



President's Message

The First DBC Book Club!

I recently read the book [**A Wing and a Prayer, The Race to Save Our Vanishing Birds**](#) by Anders and Beverly Gyllenhaal and I couldn't wait to share it with you! The authors spent a year traveling the U.S. in their Airstream Trailer visiting sites where dedicated scientists, researchers, and volunteers are working to save some of their local species from extinction. I was touched by the enthusiasm and determination these people have to preserve our birds. The writing was excellent and each story was captivating—a great read!

Next Meeting

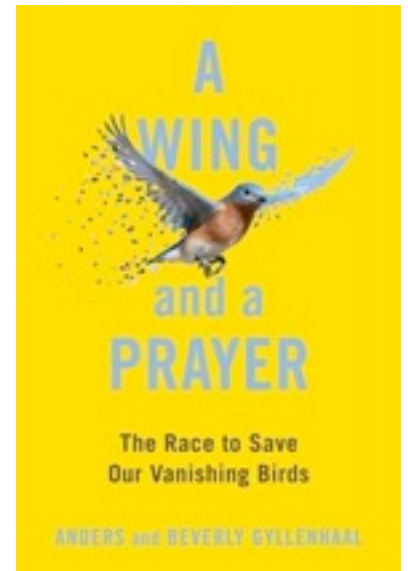
October 12, 2023.
Doors open 6:30 p.m.
Meeting begins 7:00 p.m.

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 Tap & Grill
940 Roosevelt Rd.
Glen Ellyn

I was so taken with the book that I want to share it and talk about it with my DBC friends and I thought a Book Club format would be the perfect way to accomplish that. You can order the book through me (I've negotiated a discount with the publisher), get it from Amazon, or any way you want. Our discussion night will be Tuesday, November 14 at 7PM. Depending on how many want to participate, we will either have it at my house or on Zoom.



If you are interested in participating, please email me at dupagebirdingclub@gmail.com. If you would like to purchase the book through me please include that request in your email—the cost will be \$19 (same as Amazon's current price). We'll figure out the delivery and payment individually. I really hope many DBC members will join me in this first Book Club discussion on a topic we all care about.

Mike Warner

President

October 12 Meeting: Secrets of the Barn Owl

Grace LeCuyer, Raptor Survey Coordinator, Indiana Department of Natural Resources

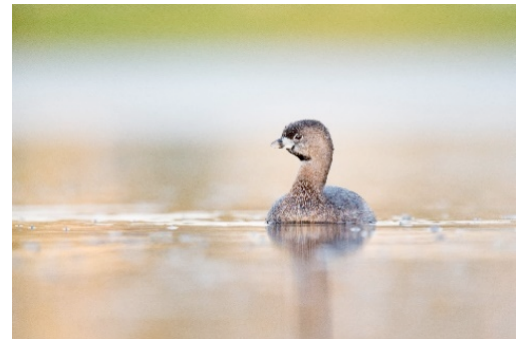
Barn Owls are some of the most majestic, yet secretive raptors out there. For our October meeting, Grace LeCuyer, Raptor Survey Coordinator for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, will speak to us about these elusive birds. The Indiana Department of Natural Resources has developed a nest box program aimed at assisting these beautiful owls. Last winter, Grace completed a 300+ nest box check over the entire state of Indiana, and will be sharing her results with us.

Although the meeting will be both in-person and virtual, our speaker will be speaking to us via Zoom. As usual, the meeting will start at 7:00 pm on Thursday, October 12th. You are invited to view the meeting and presentation at Faith Lutheran Church in Glen Ellyn or register for the Zoom presentation to view at home. There will be a pre-meeting dinner at Ellyn's Tap & Grill at 5:30. <https://ellyns.com/>. All are welcome to come!

[CLICK HERE](#) to register to view the presentation via Zoom. For any questions, please reach out to Robert Perez at robertperez787@gmail.com.

In Case You Missed It: Waterfowl Management at Chautauqua and Emiquon National Wildlife Refuges

Joshua Osborn, the Waterbird Ecology Facilities Manager at the Forbes Biological Station (FBS) in Havana, Illinois, shared interesting information about research and restoration work at Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge and Emiquon National Wildlife Refuge, two of the best sites in Illinois for shorebird and waterfowl birding. Information included the FBS aerial waterfowl inventory along the Illinois and central Mississippi rivers and other waterbird studies. The presentation is now live on the DBC Education Channel on You Tube at <https://youtu.be/Fz-yUjO509k>



Don't Forget: Volunteer Luncheon October 7 at Hidden Lake Forest Preserve

Calling all volunteers—the Club would like to acknowledge your efforts at a luncheon 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. Note: should there be inclement weather, we will still host the 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 dupagebirdingclub@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.

DBC at the Danada Fall Festival October 7 and 8

The DuPage Birding Club is excited to participate in the Fall Festival, the Forest Preserve District's largest event. Held at Danada Equestrian Center, festivities will include equestrian performances and demonstrations in the outdoor arena, wagon rides, children's activities, barn tours, and more.

As part of our Outreach program, DBC will host two booths in the shade of two giant oak trees adjacent to the Danada Native Display Garden. One booth will feature activities for kids. On Saturday we will discuss how to identify local birds by eye and by ear and will look for birds in



the Native Display Garden. Sunday's theme will be kid-friendly owl activities. Visitors will learn interesting facts about owls and hear some of their sounds. Want to try drawing an owl? Making an owl craft? Putting together a challenging puzzle? Then come to the DBC table on Sunday!

Visit our second table to learn 7 Simple Actions you can take to help birds. In 2019, scientists documented North America's staggering loss of nearly 3 billion breeding birds since 1970. Helping birds can be as simple as making changes to everyday habits. Here you can also learn about Chicagoland bird monitoring efforts led by the Bird Conservation Network.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED: If you'd like to spend an hour or two to staff one of our tables, please contact Donna Kubik at donna.kubik@gmail.com. We could use your help!

Link to the Fall Festival at Danada:

<https://www.dupageforest.org/things-to-do/calendar-of-events/fall-festival-danada>

Danada Equestrian Center, 3S507 Naperville Rd, Wheaton, IL 60189, Call 630-668-6012.

Celebrate World Migratory Bird Day October 14

October 14 is the annual World Migratory Bird Day and part of the Global Bird Weekend. eBird is sponsoring an October Big Day to unite us around the world in our shared love of birds. To participate, you must first have an eBird account and then you simply upload your checklists with your sightings. Last October, nearly 35,000 people from 185 countries submitted almost 80,000 checklists. Take a few minutes to demonstrate the power of birds to bring people together! The DBC will be supporting this special day through a presence with BCN at the Kankakee World Migratory Bird Day Festival.

Executive Board Sets Goals for the Future

This year the DuPage Birding Club's Executive Board created a set of goals for now and for future boards. Foremost in our minds was making DBC responsive to the needs of our 400+ members. Please look over our goals and let us know how we can meet your needs.

1. Commit to being an active Board that is accountable and achieves the Board's goals.
2. Serve our members' diverse interests with an invigorating speaker program, new learning opportunities, and a range of field trips.
3. Direct the club's money towards funding worthy bird-related causes.
4. Engage members to promote participation and encourage volunteerism.
5. Work to maintain the DuPage Birding Club's reputation as one of the leading birding clubs in Illinois.
6. Educate members about the ways to protect bird populations in Illinois.

Long-term Executive Board Projects

1. Reintroduce in-person meetings and events, including events catering to new members and beginning birders.
 1. For hybrid meetings, perfect technological usage/avoid technology issues
2. Conduct fundraising activities (i.e., auction) as the Board sees fit.
3. Continue our communications momentum to internal and external audiences, individuals and to organizations. This includes Outreach, *Drummings*, our website, and social media.
4. Engage members with events such as:
 1. Birder's Breakfast
 2. Volunteer Lunch
 3. Member Polls
 4. Photo Contest
 5. eBird Tutorial
 6. Big Day/Backyard Bird Count
 7. Long distance field trips
5. Improve procedures for membership list, directory, and email blasts.
 1. Look into alternative email distribution services and file storing capabilities.

iNaturalist Project to Document Bird Deaths in Illinois

The DBC was recently contacted by Tamima Itani and Matylda Lally seeking participation in an iNaturalist project. This is an effort to document the impact of the Canadian wildfires and related developments on migratory birds. The DBC is not a part of this study but is passing this information on to our members as the researchers have requested. Here's what they said:

The spring and summer of 2023 have been characterized by extensive and record-breaking wildfires in Canada. Over 15 million hectares have been burned as of the end of August, compared to a 10-year average of 2.5 million hectares per season. The resulting smoke has created frequent and widespread hazardous air quality conditions in Canada and the United States.

This year's conditions are likely to have a negative impact on migratory birds from loss of habitat for nesting and raising young, reduced food sources and degraded environmental conditions. Our area is already experiencing one of its earliest fall migration seasons, with many species of birds documented weeks ahead of the typical start of their southbound journeys, possibly due to failed nesting and scarce food resources.

In the fall of 2020, a significant avian mortality event was observed in the U.S. Southwest (Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Colorado, and Nebraska), with hundreds of thousands of birds reported dead during migration. Death was due primarily to starvation, likely caused by extreme drought and wildfire conditions which reduced the availability of plants and insects to migrating birds. This was followed by unseasonably cold weather in early September, with early snow covering the ground, further reducing food sources and challenging emaciated birds.

eBird does not currently offer the systematic capability of capturing information on dead birds. After a discussion with Cornell's Dr. Farnsworth, we agreed to create an iNaturalist project to do so. iNaturalist is a global online database of all living wild organisms, described as "an online social network of people sharing biodiversity information to help each other learn about nature." Much like eBird, it relies on people to report and document observations in the wild, but spans all living organisms, not just birds. It is available online at [iNaturalist.org](https://www.inaturalist.org) or via an app on smartphones and is easy to use. One must have an account to submit observations.

Matylda Lally has created a project in iNaturalist entitled "[2023 Midwest Avian Mortality Project](#)". Anyone with an account on iNaturalist can access the project and join it through [this link](#) or by typing the title in the search box. We are requesting that individuals who encounter dead birds anywhere in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin to take a photo of the dead bird and upload it to the project on iNaturalist, documenting date and location, and if known, the species of the bird. For example, in mid-August, a Great Blue Heron was found dead by the North Shore Channel in Evanston, of unknown causes. This occurrence of an unknown bird death is an example of what would belong in the project. If it is evident that the bird died from a window strike, please include this information in the comments field.

While we encourage everyone to submit via iNaturalist, if you decide that you would like to participate but are not keen on signing up to iNaturalist, you can participate by emailing a photo of a dead bird, with precise location and date, to the following email address: midwestavianmortalityproject@gmail.com

If you need help with iNaturalist or the project, let us know as well.

BCN Breaking News Direct to You

BCN Breaking News – Direct to You

The Bird Conservation Network invites you to join the BCN mailing list for the latest news from the BCN community. You'll get the quarterly newsletter, advocacy alerts, plus updates on interesting BCN-supported projects (such as the ongoing Black-crowned Night Heron and Regional Grassland Birds Survey projects). Our organization is a member of the BCN coalition, dedicated to supporting birds in the Chicago Wilderness and the habitats they need to survive. To join the mailing list, click here <https://www.bcnbirds.org/mailling-list/>. To submit ideas or content for the BCN newsletter, contact the Communications team at media@BCN.org

The Bird Conservation Network: A coalition of 20+ groups, bird clubs, ornithological societies, and conservation organizations, working together for our native birds and the habitats they need to survive in the Chicago region. BCN supports regional bird conservation through long-term bird population monitoring, conducting research, promoting effective habitat restoration practices, and reducing threats to birds via bird-friendly policy advocacy.

Seeking Participants for a Scientific Study

The DBC recently received an email from Dr. Eric Wing, a Toronto-based birder and neuroscience researcher who is working on how people develop expertise in natural domains. Dr. Wing is seeking participants in an online research study. The DBC is not associated with this study and is just forwarding his request to our members.

Here's how Dr. Wing describes the program:

"Bird with spots," "woodpecker," "female Northern Flicker." What we perceive is shaped by our accumulated experience. Our research group studies learning about the natural world and is particularly interested in birds. Some of our fMRI studies have examined the reorganization of brain networks that enable bird identification, but we've also released online studies for birders in the Great Lakes region.

The current study we are running focuses on pattern detection and other aspects of perceptual judgments about birds. It is composed of two sections, each about 20-25 minutes long, and can be done at any point on a laptop or desktop (but not tablet).

The study is geared towards relatively experienced birders (ages 18+) who are familiar with many/most species that commonly occur in their region throughout the year. Full expertise is not required, and we expect variable levels of familiarity, particularly for difficult bird families (e.g., gulls, shorebirds, fall warblers). Participants typically have at least a few years of birding experience and can identify most common species from a range of local bird families, particularly passerine and waterfowl families.

If you'd like to participate, please email birdstudy@research.baycrest.org with the subject line "online study" and Dr. Wing will send you more info. Participants will receive an e-gift card (\$15 USD) for completing the study. Dr. Wing included the following link to a recent Audubon article about the study: [Audubon Brain Study Link](#)

If interested, contact Dr. Wing using the email above.

Annual Membership Renewal Time

Speaking of the future, it's time to renew your dues for next year! Your annual membership dues for 2024 are due by December 31, 2023. 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 dues fund our annual operations and support a broad range of activities, including field trips, interesting speakers, research grants, and proactive community outreach. Help us stay strong!

Your 2024 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!

Welcome, New Members!

Joan Alexander	Naperville
Zoran and Nikolas Bajic	Hoffman Estates
Isaac and Bridgette Evans	Sleepy Hollow
Colleen Schmidt	Oswego

Greene Valley Hawkwatch Results

The 18th season of the Greene Valley Hawkwatch has gotten off to another slow start this year. A combination of rain and easterly winds has produced only 363 migrants in our first of 3 months on the hill. Fortunately a flurry of Sharp-shinned Hawks at the end of September allowed us to surpass our worst start back in 2013. Those east winds prevented us from seeing any kind of Broad-winged Hawk movement this year. We counted 3544 last year and only 17 this year.

We didn't have any raptor highlights but did have a couple of good birds. A heard only Summer Tanager was our 185th species recorded. An Upland Sandpiper was seen for only the 2nd time and a Lesser Black-backed Gull recorded for the 3rd time.

We are hoping October brings us some more favorable winds and the birds that ride them. You are welcome to join us on Saturdays and Sundays through October when the hill opens to the public at 11:00 a.m. We are always happy to share hawk identification tips and can use more eyes spotting birds. (This might be the best place to spot those Limpkins or Flamingos when they leave Wisconsin)

Announcing DBC's Summer 2023

Photography Contest Winners!

The DBC's Summer '23 photo contest was a great success! The 19 entries were judged by John Hebert, Andie Duffy, Steve Constantelos, Natalie McFaul, and Mike Warner. The committee would like to thank all the photographers for their entries. All photos were very interesting and every one deserved recognition; these nine were award worthy. Below are the DBC Summer '23 Photography Contest Winners:



Best of Show – Cedar Waxwing

Photographer: John Obenland

Species of Bird: Cedar Waxwing

Where was the picture taken: Batavia

Narrative - On a recent hike along the Fox River, I observed group of Cedar Waxwings having a great time grabbing insects off, and or out, of the scum on the river surface. My first thought was swallows, but at times they would rest for a little while on the branches of trees. That's when I made my positive ID! I normally thought of waxwings as berry pickers, but this lively group of dive bombers convinced me that they like a little fun and variety in their lives at the water park!



Family Portrait Award

Photographer: Cindy Duranceau

Species of Bird: Northern Cardinal

Where was the picture taken: Naperville, backyard

Narrative - This is the sequel to my Spring photo entry. Apparently the courting Northern Cardinal pair had a successful nesting season. Dad is pictured here in July feeding two of their hungry offspring, which cannot get enough safflower seeds. He fed them for quite awhile, on two consecutive days. (Giving Mom a break?)



Home Sweet Home Award

Photographer: Franz Burnier

Species of Bird: Barn Swallow

Where was the picture taken: Danada Farm

Narrative: A barn swallow lives up to its name, as it sits in its nest in a barn.



Feather Boa Award

Photographer: Fallon McDowell

Species of Bird: Green Heron

Where was the picture taken: Everglades National Park

Narrative: This was a very friendly Green Heron that posed as we finished our walk at the Everglades.



Best Travel Award

Photographer: Rick Roche

Species of Bird: Rufous Hummingbird

Where was the picture taken: Big Lake, Texas

Narrative - Wherever we have traveled to the western US in 2023 we found Rufous Hummingbirds: in southern Arizona in March, in Alaska in early June, and in Texas in the middle of July. For three mornings in a row, this Rufous Hummingbird visited the feeder in my sister's backyard in Big Lake, Texas. On the third day, it finally posed for a photo.



Mock Me, Will You? Award

Photographer: Laurel Ahlenius

Species of bird: Northern Mockingbird

Where was the picture taken: Morton Arboretum

Narrative: This spring and summer, some of the visitors to the Arboretum came to see nature/art sculptures throughout the East Side. One such sculpture was at Parking Lot #4. Visitors would walk over to the sculpture, while birders, including myself, would stand on the other side of the road, ignoring the sculpture and looked in the opposite direction. The Northern Mockingbirds flew in and out among the short bushes, a close-by tree, in the grass and much further back. Suddenly, one birder looked and pointed, "He's chasing a squirrel!" Up went the camera and I was able to capture the scene as a Northern Mockingbird chased the squirrel away from the bush in which they were nesting! Somehow, the squirrel got the message and did not return to the bush while we were there.



Hovering Hummer in Summer Award

Photographer: Jackie Tilles

Species of Bird: Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Where was the picture taken: Lemont, IL

Narrative: In August I attended the Sagawau Hummingbird Festival with 3 other DuPage Birding Club friends. We learned about the characteristics and migration of these extraordinary birds and then watched them flit around the gardens. I photographed this hummer on her way to one of the garden feeders. We also witnessed several hummingbirds being banded. Ruby-throated Hummingbirds are truly one of the delights of summer.



Shades of Gray Award

Photographer: Laurel Ahlenius

Species of Bird: Ring-billed Gull

Where was the picture taken: Wheaton, IL

Narrative - While waiting for another Caspian Tern to fly by and dive for a fish, I couldn't resist snapping this Ring-billed Gull as he flew around the end of the pond where I was sitting. He was lined up so perfectly as he headed back down to the other end. He must have heard the camera shutter clicking as he looked back at me with a fish in his mouth. I am sure that fish was swallowed before he reached the other end of the pond. Remember the severe effects of the Canadian wildfires earlier this summer? As a result the sky color was gray, which perfectly matched and augmented this gull's feather coloring.

You can see all pictures posted to the DBC Website, including past Photo Contest Winners, by [CLICKING HERE](#).

Fall '23 Photo Contest Now Open

The DBC is looking for pictures of birds taken between September 1 and November 31, 2023 for the Fall '23 Photo Contest. 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 [CLICK HERE](#).

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 mwarner2543@gmail.com.

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 do not have a Google Account, email your image as an email attachment to duplicatebirdingclub@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 the January Drummings.

October 2023 Field Trips

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

Please remember that the weather can be variable, so dress accordingly. 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 October 1, 7:00 am - 9:30 or 10:00 am

Bemis Woods South Forest Preserve (Cook County), near Western Springs

Preregistration via text or phone with the leader is required, limit 10 people.

Welcome to this wonderful nature spot. The entrance is on Ogden Ave. Make the turn and drive to end near where the cul-du-sac is. We will start the walk from the parking lot, meeting in the open area. We will walk mostly on natural trails, so hiking boots with solid treads are advised. Jeans or long pants are recommended to minimize any bug exposure. We can expect to see Woodpeckers, Chickadees, Nuthatch, and have a good opportunity to see Fall migrants including American Redstarts, Magnolia, and Black-throated Green Warblers. The warblers in Fall plumage will be on their way south to Mexico and Central America to escape the cooler weather that this time of year brings. Please be prepared for the weather and bring your own water/snacks if you anticipate needing them.

Entrance is on Ogden Ave west of Wolf Road and east of I-294. Make the turn and drive to the end near cul-du-sac.

Leader: Alan Seelye-James (954)708-4804 or alan_seelyejames@yahoo.com (note underscore between alan_seelye)

Wednesday October 4, 2023

Waterfall Glen Poverty Prairie (8am-10:30am) and Waterfall Glen Borrow Pit/Centennial Trail (10:30am-11:30am)

No RSVP needed

We'll be looking for fall migrants while enjoying the resident birds and grand oaks here, walking from the parking lot to Musk Turtle Pond, and back. For those interested in looking for waterfowl and others, we'll then caravan for a short drive south to the Borrow Pit on the Des Plaines River. (A scope is useful at the Borrow Pit, but the leader will have one.)

Meet at the Waterfall Glen Lemont Road parking lot. (Google Maps Waterfall Glen Parking Lot #3.) Drive south on Lemont Road past I55 and turn left (east) into signed entrance road across from 101st Street.

Leader: Vicky Sroczynski (630)297-9512 or VSroczynski@comcast.net

Thursday, October 5, 7:30 am

Springbrook Prairie Forest Preserve, Naperville

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

Join Joe Suchecki for our annual club fall trip to locate Nelson's and LeConte's sparrows at Springbrook Prairie. We also will be looking for other late migrant species of the wetlands and grasslands. This trip requires that we go off-trail through uneven terrain, so this is not for those who want/need to stay on wide, flat groomed trails. The vegetation and footing will likely be wet as we walk along the edge of wetlands looking for the sparrows, so rubber boots are recommended.

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

Leader: Joe Suchecki, dbcsec2020@gmail.com

Thursday, October 12, 7:30 am

McKee Marsh, Warrenville

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

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

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

Saturday, October 14, 8:00 am – 10:30 am

Danada Forest Preserve (west side), Wheaton

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

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

Leader: Henry Meade, Please register with henrymm21@icloud.com

Sunday, October 15, 7:30 am – 9:30 am

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

Tuesday, October 17, 8:00 am - 10:30 am

Herrick Lake Forest Preserve, Wheaton

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

This field trip will include the areas around the east side of the lake, some wooded areas and open grasslands. We will look for some late migrants and early winter birds. Meet at the east side of the main parking lot off of Butterfield Road in Wheaton.

Leader: Nancy Allured, nallured@comcast.net

Saturday, October 28, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Hawkwatch: Greene Valley Overlook, Naperville

Bad weather on the 28th? We'll switch to the 29th, weather permitting; sign ups will be notified

Note: 10/29 is the last weekend day the overlook is open to the public this year

Pre-registration with the leader is requested

Drive up to the overlook parking lot ~~located on 7th Street off Greene Rd~~ (gates open at 11 a.m.) meet the hawk watch volunteers and scan the skies for raptors. Hawk ID handouts provided and discussed. You can review buteos by watching DBC's Hawk Watch talk on YouTube.

Please bring extra layers (it can be much colder up on the hilltop than at ground level,) and a hat for sun (no shade.) Bring lunch, extra water, a lawn chair and a scope if you have one.

Leader: Bob Fisher, bfisher928@aol.com

Tuesday, October 31, 8:00 am

McKee Marsh, Warrenville

No registration required

Most of the walk will be on preserve limestone and earthen trails; wear appropriate shoes and clothing. Meet at the visitor parking lot on the north side of Mack Rd. and be prepared for some dirt trails, possibly muddy if wet. Located between Winfield Rd. and Rt. 59 in Warrenville.

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

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



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

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