



# *The* **HERON**

Quarterly Newsletter of the Fond du Lac County Audubon Society

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS



### *Wisconsin Birds*

*Wednesday, March 12, 7 pm*  
*MPTC, Room O-104*

Joseph Henry from the Wisconsin DNR will present a program on birding in our state.



### *Organic Gardening and Farming*

*Wednesday, April 9, 7 pm*  
*MPTC, Room O-104*

Park Ridge Organics will share information on the basics of growing organically.



### *Whooping Cranes in Wisconsin*

*Wednesday, May 14, 7 pm*  
*MPTC, Room O-104*

A representative from the International Crane Foundation will give a presentation on cranes and tell of the organization's mission to preserve these magnificent birds and their habitat.



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## AUDUBON FIELD TRIPS

### ***Nitschke Mounds Park Trip***

**Saturday, April 26, 9:30 am to 1 pm  
N5934 County Road E, Burnett**

Don Gehrke of Rock River Archeology Society and Mid America Geographic Foundation will explain archeology of this pre-historic Native American archaeological site and development of the site as a county park. Follow a one-mile marked trail to see 39 preserved conical, animal effigy, and linear mounds that were constructed around 800 to 1100 AD. Don will explain use of an offering stone and point out springs and an encampment site. Meet at the southwest corner of Fleet Farm parking lot at 9:30 am to form a car pool for the 30 minute drive to Nitschke Mounds. Dress for the weather, bring a snack, water, and a walking stick if needed. Walking is on a bark chip trail. For more information, see the Dodge County web site: <http://www.co.dodge.wi.us/index.aspx?page=431> and/or read the chapter on Native Americans written by Don in *Horicon Marsh History* (Miescke, 2012).

### ***Horicon Marsh Pontoon Boat Birding Adventure***

**Saturday, May 3, 5 to 8:30 pm, Horicon**

Over 290 species of birds live in or visit Horicon Marsh each year. Participants in this two-hour evening narrated bird trip through the Marsh will seek and identify some of them. Experienced and casual bird watchers will enjoy the quiet of the Marsh on this early evening tour. Bring binoculars, bird book, insect repellent, and dress for the weather. Meet at the southwest corner of the Fleet Farm parking lot to form a carpool for the 30 minute drive to Blue Heron Landing in Horicon. Cost is \$20 per person payable at the landing. Contact Kathleen Stetter (Stetter@Centurytel.net or 920-872-2250) to reserve a spot. If unable to attend, please call again.

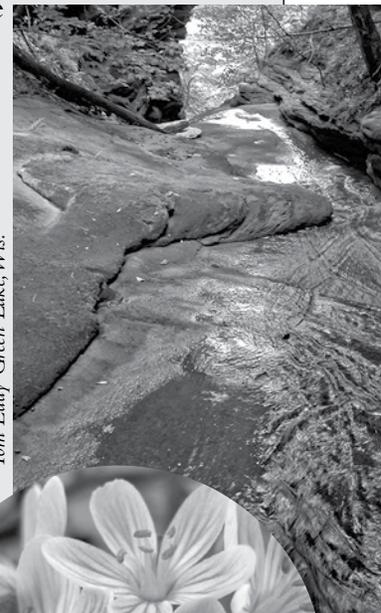


### ***Mitchell Glen Hike***

**Saturday, May 10, 8:45 am to 1 pm, Green Lake**

Mitchell Glen is a unique Green Lake Nature Conservancy Partnership Property with public tours offered only twice a year. Fond du Lac Audubon has secured 10 spots for one of these tours. Local biologist and educator, Tom Eddy, will lead the group through the Glen as he explains the diverse plant life in the microclimate created by spring-fed waters and sandstone cliffs. The Glen has 12.2 acres of maple-basswood forest, unique geological formations, a waterfall, and outstanding biodiversity.

Wear sturdy shoes as there is a steep descent into the Glen. Bring cameras, binoculars, and insect repellent. The Glen can be chilly, so a light jacket and gloves are advised. Meet at the southwest end of Menards parking lot at 8:45 am to form a carpool. Drive to Sunset County Park on County Road A, near Green Lake where cars will be parked. From there, a school bus will take us to the Glen. Strict limit of 10 people. Participants should donate a minimum of \$5 to \$10 per person to the Green Lake Nature Conservancy. Contact Kathleen Stetter (Stetter@Centurytel.net or 920-872-2250) to reserve a spot. Please call again if you are unable to attend, so others may have a chance for this unique field trip. For a video tour and information about the Glen see: <http://www.gatheringwaters.org/land-trust-stories/mitchells-glen-a-green-lake-jewel/>



## ***Bird City Summit Meeting in Oshkosh***

Fond du Lac is one of 72 communities in Wisconsin registered as an official Bird City. The Bird City efforts are coming together in a Summit Conference meeting on March 21–22. The event will be held at the Convention Center in Oshkosh. The two day registration fee is \$35 and includes Friday and Saturday continental breakfast, snacks, and Friday lunch. Speakers and discussions will address preserving habitat, making Bird City's program work for you, eliminating hazards for birds and building solutions, and engaging new participants in conservation. For more details check the website [www.wisconsinbirds.org](http://www.wisconsinbirds.org) or call 920-922-7931. This will be a great event for anyone interested in bird education and conservation.



## ***Nature Walks Celebrate Fond du Lac Bird City International Migratory Bird Day***

**Friday, May 2**

### **6 pm Camelot Business Park**

- See and hear waterfowl, possibly woodcocks, song birds, and bats at dusk.
- Meet at 28 Camelot Drive at South Lake Circle.
- Walk Leader, Terry Leasa

**Saturday, May 3**

### **9 am Greenway Arboretum**

- Look for migrant song birds, indigo buntings, kingfishers, clay bank swallows, Nashville warblers, ruby crowned kinglets, flickers, phoebes, red-tailed hawks, and more.
- Park on the west side of Pick 'n Save's parking lot. Meet on the grassy area on the east side of the Salvation Army store.
- Walk Leader, Terry Leasa

### **11 am Hickory Street (Tucker's Meat Plant)**

- Parking available on-site.

- See migrant song birds and yellow warblers. Experience some of the best birding in the City of Fond du Lac.

- Walk Leader, Terry Leasa

### **1 pm Lakeside Park**

- West of Main St. at shelter across from bathrooms.
- Carl Schwartz, State Coordinator of Bird City, will provide information on discovering birds in your own backyard. A Nature Walk in Lakeside Park will follow. Look for spring migrants traveling along the Lake Winnebago shoreline, water fowl including possibly pelicans, cormorants, terns, yellow warblers, and more.
- Walk Leaders, Carl Schwartz and Terry Leasa

***Bring binoculars if you have them and shoes suitable for outdoor experiences.***

The Nature Walks are sponsored by ParkWatch. Audubon will make a limited number of binoculars available for use during the nature walks.

## ***Thank You to Ruth Dauterman***

Ruth Dauterman is stepping down from her position as Secretary. We thank her for her many years of dedicated service as Secretary for Fond du Lac County Audubon. We welcome Judy Hollis as our new Secretary.

## ***Audubon Has a Facebook Page***

Thank you to Brendan Wood-Taylor, who set up the Fond du Lac County Audubon Facebook page. Please go to our page and Like us! (Type in Fond du Lac County Audubon Society in the search bar at the top from your Facebook Home page.)

## ***Membership Info***

Are you receiving too many notices from National Audubon? You can put a stop to the mailings by calling 1-800-876-0994 and ask for a Last Renewal Notice Only. (If you are interested in just a local membership, please see the form on the back page of this newsletter.)

## ***Thank You to Photographers***

See the beautiful work of photographers Elizabeth A. W. Ahlborn [facebook.com/elizabethahlbornphotography](https://www.facebook.com/elizabethahlbornphotography), Gretchen Steele [www.steelephotoservices.com](http://www.steelephotoservices.com), and Joel Nisleit [joelnisleitphotography.com](http://joelnisleitphotography.com) in our newsletter, and visit them online to see more of their photography!

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- Yes!** I want to become a member or renew my membership to the National Audubon Society, and the Fond du Lac County Chapter. The annual membership dues of \$40 entitle me to six issues of the Audubon magazine, and all local chapter benefits. I am enclosing a check payable to Fond du Lac County Audubon.
- I am only interested in being a member and supporting the programs of the Fond du Lac County Audubon. The annual local membership dues of \$20 entitle me to receive the chapter newsletter and all chapter benefits. I am enclosing a check payable to Fond du Lac County Audubon.
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### ***Help Needed Pulling Garlic Mustard***

Have you seen an area that garlic mustard has taken over? It is shocking how thick and extensive the plants can be. They can totally crowd out our native plants and spring ephemerals. The resulting loss of biodiversity affects the insects, birds and other animals. Doing nothing is not an option.

Consider joining with some other volunteers this spring in the effort to control garlic mustard. No experience is necessary. This is a perfect opportunity to learn to identify the plant and how to help control it. Each session will held from 9 to 11 am. Bring garden gloves. Cancelled in the event of rain. For more info contact [dianahbeck@gmail.com](mailto:dianahbeck@gmail.com) or 922-7931.

**Friday May 2, Saturday May 3, Friday May 9**  
Meet on Prairie Road at the Peebles Trail (¼ mile south of Winnebago Drive).

**Saturday May 10, Saturday May 17,  
Sunday May 18**

Meet on Hwy K at the Peebles Trail (¼ mile south of Winnebago Drive).

