



# *The* **HERON**

Quarterly Newsletter of the Fond du Lac County Audubon Society

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS



### *Who's Calling?*

*Wednesday, March 14, 7 pm*

*MPTC, Room O-104*

Jeff Baughman, an active birder for 40 years, will give an introduction to identifying birds by the sounds they make.



### *Flying Jewels*

*Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm*

*MPTC, Room O-104*

Mickey O'Connor, Avian Zookeeper at the Milwaukee County Zoo, will give a presentation on the natural history of Ruby-Throated Hummingbirds and other hummers in Wisconsin.



### *Repair Our World Landscaping*

*Wednesday, May 9, 7 pm*

*MPTC, Room O-104*

Recovery from environmental damage begins in our backyard/home landscapes. Dale Goodner, Naturalist, and Mary Goodner, Horticulturist, Co-presidents of Door Country Wild Ones, will present tips for the home landscaper.



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## **Fond du Lac Bird City World Migratory Bird Day Schedule**

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 2**

#### **Nature Talk, 6 pm, McLane Meeting Room, Fond du Lac Public Library**

Paul Samerdyke from Horicon Marsh will share information about reducing and eliminating aquatic species in Supple's Marsh.

### **FRIDAY, MAY 4**

#### **Nature Walk, 6 pm, Camelot Business Park**

Meet at 28 Camelot Drive.

Look for waterfowl, possible woodcocks, songbirds, and bats at dusk.

Leaders: Terry Leasa, Kerry Sehloff

#### **Bird Art Exhibit, 9:30 am–5 pm**

**Gallery & Frame Shop** 94 S. Main Street

Window display of bird art.

#### **Bird Art Exhibit, 11 am–6 pm**

**Ubuntu Art Space** 52 E. Division Street

See a variety of bird art. 10% off bird-related art.

### **SATURDAY, MAY 5**

#### **Nature Walk, 9 am, Greenway Arboretum**

55 W. Pioneer Road; Park on west side of Pick 'n Save parking lot.

Meet at the entrance to the Greenway Arboretum.

Look for migrant song birds, indigo buntings, kingfishers, clay bank swallows, Nashville warblers, ruby-crowned kinglets, flickers, phoebes, red-tailed hawks, and more. Leaders: Terry Leasa, Kerry Sehloff

#### **Bird Art Exhibit, 9:30 am–1 pm**

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#### **Bicycle Tour, 10 am, Fond du Lac Loop**

Meet at the Festival Foods parking lot (the east side by the Loop bicycle repair station).

Discover birding spots along the Loop trail.

Helmets are required. Leader: John McDowell

#### **Migratory Bird Game, 10 am–1 pm**

**Lakeside Park** Meet at the Kiwanis Shelter.

For families, children, and adults of all ages. Sponsored by Fond du Lac County Audubon Society.

Leaders: Margie Winter and Kathleen Stetter

#### **Bird Art Exhibit, 11 am–3 pm**

**Ubuntu Art Space** 52 E. Division Street

See artist Sarah Ninnemann with her exhibit of bird art. 10% off bird-related art.

#### **Nature Walk, 1 pm, Lakeside Park**

West of Main Street at the shelter across from bathrooms.

Look for spring migrants traveling along the Lake Winnebago shoreline; water fowl including possibly pelicans, cormorants, terns; yellow warblers, and more. Leaders: Terry Leasa, Kerry Sehloff

### **SUNDAY, MAY 6**

#### **Early Morning Birding Walk, 7 am, Kay's Ledge**

N7836 County Road WH, Taycheedah Township

Look for migrant song birds. Leaders: Terry Leasa, Kerry Sehloff

**Bring binoculars if you have them and shoes suitable for outdoor experiences.** The nature walks are sponsored by ParkWatch. Audubon will have a limited number of binoculars available for use during the walks.

### **Fond du Lac Audubon Donation to Project Snowstorm**

An anonymous donor has made it possible for our chapter to donate the cost of a transmitter for tracking a snowy owl. Project Snowstorm is using the newest, cutting-edge tracking technology that allows scientists to follow a snowy owl in great detail and for years. These GPS-GSM transmitters are solar-powered, weigh only 40 grams and are fitted to the back of the owl. When the owl is within range of a cell tower, transmissions are delivered

every 30 seconds allowing for very detailed information about their movements 24 hours a day.

The transmitter can store 100,000 locations until the owl comes within range of a cell tower. The storage ability has greatly enhanced our knowledge of their life in the north during the summertime and their migration movements.

One fascinating fact that has been verified is that the snowy owls feed heavily on birds, especially water birds, in the winter. Some of the owls move out onto the ice of the Great Lakes for weeks or months as they hunt for waterfowl along the cracks and open water areas.

For more information: [projectsnowstorm.org/](http://projectsnowstorm.org/)



## SPRING FIELD TRIP

### *Discover Fonferek's Glen*

**Saturday, May 5, 9:30 am–3 pm**

Join us as we explore one of Brown County's parks called Fonferek's Glen. The park is a 74-acre geological gem with a 30-foot waterfall, dolomite cliffs, and a stone archway. The waterfall can be viewed from an easy 100-yard walk from the parking lot. The rest of the park is a natural conservancy area with walk-in trails.

The plan is to carpool from the east parking lot of the UW-FdL campus at 9:30 am. Plan to bring a beverage and bag lunch. When we arrive at the park, we will explore the area for about an hour and a half. Then we will enjoy the waterfall view as we eat our lunch. There are a couple of benches at the viewing site, but if you can, bring a lawn chair for relaxing while eating lunch.

Also, bring a pair of binoculars, if available, for viewing birds. We should return to Fond du Lac by 3:00 pm at the latest. Contact Diana Beck 922-7931 or [dianahbeck@gmail.com](mailto:dianahbeck@gmail.com). Cancelled if heavy rain.



### *Tuesday Evening Summer Walks*

This is a reminder to mark your calendar for the summer Tuesday evening walks. The plan is to begin with a walk at Kay's Ledge on Hwy WH on June 5. Many of you may have never had the opportunity to walk on this property. Kay's Ledge is privately owned and part of the Glacial Conservancy. Watch for full details in the summer newsletter.

### *Birds of a Feather—Call for Entries*

Langdon Divers Gallery, located inside the Fond du Lac Public Library, will host *Birds of a Feather* from June 6–July 5. An open call for artists working in a bird theme is from March 30–May 9. Contact [mel@kolstad.net](mailto:mel@kolstad.net) for more information.

### *Garlic Mustard Pulls in the Spring*

Volunteers are needed to help remove this aggressive invasive that is taking over our wild areas. For those of you who are not sure about how to identify or how to tackle the plant, this is an opportunity not to be missed. Come to at least one pulling session or more.

#### **PEEBLES TRAIL**

##### *Session 1:*

**Wednesday, May 2; Friday, May 4**

At the intersection with Prairie Road about ¼ mile south of Winnebago Drive.

##### *Session 2:*

**Tuesday, May 8; Thursday, May 10**

At the intersection with County Highway K about ½ mile south of Winnebago Drive.

#### **LALLIER PARK**

**Monday, May 14**

Meet at the southern end of the park on National Avenue (south of Fourth Street).

#### **HOBBS WOODS**

**Wednesday, May 16; Monday, May 21;  
Wednesday, May 23**

Meet in the Hobbs Woods parking lot (five miles south of Fond du Lac on Hickory Street).

**All sessions will run from 9–11 am.** Cancelled in the event of steady rain. Please bring work gloves and wear long pants and a long-sleeved shirt. Sometimes we are pulling in areas with stinging nettle plants. No experience is necessary. For more information, call 920-922-7931 or email [dianahbeck@gmail.com](mailto:dianahbeck@gmail.com).

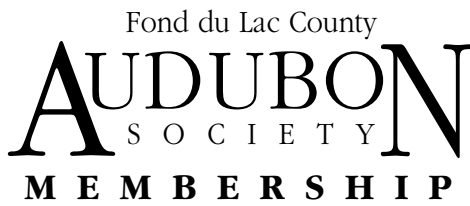




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- I am a new member.
- Save trees. Please send the newsletter to me via email.

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### ***March for Science in Fond du Lac***

Audubon members and other people concerned with environmental issues are invited to stand up and be part of the national “March For Science.” There is a need to draw attention to the intentional misinformation that is being spread throughout our conventional media, social media, and the internet. “Alternative facts” are preventing our country from taking action on serious issues like climate change.

On Saturday, April 14, concerned citizens in Fond du Lac and the surrounding area will meet at Veterans Park, at the corner of Western Avenue and South Main Street in Fond du Lac. There are a number of parking lots in close proximity. We will begin to gather about 9:45 am and start with a short rally at about 10:00 am. After the rally, we will march north along Main Street using the sidewalks for about a half mile. The plan is to gather at the four corners of North Main and Johnson Streets and stay there for a half hour. Then we will march south on Main Street to return to Veterans Park for a finishing rally. The entire event will finish about noon.

Marchers are encouraged to bring signs. Please make the signs fairly large with only a few large words. We want people driving by to be able to read the signs. Suggestions for signs can be found on [marchforscience.com](http://marchforscience.com) or make up your own. Please dress for the weather. For more information, contact [dianahbeck@gmail.com](mailto:dianahbeck@gmail.com) or call 920-922-7931.