



# *The* HERON

Quarterly Newsletter of the Fond du Lac County Audubon Society

## SPRING EVENTS

During this time of the covid pandemic, we are requiring masks for any program indoors or in a crowded situation. We do not have the option to present the indoor programs virtually. For these reasons we are trying to offer as many outdoor programs as possible.

**March 9**

Wisconsin Native Mussels Program

**April 13**

Identifying Wonderful Warblers Program

**April 15**

Easter Full Moon Walk at Eldorado Marsh

**April-June**

Invasive Species Removals

**May 6-7**

Fond du Lac Bird City World Migratory Bird Day

**May 7**

Birding Bike Ride on the Loop

**May 8**

Mothers Day Flower Walk at Hobbs Woods

**May 11**

Adventures Hiking the Ice Age Trail Program

**May 14**

Kay's Ledge Invasive Species Pull

**May 31**

Evening Walk at Eldorado Marsh

**June 7**

Evening Walk at Mullet Creek State Wildlife Area

*More information on inside pages of the newsletter.*



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## AUDUBON SPRING EVENTS

### ***Wisconsin Native Mussels***

**Wednesday, March 9, 7 pm**

**MPTC, Room A-112**

Our state has 50 species of native mussels, found throughout lakes, rivers, and streams. Their ecology, contribution to the health of our waterbodies, and amazing life history with unique adaptations will be presented by Lisie Kitchel, a conservation biologist with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Mussels' historic to present day uses from tools to buttons to pearls will be explored.

### ***Identifying Wonderful Warblers***

**Wednesday, April 13, 7 pm, MPTC, Room A-112**

Tom Schultz is a wildlife artist, specializing in field guide illustrations and is featured in all seven editions of National Geographic field guide and also illustrated the warbler section of Peterson field guide. He will share information on identifying the types of warblers, over 30 species of which nest in Wisconsin during the summer and migrate to Central and South America for the winter.

### ***Easter Full Moon Walk***

**Friday, April 15, 6:45 pm, Eldorado Marsh**

At twilight, there should be an opportunity to see and hear the birds in the marsh. The moon will rise at 6:31 pm and the sun will set at 7:37 pm. Meet in the parking lot at the end of Dike Road on the east side of Eldorado Marsh at 6:45 pm. Bring binoculars and wear good hiking shoes. The event will be canceled if heavy cloud cover or bad weather.

### ***Bird City World Migratory Bird Day Walks/Hikes***

Look for the Bird City banner at the locations below.

**Friday, May 6**

6 pm Camelot Business Park, 28 Camelot Drive

**Saturday, May 7**

7 am Greenway Arboretum, 55 W. Pioneer Road

10 am Supple's Marsh (on the new one-mile trail).

Meet by the dog park.

1 pm Lakeside Park, Kiwanis Shelter

*Walk leaders –Adam Kneuppel, Dave and Kerry Sehloff*

Bring binoculars and wear good hiking shoes.

Audubon will make a limited number of binoculars available for use during the hike.

### ***Birding Bike Ride***

**Saturday, May 7, 10 am, Fond du Lac Loop**

Meet at the shelter by UWO-Fond du Lac's east parking lot on the Gottfried Arboretum. Riders will explore and bird watch along the Prairie Trail, Peebles Trail, and Lakeside Park Fond du Lac Loop trails. Distance: 8–12 miles, adjusted according to the participants' fitness levels. *Leader –John McDowell*

### ***Mothers Day Flower Walk***

**Sunday, May 8, 1 pm, Hobbs Woods**

Margie Winter will lead this walk and help in identifying the many plants, flowers, and spring ephemerals on display.

We will meet in the parking lot at Hobbs Woods at N4197 South Hickory Road, about five miles south of Fond du Lac. Wear good hiking shoes and bring insect repellent if needed.

### ***Adventures Hiking the Ice Age Trail***

**Wednesday, May 11, 7 pm, MPTC, Room A-112**

Hear tales from the trail, courtesy of the Ice Age Trail Alliance. One of only 11 National Scenic Trails in the country, the Ice Age Trail is a 1,000-mile footpath contained entirely within the state of Wisconsin. Ancient glaciers carved the path through rocky terrain, open prairies, and peaceful forests. Now, day hikers, backpackers, and outdoor lovers of all ages rely on the Ice Age Trail for a place to unplug, relax, and enjoy nature.

### ***Summer Evening Walks***

Join us for Audubon's Tuesday evening summer walks at 6:30 pm. See the full schedule in the upcoming summer newsletter or on our website.

**Eldorado Marsh, Tuesday, May 31**

The .75 mile-long dike provides excellent wildlife viewing opportunities. (West on 23, east on Heinrich, north on Dike Road.) *Leader–Adam Kneuppel*

**Mullet Creek State Wildlife Area, Tuesday, June 7**

Explore wetland, forest, grassland, and farmland with Mullet Creek flowing through the property. (East on Hwy 23 for about 15 miles, right on Hillview Road. Go down the hill and to the second gravel parking area to meet for the walk.) *Leader–Margie Winter*

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

### ***Spring Invasive Species Removals***

Volunteers are needed to help remove garlic mustard, dames rocket and celandine. These plants are taking over our wild areas. This activity can be done safely in this time of the Covid 19 Virus. It is easy to social distance from other volunteers. Also it is a wonderful way to be outdoors and help the local eco-system. The Fond du Lac County Audubon Society is sponsoring these sessions:

#### **HOBBS WOODS**

*April 11 (Monday), April 13 (Wednesday), April 16 (Saturday), April 18 (Monday), April 20 (Wednesday), April 23 (Saturday), April 25 (Monday), April 27 (Wednesday), April 30 (Saturday), then June 11 (Saturday), June 13 (Monday), June 15 (Wednesday) June 18 (Saturday)*

Meet at Hobbs Woods County Park (five miles south of Fond du Lac on Hickory Street).

#### **LALLIER PARK**

*May 4 (Wednesday), May 7 (Saturday), May 11 (Wednesday), May 18 (Wednesday)*

Meet at the south end of the park on National Ave.

#### **PEEBLES TRAIL**

*Session 1: May 21 (Saturday), May 25 (Wednesday), May 28 (Saturday), May 31 (Tuesday)*

Meet at the intersection with Prairie Road (¼ mile south of Winnebago Drive).

*Session 2: June 2 (Thursday), June 4 (Saturday), June 6 (Monday), June 8 (Wednesday)*

Meet at the intersection with County Highway K (⅓ mile south of Winnebago Drive).

#### **KETTLE MORAINÉ ADOPTED AREA**

*Mondays: May 2, May 9, May 16, May 23 and a final gleaning session on June 20 (Monday) at 9:00 am.*

Check with Diana Beck for directions to our meeting site in the Kettle Moraine.

All sessions will run from 9 to 11 am in April and May. June sessions will run from 8 to 10 am. Canceled 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. Bring a dandelion fork if you own one. No experience is necessary.

***For more information call 920-922-7931 or email dianahbeck@gmail.com.***

### ***Wildlife Rescue by LouRea Kenyon***

Wildlife rescue and rehabilitation of orphaned, injured, and ill wild birds and mammals is being facilitated by LouRea Kenyon. She is our wildlife rehab expert and consultant, and one of our Audubon Board members. She has over 28 years of experience being permitted, certified, and owning her own rehab center in Gainesville, Florida. She is a past lecturer, trainer, and publisher in the field.

Here are some samples of recent calls for help from people in our area: a deer lying in a field unable to get up; a deer in a yard unable to use front leg; an osprey on the side of the road with a fractured wing; a turtle hit by a car and had a fractured shell and one eye out of the socket; a baby killdeer that fell through a grate; an injured bird in the middle of the road; a mallard duck with a fractured wing and leg; a goose with a fractured wing; a hawk on the ground with a rabbit and had drooping wings (this is what raptors do on a kill and so not injured); and a baby swallow with mostly fuzz.

For the year of 2021, there was a total of 62 calls and 14 calls for healthy normal fledgling baby birds.

Here is an important message about fledgling birds. This is a normal developmental phase for a fledgling: They need to be on the ground for several days before they are able to fly, so the parents can teach them where and what food to eat on the ground. If they could fly, they would never go to the ground. They climb into bushes or tall grasses for safety overnight.

Please call LouRea Kenyon at 920-872-2266 with any questions or concerns about injured wildlife.

### ***Kay's Ledge Invasive Species Pull***

**Saturday, May 14, N7836 WH**

- Work session 9:00 to 11:00 am.
- Picnic lunch (provided) and a fire 11:00 to noon, and second work session at noon to 2:00 pm. No dogs allowed.
- Come for the whole event or at least one work session. Rain date on May 15 (Sunday).

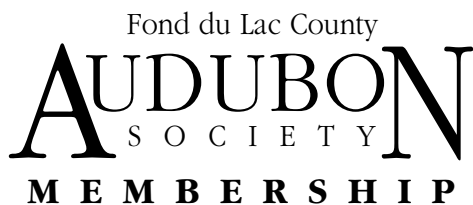




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- Yes!** I want to become a member or renew my membership to the National Audubon Society, and the Fond du Lac County Chapter. The annual membership dues of \$40 entitle me to six issues of the Audubon magazine, and all local chapter benefits. I am 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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N5545 Winnvue Court, Fond du Lac, WI 54937

### ***Audubon Program Chair Needed***

The Fond du Lac Audubon Society board is asking one of our chapter members to join the board as program chair. The position is responsible for arranging for the programs that are presented at MPTC from October through May each year. Other board members will help with ideas for programs, but the program chair will contact the speakers and set up the program calendar. This position could be shared with another person as co-chairs. If interested contact Diana Beck at [dianahbeck@gmail.com](mailto:dianahbeck@gmail.com) or at 920-922-7931.

### ***Audubon and Just Fare Market Have a Successful Community Shopping Event***

Thank you to everyone who came out to Just Fare Market or shopped online for our collaborative Community Shopping Event. Of all the other non-profits who partner with Just Fare Market, Fond du Lac County Audubon had the most profitable sale. This year's annual event will take place on Thursday, December 1, 2022.

### ***Easy Fire Starter***

Make a fire starter for your next campfire using recycled materials: Put dryer lint inside an empty toilet paper roll.