

Drummings September 2024

President's Letter



Next Meeting

September 12, 2024

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
Presentation at 7:00 p.m.

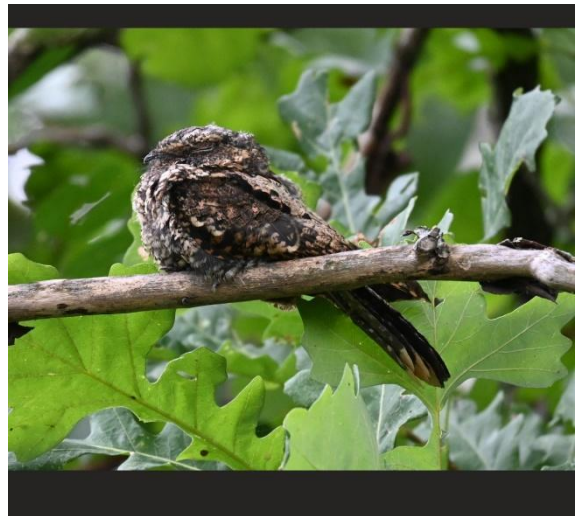
Faith Lutheran Church
41 N. Park Blvd.
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

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5:30 p.m.
Ellyn's Tap and Grill
940 Roosevelt Rd.
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Hello, fellow birders! The summer is quickly winding down and fall is fast approaching. I visited Montrose Point Bird Sanctuary this past weekend to see what I could find. There had already been reports of fall warblers, so I drove down there early in the morning to test my luck.

Sure enough, I got a Cape May Warbler! However, the highlight of the trip was a sleeping Whip-poor-will, which I was able to photograph. Although I've seen Whip-poor-wills before, this was the first time I was able to photograph it. This served as the inspiration for this month's President's Letter.



As birders, how do we continue to stay interested in the birds? Don't get me wrong, I enjoy seeing all kinds of birds, but Cardinals, Robins, and Starlings can get a little boring after a while. Unless you're a relative beginner, you're not likely to add much to your life list outside spring and fall migration.

The summer and winter months can be slow times for a lot of birders. However, by simply adding new goals to your birding, you may find these months as rewarding as migration!

Some birders compete with themselves by creating state, county, city, and yard lists. For them, further lists keep birding competitive, and a relatively common bird can be exciting to see if you can add it to a new list. Even if you've seen a Cape May Warbler before, you may not have seen one in DuPage, Cook, or Kane. You may not have seen one in your yard. I have a long-running goal of submitting a bird list for every county in Illinois (currently 36/102), as well as continuing to add birds to my grandma's yard list (currently at 119). By setting these goals, it gets me out, exploring new parts of the state and looking more closely at my surroundings.

Photography is another thing that can keep birding interesting. I've mentioned my multiple life lists in a previous letter, but in one of those lists,

I keep track of the birds I've photographed. My goal is to photograph all the birds I've seen. It's been fun to go back through that list and study what I have and have not taken a photo of. I was shocked to find out I've never taken a photo of a Chimney Swift! By setting this goal, it helps me work on my photography skills as well as track down species that have eluded my lens.

What are some things you've added to your birding that keeps it interesting? Do you have multiple lists for different places or months? Do you keep track of what birds you've photographed?

As we enter fall migration, I want to remind people that DBC has numerous resources on our website and YouTube page (see "Let's Be Ready" on page 4) to help you with any tricky fall migrants. I hope to see you out on the trails and best of luck with birding this fall!

Robert Perez
President, DuPage Birding Club
robertperez787@gmail.com

September 12 Meeting, in person and via Zoom: Illinois Peregrines—From Decline to Recovery

Presented by Mary Hennen, Director, Chicago Peregrine Program, Bird Division, The Field Museum

Please join us to learn about the Peregrine Falcon and the fascinating story of their recovery in the Chicago area. Once on the Endangered Species List and extirpated in Illinois from 1951 until 1986, the Peregrine Falcon population is now past historic levels. Mary's presentation will take us through the recovery of the Peregrines in Illinois. As the majority of the population now lives in an urban habitat, learn what it means to live in close proximity to this remarkable bird.

For more information on Illinois Peregrines, be sure to check out the Illinois Peregrine [Website](#) and follow them on [Facebook](#)!

This meeting will be in-person and via Zoom. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the meeting starts at 7:00 pm at Faith Lutheran Church (41 Park Boulevard, Glen Ellyn). To register for the Zoom session, click here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcqfuiurD4sG9yVI7qMchYWL8tAqpFta-k>

As usual, all are invited to the premeeting dinner at 5:30 pm at Ellyn's Tap and Grill (940 Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn). For any questions, please email Robert Perez at robertperez787@gmail.com

LAST CALL: DBC Member Survey

If you haven't already, please provide feedback to DBC's leadership team through a short survey here: [2024 DBC Survey](#). The survey is designed to gather feedback on your thoughts and experience with



DuPage Birding Club. Your responses will be used to improve the Club moving forward and will provide the Executive Board with a clearer idea of what club members' needs and interests are. Responses will be reviewed by Executive Board members only and aggregated results will be shared with the club.

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

The DBC Needs YOU: 2025 Leadership Opportunities

According to our by-laws, most members of the DBC Exec Committee are limited to two-year terms so every year some members move on from their roles. We need you to fill those spots! We have openings for the following volunteer positions:

- **Vice President:** Arranges for presenters for member meetings. Becomes President the following year. This is a most critical role to ensure the club's continuity as an organization.
- **Treasurer:** Oversees the club's finances, makes donations, pays bills and speakers, and provides monthly financial reports. Managing the club's money is obviously very important!
- **Corresponding Secretary:** Sends new members greeting letters. Publicizes meeting speakers and field trips in various news outlets. Help us welcome new members and spread the good word on our programs.
- **Director:** Provides valuable input to the Exec Committee and assists with various DBC functions. This is your chance to act as the voice for all club members.
- **Outreach Coordinator:** Works with the Outreach Committee to coordinate programs in response to requests from local organizations. Engage with the community to educate and share our love of birds.
- **Field Trip Coordinator:** Contacts potential field trip leaders and assembles monthly calendar of field trips. This vital role is shared with another volunteer. Field trips are among our strongest benefits to members.
- **Webmaster:** Applies monthly updates to website and handles incoming email from general DBC mailbox. This role is shared with another volunteer. NOTE: No prior website management experience required; training is provided. Learn a new skill and keep our excellent website current.
- **Audiovisual Coordinator:** Ensures that hybrid meetings relying on Zoom and in-person presentation work smoothly. Put your tech skills to work!

If you would like to volunteer for one of these positions or want more information, please email me at robertperez787@gmail.com. DBC cannot function without the help of volunteers serving in leadership positions. Your organization needs you!

Urban Birding Festival Debuts in September

Chicagoland birders will be out in force the weekend of September 14-15 as the first Urban Birding Festival gets under way. The agenda includes presentations Saturday and Sunday at the Peggy Noteabart Museum, a host of field trips and big sits around the city on both days, and a brewpub dinner Saturday night. This festive weekend is a collaboration of Chicago Ornithological Society, Chicago Bird Alliance, Feminist Bird Club Chicago, BIPOC Birders, and Red Hill Birding. DBC will be represented as a

member of the Bird Conservation Network, a sponsor of the event. For tickets and information, visit <http://www.theurbanbirdingfestival.org>

Birding and Breakfast was a Blast!

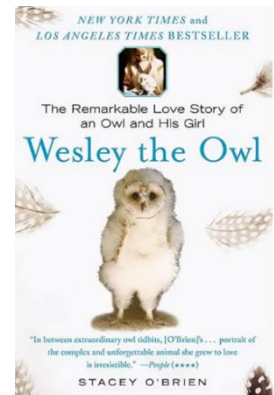
A good time was had by all at DBC's annual Birding and Breakfast event on Saturday, August 3, at Herrick Lake Forest Preserve. We enjoyed beautiful, bug-free weather, caught up with friends old and new, enjoyed Starbucks brew and lots of breakfast goodies, and saw a few birds. Almost 50 people attended the event, showing that folks are eager to reconnect again.



DATE CHANGE: DBC Book Club Meets September 17

In deference to those who want to watch the Presidential Debate live, the DBC Book Club will now meet on September 17 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss *Wesley the Owl* by Stacey O'Brien. Widely lauded by the nature community and a New York Times Bestseller, *Wesley the Owl* tells the story of the special relationship that developed between an injured Barn Owl and the woman who adopted him and committed two decades of her life to his care when it was determined he could not live as a wild bird. It's a short book so there's still time to read this captivating story.

All members are welcome! Please contact Mike Warner at mwarner2543@gmail.com if you'd like details on participating.



Let's Be Ready: 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=ftQutBEIJA>

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. Hope to see you out there on the trails!

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

September 2024 Field Trips

Late summer and early fall are the time for resident birds to raise their young, to molt, and for many species, to begin their migration south. September is also the best time to see migrants coming through, especially fall warblers. This month we have a variety of morning and afternoon trips and hawk watch opportunities at the end of the month. Join us on one of the many trips offered—21 field trips to be exact, including 4 hawk watch mornings!

There are opportunities for all types of birders to participate and enjoy. As always, nonmembers are welcome. There are no fees for birding trips.

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. Field trip information is also found at: www.dupagebirding.org

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.

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.

Trips will observe a few guidelines to ensure that birding is safe and comfortable for all:

- 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 ABA Code of Ethics: <https://dupagebirding.org/aba-code-of-ethics/>

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

Tuesday, September 3, 7:30 am – 10:00 am, 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

Thursday, September 5, 7:30 am - 10:30 am, or so, McKee Marsh, Warrenville

Pre-registration not required.

This site remains one of DuPage County's premier birding spots. Walk around the marsh with us, approximately 3.25 miles, to check out resident species. Targets include resident birds, raptors, waterfowl, fall warblers and other migrant species. 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., located between Winfield Rd. and Rt. 59 in Warrenville.

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

Thursday, September 5, 5:30 pm - sunset, Greene Valley Forest Preserve, 83rd Street Fluddle, Naperville

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

Meet at the north end of the Greene Road parking lot. We'll make our way east to the 83rd Street Fluddle area, with the primary goal being to look for migrating shorebirds, with birding along the way as time permits. Scopes/tripods are highly recommended, and trip leader will have one. Fall shorebird IDs can be difficult even with experience. Trip leader will be happy to help people who may be new to it, but it will help to review field guides, eBird/Merlin, and/or some of the DBC YouTube content (Yellowlegs and Similar Waders, Peeps) ahead of time. The trail to the Fluddle is not maintained, so take appropriate measures for ticks and mosquitos.

Leader: Matt Crisler, crislermj@gmail.com

Saturday, September 7, 7:30 am - 10:00 am, Bike and Bird, Greene Valley Forest Preserve, Naperville

Pre-registration required with the leader, 10 participants.

Greene Valley has a lot of great habitats in it, but you can't really cover more than one in a typical field trip due to distance. We will bike around the preserve to hit all of the good spots in one run. Bring your bike and we will cover the whole of Greene Valley over the course of a few hours. Expect to ride about 10 miles with a few light hills (no overlook). We will be sticking to the limestone/paved trails. Meet at the north end of the Greene Road parking lot.

Leader: Matt Crisler, crislermj@gmail.com

Sunday, September 8, 8:00 am - 10:00 am, St. James Farm Forest Preserve, Warrenville

Limit of 30 participants.

DuPage Birding Club will be partnering with the Conservation Foundation (*see below*) to lead a bird walk as part of the Take a Hike! Challenge, to identify tricky fall migrants. Our targets will include fall warblers and other migrant species. New and experienced birders are always welcome.

If you're interested in participating in this bird walk, please reach out to the field trip leader via email.

Leader: Robert Perez, robertperez787@gmail.com

The Conservation Foundation and Endeavor Health have partnered to create the Take a Hike! Challenge. For eight weeks, from Sept. 2 to Oct. 28, people of all ages are encouraged to rediscover the health benefits of being active and spending time outdoors.

People interested in participating in this free challenge can follow the directions below to sign up.

- 1) Sign up online at theconservationfoundation.org/take-a-hike/
- 2) Get out and hike from Sept. 2 to Oct. 28!

3) Turn in the Take a Hike! Tracker with 6 completed hikes to earn the Take a Hike! Trail Blaze Award* (commemorative pin or medallion. First time participants can earn a hiking stick + medallion).

**Must register individually to be eligible. Supplies are limited. Offer is valid while supplies last.*

To learn more and sign up, visit theconservationfoundation.org/take-a-hike/.

Tuesday, September 10, 8:00 am – 10:00 am, Greene Valley Forest Preserve, Naperville

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

This morning trip will be oriented toward late summer and early fall migratory birds. This walk is especially designed for new birders and will be at a leisurely pace to provide as much time as desired to look at each bird and to answer questions on equipment or bird identification. Meet at the Thunderbird Youth Camp Parking Lot. From Greene Road, go west on 79th about 1/2 mile, the entrance is on the south side of 79th Street, west of Greene Road in Naperville/Woodridge.

Leader: Bonnie Graham, 630-204-8750, coye72112@gmail.com

Tuesday, September 10, 7:30 am – 10:00 am, 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 10, 6:00 pm – 7:45 pm, Danada East, Wheaton

Registration is not required, but please email the trip leader if you plan to attend so you can receive any trip updates.

A more casual evening trip planned with the after-work/school crowd in mind, but anyone interested is welcome! This trip may be cancelled due to weather and will not be rescheduled. Please note, this trip will last past sunset and will be the last after-work trip of the year due to the shortened days.

Danada East is located at 3S501 Naperville Road, on the east side of the road, south of Butterfield Road and north of I-88. Those using GPS can set navigation to the Danada House. Plan to meet at the north end of the parking lot near the entry kiosk and area with benches and bike racks.

Leader: William Pixler, pillwixler@gmail.com

Wednesday, September 11, 7:30 am – 10am, Springbrook Prairie, Naperville

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

Join Joe Suchecki for a trip to Springbrook Prairie in Naperville to look for fall migrants. Meet at the Model Aircraft Field Parking Lot on Plainfield-Naperville Road. Please contact the trip leader at dbcsec2020@gmail.com to reserve your spot on the trip. Ensure that you receive confirmation from the trip leader that you are registered for the trip.

Leader: Joe Suchecki, DBCsec2020@gmail.com

Sunday, September 15, 7:30 am - 10:00 am, 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.

Leader: Diann Bilderback, diann.bilderback@yahoo.com

Tuesday, September 17, 7:30 am - 10:00 am, 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

Wednesday, September 18, 8:00 am - 11:00 am, Waterfall Glen Poverty Prairie, Darien

Pre-registration not required.

Meet at the Lemont Road parking lot (Waterfall Glen Parking Lot #3 Google Maps) for a slow walk through oak savanna and out to the prairie. No need to RSVP.

Leader: Vicky Sroczyński, vsroczyński@comcast.net

Date Change: Saturday, September 21, 8:00 am - 10:00 am, Montrose Point Bird Sanctuary, Chicago

Limit of 20 participants.

Montrose Point Bird Sanctuary is one of the premier birding hotspots in the state. Located next to Montrose Beach along Lake Michigan in Chicago, Montrose Point Bird Sanctuary offers a variety of habitats for a large number of birds. The group will explore the entire sanctuary, including wooded areas, prairie, beachfront and dunes area. Some trails may be muddy, so dress appropriately. Targets will include migrating warblers and shorebirds.

If you're interested in joining, please reach out to the field trip leader via email.

Leader: Robert Perez, robertperez787@gmail.com

Sunday, September 22, 7:30 am – 10:00 am, McDowell Grove Forest Preserve, Naperville

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

Meet Joe Suchecki at the main parking lot at McDowell Grove off of Raymond Drive in Naperville for a field trip to look for fall migrants at this DuPage County hotspot. Please contact the trip leader at dbcsec2020@gmail.com to reserve your spot on the trip. Ensure that you receive confirmation from the trip leader that you are registered for the trip.

Leader: Joe Suchecki, DBCsec2020@gmail.com

Saturday, September 21, 11:15 am - 1:00 pm & Sunday September 22, 11:15 am - 1:00 pm

Saturday, September 28, 11:15 am - 1:00 pm & Sunday September 29, 11:15 am - 1:00 pm

Fall Hawk Migration Extravaganza at Greene Valley Forest Preserve Overlook/Fisher Point

No limit on number of participants.

Let's gather at the top of the overlook, right after the gate is unlocked at 11:00am. We'll have a short site orientation, explain hawk watch techniques, and do a quick review of Hawk Migration Association of North America's Hawk ID sheet. We picked these two weekends to give us the best chance to witness

together the spectacle of Broad-winged Hawk migration. At the end of September, Broadwings leaving the US start passing by hawk watches in large numbers, depending on wind and timing.

Please review the club's Hawk Watch/Buteos talk, <https://youtu.be/ltXn5knJmyc?si=LchgvzD8BIXqPU1y>. There is a second club talk on the other families of hawks-accipiters, falcons, eagles-that is also helpful. <https://youtu.be/z-x00gRQvll?si=KLS2-RO3BuSiMQhG>. We'll have raptor field guides on hand as well. If you don't already have the free *HawkWatch International Raptor ID* mobile phone app, this is worthwhile for the descriptions, photos, and, especially, the videos that show flight styles of different hawks.

Bring a chair, hat, water, and a sack lunch or snacks. There is no shade here, so a solar umbrella may be useful to you. It can also be much cooler than at ground level, especially with northerly winds; so please bring layers.

Please RSVP to Vicky for any combo of dates so you can get an email update on weather conditions/Broadwing movement/potential site closure, and for the handouts.

(NOTE: If you're unable to join us for these event dates, you can still visit the hawk watch any weekend during September and October, from 11:00am to 6:00pm.)

Leader: Vicky Sroczyński, vsroczyński@comcast.net

Thursday, September 26, 5:00 pm - sunset, Lyman Woods, Downers Grove

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

We will be looking for late summer woodland/wetland residents and early migrants. Lyman's trails are almost always muddy regardless of weather. If rain occurs ahead of the trip, expect areas with standing water. Be prepared with appropriate footwear, and insect repellent is recommended. Meet at the parking lot on 31st Street.

Leader: Matt Crisler, crislermj@gmail.com

Saturday, September 28, 7:30 am – 10:00 am, Fermilab, Warrenville

Pre-registration is required (please email), limit 10 participants.

Please note that Fermilab is a government research facility and has strict access requirements: All participants aged 18 and over must have a REAL-ID compliant state ID or passport to enter the site. When on site, must remain in public areas at all times, have a visitor's tag visible, and leave the same way they came in. When arriving at Fermilab, present your ID and let the security guard know you are here for bird watching. Full details on public access to Fermilab can be found [HERE](#) and the trip leader will send out additional details to registered participants closer to the date of the trip.

We will cover a variety of habitats while looking for any fall migrants and with a primary focus on sparrows. We will walk a loop around the AE Sea Nature Area which will cover about 2 miles on wide, mown grass trails. We may venture into unmaintained grassy areas, so please be prepared for ticks. Depending on time and interest, we may drive elsewhere within Fermilab. We will meet at the 'Red Barn Area' located at the end of Sauk Circle [Google Map Link](#). If needed, Fermilab security can provide a site map and directions to this area when you arrive.

Leader: William Pixler, pillwixler@gmail.com

Sunday, September 29, 8:00 am – 11:00 am, 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, henrymm21@icloud.com

Wednesday, October 2, 7:30 am – 10:00 am, Springbrook Prairie, Naperville

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

Join Joe Suchecki for a trip to Springbrook Prairie in Naperville to look for later fall migrants and ducks. Meet at the Model Aircraft Field Parking Lot on Plainfield-Naperville Road. Please contact the trip leader at dbcsec2020@gmail.com to reserve your spot on the trip. Ensure that you receive confirmation from the trip leader that you are registered for the trip.

Leader: Joe Suchecki, DBCsec2020@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday & Saturday, November 15 & 16, Nygren Wetland Preserve, Rockton, IL.

Pre-Registration is required, limit is 10 participants.

Led by Dan Williams. Organized by Lenny Edgin.

This trip will begin Friday at 3:30 pm, at Nygren Overlook, and end around Noon to 1:00 pm Saturday.

Full itinerary will be sent to registrants.

To register and for more detailed information contact Lenny Edgin @ ledgin72@gmail.com.

Nygren is a beautiful wildlife refuge located in Rockton, Illinois, owned by the Natural Land Institute, a 501(c)(3) non-profit land trust which was created in 1958 by George Fell, one of the founders and first executive director of The Nature Conservancy. It covers over 700 acres of pristine wetlands, woodlands, and prairies, making it a diverse and important ecosystem in the area. It is a waystation for Sandhill Cranes as they migrate south for the winter. On this field trip, between the evening and daytime walks, we hope to see a variety of waterfowl and raptors, including Northern Harrier and Rough-legged Hawks and early migrants like Lapland Longspurs and late sparrows. We will also look for Northern Shrike, and Barred and Short-eared Owls.

We will be visiting **Ferguson Forest Preserve** and perhaps **Sugar River Forest Preserve** during this trip.

*This trip will be led by **Dan Williams**, who has lived in Winnebago County for over 50 years and has been birding for more than 45 years. He is currently a member of the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee. He has been the President and past board member of the Natural Land Institute, the owner of the Nygren Wetland Preserve, and a former member and past chair of the Land Advisory Council, a citizens advisory committee of the Winnebago County Forest Preserve District. The purpose of the LAC was to advise the Forest Preserve Commission regarding land acquisition opportunities.*

Additional birding opportunities:

Cantigny Park in Wheaton posts Accessible Birding 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.

Area Forest Preserves may have birding opportunities. Check out the DuPage and Cook County forest preserves: <https://www.dupageforest.org/calendar-of-events>, www.fpdcc.com/events.

Questions/Comments: Email us if you have questions, would like to lead a trip, or have an idea for a trip. Leaders do not have to be birding experts, just familiar with the location.

Field Trip Coordinators:

Sherry Courtney, sherrycourtney10@gmail.com

Karen Warner, k_warner@comcast.net

Welcome, New Members!

Shelly and John Brennan	Sugar Grove
Kautuk Kamboj	Bensenville
Michael Mayer	Elmwood Park
Gopi Prashanth	Aurora

DBC’s Summer ’24 Photo Contest Ends Soon!

There’s still time to submit your photos to The DBC is looking for pictures of birds taken between June 1, 2024, and August 31, 2024. Photos can be submitted until September 7.

All photos are welcome: amateur, funny, imperfect, high-quality. The “story behind the shot” is 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 ask that you limit the number of photos entered to five or less. They 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. We are looking for another judge - if you are interested (no experience necessary) please contact Mike Warner at mwarner2543@gmail.com.

There are two ways to enter your bird photographs:

1. If you have a Google Account (you have one if you use Gmail) click the link below:

[DBC Photo Contest Entry Form](#)

2. If you 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 October Drummings. The Fall '24 Photo Contest will be open starting September 15 and will end on November 30th.



2024 Meeting Schedule

January 11 July 11
March 14 September 12
April 11 October 10
May 9 November 14

2024 DBC Executive Committee Members

President: Robert Perez
Vice President: Thelma Hulka
Treasurer: Jane Barnett
Recording Secretary: Mark Freeburg
Corresponding Secretary: Natalie McFaul
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Director: Steve Mineck
Director: Pamela Martyn-Nemeth

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Email Distribution: Bob Fisher
Facebook: John Cebula
Field Trips: Karen Warner, Sherry Courtney

Flickr: Urs Geiser
Forest Preserve Liaison: Dennis Streicher
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