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President's Message

Spring is coming! How quietly, subtly the seasons change. Have you noticed the cardinal's change from winter to spring call? Do you wonder what tells them it's time for a change when there is still snow and no real change in temperatures? Birders have so much to enjoy, are aware of small changes and many day brighteners. Let's share some of these "awarenesses" at our gathering times at meetings. If you have some special remembrances of birding times, would you also share them with us in the Kingfisher (perhaps the first time you really heard the differences in bird calls, or had a chance to study a bird thoroughly)?

My life has been so rich with birding and outdoors, thanks to my father, W. Bryant Tyrrell, a wildlife photographer, who sometimes took me with him. One time, photographing the mute swans that congregated at the head of the Chesapeake Bay, we walked across dry practice fields of the Edgewood Arsenal. I scuffed my shoes, kicked up dust that had us all coughing from the chemicals being tested. Then we got to the bay totally covered with those beautiful, graceful birds, their whiteness against the blue water and not a sound --a wow.

If you could be a bird, which would you choose?

With a new president and congress, we will have many challenges and opportunities. We know it will take work by all of us to preserve the wild areas, the habitats the birds need, the forests the rivers need to keep them clear. Yet, birding is becoming a more acknowledged sport/hobby, and recognized as an economic asset. The February issue of Northwest Airlines's magazine, World Traveler, has an article "Fathering Nature" about William Sladen's work of teaching parentless swans to migrate, and his work in Antarctica. Many people will read this who might not pick up a bird magazine. We want to build these connections and encourage others to join with us in Audubon. Invite a coworker, friend, or neighbor to a meeting, a field trip; share your love of birds and outdoors with them, get them "hooked." Have you volunteered at city or county parks? Be sure to tell them you are Audubon members; see if they have copies of the Kingfisher for visitors to read. If not, let Jerry Bahls or me know. We'll get copies for you to deliver to them.

Happy birding and I'll be looking for you at the next meeting.

—Dorothy Kuether

Upcoming Program

Tuesday, March 6

Birds and Flowers of Rocky Mountain National Park

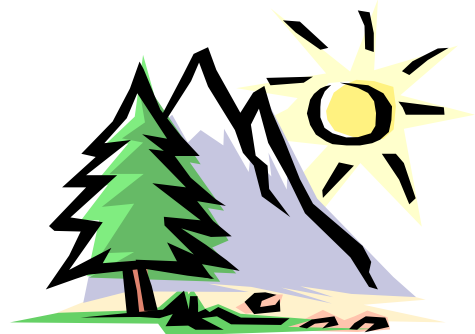
Into the Rocky Mountains is where Don Bolduc will take us for the March program. Through the wonder of Don's slides we will visit Rocky Mountain National Park, where one can go from lush valleys to beyond the tree line into alpine tundra. In the tundra, the flowers may be only four inches tall, but they come in spectacular colors—the pale blue of Alpine forget-me-nots, which have brightly yellow "eyes", to the bright magenta of Fairy Primrose. Lower on the hillsides, you will find Indian Paintbrush, not the orange of our local flowers, but a beautiful rose red; and Lupines.

The birds change, too, through the various elevations. Most commonly seen are the Clark's Nutcrackers, which are not the least shy of humans. These birds help perpetuate the forest by hiding far more seeds from cones than they will ever recover and eat. The hardest to find are Blue Grouse and Rock Ptarmigan. The latter bird, in the summer, blends in so well with its rocky tundra hillside, that you could almost step on it before noticing it.

Rocky Mountain National Park is in north-central Colorado, about two hours from Denver. It was formed in 1915 after a decade of lobbying by a local photographer and naturalist named Enos Mills. Although the park is not one of the largest at 415 square miles, the road passing through it, Trail Ridge Road, is the highest continuously paved road in the world.

Don Bolduc has been birding and photographing for over 35 years. Those of us who have seen his slides before, know that we are in for a real treat. Please join us. We meet at Mayflower Church just off of 35W and Diamond Lake Road.

—Vija Kelly



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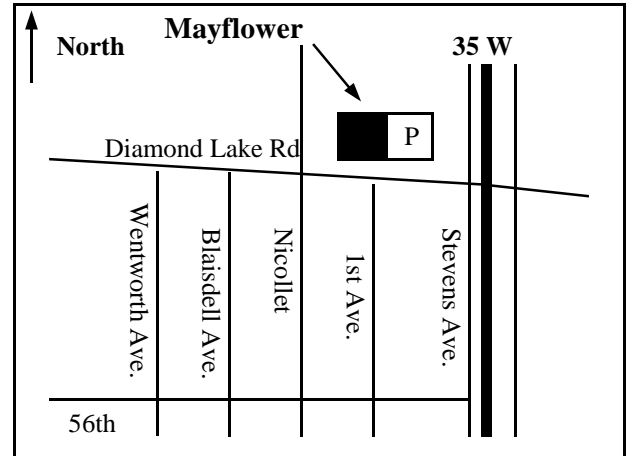
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Come to Our Next Program!

DATE: Tuesday, March 6, 2001

TIME: 7:30 p.m. "Birds and Flowers of Rocky Mountain National Park"

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



Memorials

Memorials were received for
Maebelle (Middlemist) Johnson,
a many year member, from :
Stella Olson,
Ruth J. Harris,
and Marlys Middlemist.
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The Movement of Birds

By the time you read this, birds will be on the move. Eagles will be gathering by hundreds on the Mississippi south of Red Wing. Red-tailed hawks will be very visible on telephone poles and light poles along the highways. The cold-weather waterfowl, golden-eyes, mergansers, and buffleheads, will be visible wherever there is open water. Spring migration will not be far behind.

Looking back, the seasonal movement of birds brought some interesting sights this winter. Great Gray and Northern Hawk Owls were more plentiful and more easily seen than they have been for several years. One could almost be guaranteed a sight of them on any morning around Aitkin County and in the Sax-Zim Bog. A Snowy Owl was very conspicuous sitting on a light pole in Aitkin County, but several more were much harder to find in the harbor at Duluth. They look just like another chunk of ice. On the other hand, there were very few Rough-legged hawks in evidence in either Aitkin County or the Sax-Zim bog this year, when they were all over the place last year. A lot of Rough-legged's were moving south very early—October, as observed from Hawk Ridge in Duluth. They must have moved much farther south this year. Also, few Common or Hoary Redpolls, Bohemian Waxwings, or Evening Grosbeaks have been in evidence this year.

There were some special birds that came to visit the state this winter. My own greatest thrill was seeing a Gyrfalcon in Duluth flying not more than six feet over my head. It took me three tries (meaning three trips to Duluth) before I actually got to see the bird, but it was well worth the effort. They are huge! In addition to the Gyr, a Grey-crowned Rosy Finch appeared by the grain elevators in Duluth. I missed it on my first try, and as of this writing I haven't had a chance to go back. Other rare visitors were Townsend's Solitaire and Varied Thrush.

Birds move primarily to find food. Our neo-tropical migrants (such as warblers) come here because the competition for food is less than in the tropics. This is critical for them for breeding and raising young. The winter visitors come primarily for the same reason (minus the breeding aspect). If you observe the Snowy Owls that may be found in Minnesota in the winter, you will notice that they are usually juveniles. You can tell this because they are heavily streaked with dark feathering. These birds are unable to compete with more mature birds in the far north for scarce food resources. When lemming populations crash, and other sources of food, such as hares, are not as readily available, more birds move south. If food resources are very scarce, the movement may include adult birds.

With the Great Gray, Northern Hawk and Boreal Owls another factor may come into play. Deep snows or crusted snows may inhibit these birds from reaching their prey, which could be abundant, but inaccessible. Unfortunately, it is hard times for the birds that lead to wonderful experiences for us in seeing them. As the northward movement of birds begins, please re-



member when you are in the field that birds on the move are under stress. Do not stress them more in your eagerness to see them.

— Vija Kelly

Field Trip Leadership Work-

Have you ever been a Field Trip Leader? It is easy, fun and a great way to help your chapter provide nature education programs for your community *and* bring in new members! Minnesota Audubon and the Minnesota River Valley Audubon Chapter are sponsoring a series of workshops for chapter members, scout leaders and anyone who would like to share their love of birding with others. The workshops will be on Saturday afternoons at 2:30 p.m. March 24, March 31 and April 7th at the Minnesota River Valley Wildlife Refuge in Bloomington. Each workshop will be focused on a different aspect of birding, but you don't have to attend all three to participate. The first class will focus on what is needed to organize a field trip. The second class will focus on the skills needed during a field trip and we will end with a practice field trip. Some of the topics to be covered will be determining who to lead your trip for, the birding goals of the trip (target birds, total species count, etc.) and how to pick locations for the field trips.

For more information and to register, contact Suzanne Plass at Minnesota Audubon, 651-225-1830 or splass@audubon.org.

Maebelle Middlemist Johnson

How does one thank a person for having memorials given in their name to Audubon? Maebelle Middlemist Johnson did that. We much appreciate her giving and her friends' gifts. Maebelle was a "quiet" member. Let me tell you something about her. She was 7 of 10 children, grew up partially in an orphanage. After adoption, she was able to attend and graduate from Gustavus Adolphus College as a social worker. She worked at the Children's Home Society in St. Paul until getting her master's in psychiatric social work. She then worked in Hawaii; later returning here. In the Great Books group, she met Keith Johnson, who introduced her to birding, and gave her the Audubon Field Guide. They married, shared Audubon membership, and traveled the world enjoying birds as they went. She wrote her own history, and spent her last time at Augustana Home.

Again, thank you.

—Dorothy Kuether



Conservation Projects

Wood Lake Nature Center will begin Spring planting of native species in mid to late April. The project goal is to restore the oak/maple forest and will involve planting 300 trees, 500 shrubs and 1000 wildflowers. This is a super opportunity to make a positive environmental impact, and you will be working at one of the prime birding habitats in the area. Give me a call at (612) 866-6158 to sign up.

Cedar Lake Park Association (CLPA) has asked for **Audubon** participation doing habitat assessment and restoration. The work involves identifying flora around **CLP** and mapping the locations of critical habitat. It's a perfect opportunity to help shape and improve the birding sites around the Park. We will be doing an initial walk-through site assessment in March, and begin to prioritize what needs to be done. **CLPA** has been doing some remarkable things, particularly in the area of native plantings, and is eager to partner with Minneapolis **Audubon**. There is a big opportunity here to build on the success of our just completed **CLP** Winter Bird Census. If interested, contact me now so I can add you to the call list.

Hennepin Conservation District has two exciting programs tailor made for **Audubon** members: First, they are identifying and prioritizing sites based on their value as habitat, green space corridors, aesthetic appeal, ecosystem function and level of threat. Examples include Little Long Lake and Painter's Creek in Minnetrista, Rush Creek in Corcoran, Penn Lake in Bloomington, a restored prairie area near Lake Independence, Minnehaha Creek, Elm Creek and others. They would like to develop some promotional materials such as a calendar, booklet, or guide to these special County places. We're looking for **Audubon** members who are into photography, writing and graphic design and would be willing to contribute to this satisfying and fun project. Call me for more details.

And....the other **HCD** project involves wetlands monitoring this coming year. Working in teams of 6 to 10 individuals, we will identify and catalog invertebrate and plant species at 4 or 5 wetland sites around the area. Each site represents about one day's work, so your total commitment is about 5 days. Remember, healthy wetlands mean wonderful birding opportunities. Another exciting bonus of this project is that a one-day training session will be held in May/June for the volunteers. Again, I remind YOU to contact me so we can add your name to the call list!

— Tom Rice



Conservation Chair

Happy St. Patrick's Day!



Conserving the Raptors, Waters and Wildlife of the Upper Mississippi Watershed

April 6-8, 2001

Wabasha, Minnesota

All Audubon members and persons interested in the birds and wildlife of the Upper Mississippi are invited to Wabasha, April 6-8th, for Minnesota Audubon's annual Spring Membership Meeting. Through presentations, discussions, and field trips, we will explore the diverse issues relating to conservation of the Upper Mississippi watershed. We'll also examine Audubon's local, state, and regional efforts to ensure the health of the River, and the well-being of the human and natural communities that depend upon this unique region.

Come to a reception at the National Eagle Center on Friday evening, and meet Minnesota Audubon's new Executive Director, Ken Finch. A special program about the Mississippi River and time for individual conversation is planned.

In keeping with Audubon tradition, we will kick off the Saturday activities with a short birding trip in the Wabasha area. After breakfast, we will have a keynote presentation from Audubon conservation leaders, and continue through early afternoon with presentations and discussions about various aspects of the river ecosystem. At 3:00, we will begin field trips to explore the bluffs and backwaters of the Wabasha area. Evening festivities include dinner, music, and, weather permitting, a bit of owl-ing by the light of the full moon.

We'll join the National Eagle Center and members of the Eagle Watch Audubon Society for their second annual Falcon Nest Survey on Sunday! After a presentation about the Peregrines that are making this stretch of the river their home, we'll have the opportunity to participate in the nest survey, or take field trips to birding hot spots like Weaver Dunes or Rieck's Lake. Our festivities will officially end at lunchtime. Persons who joined field trips in the morning are invited to participate in the Falcon Survey in the afternoon.

Participants must make their own lodging arrangements. Cost for Saturday, including three meals, is \$38.00. Check the Minnesota Audubon website at www.audubon.org/chapter/mn/mn/ for lodging information, times and locations of meeting activities and a registration form, or contact Suzanne Plass at 651-225-1830 or splass@audubon.org.

—Suzanne Plass



February Program Review

The February meeting had more people attend than just about any that I've been to: 80 or more people showed up; many of them for the first time. It may have been for the variety of cookies that were brought, but it's more likely that people came to see the beautiful and amazing photographs of our speaker, Dr. Scott Sharkey.

The meeting started with some announcements and introductions. Some of the announcements are included elsewhere in this issue, but here are a couple that are not: Dorothy Kuether mentioned the Cornell University Backyard Bird Survey (see last month's issue), and Jerry Bahls told us that the Environmental Issues Committee will be giving a training, on February 26th, for people interested in lobbying the Legislature. This year's particular issue is funding for ecological services, especially the county biodiversity surveys. Contact Jerry for more information (763-572-2333).

I think of myself as a pretty good photographer, but the slides that were presented by Dr. Sharkey took my opinion of my own work down a notch or two (or four). He is a frequent visitor to the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, and has special permission to visit certain areas that are not generally open to the public. He said he was allowed to share the Opus Marsh with Refuge staff because of his willingness to share his photos of it with the Refuge and its visitors. He talked for a few minutes about the Minnesota River; about its being a "human" river: with flaws, but also great beauty. He said he wanted to talk mostly of its beauty with us that night. He did talk, explaining that he was able to take his amazing pictures because he had gotten to know one small place well. But the talk was secondary.

The photographs were wonderful, in that word's true sense: they filled us with wonder. How could he get that close to those black tern chicks? How could he even find the least bittern nest, let alone photograph those silly-looking, fuzzy-headed things? He answered these questions for us, and the answers seemed simple enough. But the patience and perseverance it must have taken had to be great. I think that most of us there, having tried ourselves to track down wary creatures, understood that.

Many of the photos were not of wildlife, but most of these must have taken just as much patience and skill: sunrises and sunsets, "snow cones" on top of cattails, early morning mist on a hillside; these were not likely to run away, but they are fleeting just the same. It takes great skill to capture such things on film in a way that accurately conveys the beauty of the moment when they were seen in nature. Dr. Sharkey has that skill, and we got to share in its results.

—Paul Kinzer



Beginning Birding Class

Audubon Chapter of Minneapolis will be having their annual Beginning Birding Class on April 28th, in time to catch the bulk of the migrating birds in May. The class is designed to get the novice to clear many of the cobwebs from the bird recognition center in their brain. It will help outdoors people who know that birds are those creatures that have feathers and most of them fly. Differences between mosquitoes and hummingbirds will be pointed out. After the class you will know that all blue birds are not bluebirds. So bring a note pad and pay attention. It will make your enjoyment of your backyard and your lake cabin that much more enjoyable.

An exact site has not been selected yet, but the class will begin at 9:00 AM on April 28th. It is hoped that the site will have an area where a little practical experience can readily be available after the classroom time. So bring the bird watching equipment that you have and prepare to spend about 2 hours learning about birds. Watch for more information in next month's Kingfisher, or in flyers that will be distributed around the area, in your libraries and other similar places on about April Fool's Day. Please let your friends and neighbors know about this event, and circle April 28th on your calendars. See you there!

—Jerry Bahls

At The Bell Museum

The Bell Museum has a major exhibition of more than 100 paintings, drawings, prints and field sketches by Minnesota native Francis Lee Jacques (1887-1969). From the 1920s to the 1940s, Jacques painted backdrops for the dioramas at the Bell Museum and the American Museum of Natural History in New York. He was considered by many to be the best wildlife artist. He was among the first artists to consider habitats and ecology in his work. The exhibit goes through April.

Are you familiar with his dioramas? I am continually awed by them. You can't tell where the foreground ends and the painting begins.; they are so real, I feel like I could walk right into the scene. There are often Sunday programs for kids - family. It was a regular thing for our kids. They -and we- never tired of those dioramas, always one more thing to see in them and they are well labeled.

A slide lecture by the Fiertes Director of the Laboratory of Ornithology at Cornell University, "Painting Birds Can Save the World" on Saturday, March 10, 7 pm. Local artists who specialize in nature themes will work in the Bell Museum: Jim Rataczak on Sat., Feb 17; Terry Palm on Sat., Mar 3; Karen, Becky and Bonnie Latham on Sun, Apr. 1; and Ed DuRose on Sun., Apr 22. Bell Museum is closed Mondays, is free on Sundays. For other events and times, call the Museum at 612-624-9050.

—Dorothy Kuether

Field Notes

1/13/01, 9:00 am: **Wood Lake Nature Center**, Richfield, MN.....Six hearty **Audubon** volunteers assemble in the Center's meeting room to receive our instructions from Naturalist, Scott Ramsay. It's time to get the Wood Duck houses ready for the return of the intended residents, Aix sponsa. Hauling a sled loaded with tools, nest box bedding, and a ten-foot ladder, my group heads out on the trail in comfortable, thirty-degree weather. With me are Carol, my brother Jon, and his wife, Nancy. The procedure is fairly straightforward and we rapidly develop a system.... Locate the numbered nest boxes using the map that Scott provided, open and clean out old nesting materials, then add new wood shavings. We record any evidence of recent habitation by Wood Ducks such as broken or unhatched eggs. Some show signs of occupation by gray squirrels and we quickly learn that it's a good idea to "knock" before reaching into the box to clean it! Out on the ice, our other team of Kim Shearer and Amy Jo Petersen, are checking the condition of their assigned nest houses. The level of Wood Lake can spike up dramatically after a heavy summer rain, and it's critical that the nests are well above the high water mark. By noon we've tended to all twenty boxes, confident in the knowledge that we contributed to providing some measure of suitable habitat to replace the loss of natural cavity nest sites. The Wood Ducks will be back, checking things out, in March. We had great response to the call for volunteers on this project. I want to extend my thanks, and that of Scott Ramsay at **WLNC**, to everyone who responded, including those who had graciously signed up and didn't get a chance to work because we finished up sooner than anticipated. We can definitely use your skills on future conservation projects.

—Tom Rice

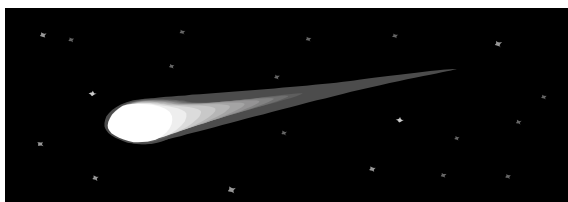
Conservation Chair



Nominating Committee

Each year, our Audubon Chapter must choose three board members to serve three-year terms. They are nominated by Chapter members, and elections are held at our Annual Meeting (which is our May meeting this year.) If you would be interested in serving on the Board, or know of someone else who might be interested, please contact someone on the Nominating Committee. Conrad Nelson and Mary Ellen Vetter are members, and John Arthur is Chair. You can call John at 952-931-0819 or e-mail him at jarthu@uswest.net.

—Dorothy Kuether



Cranes, and Hale-Bopp, Too (part 1)

In the early Spring of 1997, I traveled with Wina (who was not yet my wife) and our friend, Brad, to Central Nebraska for a three-day weekend of nature study.

(You may not care one whit, but I'm about to tell you about it anyway: For one thing, we have this column to fill. For another, I was introduced to everyone at the February Meeting as one of the editors of the Kingfisher, but Wina actually does most of the work, so now I feel like a slacker, and want to contribute more. And, finally, our trip was exciting and fun, and you might enjoy reading about it. Well... you *might!*)

We all work for the Minneapolis Schools, and Good Friday is a holiday. That year, it fell on March 28th, and that weekend Comet Hale-Bopp was near its peak in the evening sky. It was brilliantly visible, even from the heart of the city. I had never seen anything like it, and knew I might never again (comet Hyakutake of the previous summer had been amazing, too, but in a different way). I wanted to find the closest place to Minneapolis with truly dark skies, so I took out the road atlas and looked West: in this direction, the further one goes, the higher the elevation, and the fewer the people. North-Central Nebraska was perfect.

When I discussed it with Wina, she suggested we stop along the Platte River to see the Sandhill Cranes on their migration stopover. We had stopped to see them on our way West the year before, but they are certainly worth seeing more than once. We asked Brad if he wanted to come, because the Comet was obviously of interest to him.

We left on Friday morning, and spotted 14 raptors in Iowa. As we drove across Nebraska, we kept our eyes out for the first sighting of a Sandhill Crane. We thought we saw one flying across the interstate, but it might have been a Great Blue Heron. Then we saw three together, and knew it was a family grouping of cranes. Wina started tallying them in our sightings log, but after 14, she wrote "tons", then "*thousands!*"

It's exhilarating to come upon the cranes like this, but I knew that the excitement would be even greater when we watched them come in to roost for the night. Even though I knew what to expect (having seen it the year before), it still gave me the chills: Thousands of birds, having spread out across the remains of last year's grain fields to feed for the day, came in to roost in huge groups in and along the Platte. As they land, they bugle through windpipes that are longer than their necks, and, like living French horns, they completely surrounded us with a sound unlike anything else.

(continued next month)

—Paul Kinzer

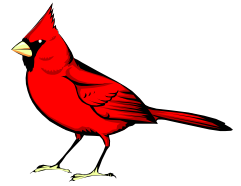
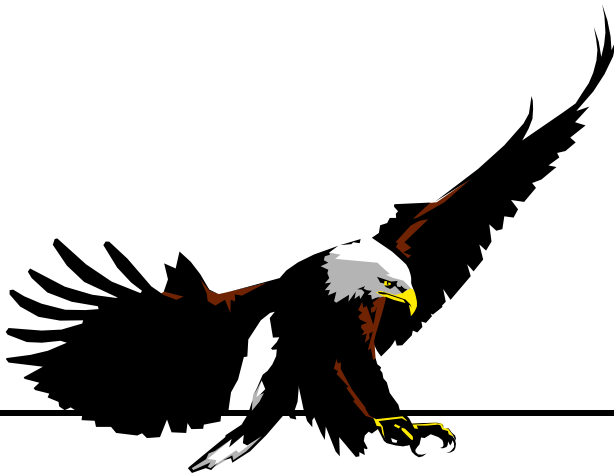


CEDAR LAKE PARK BIRD COUNT DECLARED A SUCCESS!

A hardy band of birders braved single digit temperatures on Saturday, December 30, 2000. We hope this will be the first in a series of conservation projects at Cedar Lake Park. Our goal was to establish a mid-winter benchmark count as the basis for future habitat improvement work. Mother Nature was at her winter best, supplying overcast skies and gently falling snow. It was a postcard scene at our 8:00 am meeting site on the West Side of the lake, near Dorene Scriven's home. Simultaneously, another group assembled at the residence of Mary McGee on the East Side of Cedar Lake. And off we went! The combined life list is detailed below.

A big "THANK YOU" goes out to all the participants including Mary McGee, Dorene Scriven, Susu Jeffrey, Fran Duritsa, Carol Rice, Margaret Mason, Barb Carufel, and Nancy Russell. Thanks also to Keith Prussing, President of CLPA, for his cooperation and encouragement. If any of you were out there independently and have some additional data to submit, please get the information to me as soon as possible, and it will be rolled into the final tally. And if anyone is interested in being on a call list for similar projects in the future, just send me an e-mail or your phone number!

—Tom Rice



| SPECIES | SEX | LOCATION |
|-----------------------------------|-----|----------|
| American Robin | M | N,E,W |
| Downy Woodpecker | MF | N,E,W |
| American Crow | | N,E,W,S |
| Northern Cardinal | MF | N,E |
| Black-capped Chickadee | | N,E,W |
| Mallard Duck | MF | N,E,W |
| Blue Jay | | E,W |
| Dark-eyed Junco (slate colored) | | N,W |
| House Sparrow | | E |
| House Finch | MF | E,W |
| White-breasted Nuthatch | | E,W |
| Tree Sparrow | | E,W |
| European Starling | | E |
| Hairy Woodpecker | M | E,W |
| American Kestrel | F | N |
| American Goldfinch | | E |
| Red-tailed Hawk | | E |
| Gyr Falcon | | E |
| Great Horned Owl (Heard not seen) | | W |

Wabasha Eagle Trip

On March 10 (not March 17, as originally planned), Terry Brashear will be leading this field trip to see the Bald Eagles that congregate at Lake Pepin.

We will meet at the Hub Shopping Center on the corner of 66th and Nicollet at 8:00 a.m. From there we carpool to Wabasha, with plenty of birding stops along the way. Past trips have been successful and fun. It's not unusual to see more than 100 Bald Eagles! Our Eagle trip in 1999 also included a pair of Pileated Woodpeckers, Downy and Hairy Woodpeckers, White-breasted Nuthatch, American Tree Sparrow, Black-capped Chickadees, Brown Creeper, Northern Shrike, Common Goldeneye, Hooded Merganser, Gadwalls, Red-tailed Hawks, American Kestrel, and two Rough-legged Hawks (one pale form, one dark form). Terry is so good at identifying what is seen, and at finding the birds by sound! It's lots of fun.

If you have any questions for Terry, or would just like to let him know you're coming, give him a call at 612-929-1976.

—Wina Mortenson



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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.
- As a senior citizen or student, I am able to join for only \$15!

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ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Send this application and make check payable to:

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Chapter Membership Data Center
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LOCAL CHAPTER
Audubon Chapter of Minneapolis
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Minneapolis, MN 55403
Chapter Code: **CM02**
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Calendar of Events

March

- 6 Chapter Program, 7:30 p.m.
"Birds and Flowers of Rocky Mountain National Park"
- 10 Field Trip, Wabash Eagle Trip 8:00 a.m.
- 11 Brunch With the Bald Eagles (see February issue, p. 4.)
- 13 Chapter Board Meeting, 6:45 p.m.

April

- 3 Chapter Program, 7:30 p.m.
"Butterflies: Habits, Habitat and More"
- 6-8 Spring Membership Meeting (see p. 4)
- 10 Chapter Board Meeting, 6:45 p.m.
- 28 Beginning Birding Class, 9:00 a.m. (p. 5)

Field trips usually begin at 7:30 a.m., call the Field Trips Chair for details.

All are welcome to the Chapter Board Meetings!
Board Meetings are held at North Regional Library
1315 Lowry Ave. N. in Minneapolis
Call the president for details.