



# Northwest Illinois Audubon Society

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## NIAS MONTHLY MEETINGS

Join us the first Tuesday of every month, September through May. All of our meetings are open to the public.

Most meetings are held at the St. John United Church of Christ, 1010 Park Blvd. in Freeport.

Most meetings begin at 7PM with announcements, followed by the program at 7:30 and then refreshments.

Check the current newsletter or our website ([nwilaudubon.org](http://nwilaudubon.org)) for specific monthly details, special events or any changes to the usual time and place.

Please join us!

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## October - November 2017

### Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*

Turkey Vultures eat carrion, which they find largely by their excellent sense of smell. Mostly they eat mammals but are not above snacking on reptiles, other birds, amphibians, fish, and even invertebrates. They prefer freshly dead animals, but often have to wait for their meal to soften in order to pierce the skin. They are deft foragers, targeting the softest bits first and are even known to leave aside the scent glands of dead skunks. Thankfully for them, vultures appear to have excellent immune systems, happily feasting on carcasses without contracting botulism, anthrax, cholera, or salmonella. Unlike their Black Vulture relatives, Turkey Vultures almost never attack living prey.



### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

## Nesting Birds at the Gremel Sanctuary

7:00 PM Tuesday, October 3rd  
St. John United Church of Christ  
1010 Park Blvd. Freeport

Steve Hager, professor of biology at Augustana College in Rock Island has been involved with the 395 acres currently known as the Gremel Wildlife Sanctuary and formerly known as the Green Wing Environmental Laboratory for many years. In December of 2016 the property, located just 2 miles from the Amboy Marsh Nature Preserve, was sold to the Illinois Audubon Society and Steve continues to spend time at the property to learn about the birds in this area and add to his photograph collection. Join us to learn more about the birds nesting at the Sanctuary, changes in the species noted, and see stunning photographs of the bird species found in this Sanctuary.

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

## Tracking Bald Eagle Movements Across the Midwest and Beyond Using Telemetry

**NOTE: Changed to second Tuesday due to Election Day on Nov 7**

7:00 PM Tuesday, November 14th  
St. John United Church of Christ  
1010 Park Blvd. Freeport



Bald Eagle numbers have increased dramatically over the past 30 years, with the upper Midwest housing one of the densest populations of Bald Eagles in North America. Sara Schmuecker, Biologist at the US Fish and Wildlife Service in Moline will share how new telemetry devices are used to track the origin of wintering birds, their seasonal migration pathways and their local movements. Sarah will share how this information will be used to help avoid and minimize impact to eagles throughout the Midwest.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Jack Fritz – Freeport  
Charles Stocker – Freeport  
Mary Hauman – Polo

# CALENDAR CONSIDERATIONS

**September 30** – A Gathering of Spirits and a Festival of Friends: A Concert by Carrie Newcomer, 2 p.m. (doors open at 1 p.m.), sponsored by our chapter. *For details see page 3*

**October 3** – Membership Meeting 7 p.m. at St. John United Church of Christ, 1010 Park Blvd. *See page 1 for details*

**October 4** – Wildlife Wednesday, Fun with Fungi, Freeport Public Library, 10:30 to 11 a.m. *See page 4 for details.*

**October 6** – NIAS Potluck and Reflections for Elkhorn Creek and Silver Creek Preserves volunteers at 6 p.m. We'll gather at the home of Randy and Nancy Ocken (815-440-5768), 3445 N Union Rd., Polo. Bring a dish to pass; beverages and table service will be provided. After supper we'll discuss 2017 preserves stewardship and consider ideas for 2018.

*Any and all preserve volunteers from stewardship or educational activities are welcome to participate. Carpool from the Freeport Staples lot at 5:30 p.m. or call Ockens for directions. Please RSVP to Ockens if you plan to attend.*

**October 11** – 7:00-9:00 PM – “Talking About the Issues” discussion session at the home of Richard Benning, 704 N Davis St in Davis (815-865-5279). The topic for the first hour will be announced at the October 3 NIAS membership meeting. The second hour will be the customary discussion of whatever issues are brought forth by participants.

*All are welcome to attend this issues discussion. Carpool from the Staples parking lot in Freeport at 6:30 or call Richard for directions.*

**October 14** – Fall migrants at Yellowstone Lake State Park in WI. 8:30 – early/mid-afternoon. *For details see page 3*

**October 15** – Prairie Seed Collecting at our Silver Creek Biodiversity Preserve, 2-4 p.m. Tools, water, snacks and guidance provided.

*Carpool from the Freeport Staples lot at 1:15. The preserve is about 2 miles south of Leaf River on the west side of Leaf River Rd (S. Main St. crosses HWY 72 in Leaf River and becomes Leaf River Rd.). If weather is questionable call Mary at 815-938-3204.*

*Questions about your membership.  
Contact Teresa at 815-238-3963  
or e-mail at [nwilaudubon@gmail.com](mailto:nwilaudubon@gmail.com)*

**October 17** – Stewardship session at our Elkhorn Creek Biodiversity Preserve, 1-3 p.m. Tools, gloves, water, snacks and guidance provided. We'll be working primarily on Multi-flora Rose and honeysuckle.

*Carpool from the Freeport Staples lot at 12:30. The preserve is located about 3 miles southwest of Forreton in the southeast corner of West Grove and Freeport Rds. The parking lot is off of West Grove Rd. If weather is questionable call Mary at 815-938-3204.*

**October 22** – Last campfire of 2017 at our Elkhorn Creek Biodiversity Preserve. Prairie stroll at 5:30 p.m., with the campfire to follow at 6:00. S'mores and water will be provided. Bring a lawn chair and flashlight.

*Carpool from the Freeport Staples lot at 5:00 p.m. The preserve is located about 3 miles southwest of Forreton in the southeast corner of West Grove and Freeport Rds. The parking lot is off of West Grove Rd. If weather is questionable call Mary at 815-938-3204.*

**October 24** – Stewardship session at our Elkhorn Creek Biodiversity Preserve, 1-3 p.m.

*Carpool from the Freeport Staples lot at 12:30. The preserve is located about 3 miles southwest of Forreton in the southeast corner of West Grove and Freeport Rds. The parking lot is off of West Grove Rd. If weather is questionable call Mary at 815-938-3204.*

**October 26** – Stewardship session at our Silver Creek Biodiversity Preserve, 1-3 p.m. Tools, gloves, water, snacks and guidance provided. We'll be working primarily on Multi-flora Rose and honeysuckle.

*Carpool from the Freeport Staples lot at 12:15. The preserve is about 2 miles south of Leaf River on the west side of Leaf River Rd (S. Main St. crosses HWY 72 in Leaf River and becomes Leaf River Rd.). If weather is questionable call Mary at 815-938-3204.*

**November 1** - Wildlife Wednesday, Wolves and Wild dogs, Freeport Public Library, 10:30 to 11a.m. *See page 4 for details.*

**November 4** – Family Fall nature Hike, Oakdale Nature Preserve, 10 a.m. *See page 4 for details.*

**November 4** – Audubon Council of Illinois (ACI) fall meeting in Chicago. For agenda and carpool information contact Rex Sides at 408-390-3970. ACI is a coalition of National Audubon chapters in Illinois.

**November 6** – Conservation Committee meeting at 6 p.m., St. John United Church of Christ, 1010 Park Blvd, Freeport (prior to the NIAS Board meeting).

**November 6** – NIAS Board Meeting 7 p.m. at St. John United Church of Christ, 1010 Park Blvd, Freeport

**November 10** – Prairie Seed Processing at the Nienhuis Deluxe Heated Shed! Join us from 7-9 p.m. for a fun evening as we prepare our seed collection for planting. No experience is necessary and refreshments will be provided. Seed processing is sort of like a botanical quilting bee with lots of good conversation.

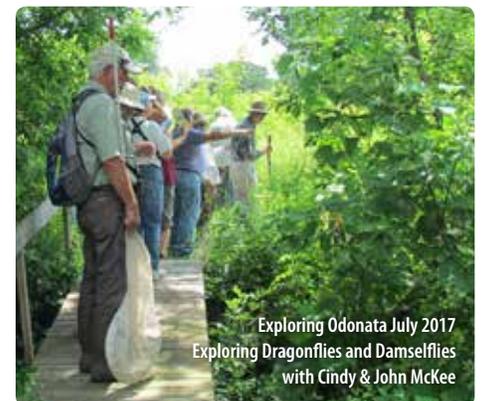
*Anita and John live at 3350 S. Mill Grove Rd., Pearl City, about 8 miles west of Freeport. Carpool from the Freeport Staples lot at 6:30 or call Anita for directions at 815-443-2401.*

**November 11** – Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation and the Illinois DNR program – Return of Large Predators to the Midwest. Woodbine Bend Golf Course 12:30 – 4:30 p.m. *For more information see: [www.jdcf.org/events](http://www.jdcf.org/events)*

**November 12** – “Talking About the Issues” monthly discussion session, 1:30-3:30 p.m. (note afternoon time!) at the home of Mary Blackmore, 9024 W. West Grove Rd., Forreton (815-938-3204). The first hour topic will focus on the economic value of avian ecological services. Call Mary for a copy of the topic article, “How Much is a Bird Worth?”. The second hour will be a discussion of whatever issues are brought forth by participants.

*All are welcome to attend. Carpool from the Freeport Staples lot at 1 p.m. or call Mary for directions.*

**November 14** – Membership Meeting 7 p.m. at St. John United Church of Christ, 1010 Park Blvd. *See page 1 or details*



Exploring Odonata July 2017  
Exploring Dragonflies and Damselflies  
with Cindy & John McKee

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CALENDAR  
CONSIDERATIONS

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**November 17** – Prairie Seed Processing and Potluck Lunch, 9 a.m. Details same as November 10 except for this morning work session, bring a dish to pass and table service for lunch after our work.

*Anita and John live at 3350 S. Mill Grove Rd., Pearl City, about 8 miles west of Freeport. Carpool from the Freeport Staples lot at 8:30 a.m. or call Anita for directions at 815-443-2401.*

**November 18** – Migrating Waterfowl along the Mississippi. 8:00 (Staple's parking lot) or 9:00 (Spring Lake) – early afternoon. See right column for details.

**November 20** – Stewardship session at our Silver Creek Biodiversity Preserve, 1-3 p.m. Tools, gloves, water, snacks and guidance provided. We'll be working primarily on Multi-flora Rose and honeysuckle.

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# FIELD TRIPS

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER

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## Searching for Fall Migrants at Yellowstone Lake State Park, WI

Saturday, October 14th  
8:30 a.m. – early/mid-afternoon

Lunch at Baumgartner's  
(or similar) in Monroe  
Coordinator: Laura Dufford  
815-947-2720, lauradufford@gmail.com

*Carpool from Staple's Parking  
lot at 8:30 a.m.  
Those carpooling will share  
the entry fee of \$11/vehicle.*

We'll explore Yellowstone Lake State Park, as we look for some migrating fall birds. There may be waterfowl on the lake and songbirds migrating through the woods & wetland. There are several trails at the lake, so we will be able to enjoy various habitats. If the birds aren't showing themselves we'll still enjoy some of the various trails of the park. Please bring water and appropriate walking attire. Bug spray, if skeeters are still hanging around would also be advisable. We'll plan to stop in Monroe for lunch at a restaurant on the way home. The return time should be early to mid-afternoon.

## Migrating Waterfowl on the Mississippi

Saturday, November 18th  
8:00 a.m. – early afternoon

Lunch at Heirloom Café in Thomson  
Leader: Anne Straight  
Coordinator: Laura Dufford  
815-947-2720, lauradufford@gmail.com

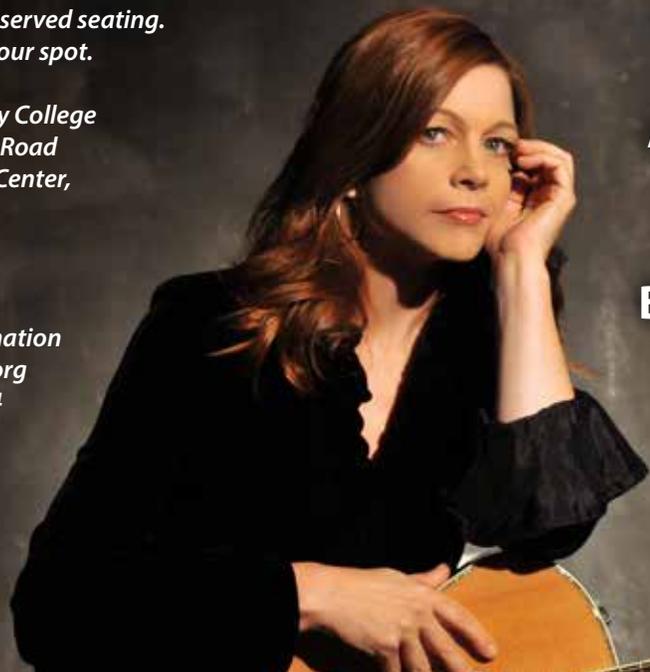
*Carpool from Staple's parking lot at 8:00  
a.m. or meet us at Spring Lake at 9:00.*

We'll start the morning at Spring Lake south of Savanna to view migrating waterfowl. There should be ducks arriving and hopefully the Tundra Swans will have made their way south. We will make several stops along the river for viewing, and end the trip with lunch at Heirloom Café in Thomson.

*Free event with no reserved seating.  
Come early to save your spot.*

Highland Community College  
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Student Conference Center,  
Room H201,  
Freeport, IL

Check our website  
for additional information  
[www.nwilaudubon.org](http://www.nwilaudubon.org)  
or call 815-871-8014



A GATHERING OF SPIRITS  
AND A FESTIVAL OF FRIENDS:

A CONCERT  
BY CARRIE NEWCOMER

Saturday  
September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
2:00 p.m.

Doors open at 1:00 p.m.

# KIDS & FAMILIES

## AUDUBON IN THE LIBRARY WILDLIFE WEDNESDAY

*Appropriate audience is  
two- to seven-year olds  
10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.*

Ms. Juliet hosts a monthly series called Wildlife Wednesdays at the Freeport Public Library. Each month has a different theme related to nature and wildlife. She will read various books related to the theme and then show the children specimens that they can touch. There are also activities that can be done at home to continue the learning!

**October 4** – Fun with Fungi

**November 1** – Wolves and other wild dogs



Audubon in the Library,  
Wildlife Wednesday September 6th.

Visit our Kids and Families section on our webpage at:  
[nwxilaudubon.org/kids-families.asp](http://nwxilaudubon.org/kids-families.asp)



Hanley Savanna Prairie Aug 2017  
Photo by Juliet Moderow

## Family Nature Fall Hike at Oakdale Nature Preserve

*Saturday, November 4  
10:00 a.m. to approximately 11:30 p.m.*

*Meet in front of the Mogle Center  
at Oakdale Nature Preserve,  
4433 S. Cranes Grove Rd.*

We will lead a hike around Oakdale and look for birds and other fall creatures before the snow arrives! We will have binoculars for the kids & family members to use and nets/jars to observe any critters we can find. Participants should dress appropriately for the weather with good hiking footwear. A parent or guardian needs to be present with the child at all times.

Contact leader Juliet Moderow at  
201-233-0946 to register  
and/or if weather is questionable.



Hanley Savanna Prairie Aug 2017  
Hanley Savanna Prairie near Hanover. Property  
managed by Prairie Enthusiasts.  
Photo by Juliet Moderow



Hanley Savanna Prairie Aug 2017  
Photo by Juliet Moderow

## JOIN OUR E-MAIL LIST!

Would you like to receive notifications about NIAS events, cancellations, calendar changes, and other updates by e-mail?

*Note: This is NOT an online newsletter and will NOT replace your newsletter mailings. As a paying member, you will always continue to receive the newsletter in the mail.*

If you are interested, send an e-mail to [nwilaudubon@gmail.com](mailto:nwilaudubon@gmail.com) with the subject line "Add me to list" and you will be given further instructions.

*How often will you receive an e-mail?*

- Once a month at the beginning of the month to remind you of upcoming event.
- Any time there is a cancellation or change to an event.
- Two additional times for our big events during the year:
  - In October to remind you about the bird seed order deadline.
  - In April to remind you about the Annual Banquet RSVP deadline.

*You can unsubscribe anytime from these e-mails if you no longer wish to receive them.*

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# CONSERVATION COMMITTEE NEWS

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Attention coffee lovers: Did you know that the simple choice of which coffee we purchase gives us an opportunity to make a real difference in protecting birds and the environment?

As most of us are aware, songbird populations worldwide are in decline, having suffered a 20-30% decline over the last 40 years. This is no doubt due to a number of factors, but habitat loss counts as a major problem. By purchasing certified organic, shade-grown, bird-friendly coffee we help protect habitat for both migratory songbirds and native species.

Native coffee shrubs grow in the shade and it was only in the 1970s that hybrid “sun” coffee varieties were developed, allowing growers to harvest much higher yields. Unfortunately, this came at the price of clear-cutting the tropical forest, applying high levels of fertilizer and pesticides, increasing soil erosion and water pollution and causing great loss of biodiversity in terms of bird and mammal species. Shade coffee farms in Central and South America are basically small ecosystems perhaps second only to tropical rainforests in providing habitat for 150 species of migratory birds as well as resident birds (including orioles, thrushes, warblers, tanagers, parrots and toucans).

Because North Americans drink 1/3 of the world’s coffee, we CAN make a difference. There are a number of coffee companies that offer shade grown, organic, bird-friendly coffee. The bird-friendly certification is important, as it is by the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center, which monitors the coffee farms and assures that their farming practices meet rigorous standards and that they provide quality shade habitat.

The company, Birds and Beans, out of Massachusetts, sells ONLY organic, shade-grown, certified Bird Friendly coffee. They contract with traditional family coffee farmers in Honduras, Peru, El Salvador and Guatemala and are currently expanding their connections with farmers in Nicaragua. By paying a fair price they encourage farmers to keep shade grown coffee in production. Birds and Beans also work with the farmers to attain certification. NIAS is now purchasing coffee from Birds and Beans so we can doubly enjoy our coffee at our meetings.

If we also purchase organic bird-friendly coffee for our home consumption, we can encourage farmers to keep expanding the land devoted to traditional shade coffee farms and help provide habitat and protection for the birds we love.

For more information on why our choice of coffee is important, plan to attend the issues discussion on September 19 at Fred and Carol Redmore’s, 1809 Parkview Circle, Freeport, 815-721-3375, 7-9 p.m. The first hour will be a discussion on “What Bird Friendly Looks Like.”

Candy Colby

## EARTH FRIENDLY RECIPE

### *Scalloped Potatoes with Chickpea “Cheese” Sauce*

#### **Ingredients:**

¾ cup chickpeas, canned or home cooked with liquid  
¾ cup unsweetened plain non-dairy milk,  
such as almond or soy  
¼ cup nutritional yeast  
(available at Cub Foods or health food store)  
1 large clove garlic  
½ teaspoon salt  
½ teaspoon turmeric  
¼ teaspoon ground black pepper  
1 tablespoon fresh chives, snipped  
2 pounds potatoes, Yukon gold or red  
Additional snipped chives for garnish

#### **Instructions:**

1. Open a can of chickpeas. Pour the liquid into a 2-cup measuring cup and add enough non-dairy milk to reach the 1-1/2 cup mark. (if using home-cooked chickpeas, use ¾ cup cooking liquid). Pour into blender or food processor. Add ¾ cup of chickpeas, nutritional yeast, garlic, salt, turmeric and pepper. Blend on high speed until completely smooth. Add the chives without blending and set aside. (I made slightly more sauce, about 2 cups, adding more non-dairy milk, to add if reheating in oven)
2. Preheat oven to 400F.  
Lightly oil a medium-sized casserole dish.
3. Wash the potatoes and peel them if you like. Slice them about ¼ inch thick. Place about a third of them overlapping to cover the bottom of the dish. Pour about ½ cup of the sauce over them. Add another layer and cover with another ½ cup of sauce. Repeat with remaining potatoes and sauce.
4. Cover tightly with foil and bake for 45 minutes. Remove foil and bake for another 15-25 minutes or until the potatoes are fork tender. If the top starts to brown too much, loosely cover with foil until potatoes are done. (can also top with Daiya shredded cheddar)
5. Sprinkle with additional chives and serve hot.

*Recipe from fatfreevegan.com.*

*Author: Susan Voisin*

*Servings: 6*

*Calories: 182*

Add hot-pepper sauce or salsa to taste.

# FALL PRAIRIE SEED COLLECTING

## It's not too late to help with prairie seed collecting!

With the exception of the scheduled seed collecting days, September 24 and October 15 (see calendar), we will also collect on short notice as weather permits.

To get on the contact list, e-mail Nancy at [rnocken@gmail.com](mailto:rnocken@gmail.com) or call Mary at 815-938-3204. When contacted, join us if you are available, or if not, we will catch you another time. No experience? No problem! Seed collecting is an easy, leisurely task. Novices are welcome. There will always be a leader to point out which plants to pick seed from. Water, snacks and equipment will be provided. Wear long pants and long sleeves. It's a fun way to spend a couple of hours on nice fall afternoons. We hope you can join us!



Bernard Lischwe and Mary Blackmore collecting seed with NIAS issued "Milk Jug Seed Baskets"  
photo by Dan Barron

## EXAMPLES OF SMALL, LARGE AND FLUFFY NATIVE SEEDS:



## Sand Bluff Owl Nights

Owl Nights at the Sand Bluff Bird Observatory near Shirland will be offered to the public on October 20, 21 and 27. The programs run from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. during prime migration of the tiny Northern Saw-Whet Owl. While catching owls is never guaranteed, the programs present a good chance to hold, photograph and release a Saw-Whet.

*A per person donation of \$25 is requested; due to late hours it is recommended that children be at least 10 years old.*

*Contact Mary Ann Pettenger at 815-494-7865 for details and reservations.*



## BIRD SEED SALE ALERT

This year's Bird Seed Sale will be held October 19 - 21. Sale fliers have been mailed.

*If you can volunteer to help sort orders or deliver seed, please call 815-238-9259 or 815-938-3204.*

## Audubon bags are here!

\$5

They are made of recycled plastic bottles and great for carrying groceries. Help reduce the use of plastic bags while also helping to promote our organization.

*Bags are available at the monthly membership meetings or by e-mailing [nwilaudubon@gmail.com](mailto:nwilaudubon@gmail.com)*



## Would you like to join Audubon as a NEW Member or give a GIFT membership?

*Two types of membership are available:*

### **1. Northwest Illinois Audubon Society and National Membership**

*includes this local newsletter, local mailings and the national "Audubon" magazine.*

\_\_\_\_\_ National Membership \$20

*All renewals for national memberships need to use the national membership form.*

### **2. Northwest Illinois Audubon Society Local only Membership**

*includes this newsletter and other mailings from our local chapter.* \_\_\_\_\_ Local Only \$15

Name of new member or gift recipient \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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# THANK YOU



Molly and Joe Doolittle for their recent donation.

Alice Akins for preparing a wonderful deluxe breakfast at her home for Elkhorn Creek volunteers after their July 17 stewardship session. It was great, Alice!

Beau Bunders and Stacia Burke for retrieving an oak bench at our Silver Creek Biodiversity Preserve that was carried downstream in the July flash floods.

Prairie Stewardship volunteers from July 1 through August 13: Deb and Bernard Lischwe, Carol and Fred Redmore, Anne Straight, Mary and Morgan Blackmore, John and Anita Nienhuis, Kara Gallup, Randy and Nancy Ocken, Tim Smith, Merry Blake, Juliet Moderow, Judy and Harlan Corrie, Jim and Pam Richards, Lynn Feaver, Jeremy Dixon, and Susan Carroll.

Pam Richards, Anita Nienhuis, Jeremy Dixon, Anne Straight, Nancy Ocken, Kara Gallup, Juliet Moderow, Judy Corrie, Lynn Feaver and Mary Blackmore for providing snacks for summer stewardship sessions.

Recent field trip leaders/coordinators: Laura Dufford, Bill Handel and Juliet Moderow.

Our July Butterfly Festival volunteers who helped set up and take down, loaned equipment and supplies, donated refreshments, led tours, caught and/or identified butterflies and other insects and staffed the welcome tent: Tim and Teresa Smith, Kara Gallup, Mary Blackmore, Anne Straight, Carol Redmore, Harlan and Judy Corrie, Nancy and Randy Ocken, Chris Kruger, Dave Derwent, John Walt, Laura Dufford, Larry Seffrood and Bob Remer.

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