

Newsletter of the Coulee Region Audubon Society

# Coulee Birder

September/October 2019

## Meetings

Monthly meetings are held the third Wednesday at the Ho-Chunk Nation building, 724 Main St., LaCrosse. They are free and open to the public. They start at 7PM.

September 18

**Jeff Sanders**, Wildlife Photographer  
Jeff is a wildlife and landscape photographer based out of LaCrosse, and he'll be sharing his techniques for capturing some of the amazing shots you might have seen on birding facebook pages. Even if you aren't an avid photographer, you'll enjoy some great photography at our first meeting!

October 16

Watch the facebook pages and your email for more details coming soon!



## President's Message

Greetings bird lovers!

Fall is on the way. Cooler temperatures and shorter days will signal the birds to begin their migration to wintering grounds. Keep your eyes open as you drive to apple orchards and pumpkin patches for birds.

We are working on a great schedule of programs again. Stay tuned for the schedule. If you listen to any speakers you think would be a good fit for our Audubon meetings, please pass their name along to a board member.

We will be working on continuing to improve our chapter's operation. Some changes you will see and some you will not. All of them will make our chapter stronger and help guide future leaders. We look forward to making a better experience for you and making a difference for birds.

Happy birding!  
Jonathan Ringdahl

### **Jaegerfest: Wisconsin Point Weekend Sept. 20-22**

The Wisconsin Society of Ornithology hosts this event each fall in Superior, when the migration of these northern hunters passes through. Apparently, the nastier the weather, the better the birding! Check it out!

**Contact** Tom Schultz (920) 960-1796 and Jeff Baughman (920) 960-4732

Meet: 7:00 am each morning (Sept. 20-22) at the first beach parking area along Moccasin Mike Road, which leads to Wisconsin Point.

Weather plays such an integral part in birding this area, in fact the worse the weather the more incredible the birding could be. So prepare for the possibility of wet, cold weather as well as typical cool fall temperatures along lake Superior.

Participants may want to bring old bread, popcorn, beef suet, etc. for "chumming" for gulls. If you are staying in a motel, make sure you book your reservation early!

Location Wisconsin Point - Superior

### **It's Annual Renewal Time**

This is the start of 2019-2020 program year of the Coulee Region Audubon Society and a great time to renew your membership and support our chapter.

The Coulee Region Audubon Society is a local chapter of the National Audubon Society. Therefore, if you are a current member of the National Audubon Society from the Coulee Region area, you are already a member of this local chapter.

Being a member at the national level supports both national and local efforts and entitles you to receive the Audubon Magazine as well as the Coulee Birder – the newsletter of our chapter. An easy way to join/renew your national membership is to go to the membership page of the Audubon website at: <http://www.audubon.org/membership>.

It is also possible to be a local member of our chapter. Local members do not receive any of the membership benefits associated with national membership, but all of your membership dues are used to support our local chapter and its activities.

We encourage you to help out by joining / renewing at either or both of these levels to help support this chapter.

If you would like to have a local membership, please use the form on the back page of the newsletter to complete your renewal for the new program year. Simply complete the form and send it along with your check made out to the Coulee Region Audubon Society to:

Dan Jackson, Treasurer : Coulee Audubon Society. P.O. Box 2573 LaCrosse WI 54602-2573

## **Things are happening at the International Owl Center!**

There are a lot of fun events coming up this fall at the International Owl Center in Houston Minnesota.

Here's an event slated for the coming weeks.

**Owl Prowl to call in wild owls  
Saturday, October 12 at 6:00 PM  
International Owl Center, Houston, MN**

Fall is a great time to hear owls! They live all around us but are very good at evading detection. Come learn how to identify our local owls by size, shape, silhouette and sound with the Owl Center's human and owl staff. Following the indoor portion of the program participants will carpool to known owl territories in and around Houston to call for Eastern Screech-Owls, Barred Owls, and Great Horned Owls.

Dress for the weather, and try to wear clothes that don't make noise when you move. Calling will be done from the side of the road, so very little walking is required. Children are welcome, but must be able to stand quietly for at least 10 minutes at a time. Meet at the International Owl Center at the listed time and expect to return roughly 2.5 - 3 hours later.

## **Back to school time!**

We know some of our members are teachers or homeschoilers, and ideas for incorporating birding into your lesson plans are welcome additions for you. The Madison Audubon Society has many resources available for you to do just that. They are finalizing curricula that align with Wisconsin State Standards and Next Generation Science Standards. Lesson plans, information and tips on adjusting to your specific classroom needs are included. They are also finalizing their Outdoor Education Handbook. Both of these resources should become available in October. Check their website for more information at [madisonaudubon.org/education-resources](http://madisonaudubon.org/education-resources)

They also have a number of downloadable stand-alone lessons and activities, such as Scavenger Hunts or your editor's personal favorite, Bird Yoga. Look for them at [madisonaudubon.org/stand-alone-activities](http://madisonaudubon.org/stand-alone-activities)



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