

NOVEMBER MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2015

Bird Banding

Melissa Meier and Kathleen Carlyle will present a program on banding songbirds in the Mississippi River valley and upland forest. They have both been involved in a number of studies that required capture, sampling, data collection and banding of birds in floodplain and upland sites.

They will describe the techniques used to capture, band and also the use of some special markers on song birds. A demo mist net and bands and banding equipment will be shared as part of their presentation.

The program is free and open to the public.

OCTOBER MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2015

Bats of Wisconsin

Jennifer Redell, Cave and Mine Specialist with the Wisconsin DNR, will share about those other flying creatures, bats. She is involved in the Wisconsin Bat Program, which monitors and manages our state's bat populations.

Bats are fascinating animals that represent one fifth of the planet's mammal diversity and have high ecological, intrinsic, and economic value. Tonight's program will cover basic bat biology and ecology, bat species of Wisconsin, the work of the Wisconsin Bat Program, and the threat of white-nose syndrome. This previously unrecognized disease has spread rapidly since its discovery in 2007 and has led to the unprecedented deaths of millions of bats in North America.

The challenges for understanding the disease continue to increase as the disease continues to spread. Jennifer will explain how the Wisconsin DNR is part of a highly coordinated cooperative effort between State, Federal, and Tribal wildlife agencies and private partners to respond effectively to WNS and conserve species of bats.

Live bat ambassadors will make an appearance at the end of the program!

The program is free and open to the public.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2015

Identifying Fall Warblers

Scott Puchalski, our Vice President, will help us with those often “confusing fall warblers.”

This program is very timely as the fall migration of passerines is just beginning and fall warblers are now showing up in our area!!

The program is free and open to the public.

JUNE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2015

Annual Potluck

Our last meeting before our summer break is the potluck, followed by birding on the trails. We will have the potluck at Myrick Park Center, moving to outdoor tables if so desired. Please bring dishes and of course, a dish to share. We will have the potluck at 6PM and go birding when we’re done eating!

Though scheduled meetings won’t resume until September, we hope to try organizing our own version of Birds and Beers get-togethers that have been popular in other regions. Watch the website and facebook for more info.

The program is free and open to the public.

MAY MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2015

Butterflies of Wisconsin

Dan Jackson will be doing a presentation called “Butterflies of Wisconsin”. It is designed to be a fun, informative introduction to the insect order Lepidoptera which includes Butterflies and Moths, and will focus primarily on Butterflies. It includes a section on the

biology and life history of this order as well as a section on their identification.

In addition, Dan will also talk about butterfly and dragonfly photography and will share some pointers on how to successfully shoot pictures of these small subjects.

The program is free and open to the public.

APRIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2015

The Breeding Birds of Western Wisconsin

Scott Puchalski will be doing a presentation called “Breeding Birds of Western Wisconsin”. It is a presentation aimed at helping people to identify the birds that they are most likely to encounter during the breeding season (late May through August).

In addition, Ben Johnston of the Kickapoo Valley Reserve will also give a talk and demonstration of Bat detection equipment and will also be trying to recruit volunteers for a WI DNR Bat Monitoring Program. Specifically to help monitor bats at Riverside Park. He will give a small talk and then a demo after Scott is done.

The program is free and open to the public.

MARCH MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2015

The Wisconsin Breeding Bird Atlas with Mike Reese

Mike Reese will join us to tell us all about the upcoming Wisconsin Breeding Bird Atlas and explain how we can all take part in this important project taking place during the next five years.

The program is free and open to the public.

FEBRUARY MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2015

Bird Photography with Alan Stankevitz

Alan Stankevitz will be presenting a program on bird photography this month. Alan and his wife Jo live in southeastern Minnesota and while building their home there, he became reacquainted with his love of nature and specifically bird photography.

His photos have won numerous awards, and have been published in books, periodicals and internet sites. Many of us are photographers, and for the rest, we can marvel at his wonderful images.

The program is free and open to the public.

JANUARY MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2015

Pot Luck and Annual Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 21st. This will be a potluck and the annual meeting. The potluck will start at 6:00 pm and the annual meeting will start at 7:00. The annual meeting includes a short business meeting with an election of board members which will be followed by a photo sharing session featuring member's outdoor and bird-related photos. We have many great photographers and this should be great!!

For those taking part in the potluck, please bring plates and silverware. We will have some on hand, but would like to make this a green event by not using disposables. Coulee Audubon will provide a gallon of milk and a gallon of juice. If you would like something else to drink, please plan accordingly.

If anyone would rather not take part in the potluck, you are still welcome to come to the meeting. The meeting part of the event will start at 7:00. This will include a short business meeting that will include an election of board members, a discussion and vote on proposed changes to the organization's bylaws, and a financial report.

Here is a copy of the proposed revised version of the organization's bylaws. The parts highlighted in yellow represent the changes being proposed. There are two changes being proposed. These include an update to formally allow electronic communication (e-mail, etc.) to be used as a means of notification of members of upcoming meetings and events and an inflation adjustment to the dollar limit that the board is allowed to spend without

membership approval (was \$200 / proposed new limit is \$500).

Once again, after the business meeting, the program for the evening will feature an opportunity for participants to share their outdoor and wildlife photos. I will have a laptop computer and projector set up and ready to go. Please bring your photos on a USB device or on a CD/DVD so that they can be shown from that machine.

If you bring photos, please limit yourself to no more than 25 pictures.

During our January meeting, we will be holding our annual meeting which includes an election of half of the board of directors. This year, the three board positions up for election are those of the Treasurer, Secretary, and one of the at-large board positions. Marty Lohman has agreed to return as Treasurer and we have found individuals interested in the other two positions as well.

However, if you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Dan Jackson or any other member of the board. A real election with multiple candidates would be welcome!

Thanks for your support!!

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