



President's Message

DBC Planning for 2024 Needs Your Input!

The DuPage Birding Club now boasts over 400 members! This is almost double the number we had pre-COVID because the pandemic got people outside and looking at birds—and we were there to welcome birders of all skill levels. With so many members now, we want to create programs and field trips that will fit your needs and interests. We can't do that unless we hear from you! Please take a few minutes and complete the DBC survey by clicking the link below.

Many thanks to the members of the Outreach Committee for initiating the survey!

[CLICK HERE TO START THE DBC MEMBER SURVEY](#)

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

DBC Exec Committee Sets Goals

This year the DBC Exec Committee worked hard to create a set of goals that would guide its efforts now and in the future. Central to the goals were meeting the needs of our members (take the survey above!). Please take a moment and read over our goals in this issue of *Drummings* and let me know if you have any feedback.

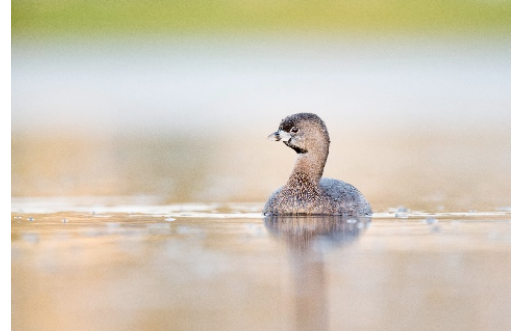
- **Vice President:** Arranges for presenters for member meetings. Becomes President the following year.
- **Director:** Provides valuable input to the Exec Committee and assists with various DBC functions.
- **Outreach Coordinator:** Works with the Outreach Committee to coordinate programs in response requests from local organizations.
- **Hospitality:** Attends member meetings, meets and greets attendees, and arranges for food and supplies for those events.

If you would like to volunteer for one of these positions or want more information, please email us at dupagebirdingclub@gmail.com. Your organization needs you!

Mike Warner

September 14 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 starts at 7:00 p.m. and 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.

Announcing: DBC Luncheon for Volunteers on October 7 at Hidden Lake Forest Preserve

The DuPage Birding Club Board would like to acknowledge the efforts of all of our volunteers with a luncheon for them on Saturday, October 7, at Hidden Lake Forest Preserve. The event is open to anyone who has volunteered in any capacity over the past year. This includes board members, committee members, field trip leaders, outreach volunteers, newsletter and website contributors, and any others who have helped out.

The event will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a bird walk to explore the new bridge installation and look for migrants and resident birds, followed by a luncheon at 11:30. We will meet at the shelter which is located on the north end of the preserve (turn left upon entering and go to the end).

The DBC appreciates everything our volunteers do to make our birding organization one of the best in Illinois! If you are able to attend, please RSVP at duplicatebirdingclub@gmail.com so we can get a rough estimate of how much food to bring. This is a great time to socialize with fellow members, so mark your calendar now!

They're Back! Fall Migration Gets Underway

The DBC Education Channel library has several titles in its collection that can help you get ready for those fall warblers and close associates. Check these out so that you are at the top of your game as fall migration gets underway. First, let's focus on fall plumage identification:

- **Vireos Without Wingbars** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NbQG9MzNhD8>
- **Three Fall Warblers: Tennessee, Orange-crowned, and Nashville** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WA30sG-AGIM>
- **Four More Fall Warblers: Chestnut-sided, Pine, Blackpoll, and Bay-breasted** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ftQutBEIJAI>

If you need some help with those warblers up in the treetops, here are a couple of tutorials that will give you the upper hand.

- **Warblers from Below Part 1** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oyWwHEaBZ9A>
- **Warblers from Below Part 2** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OI9dQTo5FLk>

Hope to see you out there on the trails!

Field Report: Birding and Breakfast

Blackwell Forest Preserve was buzzing with activity on August 5th as close to 40 DBCers joined together for the Club's annual Birding and Breakfast event.

A light mist threatened to dampen the fun, but Mother Nature soon cooperated to offer up a pleasant morning. We welcomed new members, connected with old friends, saw a few birds, and enjoyed a sumptuous breakfast, thanks to the efforts of Natalie McFaul, Jane Barnett, Angela Levernier, and Andie Duffy.



Upcoming Outreach Events

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

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 <https://hinsdale.libnet.info/event/8407102>

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: <https://hinsdale.libnet.info/event/8407335>

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 [here](#). 250 ducks are also available for the duck race and funds support the Friends [here](#). Come join some of your fellow birders for a fun evening that supports our forest preserves!

Welcome, New Members!

Jo Ann and Brendan Sheehy Darien

Joyce May St. Charles

Remember to Complete the DBC Survey!

Help us make our programming relevant to your interests, birding experience, and reasons for being a member of the DuPage Birding Club. Please take a few minutes and complete the DBC survey by clicking the link below.

[CLICK HERE TO START THE DBC MEMBER SURVEY](#)

September 2023 Field Trips

Late summer and early fall are the time for resident birds to raise their young, molt, and for many species to begin their migration south. September is the best time to see fall warblers. There are opportunities for all types of birders to participate. Non-members are welcome.

This month we have a variety of morning trips, a special all day field trip to Emiquon, and a hawk watch opportunity. You can learn about Emiquon at the September DBC meeting and then join the field trip to see this special place.

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.

Sunday, September 3, 7:00 a.m.

McDowell Grove Forest Preserve, Naperville,

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

This field trip will search for early fall migrant species. Meet in the main parking lot off of Raymond Road, just south of I-88. Registration is required. You are not registered for the field trip unless you receive an email acknowledgement from the field trip leader.

Leader: Joe Suchecki, DBCsec2020@gmail.com

Wednesday, September 6, 7:30 – 10:00 a.m.

McDowell Grove Forest Preserve, Naperville,

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

This morning trip will focus on woodland migrants passing through our area. This is a popular migrant hotspot in both spring and fall. If birds are on the move, we will be in a great location to view them. Meet in the first parking lot after entering the preserve. The entrance is at the intersection of Raymond Dr. and McDowell Rd. where there is a stoplight.

Leader: Denis Kania, djkan36@gmail.com

Friday, September 8, 8a.m.-11a.m.

Waterfall Glen, Sawmill Creek Area,

No RSVP needed.

Park in the large lot just east of Cass off Bluff Rd, north side of Bluff Rd. Meet at the west end of the parking lot. We'll be looking for all of the fall migrants. Expect hilly and rocky trails. If you like, please bring a sack lunch or snack, so we can eat in the picnic shelter afterwards.

Leader: Vicky Sroczynski, 630 297-9512, vsroczynski@comcast.net

Sunday, September 10, 7:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Elsen's Hill/West DuPage Woods, Winfield,

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

Elsen's Hill is another great site for migrants, especially warblers passing through on their way to their wintering grounds. Take Winfield Rd. to Gary's Mill Rd. west to the preserve parking lot entrance on the north side of the road. Bring boots as needed for muddy trails.

Leaders: Ann Haverstock and Diann Bilderback, diann.bilderback@yahoo.com

Tuesday, September 12, 7:00 a.m.

Springbrook Prairie, Naperville,

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

This field trip will search for fall migrants. Meet the leader at the gravel parking lot on the east side of Plainfield-Naperville Road about 0.5 miles south of 75th Street at Springbrook Prairie. We will work the eastside of the preserve looking for migrants. You are not registered for the field trip unless you receive an email acknowledgement from the field trip leader.

Leader: Joe Suchecki, DBCsec2020@gmail.com

Friday, September 15, 7:30 – 10:00 a.m.

McDowell Grove Forest Preserve, Naperville,

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

This morning trip will focus on woodland migrants passing through our area. This is a popular migrant hotspot in both spring and fall. If birds are on the move, we will be in a great location to view them. Meet in the first parking lot after entering the preserve. The entrance is at the intersection of Raymond Dr. and McDowell Rd. where there is a stoplight.

Leader: Denis Kania, djkan36@gmail.com

Saturday, September 16, 7:30 a.m.

Elsen's Hill/West DuPage Woods, Winfield,

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

This field trip will look for fall migrants at one of the best preserves for migratory warblers in the County. Meet at the preserve parking lot off of Garys Mill Road west of Winfield Road. You are not registered for the field trip unless you receive an email acknowledgement from the field trip leader.

Leader: Joe Suchecki, DBCsec2020@gmail.com

Sunday, September 17, 8:00 a.m.

Danada West, Wheaton,

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

September is easily one of the best months of the year to see migrating species in DuPage County. On this trip we will mainly be focusing on finding migrant warblers, along with raptors and possibly some earlier returning fall and winter residents, such as white-crowned sparrows. The diverse habitat at Danada West always provides the chance to find something unusual as well, so we'll keep a lookout for rarer species.

Meet in the forest preserve parking lot.

Leader: Henry Meade, kathleenreeves22@yahoo.com

Monday, September 18, 7:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Elsen's Hill/West DuPage Woods, Winfield,

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

This morning trip will focus on woodland migrants passing through our area. This is a popular migrant hotspot in both spring and fall. If birds are on the move, we will be in a great location to view them. Meet at the preserve parking lot off of Garys Mill Road west of Winfield Road.

Leader: Denis Kania, djkan36@gmail.com

Tuesday, September 19, 7:00 - 9:00

Bird Sit at Herrick Lake West Shelter, Wheaton

Pre-registration with the leader required, limit 10

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

Leader: Natalie McFaul, natcatcher7@gmail.com

Saturday, September 23rd @ 7:00am

Chautauqua and Emiquon National Wildlife Refuges

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

Chautauqua and Emiquon National Wildlife Refuges are located in central Illinois, just south of Peoria. Target species include shorebirds, waterfowl, and other fall migrants that can be seen at these incredible sites. We will meet in a predetermined spot and drive down south together, spending the morning at Chautauqua, having lunch, and then exploring Emiquon after lunch. Please bring comfortable shoes, hat, an umbrella for shade if it's hot, a scope (if you have one), a packed lunch, bug spray, and of course binoculars. We are expecting to return home in the early evening.

Leader: Robert Perez, robertperez787@gmail.com

Sunday, September 24, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Greene Valley Overlook, Naperville

Pre-registration with the leader is requested.

Drive up to the overlook parking lot south of 79th Street off Greene Rd and meet the hawk watch volunteers to scan the skies for raptors. Hawk ID handouts provided and discussed. Review buteos by watching the club's Hawk Watch talk on [YouTube](#). Please bring layers (it can be much colder up on the hill than at ground level,) and a hat for sun (no shade.) Bring lunch, extra water, and a lawn chair.

Leader: Bob Fisher, bfisher928@aol.com

Wednesday , September 27, 7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Greene Valley, Woodridge

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

We will be looking for late migrants and fall residents. Meet at the Thunderbird Youth Camp Parking Lot. Go west on 79th about ½ mile, the entrance is on the south side of 79th street, west of Greene Road.

Leaders: Karen and Mike Warner, mwarner2543@gmail.com, 630 640-2450

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:

Wally Levernier, wglevernier@gmail.com

Karen Warner, k_warner@comcast.net



DuPage
Birding
Club

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

DBC Apparel: Steve Constantelos

Drummings Newsletter: Jeff Smith, Diann
Bilderback

Email Distribution: Bob Fisher

Facebook: John Cebula, Glenn Perricone

Field Trips: Karen Warner, Wally Levernier

Flickr: Urs Geiser

Forest Preserve Liaison: Dennis Streicher

Grants and Donations: Vera Miller

Hospitality: Andie Duffy

Instagram: Keri Myslinski, Madison Olivieri

Lending Library: Jeff Smith

Membership Directory: Susan Kaley

Outreach/Youth Education: Donna Kubik

Spring Count Coordinator: Joe Suchecki

Twitter: Vera Miller

Webmasters: Barb Dougan, Nancy Allured

YouTube: Denis Kania, Steve Constantelos

