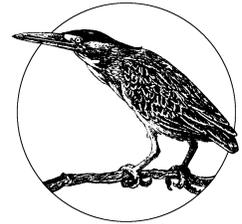


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APRIL RECAP

22 people attended the April meeting! Barb Baldinger presented on **Peregrine Falcon Monitoring from Season to Season!**

Michigan began the reintroduction of Peregrine Falcons in southeast Michigan in 1987. Barb has been a volunteer with the program since 2005. She presented an overview of nest sites and showed us what is involved in monitoring the Peregrins throughout the nesting season. She provided many photos of eggs, babies, banding of chicks, fledge watch and other fun aspects of monitoring. She shared the many sites they visit and even knew the names of certain Falcons! Everyone enjoyed all the information Barb presented!

Raffle Winners: Winners were not recorded, so if you won, please let Carolyn know so you can be recognized!

Hospitality: Thank you Carolyn Boellner, Karen Potts, and Jackie Copeland for providing refreshments for this meeting.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Speaker: Wayne R. Pope, presenting on Birds of the Southwest. Wayne has been a professional photographer for 40 years and is an adjunct photography instructor at Lansing Community College. He also operates a photography business, giving private lessons and group photo tours across America. Check out waynepoppe.com for full information.

Raffle: Loon note cards and bookmark, donated by Lucy Pentz; Pot holders and bookmark, donated by Carolyn Boellner; DVD *First Flight: A Mother Hummingbird's Story*, donated by Anonymous.

Semi-Annual Raffle: Matted poster of "Ottawa National Wildlife," by artist Adam Grimm, 2-time winner of the Federal Duck Stamp competition, donated by Jack & Janet Volker.

Hospitality: Anne Smith and Jackie Copeland will provide refreshments for this month's meeting.

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

FIELD TRIP REPORT:

Sharonville State Game Area and Nan Weston Preserve

This was a very last-minute birding trip with little time to notify ESBA members. On Saturday, June 18, Bob Pettit led a field trip to the Sharonville State Game Area and Nan Weston Preserve, northwest of Manchester, MI. Bob, Anne Smith, Jan Morrow, and Phillip and Nancy VanDaele met at Tim Hortons near Cabela's in Dundee, MI and carpooled to the area. It was a warm day with light breezes. We topped out at 89 degrees F. We returned to Dundee for lunch at the Great Lakes Eatery & Pub.

We saw or heard 41 species—not bad for a warm day in the late morning and early afternoon. Over 30 species were heard or seen. Highlights of the trip included:

- Great Crested Flycatcher
- Yellow-throated Vireo
- Hermit Thrush
- Ovenbird (numerous)
- Eastern Towhee
- Scarlet Tanager

FROM THE BOARD

- **Time to Renew and Pay Your Dues! Individual dues are \$20 and family dues are \$25.** Your dues support bird conservation, as we are a non-profit organization! A membership to ESBA also makes a wonderful gift—introduce others to the joy of birding!
- Carolyn will be reaching out to local high school science teachers, hoping to introduce bird watching to local teenagers. Anne and Bob will also facilitate these programs.
- Mark your calendars: the Christmas Bird Count will be Saturday, December 17.
- LIKE the ESBA Facebook page! You can report your bird sightings, share pictures, and receive notices about upcoming field trips and meetings.
- Check our website www.esba-monroe.org for field trips, pictures, newsletter archives, birding links, etc. If you'd like to have information or pictures posted, just email the webmistress at ladydotts_1@netzero.net.
- Carolyn is happy to accept raffle donations at each meeting (please, no books).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lake Erie Metropark

32481 W. Jefferson, Brownstown, MI
(800) 477-3189 or (734) 379-5020; metroparks.com/hawkfest-2016
Daily park pass is \$10; annual pass is \$35, \$21 for seniors

Sat. & Sun., Sept. 17 & 18, 10 am—5 pm: HAWKFEST. A two-day celebration of the annual fall migration of birds of prey: hawks, eagles, falcons, and vultures. Each September, tens of thousands of broad-winged hawks pass over this area designated as one of the premier hawk watching sites in North America. Typically, 200,000 birds of prey migrate over Lake Erie Metropark from September through November on their southward journey. Join us for a great weekend of games, crafts, guest speakers and fun. Live birds of prey will be on hand. Fee: \$2 per person.

Swift Sanctuary

31505 Grand River Farmington, MI 48336

Sat. & Sun., Sept. 24 & 25, 6 pm to sunset: Swift Night Out. Come watch the spectacular show as up to 50,000 Chimney Swifts swirl around and around like a tornado before the avian funnel cloud swirls right down into this historic winery. As far as we know this is THE largest roost of Chimney Swifts in North America!

Bring a lawn chair to watch this incredible show! There will be music, refreshments, a raffle, and tables to add to the festive atmosphere leading up to the grand mass descent of thousands of swifts into the chimney for the night.

This event will help raise funds for the expensive upkeep of this historic chimney!

To RSVP: <https://goo.gl/forms/qzmPbmjYQd13fxko2> or please kindly email <mailto:tweiland@DetroitAudubon.org>

For More Info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1180661335290183/>

Black Swamp Bird Observatory

Entrance to Magee Marsh, 13551 W. State Route 2, Oak Harbor, OH
(419) 898-4070; bsbobird.org/lake-erie-pelagics

Saturdays, Nov. 19, & Dec. 3: Lake Erie Pelagics. An idea born from the great mind of Mr. Bob Faber, BSBO's Lake Erie Pelagics have become legendary. BSBO's pelagics (of or related to the open sea) are relaxed and easy-going. We will be sailing from the upper flats of the Cuyahoga River in Cleveland onto Lake Erie. We take our time, avoid the rough water, and always see something good! Members \$55; Non-members \$70. Sign up for one or both of the pelagics [HERE!](#)

Ohio Ornithological Society: Rally for Rails

ohiobirds.org/2016/04/01/rally-for-rails-october-1-2016

Sat., Oct. 1. Lakeside, Ohio will be the gathering grounds for birdwatchers keen on rails and wanting to learn more about the area's most productive wetlands. Featured speakers will include experts from Black Swamp Bird Observatory, Winous Point Marsh Conservancy, Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, and Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Optional activities Fri. evening and Sunday. Registration for this exciting event is **NOW OPEN!**

Condolences

Long-time ESBA member Diana Meier passed away August 23 at the age of 90. Diana was an active participant in field trips, and birded throughout the country. Our condolences to her family.

Those wishing to share some memories of her are asked to jot a few notes down and pass them along to any of the club officers; these may be shared in a future issue of the newsletter.

FIELD TRIP REPORT:

UPPER PENINSULA

~ BOB PETTIT

This ESBA birding trip to Michigan's Upper Peninsula Paradise area and Whitefish Point Bird Observatory and surrounding birding spots marks perhaps our 15th outing over Memorial Day weekend. The number of folks that make this trip varies. Once we had enough members and friends to occupy the entire Vagabond Motel in Paradise. This year's trip had the fewest birders—four that dwindled to two.

I thank Ann Smith, Ross Smith, and Mary Woodruff for joining me in this great adventure. Ann and Ross were in the area a day early and birded Seney NWR. Highlights from four days of birding the area include: Common Loon; Pileated Woodpecker; Merlin; a variety of flycatchers and vireos; 14 warbler species, including Pine; and Bobolink.

Birds that were reported in the area but that we missed included: Golden Eagle, Gray Jay, 5 additional warbler species, and Black-backed Woodpecker.

LIMERICK

There once was a mockingbird, Clyde,
who bragged of his prowess, but lied.
To his new wife he sighed,
"When again, gentle bride?"
"Nevermore!" bright-eyed Raven replied.

~ *Author Unknown*

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