

Pre-registration with the leader is required, limit 20 participants.

This will be a walk for birders of all levels. We will walk along the Salt Creek in the lowland woods with good habitat for birds. Meet at the main parking lot on Spring Road in Oak Brook.

Leaders: Andrew and Rebecca Steinmann, 708-533-6604, asteinmann@ameritech.net

Friday, July 29, 7:00 am - 9:00 am: Knoch Knolls Park, Naperville

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

A bird walk to the DuPage River confluence, where the east and west branches meet. We'll look for summer residents in the woods, fields, and on the water, so prepare for some sun, heat, and a few bugs! New birders welcome. Trails are mostly level and are grass/dirt, with some paved. Meet at the parking lot on 336 Knoch Knolls Rd., Naperville. [Google Maps link](#).

Leader: Steve Constantelos, 630-890-8956, steve.constantelos@gmail.com

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 DuPage and Cook County forest preserves: www.dupageforest.org/calendar-of-events, 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.

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 13
May 12	November 10

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