



The **HERON**

Quarterly Newsletter of the Fond du Lac County Audubon Society

UPCOMING PROGRAMS



Urban Wildlife

Wednesday, December 14, 7 pm

MPTC, Room O-102

Over the last century, red foxes and coyotes have made a home in even our most developed landscapes. Marcus Mueller, of the UW Urban Canid Project will give a presentation on the research being conducted and ways to peacefully coexist with these wild neighbors.



Raptors and Wind Turbines

Wednesday, January 11, 7 pm

MPTC, Room O-104

Displacement of raptors by wind farms is increasingly relevant as the wind industry expands away from migratory flyways and into raptor breeding areas. Regan Dohm, UW-Madison graduate student, returns to the Forward Energy Wind Farm to monitor the raptors and assess whether their displacement will be mitigated over time.



The Messenger

Wednesday, February 15, 7 pm

UW-Fond du Lac, Prairie Theater

With exclusive footage and high-tech cinematography, the film explains the plight of our birds. Stunning flight sequences are conveyed in slow motion, making the complexities of wing movement, control, and rhythm visible to the human eye. Anyone who loves birds will enjoy the artistry of the images, while being sobered by the multiple threats to our feathered friends enumerated in the documentary.



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Community Shopping Night to Benefit Audubon and Just Fare Market

On Thursday, December 1, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, Fond du Lac County Audubon is partnering with Just Fare Market to promote Fair Trade and provide some funding for our local education and conservation projects. Just Fare Market will donate 15% of total sales during those hours to our local Audubon. This is an opportunity for you to find some unique, affordable, and quality holiday gifts or to stock up on some gourmet items for your pantry while supporting Fond du Lac County Audubon.

Fair Trade is a direct and cooperative business approach that supports farmers and craftspeople in developing countries by paying a living wage and providing safe working conditions. One of the main principles of Fair Trade is that environmentally sustainable practices are used in producing products. That's especially important to those of us who are interested in preserving the world's birds and conservation of natural resources. For example, Fair Trade coffee is grown in the shade. According to one study, shaded coffee farms provide habitat for 184 different bird species, whereas only 8 to 12 species were found on the sunny monoculture farms. Help birds by buying shade-grown coffee at Just Fare.

Audubon members who are interested in natural foods will not be disappointed to find colorful heirloom rice varieties grown on ancient terraces in the Philippines on sale at Just Fare Market. Other gourmet items include Divine dark chocolate and quick and easy soup mixes.

Just Fare Market stocks some amazing items made from upcycled materials. There are elegant journals made from elephant dung paper, key chains made from string, table cloths made from recycled saris, and purses made from the pull tops of cans. It's just plain fun to pick up and examine these unique items, and to marvel at the creative people who turned garbage into useful items.

Have a great evening with Audubon members as you browse through fashionable scarves, select an interesting piece of jewelry, or find an unusual gift to fill a stocking. Bring friends to learn about both Audubon and Just Fare Market, and to support our local Audubon projects. Just Fare Market is located at N7645 N. Peebles Lane in Peebles, on WH just off the 151 bypass. For more info, visit justfare.org.

Dave Langholff joins Audubon Board

Fond du Lac County Audubon Society welcomes Dave Langholff, DC, back to the Board. Several years ago, Dave served as president and vice-president of Fond du Lac Audubon. Dave is a chiropractor at Langholff Chiropractic and Wellness. In addition to a Doctor of Chiropractic degree and postgraduate work in rehabilitation and nutrition, Dave has a bachelors degree in environmental sciences. He enjoys hiking, ecology, and botany. According to Dave, "I like Fond du Lac County Audubon Society because it's a great place to meet like-minded souls and learn more about our natural world."



Audubon Seeks Scholarship Applicants for Hog Island Camp in Maine

Fond du Lac Audubon will sponsor a scholarship for a teen interested in Bird Studies at the Hog Island Audubon Camp in Maine in June 2017. Coastal Maine Bird Studies for Teens is held at the Hog Island Audubon Camp, an island just off the coast of Maine. High school students who are freshmen, sophomores, or juniors in the 2016–17 school year are eligible for the \$1295 scholarship. For more information, contact Margie Winter at jmwinter@charter.net.

Fond du Lac Loop in Lakeside Park

The Fond du Lac Loop has added a segment in Lakeside Park. Walk, run, or bike on the new trail right next to the lake. Enjoy watching birds while sitting on the new benches. Follow the Fond du Lac Loop on Facebook and visit FdLLoop.com.



After the Community Shopping Night in 2015, Laurie Woltman of Just Fare Market (right) presented a check to Audubon Board members Dr. Amy Sheldon and Carol Jewett.

AUDUBON WINTER ACTIVITIES

Christmas Bird Count

Saturday, December 17, Sunrise (or earlier if you are willing to listen for owls) until Sunset (Choose a time period that works for you.)

Since the Christmas Bird Count began over a century ago, it has relied on the dedication and commitment of thousands of volunteers.

The count takes place in an established 15-mile wide diameter circle, and is organized by a count compiler. Volunteers follow specified routes through a designated 15-mile (24-km) diameter circle, counting every bird they see or hear. If your home is within the boundaries of a CBC circle, then you can stay at home and report the birds that visit your feeder on count day as long as you have made prior arrangement with the count compiler.

If you are a beginning birder, you will be able to join our Audubon group, which will include some experienced birdwatchers. For more information, contact Dave or Kerry Sehloff at 921-2544.

Backyard Bird Count, February 17–20

Participate in this effort to track bird populations across the entire country; the birds in our area will also be included in the count and data. Anyone, from beginner to expert and with access to the internet, can help with the tally. The minimum requirement for counting is 15 minutes on one day, and can be done from the inside of your house. Those who want to contribute more can count for as long as they like on each day of the event. Check out the website at birdcount.org. There is information on how to participate, help for beginners with regional bird lists and identification tips, and the data forms for entering your count results. Be part of the citizen science effort that helps our bird populations!

Snowshoe Saturday at Kiekhaefer Park

Saturday, February 18, 1 pm

Enjoy a guided winter exploration of the hilly trails at the beautiful and unique Kiekhaefer Park.

Don't have snowshoes? A limited number of participants will be able to reserve snowshoes at no charge, courtesy of Attitude Sports. For trail conditions or to reserve snowshoes call Diana at 922-7931 or email dianahbeck@gmail.com. From Fond du Lac, take Highway 151 north for three miles to Kiekhaefer Parkway. Turn right on Kiekhaefer Parkway, go to the parking lot on the north side of the road, 4235 Kiekhaefer Parkway.



Snowshoeing at Kiekhaefer Park

Landscape Pesticide Registry Signup

If you were not aware of the registry, this is an opportunity for you to be informed when your neighbors have pesticides applied to their property by a professional yard service. Because there can be wind drift, you can keep your windows closed or not hang out laundry during the scheduled time. You will receive a call a day or two before the application, alerting you to the time and types of pesticides that will be used on your neighbors' properties.

The signup for 2017 is available until February 1, 2017. Anyone currently in the registry will receive an email reminder. Visit the website: datcpservices.wisconsin.gov/landreg/index.jsp

Audubon Board Positions and Volunteer Opportunities

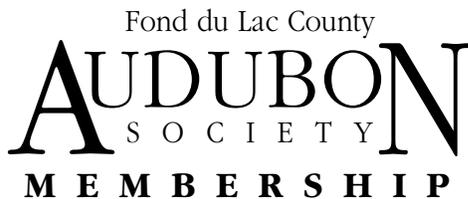
Do you enjoy nature, wildlife, and the outdoors? Consider becoming involved with others who share those same interests, while making a difference in our community. Fond du Lac County Audubon Society needs Board members interested in Field Trips, Conservation, Membership, and Social Media. To find out more, contact Amy Sheldon: amysheldon527@gmail.com, 920-904-6076; or Diana Beck: 920-922-7931, dianahbeck@gmail.com



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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

Fond du Lac Chapter of Citizens Climate Lobby is Being Formed

Is there a way you could take action on climate change, beyond changing your light bulbs or recycling? Many of us feel powerless to effect any meaningful change. We want to help save birds and the environment for the future and our children.

Quite a few members of Audubon in our state and the nation and many well known climate scientists are involved in the Citizens Climate Lobby. This organization is a non-partisan grass roots effort and almost completely run by volunteers. Currently, there are 357 chapters in the world. In the USA, the focus is on national policies and creating the political will to enact a revenue neutral carbon fee and dividend legislation in congress. It's time for a market-based solution. It's time to put a price on carbon!

The new Fond du Lac chapter will meet on the second Saturday each month at 11 am at 19 3rd Street starting in January. All of the U.S. chapters meet simultaneously to participate in a national call at noon in the central time zone. The national call features a speaker and current information. For those interested, a few people will be carpooling to attend the meeting of the Madison Chapter on December 10 to learn more about chapter meetings. If you are interested in participating/learning more, please contact Diana Beck at 920-922-7931 or dianahbeck@gmail.com. You can also go to www.citizensclimatelobby.org.