



President's Message

You're reading the latest edition of The Drummings—but how did it get to you? As it turns out there is a small army of DuPage Birding Club (DBC) volunteers that work pretty much behind the scenes to provide our members with a wide array of services. I want to take some time today to bring your attention to some of these unsung DBC heroes.

Let's start with this edition of Drummings. After I wrote the President's Message, I sent it to Diann Bilderback and Steve Constantelos. They are great at editing and formatting all text that comes in for publication (others submit articles for Drummings too, and Diann writes many of them herself). Diann and Steve's long institutional memory of the DBC coupled with an editor's eye for spelling, punctuation, and grammatical preciseness make sure anything you read in Drummings is accurate and readable.

DBC is committed to providing you with a wide variety of field trips; in fact, over 100 are scheduled each year! Wally Levernier and Karen Warner take turns planning trips every other month. They reach out to the many volunteers who eagerly lead each walk and create a schedule. The draft schedule is shared with Steve so another set of eyes looks for any issues before it is emailed to DBC members and published in The Drummings. Thanks to Wally and Karen for all their hard work!

Once Diann and Steve have proofread all the copy for Drummings it is then sent out for publication. The final edition of Drummings first goes to Jeff Smith, who does all the arranging and formatting and converts the text into a PDF. Barb Dougan and Nancy Allured then place the PDF on the DBC's website at dupagebirding.org for all to see. Once that link has been established, it's sent to Bob Fisher who then sends it out in an email to all DBC members. It takes a village!

Speaking of the website, I'm really impressed with it. Barb and Nancy do a great job of updating it regularly, not only with the Drummings and Field Trips, but also include all sorts of informative articles, with added insights from Diann Bilderback. The website itself is the creation of Diann and Eric Secker. Diann wrote most of the text and designed the structure, which Eric refined and then built to ensure that our site was user-friendly, visually appealing, and technically sound. Eric continues to maintain the various menus and

Next Meeting

July 13., 2023.
Doors open 6:30 p.m.
Meeting begins 7:00 p.m.

Faith Lutheran Church
41 N. Park Blvd.
Glen Ellyn

Also via Zoom.
See page 3 for details.

Pre-meeting Dinner
5:30 p.m.
Ellyn's
940 Roosevelt Rd.
Glen Ellyn
See page 3.

functions that make it work so smoothly and look great. And many thanks to the club photographers who have contributed their photos to almost every page of the site.

But wait – there's more! Did you know that the DBC has an active social media presence? John Cebula, Keri Myslinski, Madison Olivieri, Urs Geiser, Denis Kania, Joe Suchecki, Steve Constantelos, and Vera Miller contribute to the club's [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Flickr](#), [YouTube](#), and [Twitter](#) accounts on a regular basis to keep everyone informed about what's going on.

A big thanks also goes to Donna Kubik for heading our Outreach Program. Many local libraries, garden clubs, and other organizations reach out to DBC, seeking birding programs for their events. Donna lines up speakers and activities for them (she often is one of the presenters). DBC has a great reputation in the community, in part thanks to Donna and her committee's efforts.

We also have Robert Perez to thank for scheduling the presenters for our club meetings, which are enjoyed by many members each month. Andie Duffy welcomes everyone as they enter our meeting place in Faith Lutheran Church.

Lastly, thanks to this year's DBC board members: Robert Perez, Natalie McFaul, Sirimon Reutrakul, Pam Martyn-Nemeth, Dennis Streicher, Angela Levernier, and Jane Barnett.

Together, this group of unsung volunteers are the glue that binds DBC together. Give them a big thanks next time you see one of them out on the birding trail!

Mike Warner

In Case You Missed It: Greater Prairie-Chickens in Illinois

At our May meeting, IDNR Grassland Ecologist and Prairie Ridge SNA Site Manager Bob Gillespie joined us via Zoom to discuss the work being done at Prairie Ridge SNA, the only site in Illinois that supports the Greater Prairie Chicken. Prairie Ridge SNA in Jasper County is a unique site that offers scientists and birders alike a chance to see this rare and endangered species. He also provided an in-depth look at the history of Greater Prairie-Chickens and the ongoing conservation work to preserve this iconic grassland bird. View the presentation here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P-_c9fwwOHY and start planning your trip downstate for next spring!

July 13 Meeting in Person and Via Zoom: Offshore and Nearshore Waterfowl and Waterbird Monitoring in Western Lake Michigan

Presenter: Bill Mueller, Director Emeritus of the Western Great Lakes Bird and Bat Observatory

Have you ever wondered what kinds of birds visit Lake Michigan in the winter? Bill Mueller, Director Emeritus of the Western Great Lakes Bird and Bat Observatory, conducted offshore and nearshore waterfowl surveys between 2010 and 2015 to find out. His group flew parallel transects between the shoreline and 15 kilometers from shore, in rectangular survey blocks from Door County, Wisconsin, to the IL/WI state line utilizing a twin-engine, fixed wing aircraft.



Photo by Mike Warner

Through their surveys, they detected thousands of waterfowl of 10-16 species, including several species of loons and grebes, and 6-7 species of gulls. Bill will talk to us about how the project was implemented and the findings it generated.

How the hybrid meeting will work: To register for the Zoom call, link [here](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

The in-person will start promptly at 7:00 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church (41 N Park Blvd, Glen Ellyn). Join us for the social hour 6:30-7:00 p.m. Although there is an online component to this meeting, we'd really like to see you in-person! We will have a special DBC gift for all those who come to the in-person meeting.

Pre-meeting Dinner: To further entice you to join us in person, all are invited to a pre-meeting dinner at Ellyn's (940 Roosevelt Rd, Glen Ellyn) at 5:00 p.m. (attendees pay for their own meal). Make new friends and meet the speaker while you enjoy a burger or taco!

For any questions, please reach out to Robert Perez at robertperez787@gmail.com.

2023 Spring Bird Count Results

By Joe Suchecki, Spring Count Compiler

I think that the expectations of many birders who participated in the Spring Bird Count (SBC) on May 6 were low considering the relatively poor migration up to that time. I myself thought that we would have a below-average count based on the birds we were counting in the morning at Springbrook Prairie. Well, there is a reason that we go out into the field every year to document the birds that are present in DuPage County on the first weekend in May. Some times our perceptions or expectations do not reflect reality, and our collective efforts to go out and look for birds reveal what is actually present in the County. This year is a great example of that since all of your efforts resulted in relatively high numbers of species and numbers of birds on the 2023 SBC.

First, thank you and congratulations to all of you who participated in the 2023 SBC. DuPage Birders continue to come out in force for the SBC, and this year there were **148** participants – an all-time record high. Combined, we spent 372 party-hours in the field, walked 325 miles, drove 280 miles, and searched for birds from 3:30 a.m. in the morning to 8:50 p.m. in the evening. That is a tremendous level of effort and demonstrates that interest and enthusiasm for birding in DuPage County remains high. All your efforts resulted in finding 171 species and 30,416 birds on the SBC. Those numbers are considerably above the average of 155 species and 21,430 individuals over the 51-year history of the DuPage SBC. We did not challenge the record of 188 species set in 2018, but 171 species is among the highest species counts over the many years of completing the SBC.

We did not add any new species to the count this year, and nothing exceptionally rare or unusual was reported on this year's SBC. Among the more interesting birds seen were a Trumpeter Swan at Fermi Lab, a late Golden-crowned Kinglet, two Winter Wrens, and a Whip-poor-will at Hidden Lake. The top five birds reported according to abundance remained the same as last year – Red-winged Blackbird (4934), American Robin (3220), Canada Goose (1276), Yellow-rumped Warbler (1139), and Tree Swallow (1050). Good information for your next bird trivia game!

Several species were recorded in record high numbers on the count including Common Merganser (4), Solitary Sandpiper (257), Double-crested Cormorant (405), Great Egret (152), Osprey (24), Pileated Woodpecker (12), American Pipit (10), Brown-headed Cowbird (882), and Northern Cardinal (861). The first Pileated Woodpecker ever observed on the SBC occurred at Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve in 2008, and there has been a steady increase in their numbers ever since.

The complete results of the 2023 SBC are shown below. In addition, there is more historical information on the DBC website including a table showing the results of all SBCs since the first SBC was conducted in 1973. You can explore the data on your own to look at long-term trends in our DuPage County spring birds: <https://dupagebirding.org/bird-counts/>.

So, thank you again to all those who participated in this year's SBC and made this a record year for the number of participants in DuPage County. We continue to have the second highest participation rate in the state—only Cook County has more people in the field.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the Area Captains who do the all work to organize and assure coverage of all the birding areas in the county for the SBC. They are Dave Hodge, Kyle Wiktor, Nancy Allured, Dave Yeager, Mike Kalscheur, Urs Geiser, Eric Secker, Jeff Reiter, Glenn Perricone, Jim Huebler, Peter Kasper, Stephanie Lyons-Olsen and Chuck Olsen, Susan Kaley, Linda Radtke, Joe Suchecki, Mike

Madsen, and Jim Green. I very much appreciate all of their efforts and prompt reporting which makes my job as complier much easier.

Not too early to plan for next year's count—keep open Saturday May for the 2024 Spring Bird Count. Let's try and break our new record for the number of participants by having even more people help out next year and go for that 188 species record from 2018. Who knows, you may be the birder to find the next new species to add to our list.

ALL		Spring Bird Count - May 6, 2023		species not on this list must be documented			
	Snow Goose		Bonaparte's Gull	4	Horned Lark	25	Orchard Oriole
1276	Canada Goose	85	Ring-billed Gull	235	Rough-winged Swallow	385	Baltimore Oriole
6	Mute Swan	7	Herring Gull	27	Purple Martin	4934	Red-winged Blackbird
235	Wood Duck	16	Caspian Tern	1050	Tree Swallow	882	Brown-head Cowbird
96	Blue-winged Teal		Black Tern	5	Bank swallow	818	Common Grackle
12	Northern Shoveler		Common Loon	436	Barn swallow	15	Ovenbird
1	Gadwall	405	Dble-crtd Cormorant	9	Cliff Swallow		Wrm-eating Warbler
	American Wigeon		American Bittern	326	Black-capped Chickadee		La Waterthrush
981	Mallard		Least Bittern	25	Tufted Titmouse	81	Northern Wtertrush
	Northern Pintail	192	Great Blue Heron	15	Red-breasted Nuthatch	14	Golden-wing Warbler
2	Green-winged Teal	152	Great Egret	189	White-breasted Nuthatch	11	Blue-wing Warbler
	Canvasback	57	Green Heron	7	Brown Creeper	73	Bl-and-wt Warbler
	Redhead	3	Blck-crwn Night-Heron	333	House Wren	10	Prothonotary Warbler
1	Ring-necked Duck	85	Turkey Vulture	8	Sedge Wren	121	Tennessee Warbler
	Lesser Scaup	24	Osprey	12	Masrh Wren	6	Orange-crwn Warbler
2	Hooded Merganser	6	Northern Harrier	4	Carolina Wren	186	Nashville Warbler
4	Common Merganser	2	Sharp-shin Hawk	286	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		Mourning Warbler
3	Red-brstd Merganser	43	Cooper's hawk	96	Ruby-crwnd Kinglet		Kentucky Warbler
	Ruddy Duck	10	Bald Eagle	67	Eastern Bluebird	102	Common Yellowthroat
	Ring-necked Pheasant	2	Red-shouldered Hawk	9	Veery	1	Hooded Warbler
5	Wild Turkey	4	Broad-winged Hawk	3	Gray-cheeked Thrush	19	American Redstart
5	Pied-billed Grebe	96	Red-tailed Hawk	66	Swainson's Thrush	15	Cape May Warbler
93	Rock Pigeon	3	Eastern Screech Owl	8	Hermit Thrush	2	Cerulean Warbler
467	Mourning Dove	17	Great Horned Owl	40	Wood Thrush	33	Northern Parula
	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	1	Barred Owl	3220	American Robin	6	Magnolia Warbler
1	Black-billed Cuckoo	15	Belted Kingfisher	148	Gray Catbird	5	Bay-breastd Warbler
	Common Nighthawk	1	Yellow-bell. Sapsucker	52	Brown Thrasher	14	Blckburnian Warbler
126	Chimney Swift	45	Red-hded Woodpecker		Northern Mockingbird	372	Yellow Warbler
6	Ruby-t Hummingbird	386	Red-belld Woodpecker	645	European Starling	11	Chestnut-side Warbler
11	Virginia Rail	259	Downy Woodpecker	10	American Pipit	12	Blackpoll Warbler
56	Sora	64	Hairy Woodpecker	8	Cedar Waxwing	1	Blk-thrd Blue Warber
	Common Gallinule	12	Pileated Woodpecker	175	House Finch	709	Palm Warber
21	American Coot	271	Northern Flicker	5	Purple Finch	21	Pine Warbler
11	Sandhill Crane	9	American Kestrel	1008	American Goldfinch	1139	Yellow-rump Warbler
	Black-bellied Plover	1	Peregrine Falcon	2	Pine Siskin	6	Yellow-thrd Warbler
	Amer Golden Plover		Olive-sided Flycatcher		Grasshopper sparrow	51	Bl-thr Green Warbler
19	Semipalmated Plover	3	Eastern Wood-Pewee	88	Chipping Sparrow		Canada Warbler
164	Killdeer		Acadian Flycatcher	5	Clay-colored Sparrow		Wilson's Warbler
	Dunlin	1	Willow Flycatcher	154	Field Sparrow	5	Summer Tanager
52	Least Sandpiper	46	Least Flycatcher	132	White-crowned Sparrow	25	Scarlet Tanager
	White-rmp Sandpiper	59	Eastern Phoebe	349	White-throated sparrow	861	Northern Cardinal
59	Pectoral Sandpiper	43	Great- Crstd Flycatcher	4	Vesper Sparrow	168	Rs-brstd Grosbeak
1	Semipalm. Sandpiper	34	Eastern Kingbird	248	Savannah Sparrow	47	Indigo Bunting
2	Short-bill Dowitcher	3	White-eyed Vireo	36	Henslow's Sparrow		Dickeissel
3	Amer Woodcock		Bell's Vireo	715	Song Sparrow	695	House Sparrow
38	Wilson's Snipe	15	Yellow-throated Vireo	10	Lincoln's Sparrow		
	Wilson's Phalarope	24	Blue-headed Vireo	153	Swamp Sparrow		Other Species
78	Spotted Sandpiper	4	Philadelphia Vireo	152	Eastern Towhee	1	Golden-cown Kinglet
257	Solitary Sandpiper	191	Warbling Vireo	2	Yellow-breasted Chat	13	Monk Parakeet
8	Greater Yellowlegs	33	Red-eyed Vireo		Yellow-headed Blackbird	2	Winter Wren
93	Lesser Yellowlegs	743	Blue Jay	60	Bobolink	1	Trumpeter Swan
		93	American Crow	116	Eastern Meadowlark	1	Whip-poor-will
35	Species Count	44	Species Count	49	Species Count		
							Overall Total
						43	Species Count
4195	Number of Birds	3565	Number of Birds	10757	Number of Birds	171	Total Species Count
	Party Hours Foot		Party Miles (Foot)			11899	Number of Birds
	Party Hours Car		Party Miles (Car)			30416	Total Bird Count
	Hours Owling		Miles Owling				
	Party Hours Home*		Party Miles Home*				

Summer Fun from the DBC Education Channel

With migration season behind us, it's time to give our resident birds some attention. June is a great month for sparrow-watching, as the birds are singing and active. And of course, it's nesting season, so young birds in varied plumage may confuse us. The following four recommendations are excellent summer viewing at the DBC Education Channel on YouTube.

Three Grassland Sparrows:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_BYuSIX9dxU&t

Birding By Ear: Grassland Birds:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fm-0a9xHF4w&t>

Summertime Birding at McKee Marsh: (helps to recognize habitats and what birds you might find where)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZJoEapOQ-dA&t>

Confusing Backyard Juveniles:

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

Save the Date: August 5 Birding and Breakfast

DuPage Birding Club invites all members to join us for our annual Birding and Breakfast event on Saturday, August 5 at Blackwell Forest Preserve. After some morning birding around the forest preserve, DBC will serve breakfast to all attendees.

More information will follow regarding registration in next month's Drummings newsletter.

Researchers Validate What Birders Have Always Known—Birds are Good for our Well-Being

A recent story in the *Washington Post* shared the good news that hearing and seeing birds is good for our mental and physical well-being. Well, duh, this is not news to us birders; we already knew that because we experience it every time we get out in the backyard or the neighborhood forest preserve. Now hard evidence backs it up. The story shares the results of several studies that demonstrate the positive impact of birds in our lives. One study focused on the specific health benefits of hearing birds, which reduced feelings of anxiety and paranoia in the study participants. This of course suggests the value of preserving habitat even in dense urban environments. Read more here and share with your friends and family:

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/wellness/interactive/2023/birds-song-nature-mental-health-benefits/>

News from the DuPage Forest Preserve

Master plans for long-term management of Blackwell, Waterfall Glen, and Greene Valley forest preserves are in final stages of approval—good news for those of us who frequent these popular preserves.

The Forest Preserve District has recently acquired a 6 +/- acre property with about 0.82 +/- acres of wetlands (per DuPage County GIS) to add to the **Hawk Hollow Preserve** in Bartlett. The southern end of the property is a vacated roadway that has Com-Ed power poles/lines and a watermain/fire hydrant.

Welcome, New Members!

Roger Beck	Evanston
Mary Byelick	St. Charles
Mary Kinsey	Wheaton
Erman Misirlisoy	Naperville

Bird News from the Web

Why a wildlife photographer took 40,000 photos to capture these extraordinary birds

Award-winning photographer Tim Laman has spent three decades capturing "elusive" and "charismatic" birds on camera, from their mating displays to fleeting moments of flight. His rainbow-shade view of the world is on full display in his new book, "Bird Planet," which celebrates the feathery creatures from Asia to Antarctica.

Read in CNN: <https://apple.news/ASiTHZluFTVqEHvoeil7ivQ>

How do you protect two rare birds when one keeps attacking the other?

Plans to repopulate Hawaii's forests with its "very intelligent" crows have been upended in part by its natural predator, the Hawaiian hawk. Now scientists are tracking the hawk in order to save the corvids.

Read in The Washington Post: <https://apple.news/AETd8f6sLS9CZJLXtpWSOIA>

The Lonely Birder

I was embarrassed to admit how much I love birds. Then I found my people.

Read in The Cut: <https://apple.news/A7gTyhVuJTMWqnDMc98ECfQ>

This hybrid hummingbird's colorful feathers are a genetic puzzle

It's not a new species, but somehow two pink feathered parents produced a golden offspring.

Read in Popular Science: <https://apple.news/ApTMnVELDSQeOwxCH9CfyPQ>

June 2023 Field Trips

In June, migration gives way to the breeding season when many birds will be singing in all landscapes, from grassland to water to woods. We are offering a variety of field trips, including mid-week trips. There are opportunities for all types of birders to participate and enjoy the season. There is special support for new birders on some trips. Non-members are welcome.

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 stay home.
- Attendees of DBC field trips and other events under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- All field trip attendees should be aware of and follow the <https://dupagebirding.org/aba-code-of-ethics/>

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

Friday, June 2, 7:00 a.m. – noon + lunch

Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve, Lemont

This will be a long, 4-mile walk to the kettle ponds, and then out through Poverty Prairie to the overlook (Borrow Pit) and back. We'll be on mostly level limestone trails and a couple dirt shortcuts so prepare for mud if it's rained. Hat, water bottle, and snack highly recommended. If you'd like to bring a lunch we can eat together afterwards on site. Meet at the parking lot off Lemont Road. No RSVP needed but text any questions.

Leader: Vicky Sroczynski, 630-297-9512

Sunday, June 4, 8:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m.

Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, Will County

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

Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie is one of the premier grassland birding spots in the area. The area is littered with abandoned munitions bunkers, as well as fantastic grassland species such as Henslow's Sparrow, Bell's Vireo, Yellow-breasted Chat, and Blue Grosbeak. This walk will primarily take place on old asphalt roads, but may venture into tall grass. Dress appropriately and bring bug spray and sun protection. We will meet at the Iron Bridge Trailhead on Route 53 in Elwood, Illinois. The entrance to the trailhead parking lot is about 2 miles south of Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery and the intersection of Hoff Road and Route 53. Advanced registration required, max of 20 participants.

Leader: Robert Perez, 630-724-7534, robertperez787@gmail.com

Sunday, June 4, 7:30 am

Dixon Waterfowl Refuge at Hennepin & Hopper Lakes

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

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

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

Wednesday, June 7, 7:30 am

Centennial Trail, Lemont

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

On this field trip we will meet in the gravel parking lot at the end of Canal Bank Road. Coming off of Lemont Road this turnoff is called Old Lemont Road, and is unmarked, so turn at this pin: 41,683840, -88.003541. [Google Map link](#). Feel free to ask questions on how to get there after you RSVP.

On this field trip our main target will be looking for late migrant warblers and returning summer residents. Please call if you have any problems with directions.

Leader: Mark Freeburg, freebs59@sbcglobal.net or call or text 630-661-1521.

Saturday, June 10, 7:30 am

Lambert Lake, Glen Elyn

This walk will be geared towards new birders, but any level of birder is invited. Lambert Lake is a hidden gem surrounded by shrubby woodland and a small lake to see an assortment of ducks and waders. Our walk will focus on late migratory birds, including warblers, orioles, and vireos. A wood chip trail encircles the lake, but spots can be muddy. A few trails to the south can be a good spot for warblers. Those trails can also be muddy and some have an incline. Please wear appropriate footwear. We will meet in the parking lot off of Lambert Rd., just south of Roosevelt Rd.

Leader: Bonnie Graham, 630-204-8750, Coye72112@gmail.com

Saturday, June 17, 8:00 - 11:00 am

Glacial Park Conservation Area, Ringwood

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

On this trip we will be exploring one of the best birding locations in McHenry County, Glacial Park Conservation Area. We will be searching for a large array of breeding birds at this location, such as Yellow-headed Blackbird, rails, bitterns and a many passerine breeders, such as Henslow's Sparrow and Yellow-breasted Chat. Please meet in the Lost Valley Visitor Center parking lot at 8am.

Leader: Henry Meade, henrymm21@icloud.com

Tuesday, June 20, 7:00 - 9:00am

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

Friday, June 30, 7:00 am - 9:30 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

Cantigny Park in Wheaton posts bird walks and related events several months in advance on the calendar pages of [Events | Cantigny](#). 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: <https://www.dupageforest.org/calendar-of-events>, www.fpdcc.com/events.

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:

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Karen Warner, k_warner@comcast.net



2023 Meeting Schedule

January 12	July 13
March 9	September 14
April 13	October 12
May 11	November 9

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