



## President's Message

Hello, Birders!

What a glorious fall: brilliant trees ablaze with color, blue sky, windy days, little flocks of Eastern Bluebirds, the occasional kinglet, groups of Cedar Waxwings, and migrating ducks resting on a pond. Fox Sparrows, Dark-eyed Juncos, the large flocks of Canada Geese all proclaim this glorious change of season. It is a profound and exhilaratingly beautiful time of year that carries with it a quiet sadness for time passing.

### Next Meeting

November 10, 2022. 7:00 p.m.

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

Also via Zoom  
See page 2 for details.

### Fermi CBC

Saturday, December 17, 2022  
See page 5 for more  
information.

I look at the trees in the backyard and see shiny little red crabapples and remember sitting in this exact spot admiring the pink blossoms earlier this spring. The birds are here so fleetingly. The little birdhouse where there were nesting wrens is empty. The hummingbird feeder is deserted. A small flock of Yellow-rumps here one afternoon are all gone the next day. A bouquet of colorful leaves curl and turn drab overnight. We want to hold beauty as long as we can, but autumn shows us how ephemeral it is. It would all be unbearable if we didn't know that winter has its own wonder and that ever-changing nature always provides us with glimpses of profound beauty if we look for it. We birders are lucky, we know to look.

November's DBC program will point you in the direction of some of winter's charm. Richard Hoeg will share information about Sax-Zim Bog in upstate Minnesota. Sax-Zim Bog is a winter birding destination where it is possible to see Great Gray and Boreal Owls, Pine and Evening Grosbeaks, and North Woods winter landscapes. You won't want to miss the opportunity to learn about this not-too-far-away birding hotspot. The meeting will be both live and on Zoom. See the article below for registration information.

Also at the November 10th meeting, the 2023 Board nominees will be presented for a vote by club members. You can learn about the nominees in this newsletter. We have a great group of volunteers who will continue to make the DuPage Birding Club one of the most dynamic bird clubs in the state.

Happy birding,  
Natalie McFaul

# November 10 Meeting: 2023 Slate of Officers + a Visit to Sax-Zim Bog

## Topic: 2023 DBC Board Nominations

The slate of 2023 DBC Board nominees will be presented for a vote by the membership at this meeting. Any proposed changes to the DuPage Birding Club bylaws will also be voted on. You can vote in person or via Zoom.

## Topic: Sax-Zim Bog in Upstate Minnesota

### Presenter: Richard Hoeg

Richard Hoeg will share his exploits as a monitor at Sax-Zim Bog in upstate Minnesota. He will talk about how you can have a great birding experience there in the middle of the winter, spotting Great Gray and Boreal Owls, Pine and Evening Grosbeaks, and more. You can follow Mr. Hoeg's daily blog posts at <https://www.365daysofbirds.com>.



## How the Hybrid Meeting Works

**In Person:** The meeting will take place in the downstairs meeting room at Faith Lutheran Church, 41 N. Park Blvd., Glen Ellyn (enter through center doors at the rear of the church). DBC no longer requires pre-registration—just come to the meeting! Faith Lutheran Church now has a “mask optional” policy, which means when you come to a DBC meeting you may choose to wear a mask or not.

**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: [November 10th Zoom Meeting Registration](#). Zoom meetings are recorded and placed on the DBC Education Channel a few days after the meeting.

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

## In Case You Missed It: “The Magic Stump” and BCN Breeding Bird Survey



Bob Dolgan screened 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 featured the Bird Conservation Network (BCN) and their review of 22 years of breeding bird data collected within the Chicago Wilderness region. It turns out that greater Chicagoland is a stronghold for breeding birds and of global importance to some species. The DBC is a long-standing member of the BCN and funded the analysis of this massive data set.



Here's the link to this meeting, now residing on the DBC Education Channel:

<https://youtu.be/IJooPzWa9oI>

## Slate for 2023 DBC Board Announced!

The slate of proposed officers for DBC's 2023 Board has been finalized and will be presented to members for voting at the November 10th meeting. Here's a preview for your consideration:

**President—Mike Warner.** Mike and his wife Karen have had an interest in birds for many years. They would go to ranger-led talks about birds in the state and enjoy looking at birds during hikes in national parks. About eight years ago Mike's brother in Connecticut challenged them to find 100 species during the month of May. A hundred species! Why, they thought that was impossible! But they were up to the challenge and went out birding every day that May and ended up seeing 123 species. That's when they became passionate about birding!

Since then, they go out birding every opportunity they can. Mike enjoys photographing birds and even has his own website, GreatBirdPics.com, to display his pics and encourage others to post their photos there, too. They use eBird every time they go out and enjoy checking their stats there. Mike says they still have much to learn about birds and being a member of DBC provides them with many opportunities to gain in their birding knowledge.

Mike has really enjoyed his year as Vice-President of the DBC and has gotten to know many more birders. He looks forward to serving as President.

**Vice-President—Robert Perez** has had an interest in birding nearly his entire life. His grandmother started a life list for him when he was two, and he learned the basic backyard birds off a placemat she had. Since graduating college, Robert has gone on several trips throughout the country and Europe specifically looking for birds. He is a life-long resident of DuPage County and is now working for the Lombard Park District. A member of the DuPage Birding Club for several years, he has tried to go on at least one field trip every month, and enjoys helping others see as many birds as possible. He is excited to get more involved in the DuPage Birding Club and is looking forward to serving on the board.

**Treasurer—Jane Barnett** has served as a DBC Board Director since mid-2020, when she filled a mid-year vacancy after a Director moved out of town. During her time on the board, Jane helped with various projects and social events, including Birders and Breakfast and the Volunteer Luncheon. Jane is now volunteering to continue her current role as Treasurer for a second year. She is comfortable with numbers and spreadsheets, after a 30-year career in banking from which she retired three years ago. Jane has been a bird and nature enthusiast for decades, obtaining an Ornithology Certificate in the former Morton Arboretum program and a Master Naturalist certification through the University of Illinois Extension Service. She also volunteers for the Downers Grove Park District and Morton Arboretum Natural Areas.

**Recording Secretary—Angela Levernier** moved to DuPage County in 2004 from downstate Illinois. After taking several birding classes at the Morton Arboretum, she joined the DuPage Birding Club. Going to school for botany mostly entailed looking at the ground instead of paying attention to wildlife, and birding didn't become a hobby until late in school after becoming friends with several ornithologists in the same program. Luckily her husband also enjoys birding and they frequently hike, bird, and travel together, mostly along with their border collie/lab mix sidekick.

**Corresponding Secretary—Natalie McFaul** has been birding for over 20 years. She served a year as a Director back in 2012. In 2019 she stepped into a vacant Director position and in 2021 took on the role of Vice-President. As VP, Natalie lined up speakers for club meetings, participated in the Outreach program, and helped organize the Birders and Breakfast and Volunteer Luncheon events. She also experimented with some new field trip ideas: Bird Sits and Bird the Park. Natalie has enjoyed serving as President and looks forward to working with the DBC's new leader, Mike Warner. Natalie feels strongly that it is important to give back to a club that offers so many field trip opportunities and congenial people to share the adventures of birding.

**Director—Pamela Martyn-Nemeth** became interested in birds when she was 8 years old, while spending the summer with her aunt in New York. Her aunt bought her a box of “Teach-Me About Birds” flashcards – which she has to this day. Pamela has always watched birds from a distance but became more interested during the pandemic when her colleague Sirimon Reutrakul encouraged her to get involved with the DuPage Birding Club. She has since gone on several birding field trips and has tried to improve her ability to identify birds as well as photograph them. She is particularly interested in conservation efforts to address bird species that are at risk.

**Director—Sirimon Reutrakul** began birding in 2004 during a family trip to the Everglades, when Sarida, her child, who was four at a time, showed interest in shore birds. The whole family gradually picked up birding, initially as a tag-along activity on trips but then as the main focus, which slowly transformed into everyday birding. Birding spread to her parents who started in their 70’s as well (never too late!). South and Central Americas (Peru, Ecuador, Costa Rica), Asia (Borneo, Indonesia, Japan), Australia and New Zealand are among places visited (although always needing to go back as “we didn’t see enough”). With a family and home in Thailand, it’s one of her favorite places to visit and bird. Lastly, backyard visitors bring daily joy. She is so grateful as birding is the family activity that everyone enjoys and brings quality time into their relationship. Sirimon would like to spread love and conservation of birds around and since joining the Board has become active in the club’s Outreach program.

**Director—Dennis Streicher** began birding in 1977, before the formation of the DBC. Very early in his birding experience he ran into Dick Blewett (the club's founder and first President) and regularly birded with Dick on Spring counts and Christmas counts. Dennis attended the formational meetings of the club at Dick's home in Bloomingdale where he and other DBC pioneers discussed how to get area birders to share information. (This is before cellphones and the internet, so getting the word out about local sightings took some effort!) When the group became too large to meet at Dick's home they moved to the College of DuPage, voted on the first bylaws, and the Club was officially born.

Dennis served as a Director in those early days, but work and life in general drew him away from active participation in the club. After working 40 years in a public utility, Dennis retired as Director of Water and Wastewater from a local municipality, but continues to be active in water quality issues. While working, Dennis and two others formed the DuPage River Salt Creek Workgroup with the mission of addressing remaining water quality issues in our local rivers. The group has successfully removed several dams in Salt Creek and the East Branch of the DuPage and continues to target other dams and river restoration projects, including the Graue Mill Dam at Fullersburg.

A couple of valued volunteers are leaving the Board at the end of 2022. Director and Past President

**Steve Constantelos** will continue to assist in the club’s Communications as well as lead the occasional field trip, and whatever else may come along. After an especially productive year of finding homes for all of those duck decoys, look for exiting Corresponding Secretary **Joe Suchecki** to continue leading field trips, the annual Spring Bird Count, and many of the club’s educational efforts.

Thanks to all of our current and future Board members and volunteers for their willingness to give of their time and talents to the club. You are what makes the club the successful organization it is.

## Save the Date: Fermi Christmas Bird Count Saturday, December 17, 2022

Join us again for the 47th annual Fermi Christmas Bird Count. This is your chance to contribute to an important community science opportunity. Data collected provides invaluable insights into winter bird populations plus it's a great opportunity to connect with fellow birders. If you participated last year, you're already on the list and will be contacted in early December regarding your counting areas. If it's been a few years, or you are new to the count and would like to participate, please contact the compiler, Jeff Chapman at [jeffchapman948@gmail.com](mailto:jeffchapman948@gmail.com). Remember you'll be grouped with a team so no need to be an expert; there will be plenty of them on your team! This year's countdown dinner is TBD at this point.

## Greene Valley Hawkwatch October Update

October was a slow month for the hawk watchers at Fisher Point. Our count of 987 migrant raptors was the lowest since the first year of the hawkwatch. We are hoping this was due to the warm weather and south winds that plagued us much of the month. Only Northern Harriers trended higher this October compared to the past 4 years. We added 12 more species to our season list (now 82) including a Snow Bunting that would be quite rich if it had collected a dollar for every photo taken. You can follow our progress at

<https://hawkcount.org/siteinfo.php?r=on&rsite=660&go=Go+To+Hawkwatch+Profile>

With fewer hawks to count, we practice spotting planes. Frontier Airlines has different animals on their tails which we have begun photographing and recording. <https://www.flyfrontier.com/plane-tails/?mobile=true>

## Join the November 5 Planting Day at McKee Marsh

Can you spare a few hours to help the DBC plant native shrubs at a woodland in McKee Marsh?

The Club 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. We 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.

Volunteers will be planting those shrubs and saplings that were purchased with the grant money on **Saturday, November 5, at 8:30**

**a.m.** We need your help to help plant the approximately 100 small shrubs and trees on that Saturday morning. The more volunteers we have, the easier and quicker the project will be.

Anyone can volunteer to help on this important and unique fall activity to improve bird habitat in DuPage County. Let's support the Forest Preserve District and the good job they are already doing.

**If you can help in this unique and important volunteer opportunity, contact Joe Suchecki at [issuesman50@yahoo.com](mailto:issuesman50@yahoo.com).**



## **Vote for the Birds on November 8**

The midterm election is coming up on Tuesday, November 8. Your DBC Board urges you to participate and cast your vote in the election. It is the best way for you to have a voice in our government.

Importantly in DuPage County, all Forest Preserve Commissioners as well as the Forest Preserve President are up for election this year. Your vote on these candidates is critically important for birds and birding since the President and Commissioners set policy and control the management of our forest preserves and ultimately the habitat for birds as well. The District has been proactively managing our natural lands with good results, as was recently reported by the Bird Conservation Network's analysis of breeding birds. BCN's study showed that 56% of the breeding birds surveyed in the region are stable or increasing compared to just 37% elsewhere in Illinois. As birders in DuPage County know, pretty much 100% of our opportunities to see birds occur in our forest preserves, so voting for your district Forest Preserve Commissioner and the county-wide President race are important choices. In many respects the survival of our birds in the county is at stake in this election.

If you happen to live in Cook County, there is an important referendum on the ballot regarding funding for the Cook County Forest Preserves.

To research candidates, visit the League of Women Voters in DuPage County website, which has basic information on all the candidates and their positions on the issues. You can view information on the candidates running for Commissioner in your district as well as Forest Preserve President on their website at [LWV-IL \(illinoisvoterguide.org\)](http://LWV-IL(illinoisvoterguide.org)).

Please vote on November 8 for the birds!

## **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!

## **Learn About Birds: Bird House Basics**

If you'd like to learn more about using bird houses on your property, look no further. DBC member John Cebula has prepared a short paper on construction basics, placement, cleaning, dimensions, and more. You'll find this and more birding basics on the DBC website at [www.dupagebirding.org/learn-about-birds](http://www.dupagebirding.org/learn-about-birds).

## An Invitation for Bird Pollinator Enthusiasts

The Outreach team is putting together a presentation on the many types of bird pollinators and the important role they play. This presentation will become one of the standard presentations offered to libraries, garden clubs, and other organizations who contact us to learn about birds. It will not only discuss hummingbirds, the well-known bird pollinators of the New World, but also bird pollinators around the world, such as the Sunbirds in Africa and Southeast Asia and the Honeyeaters in Australia.

Outreach Coordinator Donna Kubik would like to enhance the presentation with personal stories from Club members. If you have pictures or experiences with bird pollinators from your travels or from right here at home, please share them! Contact Donna at [donnakubik@gmail.com](mailto:donnakubik@gmail.com).



## News from the Forest Preserve

A large number of initiatives are underway to enhance the user experience in our forest preserves. Here are a few highlights:

**Waterfall Glen Sawmill Creek Bridge:** In late February 2022, the 25-year-old pedestrian bridge that carries the main trail across Sawmill Creek in Waterfall Glen Preserve was washed away by high-water conditions carrying huge slabs of ice. A new bridge is being designed that will be higher so it will not be impacted by high-water conditions. Construction is expected to begin in early 2023.

**Recreational Accessibility Plan:** The Forest Preserve recently conducted an accessibility audit, including interviews with stakeholders, with the goal of making the preserve system inclusive to all people. The District defined three goals: 1) improve internal and external communication of current accessible recreation opportunities, program offerings and accommodations, 2) equip FP staff and volunteers with training and tools needed to provide high-quality accessible recreational experiences for visitors of all abilities, and 3) increase accessible recreational opportunities.

**Blackwell, Greene Valley, and Waterfall Glen Master Plans Progress Update:** Plans have been revised based on the public feedback gained earlier this year. Another public comment period will take place and following that final plans will be brought forward in February 2023. Lots of good things are on the drawing board!

**Danada Forest Preserve:** A trail project known as the Cromwell Connection Trail is finally commencing after some delay. It will connect folks north of Danada with trails on the west side of Danada into Herrick Lake Forest Preserve.

## Fall 2022 Photo Contest is Underway

Just a reminder that there's still time to participate in Fall 2022 Photo Contest. Pictures of birds taken between September 1, 2022, and November 30, 2022 are eligible. 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 don't have a Google Account, email your image as an attachment to [dupagebirdingclub@gmail.com](mailto:dupagebirdingclub@gmail.com). In the body of your email include:

- 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.

## Welcome to New Members!

Mary Crickmore	Carol Stream
Jennifer Day	Lisle
Rich Gaul	Warrenville
Cathy Gurnack	Carol Stream
Sandra Ketcham	Plainfield
Laura Kooy	Glen Ellyn
Michael Regan	Wheaton



## November 2022 Field trips

This is the month where migration wraps up and early winter birds are seen. There are opportunities for all types of birders to participate.

Please remember that the weather can be variable, so dress accordingly. 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: For trips with a participant limit, registration with the trip leader is required. In those cases, you are NOT registered until you receive a confirmation from the trip leader.**

**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/>.**

**Saturday, November 5, 8:30 am**

**McKee Marsh at Blackwell Forest Preserve, Warrenville**

**DBC Planting day. Please join us to plant shrubs and saplings.** The DBC is partnering with the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County on a project to improve habitat for our forest birds. 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.

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.

**Contact Joe Suchecki at [DBCsec2020@gmail.com](mailto:DBCsec2020@gmail.com) by October 31 to volunteer.**

**Sunday, November 6, 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 side of Danada Forest Preserve searching for uncommon sparrows, migrating waterfowl, and raptors. Please meet on the west side of the Forest Preserve HQ parking lot.

**Leader: Henry Meade, Please register with [kathleenreeves22@yahoo.com](mailto:kathleenreeves22@yahoo.com)**

**Friday, November 11, 7:30 am – 10:30 am McKee Marsh, Warrenville**

Pre-registration with the leader is NOT required for this trip.

Join our morning walk around the marsh to check out late fall migrants and wintering birds. Northern Shrike, American Black Duck, and many other species of birds regularly winter at this site. There should be some late fall migrants present as well. 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 Preserve limestone and earthen trails; wear appropriate shoes and clothing.

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

**Saturday, November 12, 7:00 am - 2:30 pm**

**Dixon Waterfowl Refuge at Hennepin & Hopper Lakes**

Pre-registration with the leader is required.

Join us as we check out this refuge for waterfowl and other wintering birds. This 3,000 acre restored wetlands is one of the premier natural areas in the state. It is approximately a 90-minute drive from the western suburbs. We will view the lake with scopes and walk through the woods along the lake. Plan to be at the refuge for about 4 hours (8:30-12:30). We will meet at a central location at 7:00 and carpool from there or you can meet us there at the main parking lot.

Pack a lunch, snacks, and water. Bring a scope if you have one. More information: <http://www.wetlands-initiative.org/dixon-location-and-visiting>.

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

**Monday, November 14, 8:00 am – 10:30 am**

**Mallard Lake Forest Preserve, Hanover Park**

Pre-registration is required, limit 10 participants.

Let's explore Mallard Lake for late fall birds and waterfowl. We will meet at the main parking lot on Schick Road just west of Gary Avenue. There are a few water areas to check and some woodland edges and shrub areas. If we have time we can continue on to West Branch Forest Preserve nearby for some more possibilities. Plan on walking trails including crushed limestone and dirt and even some grassy trails.

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

**Tuesday, November 15, 8:00 - 10:00 am **\*\*NOTE new time!****

**Bird Sit at Herrick Lake West Shelter, Wheaton**

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

This will be the last bird sit for the year. 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. [Herrick Lake Forest Preserve](#)

**Dress for the weather, it will be cold. Bring drinking water or hot tea!**

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

**Wednesday, November 16, 8:00 am – 10:30 am**

**The DuPage Greenway Trail, Bolingbrook**

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

We will look for late migrants, waterfowl, and winter residents. The DuPage Greenway Trail is a paved trail in Bolingbrook that runs alongside the East Branch of the DuPage River. The trailhead is on Royce Rd just west of Rt. 53. It is about a mile and a half walk to Whalon Lake.

**Leader: Mark Freeburg, [freebs59@sbcglobal.net](mailto:freebs59@sbcglobal.net) or call or text 630-661-1521.**

**Friday, November 25, 8:00 am - 10:00 am**

**Fullersburg Woods, Oak Brook**

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

Let's walk off our Thanksgiving and see what birds have decided to spend the winter here. Beginning birders welcome. We'll explore the woodlands along Salt Creek on pretty easy, level trails. Afterwards, if weather permits, we might continue to the Graue Mill area or nearby Dean Nature Sanctuary. Meet in the main parking lot at 3609 Spring Road. [More info.](#)

**Leader: Steve Constantelos, [steve.constantelos@gmail.com](mailto:steve.constantelos@gmail.com), 630-890-8956**

**Sunday, November 27, 8:00 am – noon**

**Southeast DuPage and Southwest Cook Waterfowl Search**

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

We'll look for waterfowl, gulls, and others at the Centennial Trail Borrow Pit and ponds, Lemont Quarries, and Saganashkee Slough. Depending on conditions and sightings, other stops may include Sag Quarries, Long John Slough, and Maple Lake.

Meet at the Lemont Rd. parking lot of Waterfall Glen (at the portable toilet). We will then caravan to the Borrow Pit. The trip will be canceled if waterfowl are scarce or the weather is poor. Directions to Waterfall Glen: drive south on Lemont Rd., past I-55 to 101st St., and turn left at the stoplight into the parking lot.

**Leader: Vicky Sroczynski, [VSroczynski@comcast.net](mailto:VSroczynski@comcast.net)**

**Wednesday, November 30, 8:00 am – 10:00 am**

**Elsen's Hill/ West DuPage Woods, Winfield**

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

After meeting in the parking lot, we will explore the varied habitats. We will be looking for fall/winter birds; cardinals, blue jays, juncos & whatever decides to hang around for our colder weather.

Take Winfield Rd. to Garys Mill Rd. west to the preserve parking lot entrance on the north side of the road (245 Garys Mill Road). If it rains or snows prior to trip please wear appropriate footwear for it could be muddy & layer-up for the cold temperatures.

**Leader: Lisa Gaylord, [lisarae59@yahoo.com](mailto:lisarae59@yahoo.com), 630-740-0911**

**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](http://www.dupageforest.org/calendar-of-events) / [www.fpdcc.com/events](http://www.fpdcc.com/events). Also check local park districts.

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

Email us if you have questions 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](mailto:wglevernier@gmail.com)

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



## 2022 Meeting Schedule

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

## 2022 DBC Executive Committee Members

President: Natalie McFaul

Vice President: Mike Warner

Treasurer: Jane Barnett

Recording Secretary: Angela Levernier

Corresponding Secretary: Joe Suchecki

Director: Dennis Streicher

Director: Sirimon Reutrakul

Director: Steve Constantelos

## 2022 DBC Committee Chairs

Audio-Visual Coordinator: OPEN

Bird Conservation Network: Glenn Gabanski,

Diann Bilderback, Glenn Perricone

Christmas Count Coordinator: Jeff Chapman

Communications: Diann Bilderback, Steve Constantelos

DBC Apparel: Steve Constantelos

Drummings Newsletter: Jeff Smith

Email Distribution: Bob Fisher

Facebook: John Cebula, Glenn Perricone

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