

President's Letter



Next Meeting

No meeting in June. Next meeting scheduled for July 9th.

Enjoy Your Month of Birding!

College of DuPage
Health Science Ctr, Rm 1234
425 Fawell Drive
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Premeeting Dinner

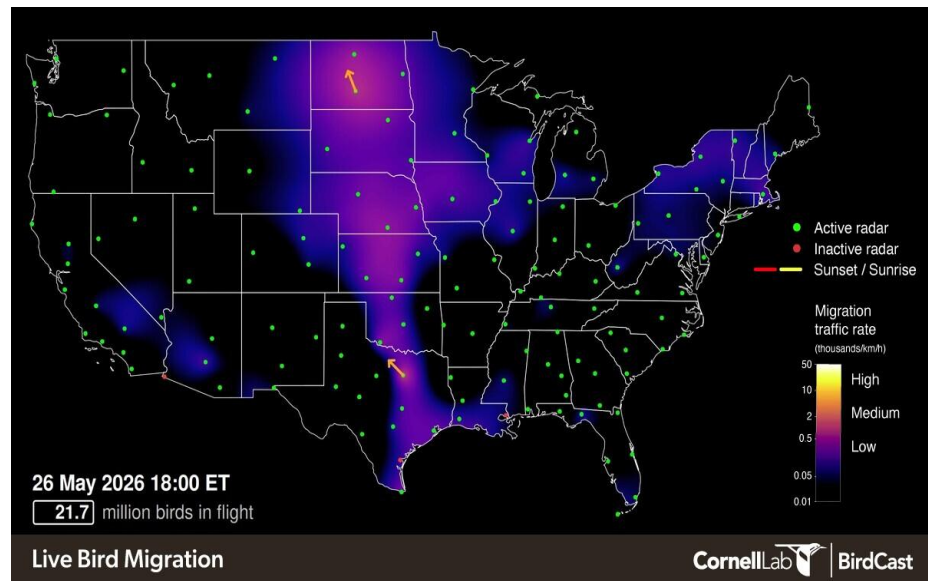
5:30 p.m.
Ellyn's Tap and Grill
940 Roosevelt Rd.
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Hi all,

Hope your warbler season went well! I've certainly been doing a lot of birding, so I don't have all that much to talk about this month. That said, keep an eye out later on for a preliminary release of our proposed bylaw revisions. Have a great summer!

Matt Crisler
crislermj@gmail.com

P.S. Just to give you an idea of where things stand right now with spring migration!



July 2026 Meeting Program: Beyond Our Senses: Bank Swallows-- Journey into a World Beyond Human Perception

Beyond Our Senses: Bank Swallows--Journey into a World Beyond Human Perception

Presented by Filmmaker David Busse

Beyond Our Senses: Bank Swallows tells the story of how each spring, thousands of bank swallows return to the Lake Michigan bluffs to build colonies, mate, and raise their young. Guided by extraordinary senses, they navigate predators, rivals, and the relentless demands of survival in a hidden world beyond human perception. Following the film, the filmmaker shares the story of his obsessive quest to document the swallows, leading him to daily check-ins, deep research,



and collaborations that spanned the globe – all while becoming a father. He discovers behaviors in the footage he had overlooked many times, culminating in a moment with his family at the dinner table that he never could have planned. Learn more at beyondoursensesfilm.com.



David Busse is a 4x Emmy Award–winning filmmaker and video producer from Wheaton. By day, he works in advertising; by night, he pursues films driven by exploring the natural world and Lake Michigan's ecosystems. His previous work includes the nature documentary *SNOWSTORM*, and a photo series anchored by the lake's landscape. **Beyond Our Senses: Bank Swallows** represents his most ambitious project to date. He is currently submitting the film to festivals and hosting screenings throughout the Great Lakes region to connect with local communities.

In Case You Missed It: Saving the Piping Plovers

Dr. Sarah Saunders joined us from Michigan via Zoom for our May meeting and delivered a fascinating presentation on the efforts being undertaken to save Piping Plovers in the Great Lakes.

The Great Lakes Piping Plover, a federally endangered shorebird, has made a remarkable comeback from the brink of extinction thanks to decades of dedicated conservation efforts. Once



Dr. Sarah Saunders, Audubon Great Lakes

reduced to just 12 breeding pairs in the 1980s, this population has now exceeded 80 pairs, with record-breaking breeding seasons in recent years. Dr. Saunders explained how this success is a testament to the power of science-driven conservation and the collaboration of researchers, land managers, and community volunteers on the Great Lakes Piping Plover Conservation Team using key strategies that have fueled this recovery, which include nest monitoring and protection, predator management, annual banding, captive-rearing, and education and outreach.

She also shared with us an overview of the Piping Plovers breeding habits and how to tell the subtly dimorphic species apart. In all, she brought home the fact how the recovery of the Great Lakes Piping Plover serves as an inspiring example of how rigorous science, partnerships, and community engagement can drive meaningful conservation outcomes. To watch the recording of this meeting content visit: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mj-dqK_BYJc

2026 Spring Bird Count Preliminary Results

Joe Suchecki – DuPage County Compiler

The annual Spring Bird Count was conducted on Saturday May 9th, when over 100 DuPage birders spread out across the county to participate in this statewide event. The weather during the count was just about perfect with mild temperatures and fair skies. With good conditions, our very skilled DuPage birders were expecting a good count for the day.

In all, birders tallied 180 species and over 25,000 birds for the count. The 180 species was slightly above the average number of species seen over the last 20 years and tied the results from last year. Our most commonly seen birds were the Red-winged Blackbird, American Robin, Canada Goose, Tree Swallow, and House Sparrow. That list of the five most common birds has pretty much stayed the same over the last few years.

One of the fun aspects of birding is going out with expectations of finding some interesting or rare birds, and our fellow spring bird counters came up with some good ones for this year's count. Topping the list of rare birds is the addition of a Lapland Longspur to the Spring Bird Count list. Diann Bilderback discovered a beautiful male longspur at Northside Park in Wheaton (see photo). This is the first record of a Lapland Longspur on the Spring Bird Count after over 50 years of completing spring counts in DuPage County. Congratulations to Diann for finding this great bird in a very unlikely location for a longspur.



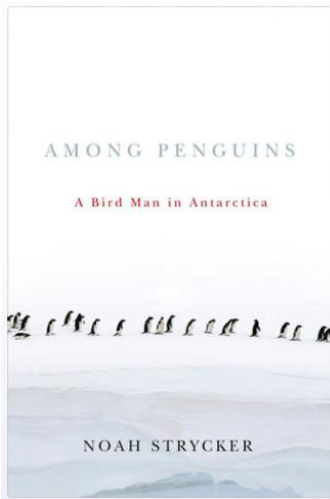
Lapland Longspur. Photo by Diann Bilderback

Birders were also successful in recording some previously seen rarities on count day. The Western Tanager at Elsen's Hill was relocated on count day as were the Loggerhead Shrike and Western Meadowlark at Fermilab. Additional birds requiring documentation for the count include a flock of 41 White Pelicans independently observed flying

overhead by Denis Kania at McDowell Grove in Naperville and Pete Moxon at Elsen's Hill in Winfield. We only get to count them once though. Thirty-three Monk Parakeets were seen at their regular location representing an all-time high number for this species on the count. Other notable species were Long-billed Dowitcher, King Rail, and Blue Grosbeak.

My thanks to the Area Captains and everyone who participated in the Spring Bird Count this year. I am still compiling the detailed results of the count at this time. We will provide more detailed information and a complete list of species and numbers of birds on the DBC website and in the July issue of Drumming.

DBC Book Club: *Among Penguins: A Bird Man in Antarctica*



The DBC Book Club met last month to discuss **The Feather Detective** by Chris Sweeney. It was a biography of Roxie Laybourne, an expert in bird feather identification, who investigated feathers found at murder scenes and airplane-bird collision sites. The group found it to be interesting reading and would recommend it to birders and nonbirders alike.

The group then selected **Among Penguins: A Bird Man in Antarctica** by Noah Strycker as their next read. From the publisher: "The year he graduated from college, 22-year-old Noah Strycker was dropped by helicopter in a remote Antarctic field camp with two bird scientists and a three months' supply of frozen food. His subjects: more than a quarter million penguins." This book chronicles his adventures.

The discussion will take place starting at 7 PM on Tuesday, June 9th (location TBA). If you are interested in participating, please email Mike Warner at mwarner2543@gmail.com.

DBC Magee Marsh Trip Report 2026

Eighteen DBCers caravanned to Port Clinton, Ohio, May 7-10, for the annual warbler spectacle that occurs as many thousands of migrants arrive on the shores of Lake Erie—as well as many thousands of birders who come for the birds and to enjoy the Biggest Week in American Birding festival. The team had 131 species, including highlights like the Harris's Sparrow, Black-billed Cuckoo, and a ridiculous 163 Trumpeter Swans! A shoutout to Sherry Courtney for organizing the excursion and to DBC President Matt Crisler for his skilled leadership. Enjoy the two trip reports below.



Our group at Maumee Bay State Park on Lake Erie by Sherry Courtney

From Sherry Courtney:



Cape May Warbler by Sherry Courtney

Driving towards Toledo. It has been raining all the way. The only good thing is that we see a complete rainbow. And that was only the beginning of our 3-day DBC trip to Magee Marsh for the Biggest Week In American Birding. 18 members, 24 checklists, and 131 species later, we were tired, sad to leave, and so grateful to have had the chance to have amazingly long and close-up looks at birds we've rarely seen, with old and new friends, and an incredible leader.

The highlights included finding the Franklin's Gull next to Caspian, Common, and Forster's terns all standing together, prompting Matt to give us an impromptu tern ID talk. Sitting out an evening thunderstorm in our cars, only to emerge into the beautiful sunlight, fresh air, and back onto the boardwalk where we had a long, close look at the elusive Sora. Seeing a Snowy Egret. Spotting a Sandhill Crane couple, and then the emergence of 2 colts! Seeing the Black-billed Cuckoo. Really great ice cream! A few years ago, Trumpeter Swans were almost extinct. We saw over 100+ in one day!!



Sora by Sherry Courtney

From Franklin Chow:



Harris Sparrow under car by Sabrina Chow

A funny and only-at-Magee Marsh experience: We had just finished a whole day of birding at the boardwalk. Highlights were a Bay-breasted Warbler and a Harris's Sparrow. We were exhausted and ready to leave. To our surprise, we found the Harris's



Harris Sparrow by Sabrina Chow

Sparrow was underneath our car. There was a crowd of photographers taking pictures of the sparrow. Naturally we couldn't get into our car. For almost ten minutes the Harris's Sparrow held our car hostage.

Thank you, magical boardwalk! Thank you, Matt Crisler for being our outstanding leader!



Black-throated Green Warbler by Helen Chow

Forest Preserve District of DuPage County April 2026 Report

President Hebreard recognized Earth Day and April as Earth Month and encouraged celebration of the Earth every day with the Forest Preserve.

The DuPage Conservation Wildlife Center: The Conservation Wildlife Center is now open to the public. 11,000 native animals each year are cared for in this state-of-the-art facility. It is the first NetZero powered building powered by geothermal and solar power. This ensures our habitats are more climate resistant for native and human inhabitants.

Land Acquisition Program Update: York Woods was the first Forest Preserve designated by the Forest Preserve District of DuPage in 1917. From that time forward thousands of acres have been added to the District. A presentation was made on March 3 and there is a land acquisition chart on the District website that identifies the various additions to the Forest Preserve District as it has mushroomed to almost 25,000 acres over the years. View [here](#).

New USPS Stamp with Sibley Art

This month, the U.S. Postal Service will issue a new set of Forever postage stamps, displaying Bald Eagles at five stages: one week old, four weeks old, one year old, two years old, and adult. The artwork for these stamps is by David A. Sibley, renowned bird artist and author.

Almost fundamental to American identity since the early days of the nation, the Bald Eagle has been a favorite stamp subject since 1869. These latest stamps can provide a new perspective on this American icon, featuring illustrations of the bird at different stages of life.

According to Sibley, the stamp series is intended to spark curiosity and appreciation for Bald Eagles, noting that while most Americans can surely recognize an adult Bald Eagle as the national symbol, few know about the bird's transitional plumages and life challenges. He hopes the stamps "emphasize that the familiar adult eagle has already lived through a series of transitional plumages, finding food, migrating, and surviving all of life's challenges"

Derry Noyes, an art director for USPS, designed the stamps using the original paintings by Sibley. Of course, as Forever stamps, they will always be equal in value to whatever the current First-Class Mail 1-ounce price is. They will be available in sheets of 20 stamps, and you can view an image of the sheet here:

<https://www.stampsforever.com/stamps/bald-eagle-hatchling-to-adult>

Welcome New Members!

Susan Armitage and Zak Vajworarat
Annie Ittersagen
Ashley Mueller

Naperville
Wheaton
Bolingbrook

Peggy Noah
Jerome and Caroline Planek
Dianne Siekmann
Patrick Webb

Lombard
Warrenville
Mundelein
Geneva

You Can Still Get Free Shipping On DBC Gear!



Did you know DBC members can celebrate and show off their DBC pride with apparel and accessories delivered right to their door? Our club's online store has just added new shirt designs and eco-friendly water bottles to its selection of items, all featuring our venerable, adorable Downy Woodpecker logo.

The free shipping code is **DBC-FREESHIP**. It is not case sensitive and is valid until **6/30/26**.

Our shirts, outerwear, bags, and bottles make great holiday gifts for your bird-loving friends too. Get started with your shopping here: <https://hyperstitch.com/category/clubs/dupage-birding-club/>



Resources for Building Your Birding-by-Ear Skills

Level up your birding-by-ear skills and you will 1) identify birds more quickly and accurately, 2) detect more species, and 3) literally double your enjoyment of the pastime. We're not kidding! You can sharpen your skills right now for all those newly arrived summer residents by tapping into resources on the DBC Education Channel and through Bird Conservation Network (BCN) resources.

At the DBC Education Channel, you'll find five birding-by-ear tutorials authored by our own Joe Suchecki:

- [Thrushes](#)
- [Empidonax flycatchers](#)
- [Vireos](#)
- [Woodpeckers](#)
- [Grassland birds](#)

To explore other DBC learning resources, visit www.youtube.com/dupagebirdingclub.

The Bird Conservation Network has created easy-to-use resources to help volunteer monitors hone their skills at identifying our breeding birds by ear. These resources are also available to anyone with a desire to learn. The first is a one-hour [Birding-by-Ear Tutorial](#) led by DBC members Vicky Sroczyński and Bob Fisher.

The second is a series of four workbooks organized by habitat type in which the breeding birds are likely to be found. Each species listed has a link to a page on the Xeno-Canto website where you can play the song/call and learn more. The guides cover 140 species of birds in the BCN database that have been recorded in our area during nesting season.

Download the PDF files here:

+[BCN Grassland Bird Vocalizations 1.0](#)

+[BCN Shrubland Bird Vocalizations 1.0](#)

+[BCN Wetland Bird Vocalizations 1.0](#)

+[BCN Woodland Bird Vocalizations 1.0](#)

Tap these resources to enhance your enjoyment of birding and see more birds!

Current Outreach Opportunities

A variety of organizations reach out to the DuPage Birding Club in search of presentations and programs about birds. The Outreach Committee's members try to fulfill as many requests as possible but find **we are always in need of volunteers**. You don't have to be a birding expert or a polished public speaker to play a role in Outreach activities. Many activities are field trips where a second helpful person would improve the experience for participants. Others give you a chance to engage with the public and share information about the club and the joys of birding.

Discover what others already know: outreach programs can be fun and rewarding—try it! If you would like to volunteer to assist on one of the opportunities below, please contact Mike Warner at mwarner2543@gmail.com.

June 4th - Birding Field Trip on the Naperville Riverwalk. Presented to the Naper Settlement active seniors by Mike Warner. 8 am -- 10 am.

October 10th through 11th – Forest Preserve District of DuPage County Fall Festival, Danada East Forest Preserve. Lisa Gaylord, Donnalynn Quint volunteering.

October 20th - Birding DuPage. Bloomingdale, Roselle, Itasca Public Library, 7 pm. Tie-in to the book *Comfort in Crows*. Mike Warner to host.

Upcoming Field Trips

We offer a variety of field trips, with opportunities for all types of birders to participate and enjoy each season. There is special support for new birders on some trips. Participants are welcome to contact the trip leader if they have any questions.

Guidelines

NOTE: For trips with a participant limit, registration with the trip leader is required. In those cases, you are NOT registered until you receive confirmation from the trip leader.

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

- Field trips are open to nonmembers after the first of the month.
- Anyone not feeling well should stay home.
- Attendees of DBC field trips and other events who are 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 Birding Ethics](#).

If possible, last-minute changes or cancellation of field trips will be posted on the website.

Field Trip Participants

Participants, please remember that the weather can be variable, and trails can be muddy, slippery, or even snow covered, so dress accordingly. Also, depending on the weather, bring protection for biting insects, ticks, sun, rain, or winter cold. We expect everyone to enjoy birding in a safe manner. Visitors are always welcome! We do not charge fees for birding trips.

Field Trip Coordinators

Stephanie Cullerton and Elena Nelson manage the DBC calendar of trips. Contact them at fieldtripsdbc@gmail.com if you have questions or if you would like to lead a trip. Leaders do not have to be birding experts, just familiar with the location.

Friday, May 29th, 5:45 pm – 9:00 pm, Lyman Woods, Downers Grove

Registration with the leader is required. Limit 15 participants. Registration for nonmembers opened on May 1st.

Warblers (and other spring migrants) after work! Meet at the parking lot on 31st Street. We'll conclude the trip with some dusk birding looking for the resident Great Horned Owls. A red flashlight or headlamp is recommended. 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.

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Leader: Matt Crisler, crislermj@gmail.com

Saturday, June 6th, 7:00 am – 10:00 am, Springbrook Prairie Forest Preserve, Naperville, IL

Registration with the leader is required. Limit 12 participants. Registration for nonmembers opens on June 1st.

Field trip to look for breeding grassland birds. With the spring migration over, this trip will concentrate on finding grassland birds that typically stay and nest in DuPage County. Targets include Bobolink, Eastern Meadowlark, Sedge Wren, Dickcissel, and Savannah, Henslows, and Grasshopper sparrows.

Meet at 7:00 am at the main parking lot for Springbrook Prairie on 83rd Street across from the Springbrook golf course. NOTE: With Book Road CLOSED you must get to the parking lot from Route 59

by taking 83rd Street east - 83rd Street is open to the preserve entrance. Wear long pants and hiking boots since we will be going off-trail. Use insect repellent for ticks since ticks are prevalent in the grassland habitat.

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Leader: Joe Suchecki, dbcsec2020@gmail.com, (630) 842-4921

Saturday, June 6th, 8:00 am – 10:00 am, Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, Elwood, Will County
Registration with the leader is required. Limit 20 participants. Registration for nonmembers opens on June 1st.

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

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

Sunday, June 7th, 8:30 am – 11:00 am, Greene Valley Bike & Bird, Naperville

Registration with the leader is required. Limit 10 participants. Registration for nonmembers opens on June 1st.

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 as much as possible in one run. Expect to ride about 5 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 near the information sign and trailhead.

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Leader: Matt Crisler, crislermj@gmail.com

Saturday, June 13th, 7:30 am – 10:30 am, Elsen's Hill/West DuPage Woods, Winfield

Registration with the leader is required. Limit 15 participants. Registration for nonmembers opens on June 1st.

The warblers may have gone, but there's still plenty to see at Elsen's Hill during the summer months. We'll do a meander on the trails looking for our colorful breeding birds such as Scarlet Tanager, Red-headed Woodpecker, Indigo Bunting, Baltimore Oriole, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Wood Duck, and more. We'll also give due to our less showy friends among the flycatchers, sparrows, and vireos. It's always fun to see what turns up!

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Leader: Diann Bilderback, diann.bilderback@yahoo.com, (630) 272-5746

Sunday, June 14th, 7:30 am – 9:30 am, Seager Park, Naperville

Registration with the leader is required. Limit 10 participants. Registration for nonmembers opens on June 1st.

Let's see who's decided to spend the summer with us in this 30-acre patch of woods, ephemeral

wetland, and grass, with lots of edge habitat. New birders welcome! We'll be looking for a wide variety of summer residents (including Red-headed Woodpeckers) in this little gem of a park. Trails are a mix of dirt, grass, and pavement. Bathrooms available. Meet in the parking lot at 1163 Plank Road, Naperville.

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Leader: Steve Constantelos, steve.constantelos@gmail.com

Friday, June 19th, 7:30 am – 11:00 am, Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve – Bluff Road Lot, Lemont

Registration with the leader is required. Limit 8 participants. Registration for nonmembers opens on June 1st.

We'll walk about 2.5 miles on crushed gravel trails through the forest looking for breeding birds such as Red-headed Woodpeckers, Scarlet Tanagers, Great Crested Flycatchers, and Indigo Buntings. Wear bug spray.

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Leader: Elena Nelson, ladylena76@gmail.com

Friday, June 26th, 7:30 am – 10:00 am, Knoch Knolls Park, Naperville

Registration with the leader is required. Limit 12 participants. Registration for nonmembers opens on June 1st.

An early summer walk to the DuPage River confluence, where the east and west branches meet. We'll go about two miles round trip, looking for budding bird families in the water, fields, and woods. Trails are flat, with a mix of grass, dirt, and pavement. Meet at the parking lot on 336 Knoch Knolls Rd., Naperville. Bathrooms available at trail head.

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Leader: Steve Constantelos, steve.constantelos@gmail.com

Saturday, June 27th, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm, Lyman Woods, Downers Grove

Registration with the leader is required. Limit 15 participants. Registration for nonmembers opens on June 1st.

Meet at the parking lot on 31st street. We'll conclude the trip with some dusk birding looking for the resident owls. A red flashlight or headlamp is recommended. Lyman's trails can be muddy if we get rain - be prepared with appropriate footwear. Insect repellent is highly recommended.

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Leader: Matt Crisler, crislermj@gmail.com

Friday, July 3rd, 7:30 am – 9:30 am, West DuPage Woods Forest Preserve – Rt. 59, West Chicago

Registration with the leader is required. Limit 10 participants. Registration for nonmembers opens on June 1st.

Join me for a short, leisurely, 1/2 mile loop around this wooded area to check in on the summer residents. Beginning birders are welcome. This is a crushed limestone trail with some slight elevation changes. Note this is the same patch of land as Elsen's Hill, but on the west side. The entrance to the park is off Rt. 59. in West Chicago, just south of Forest Ave.

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Leader: Stephanie Cullerton, stephcullert@yahoo.com

Additional birding opportunities:

Accessible Bird Walks at Cantigny are open to birders of all levels and abilities. If you enjoy a leisurely walk on beautiful grounds, there is plenty of capacity! Check the Cantigny calendar every month for dates at <https://cantigny.org/events/>. A parking fee of \$6.00 will apply; no fee for the walk itself.

Area Forest Preserves may have birding opportunities. Check out DuPage at <https://www.dupageforest.org/calendar-of-events>, Cook County at www.fpdcc.com/events, and Will County Forest Preserves District at <https://www.reconnectwithnature.org/>. Area bird clubs also offer additional opportunities, for example, check out Kane County Audubon at <https://kanecountyaudubon.com/>.

Field Trip Coordinators:

Stephanie Cullerton, stephcullert@yahoo.com

Elena Nelson, ladylena76@gmail.com

Sherry Courtney (special trips), sherrycourtney10@gmail.com

DBC's Winter/Spring '26 Photo Contest Closes June 30

The DBC's Photo Contest has changed from four times per year to two contests each year and is now looking for pictures of birds taken between January 1, 2026, and June 30, 2026. 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 so no categories have been predefined—every entry has a chance to win!

Note: the judges* ask that you limit the number of photos you enter to five or less. They usually do not give out more than one award to the same photographer 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 and are subject to the July 7, 2026 deadline.

Good luck! Winners will be announced in the August Drummings.

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 dupagebirdingclub@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.

*** We're always looking for more Photo Contest Judges. If you might be interested, email Mike Warner at mwarner2543@gmail.com. No experience necessary!**



2026 DBC Executive Committee Members

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Forest Preserve Liaison: Dennis Streicher

2026 Meeting Schedule

January 8	July 9
March 12	September 10
April 9	October 8
May 14	November 12

Grants and Donations: Joe Suchecki,
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