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Great Backyard Bird Count

On February 14-17, the National Audubon Society, along with the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, is hosting its 6th Annual Great Backyard Bird Count. Help us make this a great nationwide event!

You don't need to do anything to register in advance. Just select a site (most choose their own backyard) and count the number of birds you see. Note each species and the largest number you see at any one time. At the end of the day, report your results via the internet at the GBBC website. For more information, go to the GBBC website at <http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc/> for detailed information on participation.

Audubon will provide sites to report results if you don't have access to the internet. Call the phone numbers below for details. The Audubon Chapter of Minneapolis has planned a couple of ways you can participate. On Saturday, February 15, we have three choices for you:

- ◆ From 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Springbrook Nature Center in Fridley
- ◆ From 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Westwood Hills Nature Center in St. Louis Park
- ◆ From 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Wood Lake Nature Center in Richfield

There will be Audubon members to help with bird identification and some binoculars will be available to borrow. Come with friends, watch, and have fun with others. It is anticipated that some Audubon members will be hosting parties where birding enthusiasts can gather to observe birds or to gather before departing to their favorite birding site to do their counts. Pass this information to everyone you know. Host your own party for your friends! There will be prizes for participants, especially those who decide to join Audubon during the Count. For more information about prizes or other general information, call Jerry Bahls at 763-572-2333 or Tom Mahan at 763-588-5440, or any Board member (see page 2).

Hope to see you counting!

—Jerry Bahls



Don't forget the **Cookie Social** prior to the program at 6:30 p.m. on February 4th... Please bring a plate of cookies to share and join your fellow Chapter members for some treats and socializing before learning all you ever wanted to know about Minnesota owls!

February Program

On February 4, Steve Weston of the Minnesota River Valley Audubon Chapter will present a lively and informative program on the 12 species of owls found in Minnesota. Steve will discuss their calls, nesting habits, and behaviors. Most importantly, he will explain how to find them and how to call them out. He promises to teach us a successful call that is not found on any of the tapes!

Originally from New York City, Steve migrated to the Midwest and settled in Minnesota after graduate school. Here his passion for birding began in his backyard on Quigley Lake. For the last 12 years, he has introduced many people to the pleasures and excitement of birding as a field trip leader for Audubon, Dakota County Parks, and the Boy Scouts. He is active in Audubon and the Minnesota Ornithologists Union and frequently drives across the state to follow up on rare bird sightings. His family has felt the need to resort to limiting his access to binoculars, especially while driving!



"Optical Swaptical"

How would you like to have your old, unused (but still good) optical equipment go to a good home?

At the April Chapter meeting, we are going to have a table available for a "Swap Meet" to give you an opportunity to sell your old binoculars, spotting scopes, cameras and birding books. Twenty percent of the sale price will be donated to the Chapter (yes, this a fund raiser for the Chapter).

Here's your chance to do something for the Chapter and recycle some of that stuff that is going unused...more details to follow.

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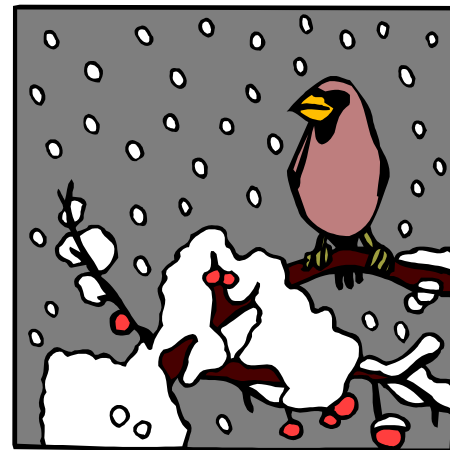
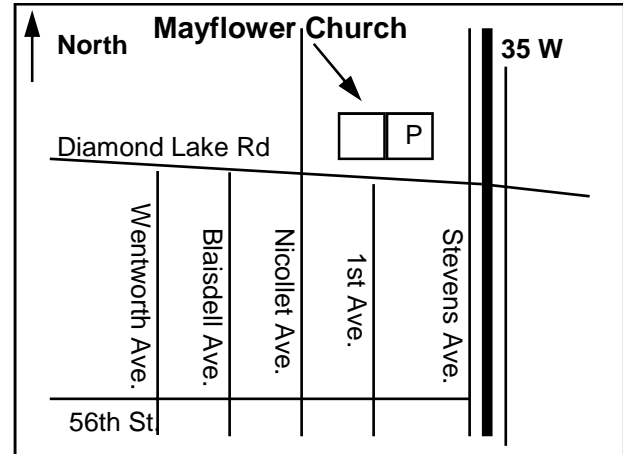
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Come to Our Next Program!

DATE: Tuesday, February 4th "Owls in Winter"

TIME: Cookie Social at 6:30 p.m.,
Program begins at 7:30 p.m.

AT: Mayflower Church (Lower Level)
109 E. Diamond Lake Road, Minneapolis
(35W & East Diamond Lake Road)



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- Yes, I'd like to join!* Please enroll me as a member of the National Audubon Society and my local chapter at the special introductory rate of \$20! Please send AUDUBON magazine and my membership card to the address below.
- Yes, I'd like to join!* As a senior citizen or student, I am able to join for only \$15!

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Send this application and make check payable to:

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Calendar of Events

February

- 4 Cookie Social, 6:30 p.m.
Chapter program, 7:30 p.m.
"Owls in Winter" by Steve Weston
- 11 Chapter Board Meeting, 7:15 p.m.
* Field trip: Sax-Zim Bog (Aikin County) to look for owls, contact Terry Brashears

March

- 4 Chapter program, 7:30 p.m.
"Backyard Wildlife Habitat" by Vija Kelly
- 11 Chapter Board Meeting, 7:15 p.m.

April

- 1 Chapter program, 7:30 p.m.
"Monarch Migration" by Prof. Karen Oberhauser
Also, Optical Swaptical (see pg. 1)

See you on the birding trails!

All are welcome to the Chapter Board Meetings!
Call President Tom Mahan for details...