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Quarterly Newsletter of the Fond du Lac County Audubon Society

FALL PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

There is a room change for our programs at MPTC due to construction this fall. We will meet in Room E120.

Park in Lot C close to Johnson Street. Walk down the sidewalk along the outside of the building and enter in door E3. After entering, take a left down the hall and the room will be on the left.

Wild Feast Potluck

Wednesday, September 6, 5 pm

Full Moon Walk at Eldorado Marsh

Thursday, September 28, 6:30 pm

Bats of Wisconsin—Back from the Brink (Presentation)

Wednesday, October 11, 7 pm

Bird Seed Sale at Haentze Floral

Saturday, October 14, 9–11 am

Buckthorn Removal Sessions★

Several dates in October and November (See back page)

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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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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 Brillion Nature Center on June 22, 2023. All the activities had the children totally engaged thanks to Jenny (Louie) Lecker, Director at the Brillion Nature Center. However, the favorite activity was pond study, especially scooping green frogs from the watermeal-covered pond. On a hike through woodland and marsh, children spotted animal signs and ended the day with netting and identifying insects on the prairie.

The Dave Stetter Environmental Education Fund was established in honor of Dave Stetter, long-time Fond du Lac Audubon member and local science teacher who highly valued youth outdoor education activities for developing an understanding and 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 Court, Fond du Lac, WI 54937. Fond du Lac County Audubon is a 501c(3) nonprofit tax-exempt organization.



Community Shopping Night

Thursday, December 7, 10 am–6 pm, Just Fare Market

Audubon's annual shopping event at Just Fare Market is at their store (N7645 N. Peebles Lane) and also online. To shop online, go to 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.

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.



AUDUBON PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Wild Feast Potluck on September 6

Wednesday, September 6, 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.

Bats of Wisconsin—Back from the Brink

Wednesday, October 11, 7 pm, MPTC, Room E120

Join Jennifer Redell, conservation biologist and cave & mine specialist with the Wisconsin DNR's Bat Program for an hour devoted to nightlife. Shy and secretive by day, but with more aerial agility than birds and the predatory ferocity of a polar bear by night, bats are amazing animals! These mysterious animals make up 20% of the world's mammal diversity. They benefit us, share our neighborhoods and sometimes even our homes, but in recent years have faced a grave threat. Hear how some Wisconsin bats are bouncing back after dramatic declines due to White-nose Syndrome. Bats need your help now more than ever—join us to learn what actions you can take to be a good neighbor to bats.

Wolves—Loved and Hated

Wednesday, November 8, 7 pm, MPTC, Room E120

We will explore the lives and behaviors of gray wolves and what they need in order to remain a part of our wild landscape. The program will include video footage from Yellowstone, along with many artifacts that will compare wolves to coyotes, foxes, and bears. Presentators Jerry Sanders and Debbie Hinchcliffe have been very active in educating themselves about wolves over the last 25 years, including having traveled to the arctic on ten different occasions to study wolves with Dr. L. David Mech.

Audubon Bird Seed Sale

Saturday, October 14, 9–11 am, Haentze Floral

Due to uncertainty in pricing for fall and the crazy costs this summer, we are unable to get a good price for seed delivered in October. We will have the new flyer printed by mid-September.

Check the selection and prices out then and place your order. How to get information mid-September:

- 1) email fondyadubon@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



Autumn Full Moon Walks

Experience the magic of the setting sun and rising full moon this fall on the dike in Eldorado Marsh.

ELDORADO MARSH

Thursday, September 28, 6:30 pm and

Thursday, October 26, 6:00 pm

Meet at the end of Dike Road on the east side of Eldorado Marsh.

Dress for the weather and wear good hiking shoes. Walks will be canceled if raining or totally overcast. Call 920-922-7931 or email dianahbeck@gmail.com for more information.



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

Buckthorn Removal Sessions 2023

Help save our wild areas! This will be a great opportunity to learn to identify this small, very invasive tree and how to control its spread. Wear a long-sleeved shirt and long pants. Bring work gloves and safety glasses if available. All equipment will be supplied. All sessions are from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Canceled in the event of steady rain.

Peebles Trail (Prairie Road)

Meet on Prairie Road at the junction with the trail (about 1/4 mile south of Winnebago Drive).

Monday October 16; Thursday October 19;
Saturday October 21

Lallier Park

Meet at the southern end of Lallier Park on National Avenue (1/4 mile south of 4th Street).

Monday October 23; Thursday October 26;
Saturday October 28; Monday October 30

Hobbs Woods

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

Thursday November 2; Saturday November 4;
Monday November 6

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