



The HERON

Quarterly Newsletter of the Fond du Lac County Audubon Society

UPCOMING PROGRAMS



Pruning for Trees or Wildlife

Wednesday, March 13, 7 pm

MPTC, Room O-104

Kevin Hamm, ISA Board Certified Master Arborist, will present information on proper tree pruning techniques for various scenarios, with considerations given for wildlife.



Aerial Predators

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm

MPTC, Room O-103/104

Rebecca Weiss, Licensed Wildlife Rehabilitator and Founder of Aves Wildlife Alliance, will give a presentation on raptors. Learn how they work for us and what makes them different from usual backyard birds. Enjoy an opportunity to see a LIVE owl, hawk, and falcon up close.



Aldo Leopold Was for the Birds

Wednesday, May 9, 7 pm

MPTC, Room O-104

Stan Temple, Professor Emeritus in Conservation, will review Aldo Leopold's love of birds and birding. Leopold faithfully recorded many of his bird observations, providing important historical records that allow understanding on how birds are responding to environmental factors such as climate change.



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Fond du Lac Bird City World Migratory Bird Day

At the time of publication, speakers and hike leaders have not been finalized. Please check our website at fdlaudubon.org and click on Events to find out more in early spring. There will be a speaker during the week and bird-watching walks on Friday evening and Saturday during the day. Below are other activities taking place during World Migratory Bird Day.

FRIDAY, MAY 3

Kitz & Pfeil Ace Hardware, 40 E. 1st Street

8 am–8 pm

Beginning at 10 am on Friday, watch woodcarvers on-site. Throughout the week and weekend, see featured bird art, bird houses, bird baths, and more bird accessories than ever!

FRIDAY, MAY 3

Gallery & Frame Shop

94 S. Main Street

9:30 am–3 pm

On Friday, watch a woodcarver on-site.

Throughout the week, see bird-related art in a beautiful window display.



THURSDAY, MAY 2 –

SATURDAY, MAY 4

Ubuntu Art Space, 52 E. Division Street

11 am–6 pm Thursday & Friday

11 am–3 pm Saturday

Bird related art will be featured in an exhibit entitled *Feather, Flight, and Song*.

SATURDAY, MAY 4–BIRDING BIKE RIDE

10 am. Meet at the shelter by UW-Fond du Lac's east parking lot on the Gottfried Arboretum.

Explore Fond du Lac's birding hotspots on a bike. John McDowell will lead the ride, part of which will be on the Fond du Lac Loop.



Climate Change – Environmental Film Series 2019

Films on climate change and the environment are being shown at Open Circle UU at 19 Third Street in Fond du Lac. The series is being offered free to the public and is an opportunity to learn more about these important issues. Enter through the side door in the parking lot. The building will be open at 9:45 am and the films will start at 10 a.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

Green Fire

This film explores Aldo Leopold's extraordinary career and his enduring influence, tracing how he shaped the modern conservation movement.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

Before the Flood: The Science is Clear, the Future is Not

This is a 2016 documentary film on climate change presented by National Geographic and featuring Leonardo DiCaprio.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

TBD – Could be **Chasing Ice** or

Our Wisconsin: The Climate Change Effect

People's Climate March, April 20

On Saturday, April 20, a People's Climate March will be taking place in Fond du Lac. Please join us as we raise awareness on the critical and nonpartisan issue of climate change.

The march will gather in Veterans Park at the corner of Western Avenue and South Main Street at 10 am. Bring your own signs. The event will begin with a short rally at Veterans Park. At about 10:15 am, the march will move north on Main Street to the corner of Johnson and Main Streets. The group will stay at this corner from 10:40 to 11:15 am. Then the march will return down Main Street. At about 11:45 am, the march will finish with a short rally at Veterans Park.



SPRING FIELD TRIPS

Nelson and Pade Aquaponics

Friday, March 1, 11:30 am–3:15 pm, Montello

At Nelson and Pade Aquaponics, see how fish and plants are grown together in one integrated, soil-less, commercial, sustainable, year-round farming system. Unlike traditional agriculture, they use one-sixth of the water to sustainably grow eight times more food per acre, without the use of pesticides, herbicides or chemical fertilizers, year round, in any climate. \$10/person. Each participant will receive a free head of fresh lettuce. For those carpooling, we will leave the southwest corner of Menards parking lot at 11:30 am. Tour starts at 1 pm for those wanting to meet there.



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Pontoon Birding Adventure

Saturday, May 18, 6 pm, Horicon

Over 290 species of birds live in or visit Horicon Marsh each year. Participants in this two-hour evening narrated bird trip through the marsh will seek and identify some of them. Experienced and casual bird watchers will enjoy the quiet of the marsh on this early evening tour. Bring binoculars, bird book, insect repellent, and dress for the weather. Meet at 5 pm at the southeast corner of the Fleet Farm parking lot to form a carpool for the 35-minute drive to Blue Heron Landing in Horicon. Or meet the group at Horicon Marsh Boat Tours at 305 Mill Street in Horicon for a 6 pm departure. Cost is \$22 per person, payable at the landing. Contact Diana Beck to reserve a spot (limit of 24 participants). Call 920-922-7931 or email dianahbeck@gmail.com.



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 1; Friday, May 3

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

Session 2:

Monday, May 6; Wednesday, May 8

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

LALLIER PARK

Friday, May 10; Monday, May 13

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

HOBBS WOODS

Thursday, May 16; Saturday, May 18;

Monday, May 20; Wednesday, May 22;

Saturday, May 25; Tuesday, May 28

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. Long pants and a long-sleeved shirt are recommended. Sometimes we are pulling in areas with stinging nettle plants. Garden boots are also helpful. No experience is necessary. For more information, call 920-922-7931 or email dianahbeck@gmail.com.

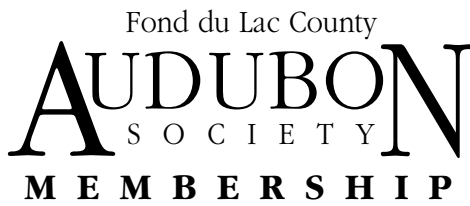




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- Yes!** I want to become a member or renew my membership to the National Audubon Society, and the Fond du Lac County Chapter. The annual membership dues of \$40 entitle me to six issues of the Audubon magazine, and all local chapter benefits. I am 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.
- Save trees. Please send the newsletter to me via email.

Name

Address Canceled in the event of steady rain.

City State Zip

Phone Email

Mail this form with payment to:
Fond du Lac County Audubon, Membership Services
N5545 Winnvue Court, Fond du Lac, WI 54937

Tuesday Evening Summer Walks

Mark your calendar for the Tuesday evening summer walks at local natural areas. Watch for full details in the summer newsletter and online.

Conservation Lobby Day, March 27

Join some of our Audubon members on Wednesday, March 27 as we journey to Madison to attend the Conservation Lobby Day at the Monona Terrace in Madison.

The focus this year will be on three crucial issues: our drinking water, clean energy, and the Knowles Nelson Stewardship program. The morning meeting will cover these issues and plan for lobby meetings in the afternoon with our legislators. Lunch is provided. This is a great opportunity to be heard at the State Capitol.

The event starts with registration starting at 9 am and the meetings start at 10 am. For those who would like to carpool, we will leave the southeast corner of the Fleet Farm parking lot on South Military and Pioneer at 8 am. Reservations are required with Wisconsin Conservation Voters (<https://conservationvoters.org/events/conservation-lobby-day>).

Contact Diana Beck by March 22 for more information and to reserve a spot: 920-922-7931 or dianahbeck@gmail.com.