



# *The* **HERON**

Quarterly Newsletter of the Fond du Lac County Audubon Society

## WINTER EVENTS

**There is a room change for our programs at MPTC.  
We will meet in Room B124.**

It is recommended that people park in lot B and enter door B3.  
After coming in, turn left and go to room B124.

### **Community Shopping at Just Fare Market**

Thursday, December 1, 10 am–4 pm

### **Bird Window Strike Project and Peregrine Falcon Program**

Wednesday, December 14, 7 pm, MPTC

### **Storm Water Management and Water Quality**

Wednesday, January 11, 7 pm, MPTC

### **Snowshoe Saturday**

Saturday, January 21, 1 pm, Kiekhaefer Park

### **A History of Hickory**

Wednesday, February 8, 7 pm, MPTC

### **Snowshoe Sunday**

Sunday, February 12, 1 pm, Kiekhaefer Park

### **Great Backyard Bird Count**

February 17–20

*See pages 2 and 3 for more information on our Winter events.*



**Thank you**

*Haentze Floral Company  
for hosting the  
Audubon Bird Seed Sales.*

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## AUDUBON WINTER EVENTS

### ***Community Shopping Benefits Audubon and Just Fare Market***

**Thursday, December 1, 10 am–4 pm  
N7645 N. Peebles Lane and also online**

Audubon's annual shopping event at Just Fare Market is at their store and also online. To shop online, go to [justfare.org](http://justfare.org), and click on "Shop now." Browse through an amazing array of items and place your order. Type **Audubon** in the order memo line, so that we receive credit for your purchase. Pick up your order Thursday or Friday 10–4 or Saturday 10–2.

Just Fare Market, a Fair Trade store, benefits from your support. Fair Trade is a direct and cooperative business approach helping farmers and artisans in developing countries. Fair Trade uses environmentally sustainable practices in production, which is important to those interested in preserving the world's birds and natural resources. Fond du Lac County Audubon benefits, as we receive 15% of total sales during event hours. Those funds support our local programs, conservation, and education efforts.

### ***Bird Window Strike Project and Peregrine Falcon Program***

**Wednesday, December 14, 7 pm  
MPTC, Room B-124**

Brad Spanbauer is the Sustainability Director for UW Oshkosh and is involved with the Bird-Window Collision research project and the Peregrine Falcon monitoring project at UW Oshkosh. This presentation will discuss how the bird-window collision project got started in 2018 and the solution implemented, as well as an overview of the previous data collection and ongoing research. In addition, Brad will provide a history of the Peregrine Falcon project at UW Oshkosh and some fascinating stories of the peregrine falcons that are monitored around the state.



### ***Storm Water Management and Water Quality***

**Wednesday, January 11, 7 pm  
MPTC, Room B-124**

This presentation by Nick Waldschmidt, Stormwater Engineer, will explain the City of Fond du Lac regulations for stormwater management, city stormwater management programs and efforts, how stormwater ponds work, and what residents can do to protect area waterways. Stormwater management regulations include water quality requirements, peak discharge (flooding), infiltration, and protective areas requirements. Steps residents can do to help include household hazardous waste disposal, pet waste management, vehicle washing, yard waste management, proper pesticide and fertilizer application, stream and shoreline management, and infiltration and reuse of stormwater at residential properties. The city also has an Adopt-A-Drain program to keep storm inlet clear of debris and obstruction.

### ***Snowshoe or Hike at Kiekhaefer Park***

**Saturday, January 21, 1 pm and  
Sunday, February 12, 1 pm  
4235 Kiekhaefer Parkway**

Enjoy a guided winter exploration of the hilly trails at beautiful Kiekhaefer Park. If there is good snow, we will snowshoe; otherwise we will hike. If too muddy or if it's raining, the event will be canceled.

If you don't have snowshoes, a limited number will be available by reservation at no charge, courtesy of Attitude Sports. For trail conditions or to reserve snowshoes, call Diana at 920-922-7931 or email [dianahbeck@gmail.com](mailto:dianahbeck@gmail.com).

### ***A History of Hickory***

**Wednesday, February 8, 7 pm  
MPTC, Room B-124**

This presentation by Mike Starshak, president and founder of the Wisconsin Hickory Association, reviews the long and treasured use of Hickory in North America by Native Americans, the earliest European explorers, settlers, colonial Americans, and rural farm families.



## AUDUBON WINTER EVENTS

### *Great Backyard Bird Count, Feb. 17–20*

Contribute to one of the most successful bird counts. More than 173,000 people of all ages and walks of life worldwide join the four-day count annually to create a snapshot of the distribution and abundance of birds. Observations can be made from the comfort of your home and only involve a minimum of 15 minutes. Even beginners can help. The website has wonderful aids for identifying the birds in our area. Enter the results online. Final totals and results are available later to all participants. Details are on the website: [gbbc.birdcount.org](http://gbbc.birdcount.org)

### *Audubon Bird Seed Sale*

**Saturday, March 11, 9–11 am**

**Haentze Floral Company, 658 Fond du Lac Ave.**

Pre-order bird seed by February 23. See our flyer or the order form on our website. We offer high quality seed to attract a variety of birds to your feeders. There is limited seed available if not pre-ordered.

How to get information mid-February:

- 1) email [fondy Audubon@gmail.com](mailto:fondy Audubon@gmail.com) and we'll email or snail mail a flyer, or
- 2) check our website: [fdlaudubon.org](http://fdlaudubon.org), or
- 3) call Lori at 920-960-7930



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## AUDUBON HABITAT HEROES

### *Local Audubon Partners with the Children's Museum of Fond du Lac*

The Children's Museum of Fond du Lac has an interactive outdoor play and educational space on the west side of the museum. One component of this space is a long and narrow (approximately 90' x 3') Prairie Garden. The project has been a volunteer effort from several Fond du Lac entities and organizations. Children can observe eye-catching flowers, grasses, and butterflies up close and also touch them.

The prairie garden was initially designed and installed by college students enrolled in the "Prairie Ecosystems and Restoration" course offered jointly by Marian University and the UWO-Fond du Lac campus.



The university students collected seed, stratified, and started prairie seedlings at the UW greenhouse.

Assistance was provided by the Gottfried Prairie & Arboretum (site of prairie seed collection) and the Fond du Lac County Audubon Society. More recently, the Fond du Lac County Master Gardeners have provided plant identification signs for the garden.

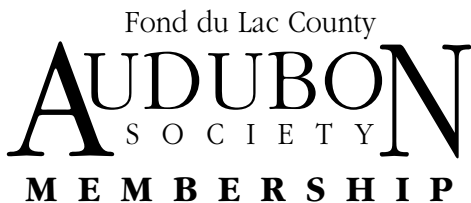
The Fond du Lac County Audubon Society continues to maintain the educational Prairie Garden at the Children's Museum of Fond du Lac. Approximately three times a year, Fond du Lac Audubon volunteers weed, plant, or complete fall cleanup at the garden. For more information or questions as to how you can help, contact Audubon member Margie Winter (920-517-5416).



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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.
- I am a renewing member.

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### ***Landscape Pesticide Registry Signup***

Protect your pets, your family, and yourself from neighbors' lawn chemicals. Be informed whenever your neighbors have pesticides applied to their property by a professional yard service. You will receive a call the day before, alerting you to the time and types of pesticides that will be used.

Sign up for 2023 by February 1. Visit the website at <https://mydatcp.wi.gov/Account/LogOn>.

### ***Audubon Membership Expiration***

Note your Audubon membership expiration date on the mailing label.

### ***Project SNOWstorm***

Visit [ProjectSnowstorm.org](https://ProjectSnowstorm.org) at the end of December to see if there is any activity with our owl.