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Upcoming Programs Audubon Chapter of Minneapolis

Program meetings are held at 7:00 PM at Beth El Synagogue, 5224 W. 26th Street, St. Louis Park 55416 (unless otherwise noted*). All Program meetings are free and open to the public.

Tuesday, May 3, 2016 – Francisco José Muñoz – “*Field Guide to the Birds of Nicaragua*”. Francisco is an accomplished photographer and will present many images of Nicaraguan birds. His presentation will be interpreted from Spanish into English, and he will be available for questions and comments after the program.

***Tuesday, June 28, 2016 - North Metro Summer Joint Program**
The Audubon Chapter of Minneapolis and the Izaak Walton League– Breckenridge Chapter will hold a joint meeting at the **Breckenridge Chapter House located at – 8816 West River Road in Brooklyn Park. Note location change.** The speaker for this meeting is TBA. Please check the ACM Website for updates.



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The Minneapolis Audubon Society will meet for the last time this season on **Friday, May 12 at 1 p.m. at the Bryant Square Neighborhood Center**. Photographer Ron Winch will present a program on the Golden Eagle Festival in Mongolia. The Bryant Square Neighborhood Center, just one block south of Lake Street, is easily accessible via the #4 bus, which runs every 15 minutes. Please join us for this program and refreshments!

Also please join us for bird walks in Roberts Bird Sanctuary (across the street from the Rose Garden on the north side of Lake Harriet in Minneapolis) from 9 am to noon on Tuesdays in April and May. We meet in the parking lot. Roberts Bird Sanctuary is located on the north side of Lake Harriet in Minneapolis. There is a Visitor’s Shelter on the east end of the Sanctuary across the street from the Rose Garden. The address of the Visitors Shelter is 4125 Roseway Road, Minneapolis. For more information call 763-533-8381.

From the President

May/June 2016



By the time you are reading this the Minnesota Legislative session will be well into its term. Because this is an election year only the basic bills are likely to be considered. Please watch the news and your messages for opportunities to help in saving habitat and promoting clean water. Become active in the upcoming election by making an effort to meet your candidates and getting to know them, regardless of their party affiliation. This may help us later when we need to ask those elected for help with our issues. Legislators react differently when they know a constituent. Don't hesitate to question candidates on issues, especially ones that directly affect where you live. So if they are elected approach them again before the next Legislative session about your concerns. Do this soon after the election to put them on notice that you are concerned. When communicating with your legislator always be respectful and provide your name and address, so they can connect you as being a constituent.

We've had good news concerning the Audubon Chapter of Minneapolis elections. All of our current officers have agreed to serve another one year term. The chapter officer's election will be at the chapter Board meeting on April 26th. The members who have been nominated for the Board to serve the next three year terms are listed in the newsletter. The Board election will be held at the Special Membership Meeting at the May 3rd program meeting. Because we will still have at least three vacancies there is still a very good opportunity to serve a couple of years in a vacant Board seat. Please contact me (Jerry Bahls, 763 572-2333 or jobaud@comcast.net) if you are interested in helping.

I hope all of you will be getting out to your favorite spot to look for birds this spring and summer. Watch for opportunities to help with studies of specific species. For example the Red-headed Woodpecker Recovery will again be conducting nest monitoring this summer at Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve in East Bethel and they can always use more volunteers to help with the study. These studies are a part of a Citizen Science effort. Citizen Science projects are extremely important for the community. They require little scientific knowledge, only the desire to observe. They are helpful in building our understanding of nature and are rewarding for the participant. While we concentrate on birds other organizations collect data on: frogs, bats, turtles and insects such as dragon and damsel flies and butterflies. For example the Monarch Butterfly survey has been very helpful in understanding the potential fate of this species. The final message is GET INVOLVED! It is so rewarding. Go on the internet and search your favorite species and find out if someone is doing a Citizen Science Project about them.

It wouldn't be an article if I don't give my pitch for volunteers. As I stated in the past the Chapter has been successful at raising funds, but unsuccessful at raising sufficient volunteers to spend the funds. Help us do that! Call me at 763 572-2333 or email me at jobaud@comcast.net

Jerry Bahls, President

Mission Statement

The Mission of the Audubon Chapter is to inform and educate our members and the public about birds and other wildlife and the demands that a large metropolitan center puts on their habitat, to engage in advocacy to preserve, protect and improve existing habitat and to develop and maintain new bird and wildlife sanctuaries, including backyards, to enhance the human experience.

Board Nominations, Volunteers Needed, Contacts

Board Nominations

The Nominating Committee of the Audubon Chapter of Minneapolis has recommended the nomination of Siah St. Claire, Bob Dunn and Jim Sharpsteen for the Board. All are currently serving Board members who are willing to serve another three year term. These Board positions will expire in May 2019. Also at this time Audubon Chapter of Minneapolis has three Board positions open - two expire in May 2017 and one in May 2018 (Vacant Board positions can be filled by the Chapter Board). If anyone is interested in serving on the Board please contact Jerry Bahls at 763 572-2333 or jobaud@comcast.net. The names of the Nominating Committee recommended candidates will be placed in nomination at the May Annual Membership Meeting before the Program Meeting on May 3rd and the general membership present will vote on the nominees for election to the Chapter Board. Additional nominees can be accepted at the meeting also with the agreement of the nominated candidate.

The Nominating Committee has also recommended that Jerry Bahls serve another year as President, John Arthur as Vice-President, Martha Allen as Secretary and Judy Hamm as Treasurer. The full Chapter Board will elect the slate of candidates at the April Board meeting on April 26th.

Volunteers Needed!

Board Members - The Audubon Chapter of Minneapolis (ACM) is seeking THREE qualified persons to serve on its Board. Each year three positions are elected to the ACM Board. The term of service is 3 a year term. It is estimated that the time required would be about 4 hr/month. The Board meets every month except December and July. New Board members are needed to continue the work on Bird-Window Collisions and other bird habitat concerns.

Conservation Committee Chair - The ACM is seeking a person to chair our Conservation Committee. The Chair guides the chapter Conservation Committee on environmental issues and projects. An example is the continuing work on reducing Bird-Window Collisions. Some new building projects will be coming up in the near future and we would like to insure they are built complying with Bird Safe Guidelines. Time required is about 4 – 6 hours/month.

Webmaster - The The ACM is seeking a qualified person to be it's webmaster. The webmaster would manage all electronic communications. Including updating and posting new material on the Website and Facebook pages.

If you are newly retired, or just want to help out, please contact Jerry Bahls at 763 572-2333 or e-mail at jobaud@comcast.net, or contact any ACM Board member. Thanks for helping us.

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ACM Bird Hike and Climate Change Report

Audubon Chapter of Minneapolis

Saturday, May 14, 2016 - 8:00 AM - Baker Park Reserve: County Road 24, Medina.

Come join in our chapter bird hike set for Spring. **Hike will begin at 8 AM and will last about 90 minutes.** It is a good idea to bring Binoculars and to wear boots, as the trails could be muddy. We would like to limit each hike to 15 people, so please pre-register by calling Siah St. Clair at 763-234-6146 or email:

stclairs@comcast.net

Wooded hiking trail along a shallow marsh provides habitat for migrating and resident warblers (Common Yellow-throat, Yellow and American Redstart), resident Swamp Sparrows, Trumpeter Swans, Baltimore Orioles, Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, Indigo Buntings, Red-tailed, Broad-winged and Cooper Hawks. Meet at the gravel parking lot, north side of County Rd. 24, just east of County Rd 19 at the entrance sign for Marshview Group Camp.

Report: Climate Change Threatens Most of the World's Bird Species

New Global Survey of Studies on Birds and Climate Change Shows Severity of Threats and Diversity of Solutions

This article was originally posted on Audubon.org. To read the full version, visit

<https://www.audubon.org/news/report-climate-change-threatens-most-worlds-bird-species>

Climate change threatens to shrink and shift the ranges of most of the world's bird species, and more than 2,300 species – more than one-fifth of the world's total – are especially vulnerable as the climate continues to change, according to **The Messengers** (<http://climatechange.birdlife.org>), a new global synthesis of scientific studies released by BirdLife International and the National Audubon Society.

The new report, a synthesis of hundreds of peer-reviewed studies compiled by the 119-nation BirdLife International partnership, pulls together research from multiple disciplines and every continent. The findings confirm that a warming world is already affecting birds, shifting their ranges and causing population declines, and that negative effects will increase in the future.

The report highlights 68 case studies that illustrate current and future impacts rising temperatures will have on birds, including Audubon's groundbreaking 2014 **Birds and Climate Change** (climate.audubon.org) study. The new report concludes that the number of species expected to do worse under climate change is more than twice the number that may benefit.

While some species will be able to adapt to shifting climates, in North America many familiar and iconic species will not, as discovered by Audubon. The Bald Eagle, the national symbol of the United States, could see its current summer range decrease by nearly 75 percent in the next 65 years. The Common Loon, icon of the north and state bird of Minnesota, may no longer be able to breed in the lower 48 states by 2080.

The report shows that there is still time to reduce the severity of climate change and help birds – and people – adapt in a changing world. The report's final section illustrates how BirdLife partners around the world are engaging in the following solutions:

- Promoting clean energy solutions for people and nature;
- Protecting and restoring carbon-rich ecosystems;
- Conserving, managing, and better connecting key sites to help species adapt;
- Implementing ecosystem-based adaptation to build people's resilience;
- Using birds to engage people with nature, understand climate change and take action.

"Climate change and the massive disruption that it brings will amplify the need for people around the world to contribute to science-led projects," said Audubon Chief Scientist [Gary Langham](#) and co-author of the report. "Through citizen science, people give scientists incredible reach into every community and insight into the conservation of birds. Together we can make the world a better place for birds and people."

To see the report, visit <http://climatechange.birdlife.org>. To learn more about Audubon's work protecting birds from climate change and how you can help, please visit www.audubon.org/climate or <http://mn.audubon.org/minnesota-birds-and-climate>.

Tiffany Bottoms Train Trip



Tiffany Bottoms Natural Wildlife Area field trip Saturday, May 14, 2016, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m



Audubon Chapter of Minneapolis is pleased to be offering a trip to Tiffany Bottoms National Wildlife Area again this spring. The field trip includes a ride on a narrow-gauge train through the Bottoms, with several stops to walk in the area and look for birds, both residents and spring migrants. The train leaves at 1:00 plan on arriving about 15 minutes ahead of time.

Tiffany Bottoms is located about 5 miles south of Durand, Wisconsin, about 90 miles from the Twin Cities, and the driving time is approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes.

The cost is \$20 per person, \$15 for Audubon members, and \$10 for children 12 and under. (Sorry, we are not able to give refunds for this trip after April 29, 2016.) For **reservations** or further information, contact Susan Tertell at stertell@gmail.com (preferred), or 612-729-1566. Make out your check to: Audubon Chapter of Minneapolis and mail it to Susan Tertell, 2841 40th Ave. S, Minneapolis MN 55406-1852.

The train is operated by the Chippewa Valley Motor Car Association, a volunteer organization running the train and providing all the maintenance of the track and equipment. We are grateful to them for this opportunity.

What to bring: The train is open air, and we go rain or shine, so bring what you need to protect yourself from the elements – hat, rain jacket, sunscreen, bug dope, etc. Also bring water and a snack or lunch, and of course, binoculars and a bird guide if you have one. Beginning birders are welcome! Please note that there is no official guide but there will be friendly experienced birders on hand to help focus binoculars or identify a bird. Also, it will be a good time of year for wildflowers.

Directions to Tiffany Bottoms from the Twin Cities:

Alternative 1: Head east on I-94. Merge onto **US-10 E/US-61 S** via **EXIT 244**. Continue to follow US-10E to Durand, Wisconsin. In Durand, turn right on East Main Street, and take the first left onto 3rd Avenue E., then take the 3rd right onto E Prospect St. Prospect St. turns into Wisconsin Highway 25. Stay on WI-25 for 3 miles. The parking area for the train will be on the left side of the road and there will be someone directing traffic.

Alternative 2: Head east on I-94. Take the **WI-25** exit, **EXIT 41**, toward **Menomonie/Barron**. Take WI-25 for 20 miles to the intersection with US-10. Turn **left** onto **US-10/WI-25**. Continue to follow **US-10 until you reach Durand**. In Durand, turn right on East Main Street, and take the first left onto 3rd Avenue E., then take the 3rd right onto E Prospect St. Prospect St. turns into Wisconsin Highway 25. Stay on WI-25 for 3 miles. The parking area for the train will be on the left side of the road and there will be someone directing traffic.

If you wish to stay in the area, two places offer **20%** discounts to those taking the train ride: Morsbach Farms Vacation Homes, 715-285-5182 and Cobblestone Inn & Suites, 715-672-5055. When you call, mention that you are taking the train trip.



Conservation Article, Burnsville Native Plant Sale



ARTIC – THE FUTURE OF WILDLIFE – Part II

There is great concern in the Arctic that open warming waters will bring increased shipping, exposing islands to oil spills and rats. The 2010 blowout in the Gulf of Mexico rallied some 47,000 people and 9000 vessels to try to contain the damage. Nothing even close to that could be assembled in the North Atlantic. Extrapolating the above information, even a small spill in a crucial area could cause the demise of large numbers of wildlife.

The world's population of 300,000 Stellar's Eiders winter in one area of the Pacific south of St. Lawrence Island. It only takes an oil patch on a bird's skin and feathers the size of a quarter to cause death. A small spill could wipe out the entire species of Stellar's Eiders. With 100's more oil tankers moving through the new ice-free waters, the odds are diminishing for these and many other birds.(3)

Walruses which already are congregating on too small spaces, may quickly exhaust food sources. They also don't have the summer ice to rest on between dives. Trying to return to islands in such numbers, causes them to make long swims to shore, and trample each other if they are spooked. Scientists have never seen them amassing in such numbers. (1)

Damage to the permafrost has been also been accelerating, especially where human activity is significant. At some drilling sites, vehicles are travelling in mud, where they used to have permafrost. It has been described as a slow-motion earthquake. The ground temperature has risen 5 degrees over the last few decades.

Some wildlife actually change their behavior such as breeding when even small water temperature changes occur. One study showed that turtles will migrate to where the water temperature is more like their preferred breeding site. This moves them away from good territory or prevents them from normal life cycles.(2) This may be true for many species of wildlife.

- 1. "An Outing of Epic Proportions", World Wildlife, Spring 2015
2. "In Hot Water" World Wildlife, Fall 2015
3. "Arctic on the Edge" Audubon, Jan-Feb 2016

By Jim Egge

Add'l- Vitus Bering became stranded on an island off Russia in 1741. George was one of the survivors. His annals gave rise to the name Stellar's to Eiders, Sea Eagles, and Sea Cows.(3)

Burnsville Native Plant Market

Saturday, May 21, 2016: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Location: Parking lot across the street from the Burnsville City Hall (100 Civic Center Pkwy.)

Open to everyone (Burnsville and non-Burnsville residents).

Native wildflowers, ferns and grasses will be on sale from multiple vendors at this farmer's market style event. Note: Vendors will only accept cash or checks. Learn more at www.burnsville.org/nativeplants.

Please note that the City of Burnsville hosts this event due to the benefits that native plants can provide to the community and the City does not profit off of the event.

Help birds, butterflies and bees by growing native plants!!!



Conservation Article, Nature quote

A Bird in the Hand

We rarely have our own hands around birds, especially nestlings, unless we are bird banders. But there is a new opportunity in Minneapolis.

Purple Martins are a species that must have clean, pest-free housing for successful rearing of their young; they need humans to help them out. They welcome (pretty much) our hands, as we check, count and clean their nestlings to promote the survival of this fascinating species.

A 14-unit martin house was erected in the Theodore Wirth Children’s Garden on Glenwood Avenue near Washburn Street in 2013. Since then, several strategies have been tried to attract martins; though it hasn’t been successful yet, martins are expected to visit the house in 2016.

You can help by becoming a member of the “Purple Martin marketing and management team” during the breeding season (May-June). We need help playing the CD with attraction calls (anytime during the daylight hours) and checking the nest boxes weekly during breeding season.

We have several enthusiastic volunteers living near the martin house but they currently need the help of experienced birders. We will provide training. You only need to bring your enthusiasm and commitment. Young people with adult supervision are welcomed. The Purple Martin Working Group of Minnesota supports this work.

Native Americans were providing homes for Purple Martins in the form of calabash gourds when Europeans first laid eyes on this graceful member of the swallow family. Martins feed on airborne insects, such as flying ants, wasps, flies, bees, dragonflies, moths and mosquitoes. Please join the effort to help keep this wonderful species in our city.



For more information or questions, contact Claudia Egelhoff at 612-377-3241 or (cegelhoff@gmail.com). Partners in this effort include: the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association, the Audubon Chapter of Minneapolis, the MN Purple Martin Initiative and Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board.

I thought of my friends who never take walks...."for there was nothing to see, they said" I was amazed and grieved at their blindness. I longed to open their eyes to the wonders around them; to persuade people to love and cherish nature. ---Margaret Morse Nice (1937) submitted by: Judy Hamm, ACM Board Member.

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Calendar of Events

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| May | 03 | Program – Annual Meeting (Board Elections), Financial Committee presents FY 2015-2016 Financial Report and Presentation of FY 2016-2017 Budget, Cookie Social |
| | 07-08 | Living Green Expo |
| | TBA | Wood Duck Jump |
| | 24 | Board Meeting (New Officers & Directors begin terms) |
| June | TBA | Board Meeting |
| | 01 | File Minnesota Nonprofit Corporation Annual Renewal form electronically w/ Secretary of State Office |
| | 01 | Deadline for newsletter articles |
| | 13 | Newsletter Editor deadline |
| | 20 | Newsletter Mailing |

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