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Quarterly Newsletter of the Fond du Lac County Audubon Society

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Amy Sheldon

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SUMMER EVENING TUESDAY WALKS

Explore some of the trails in Fond du Lac County and City with some members of Audubon. All walks will begin at 6:30 pm. Carpooling is sometimes available at 6:00 pm. Be sure to wear good walking shoes, bring some insect repellent, and if available, a pair of binoculars. The walks will last about an hour to an hour and a half. Cancelled in the event of steady rain.

June 7 *Shaginappi County Park*

Drive north on Hwy 151 to just north of Pipe, turn left on Velvet Beach Road.

Continue about ½ mile and turn into parking lot on the left.

Leaders – Dave and Kerry Schloff 920-921-2544

June 14 *Denevue Creek Public*

Access Land – from McDermott Park to Lakeside Park. Meet in the McDermott Park parking lot on East Johnson Street. Leader – Diana Beck 920-922-7931

June 28 *Eldorado Marsh Dike Road*

East Dike Road off of County I. To carpool, meet in the southwest corner of the Menards parking lot at 6:00 pm. Leader – Diana Beck 920-922-7931



Birding Hike at Mauthe Lake

Saturday, June 4, 6:30 am sharp

Join us for a birding hike led by local expert birder, Jeff Baughman. Jeff was the speaker at our March program about birding in Wisconsin. Meet at the Kettle Moraine State Forest/Mauthe Lake State Park check-in station at the entrance where stickers are purchased. There is parking by the check-in station.

Do Your Part to Protect Birds

Every year, one billion birds in the U.S. die from window collisions. They are especially vulnerable during migration. It is a myth that birds can see glass. Birds suffer traumatic brain injury on impact. Their necks relax and elongate when they die, but a “broken neck” is not the real reason for death. You can do several simple things to help the birds.

First, place your feeders within three feet or more than 30 feet from your windows. Closer means the

July 12 *Greenway Arboretum along the east branch of the Fond du Lac River*

Meet at the west side of the parking lot at the south Pick n Save store at 55 West Pioneer.

Leader – Evelyn McLean-Cowan 920-929-9350

July 19 *Gottfried Prairie and Arboretum*

Meet in the east parking lot shelter at the UW campus at 400 University Drive.

Leader – Margie Winter 920-517-5416

July 26 *Oakfield Ledge State Natural Area (Breakneck Hill)*

GPS Coordinates: 43.646659, -88.582132

From the intersection of County Hwys B and Y south of Oakfield, go south on B 3.2 miles, then east on Breakneck Road 0.6 mile to parking area at top of hill. To carpool, meet at the southwest corner of the Fleet Farm parking lot at 6 pm.

Leader – Diana Beck 920-922-7931

August 2 *Isaak Walton Property*

N6491 County Hwy. K. Go south ¼ mile on Hwy. K from Hwy 23. Parking lot on left.

Leader – Liz Roy 920-921-2281

For more information on the Summer Evening Tuesday Walks, please contact dianahbeck@gmail.com or 920-922-7931.

birds aren't flying very fast, so if they do hit, they are more likely to survive.

Help birds see your windows by leaving them dirty. (You'll enjoy this break from housework.) Or, put up American Bird Conservancy-approved window decals. These ultraviolet decals are seen by birds, but not by humans. Fond du Lac County Audubon sells Window Alert decals at our meetings a fundraiser.

Take action and oppose building projects like the new Bucks and Vikings stadiums, which are not installing bird-safe glass. Go to the Action tab on the National Audubon website.

More information on this subject can be found by visiting the American Bird Conservancy website.



Kerry Schloff

Youth Conservation Camps

Camps provide positive educational outdoor experiences, foster an appreciation for nature, and introduce a variety of careers in natural resources and conservation. Professionals from various agencies present programs on topics like wildlife, habitat, water quality, fisheries, forestry, orienteering, and canoeing. These professionals, as well as adult volunteers, serve as overnight staff and group leaders for the duration of camp. Campers can make new friends, participate in hands-on activities, practice social & leadership skills, enjoy the outdoors and just have fun!

The two Youth camps that the WI Land+Water Youth Education Committee coordinates are:

WI Land+Water Youth Conservation Camp

will be held June 20–24 for students entering grades 9–12 for the 2016/2017 school year. Camp will be held at North Lakeland Discovery Center, 215 County Hwy. W, Manitowish Waters. Go to wisconsinlandwater.org for more information or contact: Carolyn Scholl at cascho@co.vilas.wi.us, 715-479-3682 or Kim Warkentin at kim@wisconsinlandwater.org, 608-441-2677.

Sand Lake Conservation Camp will be held June 22–24 for students entering grades 6–8 in Crivitz, at Camp Bird. Visit: marinettecounty.com or contact: Anne Bartels at 715-732-7784.



Help Pull Invasive Dames Rocket

Another problem plant that is taking over the wild habitat is Dames Rocket (*Hesperis matronalis*). This plant has some similarities to garlic mustard. The seed drops and leads to very dense stands. Hobbs Woods is being overrun with Dames Rocket. Unfortunately, the flower is beautiful and people feel a reluctance to remove it. But it is crowding out our native plants. Join us for a pulling session; no experience necessary. Wear long pants, a long sleeved shirt and good shoes. Bring garden gloves. Cancelled if steady rain.

All sessions will be held at Hobbs Woods on South Hickory Road. Meet in the parking lot at 9 am. The sessions will run until 11 am on the following days: Thursday, June 9; Saturday, June 11; Wednesday, June 15; and Saturday, June 18.

Prairie Project at the Children's Museum of Fond du Lac

Thursday, May 26, 9–11:00 am

Wednesday, June 8, 9–11:00 am

The Fond du Lac Audubon Society has agreed to support and maintain the Prairie Garden at the Children's Museum of Fond du Lac on Scott Street. The project was initiated and designed by college students enrolled in the Prairie Ecosystems and Restoration course offered cooperatively through Marian University and UW-Fond du Lac. The prairie garden is a service learning project. Students have collected seed and grown seedling prairie plants as part of the course. The students have also designed and implemented (planted) part of the project. Much more work needs to be done in May and June to complete and finish the planting after the students have completed the semester and departed for the summer. The Fond du Lac Audubon Society will provide ongoing support and maintenance of the project. There are two planting dates coming up: May 26 and June 8. Please mark your calendars to come and help support this project! Show up with gardening work tools and clothing.

Best Fed Hummers

The easiest, cheapest, and healthiest way to feed your hummingbirds is using the recipe below. Many stores will try to sell you products that contain red dye, minerals, and even electrolytes. Not only do the birds not need these, but they can be harmful. Also, hummers like the exact ratio of water to sugar in the recipe below. Trying to make the concentration stronger will hurt them. Replace food every week and keep feeder free of bees and ants.

Hummingbird Solution

In a clean pot add ¼ cup white granulated sugar and one cup clean plain tap water. Heat on stove while stirring until sugar has dissolved. Cool to room temperature before filling your feeder.

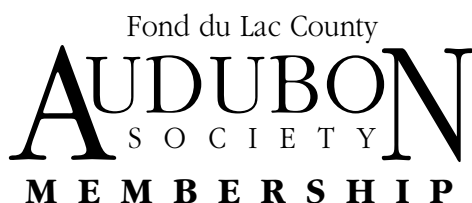




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- Yes!** I want to become a member or renew my membership to the National Audubon Society, and the Fond du Lac County Chapter. The annual membership dues of \$40 entitle me to six issues of the Audubon magazine, and all local chapter benefits. I am enclosing a check payable to Fond du Lac County Audubon.
- I am only interested in being a member and supporting the programs of the Fond du Lac County Audubon. The annual local membership dues of \$20 entitle me to receive the chapter newsletter and all chapter benefits. I am enclosing a check payable to Fond du Lac County Audubon.
- I am a new member.
- Save trees. Please send the newsletter to me via email.

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Fond du Lac County Audubon, Membership Services
N5545 Winnvue Court, Fond du Lac, WI 54937

Bird Seed Sale

The Audubon annual Bird Seed Sale will be Saturday, October 1, 2016. Our new location will be Haentze Floral Company at 658 Fond du Lac Avenue. Pre-order in September and pick up in October. Look for our updated order form in August.

Garlic Mustard Pulls

Thank you to everyone who came out to help pull invasive garlic mustard on the Peebles Trail. Volunteer time exceeded 40 hours.

New Updates to Website

Check out the new look and information at fdlaudubon.org.

Renew Your Membership & Save a Tree

Please support Audubon with your membership. See the options at the left and mail in the form. Consider receiving this newsletter via email to save paper and expenses. Contact ejcj14@icloud.com.

Wild Feast Potluck in September

Save the date of Wednesday, September 7 for our annual season kickoff – *The Wild Feast Potluck*. The variety is fun and the food is always delicious! Plan ahead for a food dish made with some wild ingredients. Rick Slager of Produce with Purpose will give a short presentation. More details will follow in the fall newsletter.