DuPage Birding Club



Next Meeting

October 13, 2022 7:00 p.m.

Faith Lutheran Church 41 N. Park Blvd. Glen Ellyn

AND

via Zoom

See page 2 for details.

Drummings October 2022

President's Message

Hello Birders!

On a beautiful morning in mid-September, I had the pleasure of walking the Morton Arboretum's Schulenberg Prairie with several friends—all friends I have made through the DuPage Birding Club! We meandered along the paths spotting a mix of local birds and fall migrants: Blackpoll, Nashville, and Black & White warblers, Chickadee, Red-bellied WP, White-breasted Nuthatch, a multitude of Goldfinches, and an adult Rose-breasted Grosbeak feeding a fledge. Among our little group we had a couple of plant experts who shared their expertise as we moved through Big Bluestem, Goldenrod, and Asters. We also were fortunate to see beautiful blue Gentians in bloom. Fall is an exquisite time to get together with a DBC friend and do a little birding.

Carry your camera while you are out. You might just capture a unique photo to enter in the DBC's Fall Photo contest. Read about it in this month's *Drummings* and take a look at the winners of the Summer Photo Contest. We always get a delightfully diverse group of photos.

Don't forget to register for the October 13 DBC club meeting. It will be an interesting evening about Illinois birding. First up, Bob Dolgan will screen his latest film, *The Magic Stump*. This is a story about a special downstate tree stump that attracts a variety of wintering raptors. Then a group of DBC members will share the results of the Bird Conservation Network's (BCN) twenty-two year nesting bird survey and some of their experiences as bird monitors.

October's field trips offer a variety of locations to get out and look for late fall migrants. The Hawk Watch is up and running at the Greene Valley Scenic Overlook. You can pay them a visit on Saturdays or Sundays between 11-6 when the overlook is open to the public. Greene Valley FP. October 31 is Halloween—why not plan a field trip of your own? Some of those tricky fall warblers might prove to be quite a treat!

Happy Birding, Natalie McFaul

Coming October 13: Bob Dolgan Presents "The Magic Stump" and BCN Shares Findings from 22-Year Study







Join us October 13 live or via Zoom for two interesting presentations.

First up will be Bob Dolgan, producer of the film *Monty and Rose*. Bob will screen his latest production entitled *The Magic Stump*. This film focuses on a massive tree stump in downstate Illinois and the raptors that have visited it over the years, including two rare Prairie Falcons. The DuPage Birding Club helped underwrite this film with a donation of \$250.

Our second presentation comes from the Bird Conservation Network (BCN), featuring its finding that the Chicagoland region is a stronghold for breeding birds and of global importance to some species. The BCN team will speak to highlights from its 22-year survey of nesting species and share some of the monitoring experiences that are the foundation of the survey process. The DBC is a long-standing member of the BCN and funded the analysis of this massive data set.

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.

<u>Zoom</u>: 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: <u>October Zoom Meeting Registration</u>. Zoom meetings are recorded and placed on the DBC YouTube Channel a few days after the meeting.

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

In Case You Missed It...

Update on Willowbrook Wildlife Center: Mission and Planned Improvements



Stephanie Touzalin, Education Specialist for the DuPage Forest Preserve, joined DBC to present information about the Willowbrook Wildlife Center. Known throughout the region as a center for bird and wild animal rehabilitation, Willowbrook holds a key position in maintaining the health of the bird population in DuPage County. In 2021 over 11,500 animals were treated, and generally 70% of the animals in a given year are released back into the wild within 48 hours.

In 2023 a new visitor center with an outdoor classroom is slated to be finished and an overall expanded outdoor space will be started beforehand. With the original master plan having started in 2011, Phase II officially started this September with much excitement and anticipation. The future focus will be increased rehabilitation and release of injured animals.

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 shared 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.

Here's the link to our last club meeting, a golden hour featuring Willowbrook Wildlife Center and Mike's long-awaited eBird travel tips!

https://youtu.be/0wipfMpeFRM

Attention, Volunteers—Upcoming Volunteer Luncheon October 29

The DuPage Birding Club Board would like to acknowledge the efforts of all of our volunteers with a luncheon Saturday, October 29, at Blackwell Forest Preserve. The event is open to anyone who has volunteered on behalf of the club in the last year. This includes Board Members, Committee members, field trip leaders, outreach volunteers, newsletter and website contributors, and any others who have helped out in the past year.

The event will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a walk to explore the new Spring Brook wetland restoration project and look for migrants and resident birds followed by a luncheon at 11:30. We will meet at the North Shelter which is located on the north end of Silver Lake. This is also a great time to socialize with fellow members, so mark your calendar now.

DBC Provides Grant to the Forest Preserve to Improve Understory Habitat —Join the November 5 Planting Day!

The DBC is partnering with the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County on a project to improve habitat for our forest birds by restoring the understory of a local woodland. The Club provided a \$2,000 grant to the District to purchase native shrubs and saplings to plant in an area of McKee Marsh where nonnative, invasive shrubs and trees were removed. Restoring the understory vegetation will improve the habitat for woodland nesting birds such as thrushes and warblers.

The Club will be planting those shrubs and saplings that were purchased with the grant money on Saturday, November 5, in a woodland at McKee Marsh. The Club will be asking for volunteers to help plant the approximately 100 small shrubs and trees on that Saturday morning. Look for more detailed information in a forthcoming email around the middle of October.

Anyone can volunteer to help on this important and unique fall activity to improve bird habitat in DuPage County. Plan to volunteer with your fellow DuPage birders and give back to the Forest Preserves where we all bird every day. The more volunteers we have, the easier and quicker the project will be.

Keep Saturday, November 5, open on your calendar for this unique and important volunteer opportunity.

Nominating Committee Efforts Drawing to a Close

The Nominating Committee still has a couple of key open roles for our officer and committee chairs in 2023. Is this the year you will step up and lend a hand to keep the DBC strong? This club thrives year after year on the efforts of its core of dedicated volunteers. Please consider joining the effort to keep this club a vital resource by offering a few hours a month in its service.

What opportunities are there for volunteering? We are seeking new Field Trip leaders to show off their favorite hotspots. If you'd like to educate people of all ages about birds or have an artistic flair, the Outreach Committee would love to hear from you. If you can turn a phrase in writing or have a knack for spotting typos, Communications may be your bag. If you have a technical bent, we want you! The bottom line: if you're interested in sharing your love for birds and birding, we have some ideas for you.

If the time is right for you to step up, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee to learn more about the many opportunities for volunteering:

Natalie McFaul, <u>natcatcher7@gmail.com</u>
Mike Warner, <u>mwarner2543@gmail.com</u>
Joe Suchecki, <u>dbcsec2020@gmail.com</u>
Steve Constantelos, <u>steve.constantelos@gmail.com</u>

Annual Membership Renewal Time

Your annual membership dues for 2023 are due by December 31, 2022. Dues remain \$20 for individuals, \$30 for families and \$10 for students. Please note that any new member joining on or after September 1 is automatically registered for the following year.

Your 2023 dues may now be paid in any of the following ways:

- 1) On-line through our website using PayPal or credit card, at this link: https://dupagebirding.org/renew/.
- 2) By mailing a check to:

DuPage Birding Club

P.O. Box 3381

Glen Ellyn, IL 60138

3) Giving cash or a check in person to a board member.

Thank you for your support and membership!

Fall 2022 Photo Contest Opens!

The DBC is looking for pictures of birds taken between September 1, 2022, and November 30, 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.

If you would like to look at past DBC Photo Contest winners CLICK HERE.

There are two ways to enter your bird photographs:

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

DBC Photo Contest Entry Form

- 2) If you <u>don't</u> have a Google Account, email your image as an attachment to <u>dupagebirdingclub@gmail.com</u>. 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! Winners will be announced in January, 2023.

Announcing DBC's Summer 2022 Photography Contest Winners!

The DBC's Summer '22 photo contest was a great success, with 31 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 Summer '22 Photography Contest Winners.



Best of Show - Black-crowned Night Heron

Photographer: Bonnie Graham

Species of Bird: Black-crowned Night Heron

Where was the picture taken? Fullersburg Forest Preserve

Narrative - I had previous knowledge that there were 2 Black-crowned Night Herons at Fullersburg Forest Preserve, but every time I went there I would miss them. Well, apparently I would get to the location a bit late, they were done feeding. So on this particular day, I went there right when the sun was coming up. After fishing for breakfast, this Black-crowned Night Heron came up on a snag, right in front of me, just as the sun was coming through the trees. I love how his red eyes "pop" in this photo. Early bird gets the worm, or in this case, the photo.

Best Photo By a Beginner



Photographer: Pamela Martyn-Nemeth

Species of Bird: Tree Swallow

Where was the picture taken? Montrose Point

Narrative - I am a beginning birder and beginning photographer. I was trying to capture this tree swallow with its beautiful colors in a space with contrasting colors to highlight the bird.

Best Travel Shot

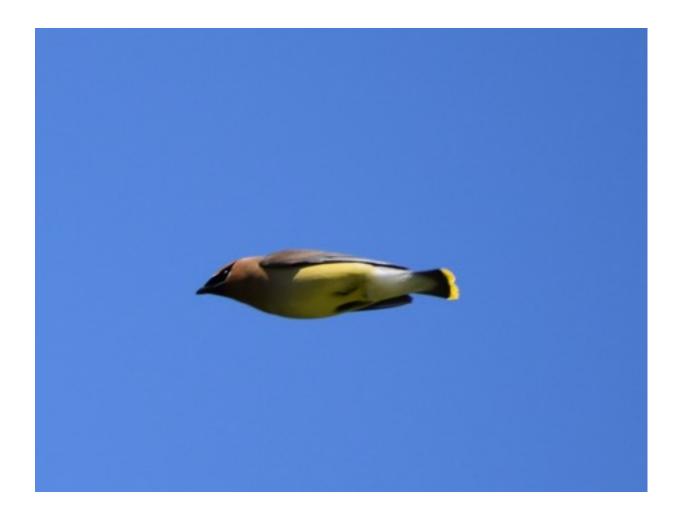


Photographer: Rick Roche **Species:** Atlantic Puffin

Where was the picture taken? Fair Isle, Scotland

Narrative - On our nature cruise of the Scottish Islands, we had seen puffins several times, but the sunny, calm conditions of our morning on Fair Isle were perfect. Puffins posed the length of the grassy cliff overlooking the heart of the remote island.

Faster Than A Speeding Bullet Award



Photographer: Franz Burnier **Species:** Cedar Waxwing

Location: Danada Forest Preserve in June 2022.

Narrative: Four waxwings were perched together at the top of a dead tree, the first ones I had seen this year. I started taking pictures and they scattered, resulting in this shot.

Little Bird On the Prairie Award



Photographer: Mike Davern

Species of Bird: Henslow's Sparrow

Where was the picture taken? Springbrook Prairie Photo walk with Joe

Narrative: Did a photo walk with Joe Suchecki and got this lifer.

Best Story Behind the Shot



Photographer: Michelle Wysocki

Species of Bird: Male Rose-breasted Grosbeak

Where was the picture taken? LeRoy Oaks Forest Preserve St Charles, IL

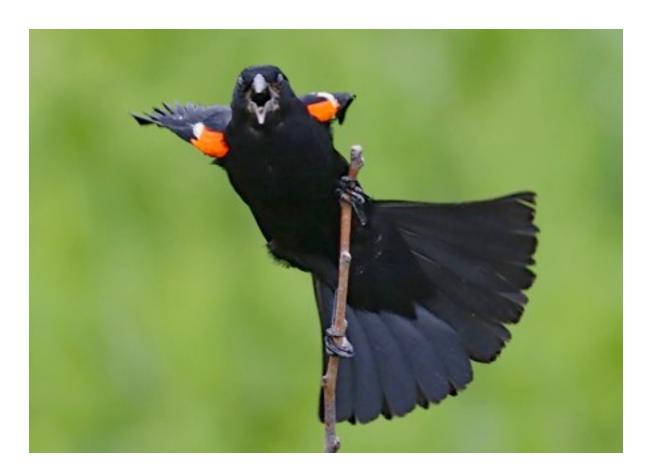
Narrative: After a long day at work, in a hospital basement, I stopped at the woods. I

always have my camera. I stared into the pond looking for frogs and

dragonflies...nothing. A lone American Robin caught my attention, but much to my

surprise rather, it was a Grosbeak! My first captured on film.

In Your Face Award



Photographer: Mark Levesque

Species of Bird: Red-winged Blackbird

Where was the picture taken? Springbrook Prairie, Naperville

Narrative - This Red-winged Blackbird was not too happy I was taking his picture

and voiced his anger quite loudly

Best Group Shot Award



Photographer: Kathleen Burns

Species: Barn Swallow

Location: Katherine Legge Park, Hinsdale, IL

Narrative: Was walking my dog by a shelter in the park and the mom was yelling at me

and I thought - there must be babies nearby - so I found these guys

Best Portrait in Flight Award



Photographer: Jackie Tilles

Species: Caspian Tern

Location: Techny North Basin, Northbrook, IL

Narrative: This is one of seven Caspian Terns that spent the summer at the Techny North Basin in Northbrook. The other six are the white splotches on the bank. One or several terns would take turns cruising the basin for fish. It was a thrill to watch these big red-billed birds dive from the air and plunge to the water in hopes of capturing a meal.

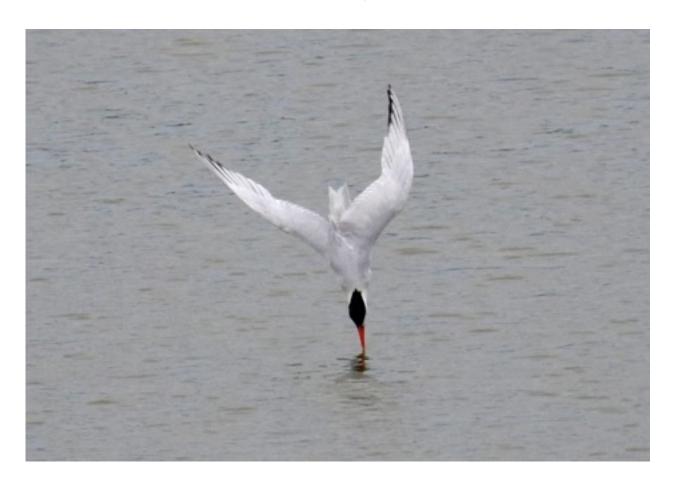
The Green Award



Photographer: Michelle Wysocki

Species: Green Heron **Location**: Bartlett

Perfect Timing Award



Photographer: Jeanne Rosone **Species of Bird:** Caspian Tern **Location:** Wood Dale, IL

Narrative: I was watching the Caspian Terns diving into the water, trying to catch fish

and just happened to get this picture right before it landed in the water.

Punky Heron Award



Photographer: Lisa Gaylord **Species of Bird:** Green Heron

Where was the picture taken? Lincoln Marsh

Narrative - I was walking along the path & I heard the call of the Green Heron as he flew in for a landing. He started walking as he was stretching his neck. Then the feathers on top of his head stood up as if he was having a bad hair day.

Turn, Tern, Turn Award



Photographer: Laurel Ahlenius Bird Species: Caspian Tern Location: Lake #3, Wheaton, IL

Narrative: Although this file may be small, it was originally a 20 megapixel file, I had to crop it down so the detail could be seen. The Caspian Tern was at the other end of the pond, as he was quite far away.

I was shooting the Caspian Tern in flight fishing, and did not realize until I reviewed the photos, that this one did a 360 degree turn in mid-flight to shake off the water! I have a three-series-shot of his full turn, but since this is a single photo contest, I took the best. I spent a fair amount of time, and many photos (1,000++ and I'm not kidding), trying to capture the Caspian Terns diving for fish.

I was amazed to see this behavior, as when taking the pics, I never saw him turn over like that. I know that this must be a somewhat common behavior, as I have another tern also doing the same as well.

Fall Outreach Calendar Fills Up

I've Seen One Hundred Species: Attracting Birds to Your Garden

Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 7 pm

Presented by Bloomingdale Park District

Location: Johnston Recreation Center 172 S. Circle Ave., Bloomingdale, IL. 60108

"A Hundred Species" will provide an in-depth look at attracting birds in the context of bird loss. John Cebula presents.

Registration is required: Call 630-529-3650 to register. Details on page 47: https://www.bloomingdaleparks.org/publications/Brochure/fall/2022/BPD Fall2022.pdf

News from the Forest Preserve

Salt Creek Forest Preserve. A commitment has been made to proceed with the Elizabeth Drive Replacement and Trail Improvement Project.

Willowbrook Wildlife Center. Breaking ground is underway very soon on a major facility expansion, as we learned at the September club meeting (see "In Case You Missed It" on a previous page).

Willowbrook Wildlife Preserve. In addition, a grant was awarded from Notice of State Award (NOSA) for Open Space Land Acquisition and Development in support of improvements at Willowbrook Forest Preserve.

West Branch Trail Project. An Easement Agreement was approved between the FPDDC and West Chicago/Winfield Wastewater Authority providing for easements on the West Chicago/Winfield Wastewater Authority property. This will facilitate the trail that goes from the south of Roosevelt Rd. to West DuPage Woods, north of Roosevelt also crossing the West Branch of the DuPage River.

Master Planning Initiative for Blackwell, Greene Valley and Waterfall Glen. See the link below to learn about future projects and to register for virtual meetings coming up on Oct. 11-13.

https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/d1fd31733c8c49739730b73f72641a04

Welcome to New Members!

Maaz Farooqui Bolingbrook

Mark Levesque Naperville

Sadruddin Patel Wheaton

Susan & Daniel Whitmore Hinsdale

Greene Valley Hawkwatch September Summary

Our 17th year on the hill started off slowly until the last week when we had 2 good back-to-back Broadwinged Hawk flights. We counted 1809 on the 26th and 1714 on the 27th. These were our 4th and 6th highest daily counts for this species. Other than that our numbers are trending lower for many of our other species. Hopefully October will turn that trend around.

We have recorded a total of 70 species from atop the hill in the month. Red-headed Woodpeckers have been seen daily which is a new phenomena. The combination of restoration work and dead Ash trees seems to have helped this species in the area. Crows on the other hand have only been seen a few times.

We have already seen a few migrant birds such as Snow Goose, Cackling Goose, and Lapland Longspur, that one would associate with late fall or winter. Could Snow Buntings be far behind?

The club has a field trip planned to the Hawkwatch on October 30th but you don't have to wait until then to visit. The "hill" is open to the public on weekends from 11 am to 6 pm through the end of October. Maybe we will get lucky with a Golden Eagle or two!

You can find our results at www.hawkcount.org



Part of a kettle of Broad-winged Hawks over Greene Valley on September 26, 2022

October 2022 Field Trips

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

Please remember that the weather can be variable, so dress accordingly and bring protection for biting insects, including ticks. We expect everyone to enjoy birding in a safe manner by being careful and prudent.

Participants are welcome to contact the leader if they have any questions. Our field trip leaders can help you find the trip's starting location if you need additional directions. Situations can sometimes change, so please check our DBC website https://dupagebirding.org for the latest status information.

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

Field Trips will observe a few guidelines to ensure that 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 https://dupagebirding.org/events/category/trips/.

Thursday, October 6, 7:30 am

McKee Marsh, Warrenville

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

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

Leader: Kathy Mineck, cell: 630-254-4077 (day of), kmineck@yahoo.com (RSVP to email)

Saturday, October 8, 7:30 am

Springbrook Prairie Forest Preserve, Naperville

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

Join Joe Suchecki for our annual club fall trip to locate Nelson's and LeConte's sparrows at Springbrook Prairie. We also will be looking for other late migrant species of the wetlands and grasslands. This trip requires that we

go off-trail through uneven terrain, so this is not for those who want/need to stay on wide, flat groomed trails.

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

Leader: Joe Suchecki, dbcsec2020@gmail.com

Sunday, October 9, 8:00 am – 10:30 am

Danada Forest Preserve (west side), Wheaton

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

On this trip we will be exploring the western part of Danada Forest Preserve searching for passerine migrants such as some of the more uncommon sparrows that can be found in DuPage County. We will also check several different ponds to look for migrant waterfowl. Please meet on the west side of the Forest Preserve HQ parking lot at 8am.

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

Tuesday, October 11, 7:30 am

Springbrook Prairie Forest Preserve, Naperville

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

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

Leader: Joe Suchecki, dbcsec2020@gmail.com

Monday, October 17, 8:00 am – 10:00 am St. James Farm Forest Preserve, Warrenville

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

Explore the woodlands of this preserve looking for woodpeckers, nuthatches, and other fall and winter birds.

We will also check out the open spaces for grassland birds and the skies for migrating raptors. Be prepared for some dirt trails, possibly muddy if wet.

Meet at the parking lot off Winfield Road.

Leader: Nancy Allured, nallured@comcast.net

Tuesday, October 18, 8:00 am - 10:30 am

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

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

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

looking for late migrants and birds that winter in our region. Lyman's trails are known for being very muddy. If a rainy spell occurs, be prepared with appropriate footwear. Meet at the parking lot on 31st Street.

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

Thursday, October 27, 8:00 am – 10:00 am

Greene Valley Forest Preserve, Woodridge

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

This morning trip, oriented toward early fall and late summer birds, is especially designed for new birders and will be at a leisurely pace to provide as much time as desired to look at each bird and to answer questions on equipment or bird identification. Meet at the Thunderbird Youth Camp Parking Lot. From Greene Road, go west on 79th about 1/2 mile, the entrance is on the south side of 79th Street, west of Greene Road in Naperville/Woodridge.

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

Friday, October 28, 7:30 am – 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.

Fullersburg Woods

Leader: Natalie McFaul, natcatcher7@gmail.com

Sunday, October 30, 11:00 am

Hawkwatching 2.0; Greene Valley Scenic Overlook, Woodridge

Pre-register please, it helps in determining the number of handouts needed.

This is a 2nd opportunity for DBC birders unfamiliar with hawkwatching to learn techniques for spotting and identifying distant (hopefully some at close range too!) raptors as they fly by the hilltop. Briefing on techniques and handouts will be provided, from the regulars at the Greene Valley Hawkwatch (our 17th year of operation from 9/1 through 11/30). Bring a scope if you have one. Dress warmly and bring extra layers – it's always colder and windier up on the hilltop, especially in late fall. We also hope to count gray ghosts, witches on broomsticks and goblins, migrating early in anticipation of next day's celebration.

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

Leader: Bob Fisher, 630 985 2956, bfisher928@aol.com

Cantigny Park in Wheaton posts bird walks and related events several months in advance on the calendar pages of https://cantigny.org/events/. For that reason, the events are often at capacity by the time DBC publishes its monthly calendar. To ensure your spot on a Cantigny walk, check the park's website and follow the sign-up instructions. In addition to regular walks, held monthly, Cantigny now offers Accessible Birding opportunities for those with limited mobility.

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, <u>wglevernier@gmail.com</u> Karen Warner, <u>k warner@comcast.net</u>



2022 Meeting Schedule

January 13 July 14

March 10 September 8

April 14 October 13

May 12 November 10

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Vice President: Mike Warner

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Director: Dennis Streicher Director: Sirimon Reutrakul Director: Steve Constantelos

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Diann Bilderback, Glenn Perricone

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