



The **HERON**

Quarterly Newsletter of the Fond du Lac County Audubon Society

SUMMER OUTINGS

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Fox River

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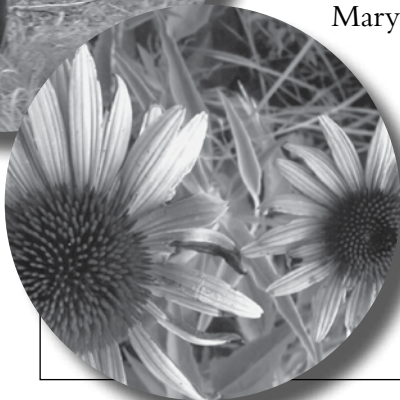
August 20

Gottfried Prairie and Arboretum
Mary Fran Merwin Memorial Prairie

All walks begin at 6:30 pm.

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for more information.*

Canceled if raining.



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WEDNESDAY SUMMER EVENING WALKS

Explore some of the trails in Fond du Lac County and City with some members of Audubon. Each walk will begin at 6:30 pm. Be sure to wear good walking shoes, bring some insect repellent, and if available, a pair of binoculars. Enjoy these unique natural areas close to home.

June 4 *Shaginappi County Park*

Drive north on Hwy 151 to just north of Pipe, turn left on Velvet Beach Road. Continue about ½ mile and turn into a parking lot on the left.
Leader – Dave Sehloff 920-921-2544

June 18 *South Woods in Ripon*

West on Hwy 23. On the west side of Ripon, turn south on Union Street, go about one mile to the parking lot at the top of the hill (west side).
Leader – Todd Berens 920-748-6279

June 25

Belle Reynolds School Forest in Oakfield

GPS Coordinates: 43.675764, -88.542550
In Oakfield, take County Y south to Belle Reynolds School. Just past the school, take the gravel service road toward the water tower.
Leader – Liz Roy 920-921-2281

July 16

The Greenway along the east branch of the Fond du Lac River

Meet at the west side of the parking lot at the south Pick n Save store at 55 West Pioneer.
Leader – Evelyn McLean-Cowan 920-251-2691

July 30

Kiekhaefer Park, W4235 Kiekhaefer Parkway

GPS Coordinates: 43.836262, -88.368398
From 151 north, turn east (right) on Kiekhaefer Parkway, travel up the hill ¼ mile to the parking lot on the left.
Leaders – Earl and Carol Jewett 920-923-2604

August 6

Eldorado Nature Center

Eight miles west of Fond du Lac on Hwy 23. Turn right into the driveway just west of a small cemetery.
Leader – Dave Stetter 920-872-2250

August 20

Gottfried Prairie and Arboretum and the Mary Fran Merwin Memorial Prairie

Meet in the east parking lot at the UW campus at 400 University Dr.
Leader – Margie Winter 920-517-5416

AUDUBON FIELD TRIP

Voyageur Canoe Adventure

Saturday, July 12, 7 am–3 pm

Join guides, Jean Paul Pauquette (Jerry Disterhaft) and Jacques Largillier (Glen Gorsuch), dressed in period costumes, on a 28-foot authentic voyageur canoe down the Fox River. Hear the stories of the fur trade, Native American lore, and the explorations of Father Marquette, and Louis Jolliet as you spot wildlife along the Fox. Dip your paddle in the Fox to the cadence of French paddling songs. Eat your sack lunch along the river before returning to the cars by road. This trip is suitable for children, especially fourth graders who study Wisconsin history. Limit 16 people. \$30 per person; reservations will not be held without payment. Make checks payable to Fond du Lac County Audubon. Meet at the southwest end of Menard's parking lot at 7:00 am to form a carpool/caravan to Princeton. Dress for the weather and wear a sun hat; bring insect repellent,

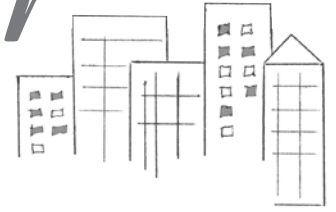
sun screen, binoculars, camera, a sack lunch, and water. Contact Diana Beck to reserve a place or cancel (dianahbeck@gmail.com or 920-922-7931).





Zoopolis Tour

Nature in the City



Sunday, August 3, 2014, 11 am–5 pm
Tickets \$10 (Children under 12 are free)

The 2014 Zoopolis Tour features seven private properties that feature bio-diversity, earth friendly practices and wildlife habitat. See excellent examples of birdscaping, rain gardens, butterfly gardens, ponds, prairie restoration, and the use of native plants in landscaping. Profits will be used for habitat restoration in the Fond du Lac area and for public environmental education opportunities. For more information, call 920-922-7931, email dianahbeck@gmail.com or check the Audubon website at fldaudubon.org. Brochures and tickets are available at the Fond du Lac Area Visitor and Convention Bureau at 171 S. Pioneer Road. Tickets can be purchased at any of the sites on the day of the event.

1. Margie and John Winter
N6786 Hilltop Drive

Enjoy the view from the top of the Ledge from a yard featuring prairie gardens, shade gardens, a rain garden and many trees, shrubs and plants native to Wisconsin.

2. Terri and Alan Fuller
N6275 County Road K

Enter a magical habitat garden created as a place with food for birds and insects, great beauty and bio-diversity (35 tree and 23 bush species).

3. RJ Gross and Christine Watts
220 Oak Street

What was only asphalt, concrete and grass around an old warehouse has been transformed with landscaping, plantings, and artwork into an oasis in the city.

4. Sharon and Cal Lewis
40 Roberts Court

Walk through an acre of beautiful prairie extending down to the west branch of the river and see many native plantings around the house.

5. Liz Roy
N5806 Esterbrook Road

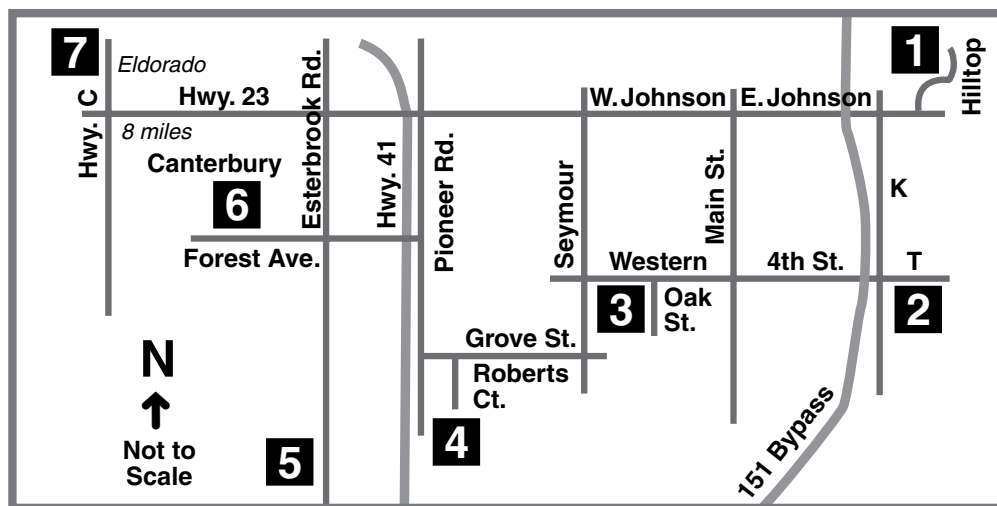
Explore a one and a half acre property that is slowly reducing turf grass, introducing native plants and then allowing nature to take over.

6. Julie and David LaBorde
N6521 Canterbury Drive

See the results of careful research on what landscape features and plantings would attract birds. 35 bird species have been seen there.

7. Janet and Frank Johnson
N7746 Hwy C, Eldorado

Discover a gem in Eldorado in this yard with 55 species of trees, many offering fruits and nuts, as well as many native perennials.



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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.
- I am a new member.
- Save trees. Please send the newsletter to me via email.

Name

Address

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Mail this form with payment to:
Fond du Lac County Audubon, Membership Services
N5545 Winnvue Court, Fond du Lac, WI 54937

Plan Ahead for Wild Feast Potluck

Our annual Wild Feast Potluck will be held on Wednesday, September 3, 2014. We meet at 5:00 pm and begin eating at 5:30 pm in the picnic shelter at Lakeside Park by DeNevue Creek. This is an opportunity for everyone to share wild food dishes, experience new tastes and recipes. When a plant is in season, such as dandelion in the spring, prepare a dish or the plant parts that are needed and freeze for later use.

If you are unsure about a safe source then bring a more

conventional item from your garden. Please join us for the fun and all the delicious food. More details will be given in the fall newsletter.

2014 Midwest Renewable Energy Fair

The annual fair is being held June 20–22 in Custer, Wisconsin (near Stevens Point).

If anyone would be interested in attending and carpooling on Friday, June 21, please contact Diana Beck at 920-922-7931 or email dianahbeck@gmail.com. The plan is to leave Fond du Lac about 7:45 am and return around 5:00 pm. An adult day pass is \$15 and senior is \$10. For details on events and programs, check the website www.midwestrenew.org.

