



The **HERON**

Quarterly Newsletter of the Fond du Lac County Audubon Society

FALL PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

We have a new room for our programs this year at MPTC.
Our room will be B141. People can park in the B lot on the north side of MPTC and enter door B3.



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Several dates in October (See back page)

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Adam Kneppel



Rebecca Jabs

More information on programs and activities is on page 3.

**See the back page for more information on buckthorn removal sessions.*

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Cicadapalooza Trip Report

A group from Fond du Lac drove to Lake Geneva on June 8 to attend the first-ever Wisconsin Cicadapalooza. Cicadas are close relatives of aphid plant pests. This event was extra special because:

- These are periodical cicadas that emerged from their long (17-year) development underground feeding on sap from tree roots.
- These insects occur only in the eastern and midwestern United States.
- This emergence coincided with that of 13-year cicadas, a phenomenon that occurs only once every 221 years.

We toured through a cicada “hot spot” and saw millions of these insects crawling on the ground, sidewalks, and streets, and up trees and fence posts. If you stood still long enough, some would be crawling up your leg, but there was no cause for concern because these insects do not bite, although their legs were a bit prickly.

We also attended two lectures on cicada taxonomy and biology by UW-Madison entomologists (insect researchers) in the Lake Geneva Public Library, and sampled ice cream topped with chocolate-covered, roasted cicadas prepared by a local chef.

The only downside was that it was a rainy day, which didn’t dampen our spirits or reduce attendance, as over 500 people (from many parts of Wisconsin and other states as well) signed up for the tours. Unfortunately, though, the rain did prevent the male cicadas from producing their ear-piercing sound they generate to attract females for mating.

The next emergence of the 17-year cicadas will be in 2041 and the next joint emergence with the 13-year cicadas will be in 2245—hope to see you then.

—*Frank Slansky*



PJ Liesch

Great Lakes and Related Dynamics

On October 17 from 6:30–8 pm, join via Zoom for a presentation by Noah Ryan, a UW-Oshkosh student and Fond du Lac resident. Noah participated in a study of litter on Lake Michigan. A Zoom link will be sent to Audubon members via email.



Community Shopping Night

Thursday, December 5, 10 am–5 pm, Just Fare Market

Audubon’s annual shopping event at Just Fare Market is at their store (N7645 N. Peebles Lane) and also online. Pick up your order Thursday 10–5, Friday 10–4, or Saturday 10–2.

This shopping event is your opportunity to “feed three birds” with one effort! First, Just Fare Market, a Fair Trade shop, benefits from your much-needed business. Fair Trade is a direct and cooperative business approach that supports farmers and craftspeople throughout the world 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. Second, Fond du Lac County Audubon benefits as we receive 15% of total sales over \$500 during the event. Those funds support our local programs, conservation, and education efforts. Third, you benefit by locating some unique and interesting holiday gifts for your family and friends. Audubon members will be at the shop during Thursday event hours to greet you and assist with your shopping. Invite your friends.

Stetter Environmental Education Funds Support Boys & Girls Club Field Trip

Through the Dave Stetter Environmental Education funds, Fond du Lac County Audubon provided a day-long field trip for second through fifth graders from Fond du Lac Boys/Girls Club to visit Marsh Haven Nature Center on June 17, 2024.

AUDUBON PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Wild Feast Potluck on September 4

Wednesday, September 4, 5 pm, Denevue Creek

Shelter, Lakeside Park (east end of Harbor View Drive)

Enjoy fresh outdoor food at our Wild Feast Potluck. We plan to be eating at 5:30 pm. Bring your own plate, cup, bowl, utensils, and beverage. Alcohol is allowed in the shelter area. Your contribution of food or drink to the potluck should include some wild ingredients or fresh produce from your garden. This is an opportunity to experiment and try something new. There are many edible weeds in your own yard. However, avoid areas that are treated with pesticides. Please bring a list of the ingredients or the recipe, so that people can avoid allergy problems. For more information call 920-922-7931 or email dianahbeck@gmail.com.

Sunset/Full Moon Walk Eldorado Marsh

Monday, September 16, 6:30 pm

Join us as we walk along the dike road in Eldorado Marsh. We will enjoy the late daylight of the sunset and the full moon rising as we watch for birds and other wildlife. Bring insect repellent. Some binoculars will be available. Meet in the parking lot at the end of Dike Road on the east side of Eldorado Marsh. The hike is canceled if overcast.

Insect Portraits and a Cabinet of Wonder at the Paine Art Center and Gardens

Friday, Sept. 20, 9:45 am, 1410 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh

Join us for this beautiful exhibit, carpooling from the Children's Museum parking lot at 9:45 am or meet us at 10:30 am at the Paine Art Center. Examine extremely fine pigmented scales, velvet-like surface textures, saw-sharp mandibles, swirling patterns, and vibrant colors with photography by British photographer Levon Biss. Then, using exotic insects, Jennifer Angus explores themes of beauty, pattern, ornamentation, relationships between humans and insects, and the roles insects play in ecosystems. Lunch (optional) at Gardinas afterward.

The Magic of 2024's Periodical Cicadas

Wednesday, October 9, 7 pm, MPTC, Room B141

See this engaging online presentation by Patrick (PJ) Liesch, an Extension entomologist for the University of Wisconsin-Madison, a science communicator, and the director of the UW Insect Diagnostic Lab, who

also shares the world of insects as @WisconsinBugGuy on Twitter/X. This year, the U. S. experienced a rare double emergence of periodical cicadas (Broods XIII and XIX), which last emerged at the same time in 1803. While states like Illinois saw activity from both broods, Wisconsin only saw the emergence of Brood XIII (17-year) periodical cicadas, which last appeared in 2007. We'll review the biology of these amazing insects, discuss the activity in the eastern U.S, and also share some initial findings of a community science project related to these insects.

Audubon Bird Seed Sale

Saturday, October 12, 9-11 am, Haentze Floral

Due to uncertainty in pricing for fall and the crazy costs this summer, we are unable to get prices for seed delivered in October. We will have the updated seed prices and flyer printed by mid-September. Orders will be due by September 23.

Check the selection and prices out then and place your order. How to get information mid-September: 1) email fondyaudubon@gmail.com and we'll email or snail mail a flyer, or 2) check our website: fdlaudubon.org, or 3) call Lori at 920-960-7930.

Kay's Ledge Hike and Bonfire

Saturday, November 2, 2 pm, N7836 Hwy WH

Enjoy a late fall hike through the Kay's Ledge property. Afterward, socialize at the bonfire with hot chocolate, tea, treats, and s'mores. Bring any food that you would like to eat or share, and beverages like wine, etc. People can linger by the bonfire through sunset. Dogs will be allowed if kept on a leash during the hike and bonfire. Canceled if raining.

Directions: N7836 WH. Drive east on Cty Hwy WH, up the ledge .9 miles from the 151 bypass to the entrance on the west side. Watch for Audubon signs by the entrance.

Science Illustration and Ornithology

Wednesday, November 13, 7 pm, MPTC, Room B141

Join Wisconsin artist Rebecca Jabs to learn how interpretive artwork benefits our study of birds. From early field guide illustrations to today's digital infographics, the focus of scientific illustration has shifted to reflect new technologies and needs. Rebecca will share examples of work from various illustrators as well as some of her own projects.

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- 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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Fond du Lac County Audubon, Membership Services
N5545 Winnvue Court, Fond du Lac, WI 54937

Buckthorn Removal Sessions 2024

All sessions are from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Canceled if steady rain. Please inform us if you plan to come because of the equipment involved. Wear a long sleeved shirt and long pants. Bring work gloves and safety glasses if available. No experience is necessary.

Lallier Park

Meet at the southern end of Lallier Park on National Avenue (¼ mile south of 4th Street).

Monday October 7; Thursday October 10;
Monday October 14; Thursday October 17

Hobbs Woods

Meet in the old parking lot five miles south of Fond du Lac on Hickory Road.

Saturday October 19; Thursday October 24;
Saturday Oct. 26

Kettle Moraine

Check contact information below for directions to site.

Monday October 21; Monday October 28

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