## **DuPage Birding Club**



#### **Next Meeting**

September 14, 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 2 for details.

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

# **Drummings August 2023**

# **President's Message**

#### The DBC Wants You!

Each year the DBC Executive Committee is revitalized with new members because, according to our by-laws, members can only stay in a position for two years. This year's search has begun. The Nominating Committee members Steve Constantelos, Robert Perez, Donna Kubik, and myself need to fill a variety of positions within our organization. Without volunteers, the DuPage Birding Club would cease to exist! This year we are seeking people to step up for the following positions, described below at a high level. Detailed job descriptions exist for those who want more information. No special skills or experience is required, just a desire to serve.

**Vice President** - Helps arrange presentations for our club meetings. Becomes President the following year.

**Director (two needed)** - Attends Executive Board meetings and provides valuable input for the direction of the organization.

**Corresponding Secretary** - Attends Executive Committee meetings, plus miscellaneous communications, like sending welcome emails to new members and posting notices about upcoming DBC meetings.

**Recording Secretary** - Attends Executive Board meetings and takes minutes.

Additionally we have three more important positions to fill that are invaluable to the organization:

**Field Trip Coordinator** - Arranges for field trips every other month.

**Outreach Coordinator** - Works with the Outreach Committee to provide presentations about birding to local organizations requesting assistance.

**Hospitality** - Sets up a welcome table at member meetings and assists with other social functions such as Birding and Breakfast.

Please consider volunteering for one of these positions. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions about them, email us at <a href="mailto:dupagebirdingclub@gmail.com">dupagebirdingclub@gmail.com</a> or contact a member of the Nominating Committee.

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#### Help With Grantee's Research Project on Red-headed Woodpeckers

We are proud to support local researchers and their efforts to learn more about the birds around us. This year the DuPage Birding Club is providing a grant to Adrianna Yoder, a student at DePaul University who is conducting a study of Red-headed Woodpeckers and their nesting tree preferences. She is seeking help locating cavities Red-headed Woodpeckers are currently nesting in within one of our DuPage Forest Preserves. If you are aware of any Red-headed Woodpecker nesting locations please email us at <a href="mailto:dupagebirdingclub@gmail.com">dupagebirdingclub@gmail.com</a>. We will put you in touch with Adrianna.

Mike Warner President

# September 14th Meeting: Waterfowl Management at Chautauqua and Emiquon National Wildlife Refuges

# Joshua Osborn, Waterbird Ecology Facilities Manager Forbes Biological Station

Central Illinois is home to Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge and Emiquon National Wildlife Refuge, two of the best sites in Illinois for shorebird and waterfowl birding. Our September speaker will be Joshua Osborn, the Waterbird Ecology Facilities Manager at the Forbes Biological Station in



Havana, Illinois. Josh's research interests include wetland and waterbird ecology, focusing on habitat management at mid-migration and southern latitudes in particular. The focus of the presentation will be on the work being done at the Forbes Biological Station and both National Wildlife Refuges, including the FBS aerial waterfowl inventory along the Illinois and central Mississippi rivers. This meeting will be both in person and virtual. Click here to register for the Zoom link to this meeting. For any questions, please reach out to Robert Perez at robertperez787@gmail.com.

# In Case You Missed It: Nearshore Waterfowl and Waterbird Monitoring in Western Lake Michigan

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



Photo by Mike Warner

Spread the news, the video from our last meeting on monitoring waterfowl and other birds off the shores of Lake Michigan is now live!

Bill Mueller, Director Emeritus of the Western Great Lakes Bird and Bat Observatory, shared with us the results of aerial offshore and nearshore waterfowl surveys conducted between 2010 and 2015 along Western Lake Michigan.

They detected thousands of waterfowl of 10-16 species, including several species of loons and grebes, and 6-7 species of gulls. Get the full story here. Link: <a href="https://youtu.be/s/mYryHhQ-w">https://youtu.be/s/mYryHhQ-w</a>

# **August 5 Birding and Breakfast**

The 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.

Watch your email for further information!

# **Summer '23 Photo Contest Now Open!**

The DBC is looking for pictures of birds taken between June 1 and August 31, 2023. All photos are welcome: amateur, funny, imperfect, high-quality. The "story behind the shot" is also taken into account when judging. The judges want this to be a fun contest; no categories have been predefined for award-winners so every entry has a chance to win! NOTE: The judges usually do not give out more than one award to the same author if they submit multiple images.

If you would like to look at past DBC Photo Contest winners <u>CLICK HERE</u>.

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.

Photographs will be judged by a small team of DBC members. If you are interested in being a judge (no experience necessary), please contact Mike Warner at <a href="mailto:mwarner2543@gmail.com">mwarner2543@gmail.com</a>.

## 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 <u>do not</u> have a Google Account, email your image as an email 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 the October Drummings.

# **Upcoming Outreach Events**

DBC members will present at these upcoming Outreach events, sharing their knowledge and love of birds with the general public.

## Bird Migration and the Importance of Insects

In person - sponsored by Save the Prairie Society Sunday August 6, 1 PM - 2 PM

Presenter: John Cebula

Learn about bird migration and the importance of insects. The presentation will be held in the Historic Prairie House in Westchester. For more information about Save the Prairie Society: <a href="https://savetheprairiesociety.org/">https://savetheprairiesociety.org/</a>

### Joy of Birding

In person - sponsored by Hinsdale Public Library Monday September 18, 7 PM - 8 PM

Presenter: Mike Warner

Come learn about bird watching and how to get started. The DuPage Birding Club will discuss how to begin birding and why birds are so important to the ecosystem.

Registration <a href="https://hinsdale.libnet.info/event/8407102">https://hinsdale.libnet.info/event/8407102</a>

## Fall Bird Walk at Fullersburg Woods Forest Preserves

In person - sponsored by Hinsdale Public Library Saturday September 23, 10 AM - 12 PM Leaders: Steve Constantelos and Sirimon Reutrakul

Join us at Fullersburg Woods for a walk to find, identify and learn about local and migratory birds. Binoculars will be provided along with instruction on how to effectively use them to view birds.

Registration required: <a href="https://hinsdale.libnet.info/event/8407335">https://hinsdale.libnet.info/event/8407335</a>

# Welcome, New Members!

Sherry Courtney and Mark Ganas Naperville

James and Kristina Goldsmith Wheaton

## 2022 HawkWatch Review

by Bob Fisher

With the exception of Broad-winged Hawks, 2022 proved to be a generally poor raptor year on the Hill. See yearly totals, excluding Broadwings, in the table below. No new species high count was set In our 17<sup>th</sup> year of the Greene Valley Hawkwatch.

That said, it was a good year for Broad-winged Hawks. Reversing Luis's picture to a negative makes it easier to see those white specks against a dark background. This spectacle we all hope to see every fall, when the Broadwings pass through – but don't always experience – because "big Broadwing days" typically happen every 2-3 years, when brisk northwest winds guide their passage over the Hill.

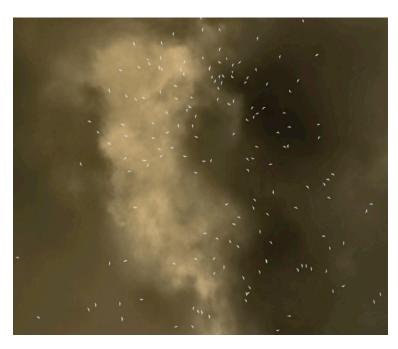


Photo by Luis Munoz



Northern Harriers
Photo by Laurel Ahlenius



Short-eared Owl Photo by Vicky Sroczynski

The total 2022 Broadwing count was 3,544; all but 25 occurred on 9/26 and 9/27, kettling and then passing by on briskly blowing northwest winds on both days. By contrast, 2021 was a very slow Broadwing year – 98, the fourth lowest count in Greene Valley's 17-year history. Most of late September last year, the winds were either southerly or northeasterly.

We registered three all-time lows in 2022: Sharp-shinned and Cooper's Hawks, plus Red-tailed Hawks. Redtails and Sharp-shins continued their apparent slow decline in numbers, with Cooper's Hawks now evidencing a similar pattern of decline, beginning in 2017. And for a second consecutive year, zero Northern Goshawks. October was an especially slow month for Greene Valley. Our count of 987 migrant raptors was the lowest since the first year of the Hawkwatch in 2006.

No out-of-range/vagrant raptor species were seen this year — but a beautiful Short-eared Owl floated by around lunchtime on 11/17. Also noteworthy were a number of young Northern Harriers actively and successfully hunting over the hill in mid-to-late November. We believe that happened because the Hill was mowed much later in the season. The resultant short grass made it easier for the harriers to spot mice and voles, and they took advantage.

Over the 17 years of the GV Hawkwatch, we've now recorded 191 different species – not bad for the top of a closed landfill! Our latest addition in 2022 – a Least Flycatcher on the hilltop on 9/3. That 191 includes 26 waterfowl species (geese, swans, ducks, loons and grebes); highlight rarities – Black Scoter and Redthroated Loon; 10 waterbird species (cormorants, herons, egrets and ibises) including Anhinga and plegadis ibis. And of course, there are the raptors...20 species in all, highlighted by Mississispii Kite, Swainson's and Ferruginous Hawks, plus Gyrfalcon and Prairie Falcon (and we just know a Swallow-tailed Kite is sure to flyover one day!). Other notable sightings: Yellow Rail, the now annual Whooping Cranes, 17 species of shorebirds, Snowy Owl, vagrants like Say's Phoebe, Cave Swallow, Sprague's Pipit, plus of course our various late fall arrivals, the regulars like longspurs and Snow Buntings, plus the less regular crossbills and Evening Grosbeaks. Just illustrates keeping our eyes on the sky, and on the fence in front of us, pays dividends!

Here a few other interesting facts for 2022:

- Monarch butterflies were seen in small numbers well into November, and we had a couple of dragonfly migration days to make up for our dearth of raptors.
- Horned Larks, American Pipits (1st on 9/16), Lapland Longspurs (1st on 9/22; 540 in several flocks on 11/10) and Snow Buntings (1st on 10/19) as usual kept us company, the longspurs and buntings on a daily basis in good numbers later in the season.
- We recorded our last Chimney Swift, on 10/23, three days later than in 2021.
- Notable were one, maybe two, Western Meadowlarks who hung out into late November.
- Only about 7,500 Sandhill Cranes flew over during the season; on our biggest day (3,235), most of them were travelling far to the east. This total was half of 2021, perhaps attributable to the fact that on their big movement day, the majority were much further east over the city. We did see and count the now annual Whooping Cranes two on 11/11!
- November swallows this year was just one Tree Swallow on 11/7.
- Inclement weather caused the count to be cancelled on just three days, so our low totals were certainly not lack of time on the Hill.

One or more of our dedicated volunteer counters/observers were on the hill for <u>604 hours</u> during 2022; thanks especially to the indefatigable Jeff Smith, who pretty much carried the 2022 GVHW on his shoulders – up there daily, scanning, counting, then logging/entering data every evening. He was ably supported by the other counters and observers who weren't able to put in quite as much time, but who all helped greatly in spotting and counting on many occasions. We were on the hill an aggregated <u>1787 hours</u>.

As always, thanks to our dedicated team of volunteers, the DuPage County Forest Preserve District, and Waste Management, for their support of our count!

# A Look at the Numbers for the 17th Season on the Hill

Species	Turkey Vulture	Osprey	Bald Eagle	N. Harrier	Sharp- shinned Hawk	Cooper's Hawk	N. Goshawk	Red- shouldered Hawk	accipiters total	
2022	695	41	88	60	230	48	0	39	278	
2021	935	48	90	48	404	74	0	41	478	
2020	963	46	101	42	353	62	1	37	416	
2019	1021	79	112	58	444	57	2	24	503	
2018	935	70	86	48	331	69	1	27	401	
2017	841	36	69	32	313	91	3	23	407	
2016	546	47	91	47	593	102	2	21	697	
2015	658	43	52	64	340	94	3	29	437	
2014	605	44	100	64	472	82	2	22	556	
2013	1078	30	57	40	563	90	4	37	657	HIGH
2012	763	65	60	75	463	146	3	16	612	COUNTS
2011	512	44	35	52	646	117	5	22	768	IN
2010	306	36	22	69	486	94	6	14	586	GREEN
2009	650	17	21	45	574	124	5	24	703	LOW
2008	510	39	22	50	328	103	2	20	433	COUNTS
2007	471	17	12	60	682	164	10	13	856	IN
2006	185	16	12	45	236	113	2	7	351	RED
17 year total	10979	677	942	839	7228	1582	51	377	8861	
17 year avg.	686	42	59	52	452	99	3	24	554	
										Total minus Broadwings
Species	Hawk	Red-tailed Hawk	Rough- legged Hawk	Golden Eagle	Am. Kestrel	Merlin	Peregrine Falcon	Unknown raptor	TOTAL	
2022	3544	299	14	3	17	32	17	46	5174	1630
2021	98	472	10	3	16	42	39	50	2373	2275
2020	1868	547	14	2	9	40	31	69	4187	2319
2019	4993	433	10	10	5	46	61	72	7431	2438
2018	423	449	11	4	12	45	46	64	2625	2202
2017	56	656	17	3	8	38	45	63	2286	2230
2016	4271	651 550	12	5	17	71	70	82	6632	2361
2015	240	559	11	11	5	45 50	60	47	2261	2021
2014	1596	682	27	7	12	50	28	44	3837	2241
2013	36	986	16	8	8	66	46	54 51	3119	3083
2012	4432 716	848 836	7 17	5	15	40	19	51	7008	2576 2446
2011				5	22	54	37	42	3162	
2010	48	643	31	11	14	31	30	48	1889	1841
2009	73	893	10	3	22	29	40	41	2571	2498
2008	1745	788	17	10	14	31	16	40	3735	1990
2007	687	838	14	3	25	33	32	38	3099	2412
2006	786	318	2	6	5	26	8	27	1794	1008

What keeps us coming back...the birds, the friendships, but perhaps most of all, the genuine feeling of peaceful detachment from that busy world 200 feet below us. See you in 2023 as it fast approaches!

# **Black-crowned Night Herons Get a Helping Hand**

Exciting news! Over the past several weeks, four adult Black-crowned Night-herons (BCNH) nesting at the Lincoln Park Zoo and three fully flighted juveniles that had hatched in the Zoo colony were successfully captured and fitted with special satellite transmitter "backpacks" that will start revealing information about BCNH movements.

Researchers from Dr. Michael Ward's lab at the University of Illinois, the zoo's Urban Wildlife Institute, and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources have started receiving data uploads from the birds' transmitters that will provide information about their daily movements across the Chicagoland area and later this year will allow researchers to follow them on migration to their wintering grounds. This information will help guide conservation efforts for this state-endangered species within Illinois, and beyond. This work would not be possible without the support of the Chicago Black-crowned Night-Heron Project and the Bird Conservation Network, of which DBC is a member. Both organizations have provided valuable data on BCNH presence and abundance.

Including the birds with transmitters, researchers banded a total of 16 BCNH this season. In addition to the standard federal silver band, each bird's leg is fitted with a white alphanumeric tag that can be used to visually identify it from a distance (e.g., A23). The team hopes to band as many birds as possible and work with the amazing Chicago birding community to help track this endangered species throughout the city on a broader scale. Please keep an eye out for BCNH throughout the Chicago area, and follow this link to report any heron sightings: <a href="https://arcg.is/0vKHPW0">https://arcg.is/0vKHPW0</a>. If you think you spot a banded bird, please look closely at its left leg for that alphanumeric tag and include it in your report!

Researchers look forward to sharing more information about this species, as well as how members of the public can log on to follow these birds' movements and migration routes in the upcoming months. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Slayton at <a href="mailto:slayton4@illinois.edu">slayton4@illinois.edu</a>.

# **News from the Web**

#### Hummingbirds get a bit of alcohol with their food

New research digs into how much alcohol hummingbirds consume.

Read in Futurity: <a href="https://apple.news/AXol2fRJAOXm1FuYpnUgNdA">https://apple.news/AXol2fRJAOXm1FuYpnUgNdA</a>

#### Adult albatrosses found gnawed to death by mice on 3rd remote island

Mice had previously been seen attacking seabird chicks — but in April researchers found eight dead adults. And this new development is concerning conservationists.

Read in Live Science: https://apple.news/ABxjE2EseSFq8XjyjYw\_9Bw

#### Why Do North American Vultures Have Either Red Or Black Heads?

A common question posed to ornithology professors, birders and birding guides that has a surprisingly complicated answer

Read in Forbes: https://apple.news/AMVR\_EsJ9TaGNfAYmpYprVw

#### 12 Best Vines for Hummingbirds That Are Easy to Grow

These flowering vines will attract gorgeous hummingbirds for summer bird-watching. Read in Better Homes & Gardens: https://apple.news/A8mQr\_vPATYeDAmHKV3qcdg

## **News from the Forest Preserve**

**A Night for Nature:** The Friends of the Forest Preserve present "A Night for Nature" on September 14 at St. James Forest Preserve. Admission is \$100/person. For further information look <u>here</u>. 250 ducks are also available for the duck race and funds support the Friends <u>here</u>.

**Danada Cromwell Trail:** Construction of the Cromwell Connector Trail in Danada Forest Preserve between the residential homes on the north side of Butterfield Rd. at Cromwell Street into the preserve on the south side has been completed. Public comment on this new trail was made to change the name of the new connecting trail because of the negative history of the namesake.

Land Acquisition Plan: As directed by the 2019 plan, a land acquisition plan is required to determine what projects might be prioritized for future purchase. Currently the Forest Preserve District of DuPage consists of 26,000 acres including conservation easements. This is the largest holding of land in DuPage County and is 13% of total land. The next largest owner is the national government with their ownership of Fermi and Argonne labs consisting of 3.5% of DuPage land. The process for a land acquisition plan will be made by developing a vision and goals to identify focus areas for land acquisition.

**Green Power Partnership Recognition:** The federal EPA recently presented the Forest Preserve District of DuPage a certificate for their progressive use of green energy. Over 3 million hours of green energy is used across the district. This is equivalent to the power used from 400 homes.

# **August 2023 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. 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 <a href="https://dupagebirding.org">https://dupagebirding.org</a> 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 <a href="https://dupagebirding.org/aba-code-of-ethics/">https://dupagebirding.org/aba-code-of-ethics/</a>

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

# Saturday, August 5, 7:00 am - 10:00 am

## Birding and Breakfast! - Blackwell Forest Preserve

No pre-registration required.

The 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. We will meet at 7 AM at the South Shelter. After turning into Blackwell off of Butterfield Road continue North on the main drive about a quarter of a mile. Make the first right at the South Shelter sign and meet in the parking lot. We hope to see you there!

Organizer: Mike Warner <a href="mwarner2543@gmail.com">mwarner2543@gmail.com</a>

# Wednesday, August 9, 7:30 am Lincoln Marsh, Wheaton

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

Lincoln Marsh Natural Area is located just northwest of downtown Wheaton. From County Farm Road, go east on Harrison Street. Harrison ends in Lincoln Marsh's parking lot. (CAUTION: GPS will probably direct you to the site's headquarters which is across the marsh from where we meet.) Two large marshes dominate the area. However, there is a large oak woodland, a small prairie, and two small ponds. A variety of birds, residents and migrants, associated with such habitats can be seen here. The trails at Lincoln Marsh are generally excellent, consisting mostly of wood chips and crushed limestone; boardwalks cross low areas, and there are two floating boardwalks and bird blinds. A fuller description of the site can be found here.

Leader: John Cebula, 630-640-2721, joceb2005@sbcglobal.net

Sunday, August 13, 7:00 - 9:00 am

# Bird Sit at Springbrook Prairie, Naperville

Pre-registration with the leader required, limit 10

Springbrook is a great place to see a variety of birds of open fields and shallow waters. This field trip is 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 small picnic shelter by the Model Airplane field parking lot off Plainfield-Naperville Rd on the east side of the park. The parking lot is located on the west side of Plainfield-Naperville Road .05 mile south of 75th Street. Springbrook Prairie Website Dress for the weather and bring bug spray (sitting, we are easy targets for mosquitos!) and drinking water.

Leader: Natalie McFaul, natcatcher7@gmail.com

# Wednesday, August 16, 7:30 am

# **Lyman Woods Nature Center, Downers Grove**

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

After meeting in the parking lot (901 31st St.), we will explore the varied habitats of Lyman. We will be looking for late summer residents and early migrants. 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.

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



## Friday, August 18, 8:00 am Greene Valley Shorebirds

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

Meet at Greene Road parking lot. We will walk east to the 83rd Street Fluddle to look for shorebirds, birding on the way. Scopes recommended here—leader will have one. To prepare for fall shorebird migration (that begins mid-July or so, please consider enrolling in Cornell's Shorebirds Class, and definitely review shorebird ID with Denis Kania's mini-tutorials: "Yellowlegs and Similar Waders," and "Peeps" on the DBC YouTube channel. Some bushwacking on overgrown grass trails or thru tall grass is necessary here so please prepare for ticks and mosquitoes.

Leader: Vicky Sroczynski, <u>vsroczynski@comcast.net</u> or text 630-297-9512

## Saturday, August 19, 7:30 am Wood Dale Reservoir

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

On this trip we will be exploring one of the premier shorebird spots in DuPage County. We will focus on finding and identifying migratory shorebirds such as Least and Semipalmated Sandpipers and both species of yellowlegs. There's even the chance for something rarer like a Stilt or Baird's Sandpiper. Please meet in the parking lot at the end of School St.

Leader: Henry Meade kathleenreeves22@yahoo.com

Thursday, August 24, 7:00 am - 9:00 am

Knoch Knolls Park, Naperville

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

We'll visit a few spots that highlight the park's variety of habitats, staying within about 1/3 mile of the parking lot. New birders welcome. We'll seek summer residents, youngsters, and early migrants along the DuPage, in the woods, at a field's edge, and among shade trees by the nature center. Trails are level and are grass/dirt/paved. Meet at the parking lot on 336 Knoch Knolls Rd., Naperville.

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

## Sunday, August 27, 7:00 am - 9:00 am

## Greene Valley Forest Preserve, Naperville/Bolingbrook

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

We'll be looking for summer residents, youngsters, and early migrants as we explore the fields and woods along the Thunderbird Trail. New birders are welcome as we will take a fairly leisurely pace to see (and listen to) the birds and to answer questions. If conditions are good, we'll do a little bonus walk at the end. NOTE: The entrance is located on the south side of 79th Street, about 0.5 miles west of Greene Road. Meet in the parking lot at the south end of Thunderbird Road, aka "Greene Valley Forest Preserve West Entrance." Here is the <a href="map-link">map-link</a> for parking.

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: <a href="https://www.dupageforest.org/calendar-of-events">https://www.dupageforest.org/calendar-of-events</a>, <a href="https://www.fpdcc.com/events">www.fpdcc.com/events</a>.

Non-members are always welcome. We do not charge fees for birding trips. Field trip information is also found at: <a href="www.dupagebirding.org">www.dupagebirding.org</a>.

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>



## 2023 Meeting Schedule

January 12 July 13

March 9 September 14

April 13 October 12

May 11 November 9

#### **2023 DBC Executive Committee Members**

President: Mike Warner

Vice President: Robert Perez

Treasurer: Jane Barnett

Recording Secretary: Angela Levernier Corresponding Secretary: Natalie McFaul

Director: Dennis Streicher Director: Sirimon Reutrakul

Director: Pamela Martyn-Nemeth

#### 2023 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

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