



The **HERON**

Quarterly Newsletter of the Fond du Lac County Audubon Society

SUMMER NATURE WALKS

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Explore area nature trails with an Audubon guide.

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All walks begin at 6:30 pm.

See page 3 for more information.

*Cancelled if steady rain,
with the exception of July 30,
which will be held rain or shine.*



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Boys & Girls Club Summer Field Trip to Marsh Haven

On Wednesday, July 10, Fond du Lac County Audubon, in conjunction with the Dave Stetter Environmental Education Fund, is sponsoring a summer field trip for second to fifth graders from Fond du Lac Boys & Girls Club to Marsh Haven Nature Center just outside Waupun. Dave Stetter was a long-time member and supporter of Marsh Haven, so use of these funds at this nature center is especially appropriate. In addition to small group hands-on nature activities, children will meet an animal ambassador in a large group program and watch purple martins on a critter cam. The bus will leave Fond du Lac Boys & Girls Club on Second Street in Fond du Lac at 9:15 am and return at 4:30 pm.

The program at Marsh Haven will be from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Audubon members who would like to help with activities on July 10 are invited to ride the bus or drive themselves. Please contact Kathleen Stetter (920-872-2250)

or stetter@centurytel.net if you are able to help with the field trip and would like to ride the bus. Please bring a sack lunch, wear close-toed shoes, and dress for the weather.

Wild Feast Potluck in September

The annual Wild Feast Potluck will be held on September 4 at the DeNeve Creek Shelter at Lakeside Park.

This is a reminder to plan ahead with wild ingredients when they are available. Some items can be frozen or preserved for later use. More details will follow in the fall newsletter.

Stuffed Nasturtiums by Kathy Waldschmidt



National Audubon Convention in Milwaukee July 26–29

Join us in Milwaukee for Audubon's biennial convention designed to bring together Audubon's vast network of dedicated chapter, state, center, national, and international leaders from across all four flyways. This can't-miss event will feature an array of inspiring speakers, in-depth workshops and discussions, exciting field trips, and the camaraderie and networking opportunities that only the Audubon Convention can provide. Situated on Lake Michigan, Milwaukee is a beautiful and historic place to gather, learn, and network. The Wisconsin Audubon Council, Milwaukee Audubon Society, Schlitz Audubon Nature Center, and the Audubon Great Lakes team are excited to welcome the whole Audubon network to Milwaukee.

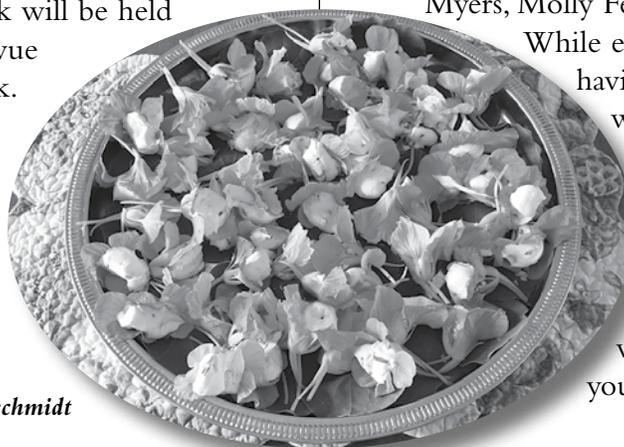
Learn more at Audubon's website: audubon.org/conservation/2019-convention.



Camp Scholarship Winners

Fond du Lac County Audubon Society is happy to announce scholarship winners who will attend Sand Lake Conservation Camp in Crivitz at Camp Bird, June 19–21. The scholarships are made possible through the Dave Stetter Environmental Education Fund. Pictured above are scholarship winners Macy Myers, Molly Fellenz, and Joey Coleman.

While enjoying the outdoors and having fun, middle school students will learn about topics such as wildlife, habitat, water quality, fisheries, forestry, orienteering, canoeing, and conservation careers. For more information on the camp, please visit wisconsinlandwater.org/events/youth-conservation-camps.



SUMMER EVENING TUESDAY WALKS

Explore trails in Fond du Lac County and City with members of Audubon. All walks begin at 6:30 pm. Carpooling is sometimes available. Wear good walking shoes, bring insect repellent, and binoculars if available. The walks will last an hour to an hour and a half. Cancelled if steady rain with the exception of July 30. For more information about the summer walks, contact dianahbeck@gmail.com or 920-922-7931.

June 4 Kay's Ledge N7836 County Road WH

This 62-acre private preserve is on the Niagara Escarpment. Enjoy woods, ledgeface with spring-fed creeks, flowers, birds, and a field overlooking Lake Winnebago. (Drive up WH. Just past the pottery place, look for our Audubon banner on a wooden fence on the west side.) *Leader – Margie Winter*

June 11 Shaginappi County Park

The park is a natural area of 100 acres of wetlands, lakeshore, woods, and prairie and is situated adjacent to Columbia Park, sharing Calumet Harbor. Pipe Creek also winds through the park property. (North on Hwy 151 to just north of Pipe. Turn left on Velvet Beach Road. Continue about ½ mile and turn into a parking lot on the left.) *Leaders – Dave & Kerry Sehloff*

June 18 Mascoutin Valley State Trail

Meet at the north end of Hageman Road, which is four miles west on Hwy 23. This section of the Mascoutin Valley Trail provides an easy walk on an elevated abandoned railroad track that passes through cattail marsh and trees. *Leader – Adam Knueppel*

June 25 Greenway Arboretum

Discover over two miles of beautiful nature trails along the Fond du Lac River on 24.5 acres in town. Through the efforts of ParkWatch and local citizen volunteers, restoration of native tree plantings and an oak savanna are in progress, along with new walking trails. Meet at the west side of the parking lot at the south Pick 'n Save store at 55 West Pioneer Road. *Leader – Evelyn McLean-Cowan*

July 2 Oakfield Ledge State Natural Area, off Breakneck Road

This property features a substantial exposure of the Niagara Escarpment as well as a unique eco-system. See undisturbed native vegetation and forest floor habitat. (Travel south on County Road Y from

Oakfield. Turn right on Breakneck Road and watch for the parking lot on the right after about two miles.) Carpool from the southeast corner of the Fleet Farm parking lot at 5:55 pm. *Leader – Diana Beck*

July 9 Sullivan's Woods 6342 Hay Road, Fisk

This is a one-acre prairie with surrounding woodlands. A fair portion of the trail is boardwalk due to the marsh area. Carpooling will be available at 5:50 pm from the southwest corner of the Kohl's parking lot at the Forest Mall. *Leader – Hans Neuman*

July 16 Gottfried Prairie and Arboretum

The Gottfried Prairie and Arboretum offers 37.5 acres of native prairie, which includes 55 kinds of native wildflowers and six species of grass, as well as a 3.5 acre formal arboretum of 250 native trees and 140 native shrubs. Meet in the east parking lot at the UW campus at 400 University Drive.

Leader – Margie Winter

July 23 Kiekhaefer Park W4235 Kiekhaefer Parkway

This park of 120 acres has wonderful trails through hilly, wooded terrain and is part of the Niagara Escarpment. *Leader – Diana Beck*

July 30 Fred's Place W10083 Rose Eld Road

Join Nettie Burnett for a walk around the pond and through the woods at Fred Mattheis' private property off Rose Eld Road. Nettie is a member of Miniss Kitigan Drum, a spiritual family based on Native American practices. She will identify and talk about Native American uses of plants. In case of rain, we will meet in Fred's cabin to talk informally. From Fond du Lac, drive west on Highway 23 to Rose Eld Road. Turn right on Rose Eld Road and drive to W10083. Turn right onto the farm lane and drive to the north side of the pond to park. Carpooling available at 6 pm at the southwest corner of Menards parking lot. *Leader – Nettie Burnett*

August 6 Riggs County Park

N8137 Douglas Street, Ripon Explore the wetlands via boardwalks and a viewing platform and follow winding trails through 70 acres of native prairie.

Leader – Kathleen Stetter



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Prairie Fest on August 3

This year, Prairie Fest will be held at the UW-Fond du Lac campus on Saturday, August 3 from 9 am to 3 pm. Activities for the whole family will feature the annual butterfly release, an electric vehicle show, artist and maker fair, and prairie tours. This year's keynote speaker will be Stanley Temple. He will give a talk on "Monarch Butterflies, Private Land, and Aldo Leopold's Land Ethic" at 12:30 pm.



Audubon Bird Seed Sale

We will have two bird seed sales in the upcoming season: October 12, 2019 and early February 2020 (date to be determined). Watch for the details in the fall and winter newsletters and on our website.

Annual Energy Fair, June 21-23

This is the 30th year of the Energy Fair. The mission of this event is to promote renewable energy, energy efficiency, and sustainability through education and demonstration.

The address is 7558 Deer Road, Custer, Wisconsin 54423 (a few miles southeast of Stevens Point). The Fair offers workshops, keynote speakers, exhibits, live music, and much more. Visit the website—theenergyfair.org for additional information.