



# The HERON

Quarterly Newsletter of the Fond du Lac County Audubon Society

## SPRING EVENTS

**There are room changes for our programs at MPTC.**

The April 10 program will be meeting in O215.  
The other two programs will meet in room E120.

### Exploring Trails & Tracks at Kay's Ledge

Saturday, March 2, 1 pm

### Wild Rice Restoration Project (Presentation)

Wednesday, March 13, 7 pm, MPTC Room E120

### Bird Seed Sale at Haentze Floral

March 16. Orders due February 26.

### Chimney Swifts—

### The Night Show Must Go On (Presentation)

Wednesday, April 10, 7 pm, MPTC Room O215

### Invasive Species Removals

April 15 to June 17

### Spring Full Moon Hike

Monday, April 22, 6:45 pm

### The Birdman of Koshkonong (Presentation)

Wednesday, May 8, 7 pm, MPTC Room E120

### Bird City Events

See page 3 for Walks/Hikes/Art

### Kay's Ledge Discovery Day

Saturday, May 11, 9 am

### Horicon Marsh Boat Tour

Saturday, May 18, 6 pm

*More information on programs and activities is on pages 2 and 3.*



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### Spring Invasive Species Removal

All sessions will run from 9 to 11 am in April and May. The 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 helpful. Bring a dandelion fork or a Hori Hori if you own one. The tools can be helpful in removing the roots. No experience is necessary. For more information call 920-922-7931 or email dianahbeck@gmail.com.

#### APRIL

15 Mon Hobbs  
17 Wed Hobbs  
20 Sat Hobbs  
22 Mon Hobbs  
24 Wed Hobbs  
29 Mon Lallier

#### MAY

2 Thurs Lallier  
4 Sat Lallier  
6 Mon Kettle M  
9 Thurs Peebles (Prairie)  
11 Sat Kay's Ledge  
13 Mon Kettle M  
16 Thurs Peebles (Prairie)  
18 Sat Peebles (Hwy K)  
20 Mon Kettle M  
22 Wed Kay's Ledge  
25 Sat Peebles (Hwy K)  
27 Mon Kettle M  
30 Thurs Hobbs

#### JUNE

1 Sat Hobbs  
3 Mon Hobbs  
6 Thurs Hobbs  
8 Sat Hobbs  
10 Mon Kettle M (9 am)  
12 Wed Kay's Ledge  
15 Sat Lallier  
17 Mon Hobbs



**Hobbs Woods** Meet at Hobbs Woods County Park, N4197 South Hickory Road.

**Lallier Park** Meet at the southern end of the park on National Avenue.

**Kay's Ledge** N7836 Cty Road WH – Drive east on Cty WH, up the ledge .9 miles from the 151 bypass to the entrance on the west side.\*

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

**Peebles Trail/Hwy K** Meet at the intersection with Cty K (½ mile south of Winnebago Drive).

**Kettle Moraine Adopted Area** Get directions from Diana Beck: dianahbeck@gmail.com.

### Exploring Trails & Tracks – Kay's Ledge

**Saturday, March 2, 1 pm, N7836 Cty Road WH**

Explore this private property along the Niagara Escarpment during the late winter. David Kuckuk, long time environmental educator and former director of Sheboygan's Maywood Environmental Park, will lead a hike with a focus on the woods in the winter and if possible, animal tracks in the snow.

The hike will last about two hours. Afterward, the group is invited to gather around a bonfire for some treats and hot chocolate. No dogs will be allowed.

Dress warmly with warm boots, etc. Snowshoes or Yaktrax will be helpful if there is snow or ice. Ski poles can help for balance. Canceled if raining. *Directions at bottom left.\**



### Brothertown Wild Rice Restoration Project (Presentation)

**Wednesday, March 13, 7 pm, MPTC, Room E120**

Kat Griffith will present a slideshow about the Fond du Lac-based Brothertown Indian Nation and their endeavors to restore wild rice in Lake Poygan. The presentation will cover a brief history of the tribe and their current efforts to regain federal recognition, as well as explore the state of wild rice in the Wolf and Fox River system and what the project is learning.

### Audubon Bird Seed Sale

**Saturday, March 16, 9–11 am**

**Haentze Floral Company  
658 Fond du Lac Avenue**

Pre-order bird seed by February 26. See our flyer or the order form on our website. We offer high quality seed to attract a variety of birds to your feeders. There is limited seed available if not pre-ordered. Get info:

- email [fondyudubon@gmail.com](mailto:fondyudubon@gmail.com) and we'll email or snail mail a flyer, or
- See [fdlaudubon.org](http://fdlaudubon.org), or call Lori at 920-960-7930



## SON PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

### ***Chimney Swifts—The Night Show Must Go On (Presentation)***

***Wednesday, April 10, 7 pm, MPTC Room O215***

We'll learn how to identify these charismatic Chimney Swifts, their current population and threats, why they're incredibly important to us, and how we can get involved to make a difference. Nancy Nabak is the chair of the statewide Wisconsin Chimney Swift Working Group, Vice President of the Bay Area Bird Club, and former Historian for the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology. She works at Woodland Dunes Nature Center as their communications coordinator. Chimney Swifts are her passion bird.

### ***Spring Full Moon Hike***

***Eldorado Marsh, Monday, April 22, 6:45 pm***

Come on a sunset and full moon hike on the dike in Eldorado Marsh. At this time of evening, there should be an opportunity to see and hear the birds in the marsh. The moon will be rising at 6:44 pm and the sunset will be at 7:45 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. Event canceled if skies are overcast. For more information, call 920-922-7931 or email [dianahbeck@gmail.com](mailto:dianahbeck@gmail.com).

### ***The Birdman of Koshkonong (Presentation)***

***Wednesday, May 8, 7 pm, MPTC, Room E120***

Bring your questions to an interactive presentation by Martha Bergland about her book, *The Birdman of Koshkonong: The Life of Naturalist Thure Kumlien* published by Wisconsin Historical Society Press. Learn about the contributions of this little known mid-1800s ornithologist, biologist, and naturalist sometimes referred to as Wisconsin's own Audubon. Never flamboyant nor well-known in his time, Kumlien's keen observations and specimen collections have made lasting contributions to understanding the natural world. Author Martha Bergland, instructor at Milwaukee Area Technical College for many years, will answer your questions about her research and Thure Kumlien. Books will be available for sale at the presentation which is co-sponsored by Fond du Lac Audubon and Mid-America Geographic Foundation.

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

Look for the Bird City flag at the locations below.

***Friday, May 3***

6 pm Camelot Business Park, 28 Camelot Drive

***Saturday, May 4***

7 am Greenway Arboretum, 55 W. Pioneer Road

10 am CSA Oak Savannah, 320 Cty Road K

(top of hill)

1 pm Lakeside Park West, new boardwalk into

Supple's Marsh (north side of dog park)

2 pm Build a Bird Glass Fusion Workshop,

Trista Holz Studio, 13 E. 1st Street

***Thursday, April 25—6 pm Library,***

Steven Thompson, local bird photographer

***Thursday, May 2—Art for Birds Reception, TBA***

### ***Kay's Ledge Discovery Day***

***Saturday, May 11, 9 am, N7836 Cty Road WH***

The day will begin with a work session from 9 to 11:30 am to help with invasive species removal from the property. Please bring work gloves and wear long pants and long sleeves. After the pulling, we will enjoy a picnic lunch (provided) around a bonfire from 11:30 to 1 pm. After lunch, anyone who wants to explore the property is invited to a leisurely flower walk on the trails at Kay's Ledge. Canceled if raining. No dogs allowed. *Directions at bottom left.*★

### ***Horicon Marsh Pontoon Boat***

***Birding Adventure Saturday, May 18, 6 pm***

Participants in this two-hour narrated bird trip through the marsh will seek and identify some of the 290 species of birds that live in or visit Horicon Marsh each year. Experienced and casual birdwatchers will enjoy the early evening quiet. Bring binoculars, bird book, insect repellent. Dress for the weather. Meet at 5 pm at the southeast corner of the Fleet Farm parking lot to carpool, or meet the group at Blue Heron Landing, 305 Mill Street in Horicon for a 6 pm departure. The cost is \$38 per person. To reserve a spot on the pontoon boat (limit of 16), a deposit of \$20 is required before April 15. The rest is payable before departure. If we do not fill the boat, the owners will open remaining seats to the public.

Signup/deposit will begin at our March events, or call 920-922-7931, or email [dianahbeck@gmail.com](mailto: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.  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

### ***Be Part of "No Mow May"***

Research has shown that one in four native pollinators are imperiled. Not mowing in May allows early flowers to grow and helps the bees emerging from hibernation. Equally important is to avoid use of pesticides on your lawn. If you are worried that your neighbors won't approve, put out a yard sign that lets them know that you are observing "No Mow May," and helping the early bees. Audubon has signs that can be purchased at cost. They will be available at our Audubon events or call 920-922-7931.



### ***Conservation Camp Scholarships***

Our Audubon chapter, through the Dave Stetter Environmental Education funds, offers scholarships to middle school students. See our website.

### ***Wildlife Prints***

Anyone interested in making a donation to the EE Fund and receive a professional wildlife print should email [fondyadubon@gmail.com](mailto:fondyadubon@gmail.com).