



# *The* HERON

Quarterly Newsletter of the Fond du Lac County Audubon Society

## SUMMER NATURE WALKS

### *Summer Evening Tuesday Walks*

*Explore area nature trails with members of Audubon.  
Always open to the public.*

**June 4** Eldorado Marsh

**June 11** Fond du Lac Chimney Survey (rain date June 18)

**June 18** Rain date for Chimney Survey  
or Powell Lake Conservancy, Ripon

**June 25** Farm Walk

**July 2** Lakeside Park West

**July 9** Kiekhaefer Park

**July 16** Greenway Arboretum

**July 23** Oakfield Ledge State Natural Area

**July 30** Mascoutin Valley State Trail

**August 6** Gottfried Prairie and Arboretum

**August 13** Elderberry Farm

**August 20** Chimney Swift Sunset Count



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*All walks begin at 6:30 pm.  
See page 3 for more information. Canceled if steady rain.*

### **Limited Edition Bird/Animal Prints**

Pat and Anne Guy have donated 11 signed and numbered limited edition wildlife prints to Fond du Lac County Audubon with proceeds intended for the Dave Stetter Environmental Education Fund. Prints include eight Tom Schultz circa 1979 prints of blue jays, chickadees, and rose-breasted grosbeaks, a Ron Van Gilder print of Canada geese, a Harry Tollas print of a black Labrador puppy, and a Robert Timm rabbit print. Tom Schultz is a native of Fond du Lac who lives near Green Lake. His illustrations have appeared in several editions of National Geographic's Field Guide to Birds of North America, and in the Smithsonian Institution's Warblers field guide. The Fond du Lac Audubon Board will accept free-will (tax deductible) donations directed to the Dave Stetter Environmental Education Fund for these prints. Photos of the prints, size, and print number are available for viewing on the Audubon website [fdlaudubon.org](http://fdlaudubon.org). Please respond to [fondyaudubon@gmail.com](mailto:fondyaudubon@gmail.com) with your print selection and donation or to set up an appointment to see the prints.

### **Prairie Fest at Gottfried Arboretum**

Prairie Fest will be held Saturday August 3, from 9 am–noon. Celebrate nature with yoga, prairie tours, short nature pop-up presentations, environmental education displays, and a monarch butterfly release. The Gottfried Prairie and Arboretum is adjacent to the UW-O Fond du Lac Campus.

### **Community Shopping Event with Just Fare Market**

Thank you to all who supported our Community Shopping Event with Just Fare Market. Fond du Lac County Audubon benefits as we receive 15% of total sales over \$500 during the event. Just Fare Market, farmers, and artisans, also benefit. Our next community shopping event will be December 5.



### **June Invasive Species Pulls**

The two-hour sessions start at 8 am. Canceled if raining. Bring gloves and a digging tool. No experience necessary.

For more information call 920-922-7931 or email [dianahbeck@gmail.com](mailto:dianahbeck@gmail.com).

#### **JUNE**

- 1 Sat Hobbs Woods  
N4197 South Hickory Road
- 3 Mon Hobbs Woods
- 6 Thurs Hobbs Woods
- 8 Sat Hobbs Woods
- 10 Mon Kettle Moraine (9 am)  
Contact Diana for directions.
- 12 Wed Kay's Ledge  
N7836 Hwy WH, Entrance on west side
- 15 Sat Lallier Park  
National Avenue south of 4th Street
- 17 Mon Hobbs Woods

### **Stetter Environmental Education Funds Support Boys/Girls Club Field Trip**

Through the Dave Stetter Environmental Education Fund, second through fifth graders from Fond du Lac Boys/Girls Club will go on a field trip to Marsh Haven Nature Center on June 17.

The activities will include a nature hike about birds and plants, a monarchs and milkweed program with students making a seed ball, a nature scavenger hunt, and meeting the raptors presentation. The 30–40 children will be divided into three groups for activities, and there will be about eight staff from Boys/Girls Club and volunteer Audubon members.

The Dave Stetter Environmental Education Fund was established in honor of Dave Stetter, long time Audubon member and local science teacher who highly valued youth outdoor education activities for developing an appreciation of the natural world. Those wishing to contribute to the fund may send checks payable to Dave Stetter EE Fund to Mike Sweney, Audubon Treasurer, at N5545 Winnvue Ct., Fond du Lac, WI 54937. We are a 501c(3) nonprofit tax-exempt organization. To volunteer for the field trip, contact Kathleen Stetter at [Krstetter@gmail.com](mailto:Krstetter@gmail.com) or 920-872-2250.





## SUMMER EVENING TUESDAY WALKS

**E**xplore trails and yards in Fond du Lac County and City with members of Audubon. All walks begin at 6:30 pm. Wear good walking shoes, bring insect repellent, and binoculars if available. The walks will last an hour to an hour and a half. For more information about the summer walks, contact [dianahbeck@gmail.com](mailto:dianahbeck@gmail.com) or 920-922-7931.

**June 4 Eldorado Marsh**

Hike along the dike through Eldorado Marsh and enjoy a birding opportunity. Meet in the parking lot at the end of Dike Road on the east side of the marsh. *Leader – Lori Amend*

**June 11 Fond du Lac Chimney Survey**

Participate in an effort to locate chimneys that might be roosting and/or nesting sites for chimney swifts. Meet at Taylor Park on Hickory Street by the picnic shelter at 6:30 pm. After the survey, the group will report results and socialize at Top Shelf (90 S. Main). Rain date June 18.

**June 18 Rain date for Fond du Lac Chimney Survey**

If the survey was completed, then a road trip to Powell Lake Conservancy—W598 Cty Road K, Ripon. Meet in the southwest corner of Menards at 5:45 pm for carpooling. *Leader – Diana Beck* 920-922-7931 or email [dianahbeck@gmail.com](mailto:dianahbeck@gmail.com)

**June 25 Farm Walk** W6744 Rogersville Road

Explore a farm with original farm buildings from the 1890s, draft horses, beehives, fields/gardens, and river shoreline along the west branch of the Fond du Lac River. *Leaders – Members of Furrows to Fences*

**July 2 Lakeside Park West**

Explore the new trail and boardwalk with views of Lake Winnebago and Supple's Marsh. Walk over the new bridge connecting east and west park land. Meet by the dog park. *Leader – Lori Amend*

**July 9 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 16 Greenway Arboretum** Discover over two miles of beautiful nature trails along the Fond du Lac River on 24.5 acres in town. 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 23 Oakfield Ledge State Natural Area**  
Breakneck Road

This property features a substantial exposure of the Niagara Escarpment as well as a unique eco-system. (Travel south on Cty Road Y from Oakfield. Turn right on Breakneck Road and watch for the parking lot on the right after about two miles.) Carpooling will be available from the southeast corner of the Fleet Farm parking lot at 5:50 pm.

*Leaders – Dave Langholff and Liz Roy*

**July 30 Mascoutin Valley State Trail**

Walk part or all of the two-mile trail section between Eldorado and Rosendale. Hear about the two Lions Clubs that saved this section of trail. Watch for animal dens as the abandoned railroad bed passes through embankments and search for green heron nests along a small tributary of the Fond du Lac River. (West on Hwy 23 and north on C about ¼ mile on left.)

*Leader – Kathleen Stetter*

**August 6 Gottfried Prairie & Arboretum**

Walk on a guided tour through some of the 37.5 acres at the UW campus. Meet in the east parking lot at the UW campus, 400 University Drive.

*Leader – Margie Winter*

**August 13 Elderberry Farm Tour**

Countryside Elderberries, W8622 Smith Road Stroll among two acres of elderberry plants and learn about the culture of this native species. Take Hwy 23 west. Turn left on Smith Road; first driveway on left.

*Leaders – Owners Mary Beth Beekman and Jeff Margie*

**August 20 Chimney Swift Sunset Count**

Meet at Taylor Park on Hickory St. by the picnic shelter at 7:15 pm. People will go with a partner to observe a chimney before, during, and slightly after sunset (7:48 pm) to count any chimney swifts dropping into the chimney to roost for the night. After the count, the group will report results and socialize at Top Shelf (90 S. Main). Canceled if raining. (Rain date Aug. 21)

*For additional Chimney Swift action attend Fond du Lac's Bird City Swift Night Out events at dusk/sunset on these dates in August: Saturday, the 17th; Sunday the 18th; Saturday the 24th; and Sunday the 25th at Metal-Link (196 Western Avenue, Fond du Lac). View the chimney from the parking lot near the intersection of Brooke Street and Military Road.*

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N5545 Winnvue Court, Fond du Lac, WI 54937

### ***Audubon Bird Seed Sales***

We will have two bird seed sales in the upcoming season, on October 12 and the spring date to be determined. Watch for the details in the fall and winter newsletters and on our website.

### ***Wild Feast Potluck and Fall Programs***

Mark your calendars for the Wild Feast Potluck Wednesday, September 3 at the DeNeve Creek Shelter at Lakeside Park. 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. Our evening programs at MPTC will be at 7 pm on October 9 and November 13.

### ***The 33rd Annual Energy Fair***

Organized by the Midwest Renewable Energy Association, The Energy Fair is the nation's longest-running event of its kind and brings thousands of attendees together to learn about sustainability and clean energy, connect with others, and take action toward a sustainable future for all.

This year, The Energy Fair has evolved into a single day, consumer-focused event. The Fair will feature a competitive selection of workshops, demonstrations, exhibit booths, and the usual music and fun that has always been at the heart of the Fair. The Energy Fair will take place Saturday, June 22 in Custer, Wisconsin. Read more at [TheEnergyFair.org](http://TheEnergyFair.org)