



December 2024/January/February 2025

Meetings

Monthly meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month at The Nature Place, 789 Myrick Park Drive in LaCrosse starting at 7PM. They are free and open to the public.

President's Message

By Mark Webster

December 14

Instead of our regular meeting, this month is devoted to the Christmas Bird Count. More information can be found in this newsletter.

January 15

This is our annual meeting, which includes election of officers and a potluck. Once we finish all that, members are invited to share bird photos of their own.

February 19

Ryan Burner, PhD., Research Wildlife Biologist, USGS in La Crosse. Ryan will be telling us about his experiences in Mongolia working with Amur Falcons.

Hello Fellow Birders!

Seasons Greetings to you all!

Now that it is December and some colder weather has arrived, one begins to think of the holiday season and of course, the Christmas Bird Count (CBC), which in La Crosse will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2024. Dan Jackson is coordinating the La Crosse CBC again this year. He was looking for a few more participants - if not Section Counters, perhaps you may want to try your hand (or Binoculars) at bird feeder counting from the comfort of your warm home!

If interested and to find out if he still needs help with the CBC, please contact Dan Jackson at DEJackson2256@gmail.com

Happy Holidays and Happy Birding,
Mark Webster

Upcoming Events!

January 15, 2025 6pm -

Our Annual Meeting, Potluck and Election of Board Members will occur. I will be finishing my first two-year term as President, and I am willing to continue on for another two year-term. The other three board members were all re-elected this past January, 2024. They are Todd Huffman, Treasurer; Roger Hanson, Board Member and Gwyn Calvetti, Secretary and Newsletter Editor.

We do currently have two vacancies on the board - Vice President and the other Board Member at large position. So, if you know anyone that is interested in joining the Coulee Audubon Board, please let one of us know. Thank you.

Please bring a dish to pass, and please bring your own plates and silverware. We will provide juice and cups. After eating and the election, people are encouraged to show some of their favorite photos if they desire. Please limit your photos to 25 images to give others an opportunity.

International Festival of Owls, March 7-9 Houston Minnesota

This festival always offers something for the owl lover in all of us, even those who aren't really birders. From a banquet, owl prowls, serious science and many family activities, there's sure to be something this weekend for even the most discerning of folks. Although Alice has officially retired, there will be plenty of owl fun to enjoy, with other owls in attendance. This international event grew from a small town celebration of Alice's "Hatch Day" into one that grows with each passing year.

Shake the late winter doldrums and enjoy all things owl. For more information, Check the website at www.festivalofowls.com.

In addition to the big festival, the Owl Center hosts monthly Owl Prowls to call in wild owls and pellet dissection days. Take the drive to Houston and see whooo's busy! Check the website for details. www.internationalowlcenter.org

Great Backyard Bird Count

February 14-17 is the time period for this year's Great Backyard Bird Count. This is a great citizen science project that doesn't necessarily require participants to even step outside their door. Just count the birds you see and report them. For more information, check out their website at birdcount.org

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