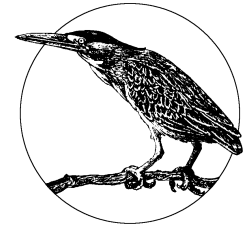


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## FEBRUARY RECAP

Over 20 people attended the February meeting, including two guests, Mary and Sally. Dana Bollin's presentation on Monarch butterflies was enchanting and enlightening. Monarchs east of the Rockies journey to northern Mexico to go into suspended animation in the high forests (10-12,000 ft above sea level) for the winter; west of the Rockies, they go to the northern Baja peninsula or southern California. Come spring, they work their way north via milkweed, and it can take 2 to 3 generations to make it to Ohio. They then lay one egg on a plant and that caterpillar might eat the entire plant as the caterpillar matures.

**Raffle Winners:** Dan Schwab won the sweatshirt with ESBA logo, donated by Gene Naujock; Theresa Pritchett won the porcelain soap dish, donated by Judith Valente; Kathy Rohmyer won the bluebird picture in antique frame, donated by Karen Wade.

**Hospitality:** Thank you, Mary Amanda Brockman and Jackie Copeland, for providing refreshments for this meeting.

**Bird Sightings:** Snow Geese were reported on Labo Rd, and Red-winged Blackbirds have returned.

## TOLEDO MUSEUM OF ART

Before Audubon: Alexander Wilson's  
Birds of the United States  
April 21-July 15, 2018

In 1808, Scottish-born poet and amateur naturalist Alexander Wilson (1766-1813) began publishing *American Ornithology; or The Natural History of the Birds of the United States*. Wilson's impressive achievement inspired John James Audubon to publish his much better-known *Birds of America* (1827-38). Though Wilson had no background as an artist, he taught himself printmaking and illustrated his nine volumes of careful observations of the birds of the northeastern US with 79 hand-colored engraved and etched plates of 262 species—39 of which he was the first to describe.

Fourth in the Toledo Museum of Art's biennial exhibitions focused on bird-themed art, the exhibition coincides with local birding festival "The Biggest Week in American Birding," which brings tens of thousands of birders to the area to observe the spring migration of songbirds. It will be the first time that the Toledo Museum of Art's first edition of Wilson's pioneering multi-volume publication has been exhibited! Don't miss it!

## MARCH MEETING

**Speaker: Don Burlett** will be our presenter for A Borneo Biding Adventure! Borneo is a mysterious, faraway place with lots of jungles, birds and animals. It's the third-largest island in the world, and the largest in Asia; it's also composed of three countries. We'll visit a variety of habitats to see many exotic birds and animals including orangutan, proboscis monkey and others.

Don was a senior research scientist for Gates Corporation; he worked in the rubber industry for almost 40 years but is now retired. He has been an avid birder since a young boy and has now birded on 6 continents and in 38 countries! Don's world life list has over 5100 species and his ABA life list has over 770 species. Don is president of Oakland Audubon Society (9 years) and was a board member at Seven Ponds Nature Center (8 years).

**Raffle:** Framed photo of a Red-tailed hawk taken by and donated by Rodney Laura; Hummingbird feeder donated by Al and Shirley VanDaele; Chickadee figurine donated by Lucy Pentz.

**Semi-annual Raffle:** Hummingbird feeder made of driftwood with 3 glass syrup pots, donated by Lucy Pentz.

**Hospitality:** Chris Eitel and Jackie Copeland will provide refreshments for this month's meeting.

**Meeting Info:** Wednesday, March 21, 7:00 pm; room 201 Life Science Building, Monroe County Community College.

### 2018 MICHIGAN AUDUBON EVENTS

WPBO Spring Hawk Count	March 15-May 31
WPBO Spring Owl Banding	March 15-May 31
WPBO Spring Waterbird Count	April 15-May 31
Michigan Bird Conservation Initiative	March 14-16
Spring Bluebird Festival	March 24
Mackinaw Raptor Festival	April 6-8
Michigan Audubon Member Meeting	April 14
WPBO Spring Fling	April 28-29
Biggest Week in American Birding	May 4-13
International Migratory Bird Day	May 12
Tawas Point Migration 2018	May 17-19
WPBO Birdathon	May 19-20
MA Kirtland's Warbler Tours	June 1-30
Cerulean Warbler Festival	June 2-3
Michigan Young Birders Camp	June 24-28
WPBO Summer Owl Banding	July 1-August 25
WPBO Fall Waterbird Count	August 15-Nov. 15
MA Swift Night Out Surveys	Sept. 8-10
WPBO Fall Owl Banding	Sept. 15-Oct. 31
Crane Festival	October 13-14
119 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Bird Count	Dec. 14-Jan. 5, 2019
For additional events and details: <a href="http://michiganaudubon.org">michiganaudubon.org</a>	
WPBO = Whitefish Point Bird Observatory	

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## MACKINAW RAPTOR FEST

[mackinawraptorfest.org](http://mackinawraptorfest.org)

**April 6-8:** Come enjoy the third annual Raptor Fest, held in Mackinaw City, at the middle tip of the Michigan mitten. Highlights include waterbird counts, hawk watches, owl banding, constellation finding, live birds of prey, and a road trip to view Sharp-tailed Grouse. Programs focus on various raptors and owls, bird photography, and bird banding. Check out the website for the full schedule and all logistics.

## ESBA FIELD TRIPS

**Sat., Apr. 28, 9 am: Wildwood Metropark, Toledo.** Meet at the Window on Wildlife and bring a lunch to eat there as well.

**Sat., May 19, 9 am: Magee Marsh boardwalk,** far west end. Warbler time! By the way, Magee Marsh will be closed June 1-Sept. 1 for bridge replacements.

**Sat., June 2, 9 am: Oak Openings.** Meet at Mallard Lake/Bruener Center and we'll then carpool to various trails. Bring a lunch, or plan to go to Charlie's after birding.

## BIGGEST WEEK IN AMERICAN BIRDING

[bsbobird.org](http://bsbobird.org)

**May 4-13:** Registration is OPEN and events are filling up fast. Go to [biggestweekinamericanbirding.com](http://biggestweekinamericanbirding.com) to see the massive schedule of festival events, or go to individual pages to read about field trips, workshops, and keynote presentations. Don't delay!

**Facebook** The Biggest Week in American Birding; **Twitter** @BiggestWeek; **Instagram** BSBOBIRD; **Favorite hashtag** #BWIAB

## TAWAS POINT MIGRATION 2018

[ausablevalleyaudubon.org](http://ausablevalleyaudubon.org)

**May 17-19:** AuSable Valley Audubon is hosting an event this year called Tawas Point Migration 2018 with plans to continue this program in even-numbered years in the future; Michigan Audubon plans to continue the original Tawas Point Birding Festival in odd-numbered years.

This year the event offers a combination of high-quality guided birding opportunities for small groups coupled with indoor educational sessions designed for birders of all ages. Check out the website for the full schedule and registration information.

## INDIANA DUNES BIRDING FESTIVAL

[indunesbirdingfestival.com](http://indunesbirdingfestival.com)

**May 17-20:** With its rich biodiversity, varying habitats and miles of Lake Michigan shoreline, the Indiana Dunes is a hotspot for migrant birds. The annual Indiana Dunes Birding Festival is held to celebrate the area's various habitats and bird watching opportunities to create a positive impact on the economic, conservation, and environmental education for visitors and residents to the Indiana Dunes region.

## FROM THE BOARD

- Thank you, **Dennis Rohmyer**, for the new, professional ESBA pamphlets! They look great!
- Anne, Karen, Jackie and Rita will be attending the Michigan Audubon Annual Member Meeting in Ann Arbor at the Matthai Botanical Gardens on April 14. Free for members, but registration is required via this [website](#).
- Dana Bollin, friend of ESBA and repeat guest presenter, runs a birding tour business and has two rental houses in Oak Harbor and Curtice, OH, perfectly situated near ONWR and Magee Marsh. Check out [blackswampbedsandbirds.com](http://blackswampbedsandbirds.com) or email her at [dkbollin@gmail.com](mailto:dkbollin@gmail.com) for complete information.
- Get well soon, Mollie Wood! Praying your bypass is a complete success!

### BETSY ROBIN

Betsy Robin packs her bags,  
Picks up all that she can carry,  
Then flies away to Kingdom Come,  
Beyond the tip of Tipperary.

Come back, Betsy, come back home!  
We miss you more than anything.  
It's always winter when you're gone;  
Come back, Betsy, and it's spring!

~ William Jay Smith

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