



OCTOBER – NOVEMBER 2021

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A chapter of the National Audubon Society

Great Horned Owl
Bubo virginianus



With its long, earlike tufts, intimidating yellow-eyed stare, and deep hooting voice, the Great Horned Owl is the quintessential owl of storybooks. This powerful predator can take down birds and mammals even larger than itself, but it also dines on daintier fare such as tiny scorpions, mice, and frogs. It's one of the most common owls in North America, equally at home in deserts, wetlands, forests, grasslands, backyards, cities, and almost any other semi-open habitat between the Arctic and the tropics.

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NIAS MONTHLY PROGRAMS

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

Please note: schedule and location of programs are subject to change due to COVID-19 restrictions; please see newsletter and website for up-to-date information.

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

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

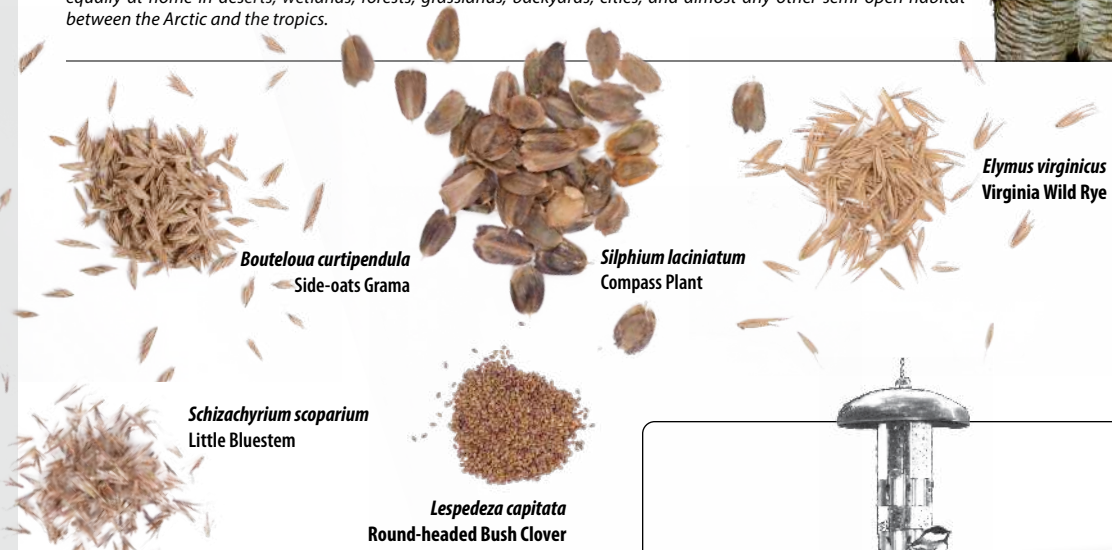
Check the current newsletter or our website nwilaudubon.org for specific monthly details, special events or any changes to the usual time and place.

Please join us!

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Bouteloua curtipendula
Side-oats Grama

Silphium laciniatum
Compass Plant

Elymus virginicus
Virginia Wild Rye

Schizachyrium scoparium
Little Bluestem

Lespedeza capitata
Round-headed Bush Clover

PRAIRIE SEED COLLECTING

It's not too late to get on our contact list for fall prairie seed collecting. To sign up e-mail Nancy Ocken at nocken@gmail.com or call Mary Blackmore at 815-938-3204. We hope to have many more collecting opportunities and to provide as much notice as possible.

No experience? No problem! Seed collecting is an easy, leisurely task. Novices are always welcome. There will always be one or more leaders to point out which plants to pick seed from. Equipment is provided. Typically we collect for a two-hour period of time at one of our preserves in late morning or afternoon.

Be sure to wear long pants, long sleeves and a hat. Please bring water and insect repellent.

– Mary Blackmore

BIRD SEED SALE ALERT

This year's **Bird Seed Sale** will be held **October 14-16**. Sale fliers were mailed in September and can also be found on our website:

www.nwilaudubon.org

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

PROGRAMS: TO ZOOM OR NOT TO ZOOM, THAT IS THE QUESTION.

Because of the uncertainty as to where we will be in with CDC protocol as it pertains to COVID-19, we are asking all people interested in attending the October and the November membership program to watch NIAS's Facebook, website or sign up for email notifications at nwilaudubon@gmail.com to hear the latest updates. We plan to make the decision as to zoom or to be in person two weeks before each program. If we cannot meet in person, we will then send out the Zoom link at that time.

– Don Miller, Program Chair

CALENDAR CONSIDERATIONS

Due to the uncertainty of future cancellations associated with COVID-19, please check our website calendar before any scheduled event or call any leader on the event. If you would like to be notified by email, please send a message to nwilaudubon@gmail.com to be placed on an email contact list.

M **October 5** – Monthly Membership Meeting. See right column

E **October 6** – New Moon Campfire at our Elkhorn Creek Biodiversity Preserve. Stroll the trails at 6 p.m. to observe plants and animals; the campfire follows at 6:30. Clear skies should give us a spectacular star show, including the Milky Way. S'mores will be provided. Bring a lawn chair, flashlight and water.

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.

O **October 14 and 15** – NIAS annual Bird Seed Sale Fundraiser: Freeport pickups and deliveries.

If you did not receive a Bird Seed Sale flier, call Tim at 815-835-5109 or visit nwilaudubon.org to print out a copy.

O **October 16** – NIAS Annual Bird Seed Sale Fundraiser: Stockton, Forreton, Davis and Dakota pickups only.

S **October 17** – Prairie Seed Collecting at our Silver Creek Biodiversity Preserve, 2-4 p.m. Tools, snacks and guidance provided. Bring water and insect repellent. The preserve is about 2 miles south of Leaf River in the southwest corner of the intersection of Leaf River Rd. and West Grove Rd. Parking is off of Leaf River Rd (S. Main St. crosses NWY 72 in Leaf River and becomes Leaf River Rd.) If the weather is questionable call Mary at 815-938-3204.

For information on more seed collecting opportunities see the article on page 1.

F **October 20** – Field Trip: Autumn Stroll at our Elkhorn Creek Biodiversity Preserve, 9-11 a.m. See *Field Trips* on page 3

F **October 23** – Oaktober, tree identification, Oakdale Nature Preserve, 9-10 a.m. See *Field Trips* on page 3

S **October 28** – Prairie Seed Processing at the deluxe Nienhuis Shed, 1-4 p.m. See details on page 4

M **November 2** – Monthly Membership Meeting. See *Events* on page 3

S **November 7** – Prairie Seed Processing at the deluxe Nienhuis Shed, 1-4 p.m. See details on page 4

F **November 13** – Our decomposing world. Oakdale Nature Preserve, 10-11 a.m. See *Field Trips* on page 3

S **November 16** – Prairie Seed Processing at the deluxe Nienhuis Shed, 9-noon. See details on page 4

F **November 21** – Field Trip: Tundra Swans on the Mississippi, 1-4 p.m. See *Field Trips* on page 3

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- E** Event
- O** Other



(Photo by Don Miller)

OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday October 5, 7 p.m. (location TBD)

Photo Tour of Isle Royale National Park

Isle Royale National Park is a remote island cluster in Lake Superior, near Michigan's border with Canada. It's a car-free wilderness of forests, lakes and waterways, where moose and wolves roam.

Join Don Miller as he takes us on a tour of this wilderness island. It is the least visited National Park, but the most revisited National Park. Don has been fortunate enough to backpack on it three times over the past decade and will share photos of the great diversity of plant life found there, as well as some wildlife and scenic shots. IRNP is also the place of the longest predator and prey research study documenting the population rise and fall of the moose and wolf numbers over five decades.

It is a truly a magnificent place of wonder and awe.

Don Miller was past Director of Severson Dells Nature Center for almost 30 years. He is presently volunteering with restoration efforts with BCCD, NLI, and he assists in community science projects with SDNC and is greatly enjoying helping out where he can with NIAS. He has received the Atwood Award, the Barbara and George Fell award, the Malcolm Swann award and others. He is the author of the book, *Life Afloat – Stories from Notes from the Dells 1989-2009*, but he most likes to tromp through prairies, rivers and woods with his grandkids.

PROGRAMS, EVENTS AND FIELD TRIPS

COVID-19 Precautions: Be sure to bring your face covering for when you are unable to social distance. Additionally, optical equipment, including spotting scopes, may not be shared.

AUTUMN STROLL AT OUR ELKHORN CREEK BIODIVERSITY PRESERVE

Wednesday, October 20, 9-11 a.m.
Elkhorn Creek Biodiversity Preserve
West Grove Road, Forreston

Leader: Mary Blackmore, 815-938-3204

Join us for this leisurely walk as we observe the more subtle fall beauty of our preserve. We hope to see both resident and fall migrant birds as well as a few late-blooming forbs and the lovely fall color of native grasses. Bring binoculars and insect repellent. If weather is questionable, call Mary.

OAKTOBER

Saturday, October 23, 9-10 a.m.
Oakdale Nature Preserve
4433 S. Cranes Grove Rd., Freeport, IL

Coordinator:
Adam Moderow, 815-541-5842

Oak trees are a special part of our local ecosystem. Most of us see an oak tree every day, even if we don't realize it. This Oaktober, our program will focus on these trees that too often go overlooked. We will take a hike and learn how to identify oak trees, (and some others,) learn about how they have adapted to and shaped our environment and discuss their role as a host species. What better place to celebrate Oaktober than Oakdale? We anticipate not needing masks but please have one with you should guidelines change. Meet by the Mogle building, just off of the parking lot.

Contact Adam Moderow at adamoderow@gmail.com or at 815-541-5842 to register in case it becomes necessary to limit the number of participants.



(Photo by Rich Mattas)

NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday November 2, 7 p.m. (location TBD)

Gems of JDCF's Natural Lands

Join Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation's (JDCF) Director of Land Conservation Jim Johannsen for this program about the amazing places that JDCF has preserved and protected. When we speak of "gems," we mean rare habitats, endangered species, Indian mounds, as well as great hikes and projects that you can get involved in. With over 7000 acres protected across 44 different sites, there is something for everyone. The list will include Casper Bluff Land and Water Reserve, which boasts some of the most commanding views of the Mississippi River and its backwater sloughs, and it is also an archaeologically significant site. Learn about the 409-acre Valley of Eden Bird Sanctuary, which has become a popular destination for outdoor enthusiasts and a designated an Important Bird Area by Birdlife International/The National Audubon Society. There is so much more to share and learn about our neighbor to the west.

Jim Johannsen is the Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation's Director of Land Conservation. Jim works with JDCF staff, volunteers, and local landowners to establish new protected natural areas and ensure that the natural and scenic treasures of Jo Daviess County are here to enjoy for generations to come. The mission of Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation is to preserve land for the lasting well-being of people and wildlife. JDCF serves Jo Daviess County and the surrounding area.

OUR DECOMPOSING WORLD

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Oakdale Nature Preserve
4433 S. Cranes Grove Rd., Freeport, IL

Coordinator:
Adam Moderow, 815-541-5842

When you have grass under your feet and trees overhead, you are surrounded by decay. Nature is constantly reusing its resources as fallen trees offer food and shelter, and fallen animals help the plants find nutrients. We will be examining different examples of this decay and reuse cycle throughout Oakdale Nature Preserve. Dress warmly and be prepared to get your hands dirty. We anticipate not needing masks but please have one with you should guidelines change. Meet by the Mogle building, just off of the parking lot.

Contact Adam Moderow at adamoderow@gmail.com or at 815-541-5842 to register in case it becomes necessary to limit the number of participants.

TUNDRA SWANS ON THE MISSISSIPPI

Sunday, November 21, 1-4 p.m.

Leader: Mary Blackmore, 815-938-3204

We hope you can participate in our annual outing in search of Tundra Swans. We'll meet at the Spring Lake parking area, a couple miles south of Savanna, just off of HWY 84. After exploring the Spring Lake area, we'll car-caravan south to several sites, ending at Lock and Dam 13 near Thomson.

In addition to swans, we hope to see late-migrating waterfowl and wading birds. Bring binoculars. Please register for this trip by calling Mary.

THE PRESIDENT'S TWEET

Greetings friends and members including new members. It is great to have you "along for the ride" with us as we journey this path. If this is your first newsletter with us I think you'll be surprised at the wealth of information gathered all in one place. There are some great resources for you in this edition and also be sure to check our website nwilaudubon.org for past newsletters and other articles of interest. You will see a number of opportunities available for you to explore.

I write this short message to you on August 30 and I presume COVID-19 is still front and center, (Though it would be a nice surprise to see much improvement by the time this newsletter comes out.) I look forward to that day when we can be in the same room at the same time. Hopefully everyone is seeing the part they play in making this a reality.

If I could emphasize one item here it would be our ongoing desire to make this organization and the activities we share to be welcoming to all. We are not an exclusive club but an inclusive organization with our goal to engage in scientific, investigative, literary, historical, philanthropic and charitable and even artistic pursuits and every person in this community is welcome to join with us. It is our desire to have a complete cross-section of our entire community and we need each other. We have a way to go but we are moving forward in this direction. Take care and enjoy the rest of the newsletter and we look forward to seeing you either by zoom or in person (hopefully the latter) take care and stay safe.

PS. Feel free to share this newsletter with your friends or family and even invite them to our next event. Thanks again

– Gary G Gordon (g3)
NWIL Audubon President

PROCESSING SEEDS FROM OUR PRESERVES

This year we are returning to our usual seed processing site, the Nienhuis deluxe shed on October 28, 1-4 p.m., November 7, 1-4 p.m. and November 16, 9-noon. For many years John and Anita generously have provided this great set-up with many tables for our work, delicious snacks and, if needed, a fire in the woodstove.

Seed processing is easy and fun; no experience is necessary. It's sort of like a botanical quilting bee, with lots of good conversation.

There will be a few changes this year, mostly in the form of COVID precautions;

- Everyone will need a mask, preferably close-fitting. We will provide disposable "dust masks" if needed. The masks will not only help with the virus, but also with the considerable dust that we raise while rubbing seedheads across screens.
- Weather permitting there also will be an outdoor work space. All mint species will be processed outdoors as well as other species as time allows.
- While snacks will be available, we will not have our customary potluck celebration on the last work day.
- Please call Anita at 815-443-2401 to let her know which day(s) you'll be attending. Our plans may need to be changed if pandemic conditions worsen.

Directions to the Nienhuis home at 3350 S. Mill Grove Rd., Pearl City: Take Pearl City Rd. west from Freeport about 7 miles. Turn left (south) on Block Rd. In a little over 1 mile turn left (south) on Mill Grove Rd. The Nienhuis driveway is on your right, less than ½ mile down Mill Grove Rd. and directly across the entrance to a campground.

– Mary Blackmore



Our chapter is developing a recurrent program with the Boys and Girls Club of Freeport to educate the children and teens about birds and other nature-related themes. We are looking for volunteers who would like to assist with these activities. You do not have to commit to every program and can help when you can. You also do not have to be an expert in any way, but simply the enthusiasm to teach children!

For the safety of the members at the Boys and Girls Club, we will be required to follow the King Center proper procedure to be a volunteer, which may include a volunteer application and background check.

If you are interested in helping with this opportunity to work with youth in nature education, please contact Juliet Moderow at nwilaudubon@gmail.com or call at 201-233-0946.

– Juliet Moderow

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

LeRoy Grande - Baileyville
Thomas Erickson - Davis
Mary Devore - Davis
Rebecca Anderson - Forreston
Carole Dickerson - Freeport
Clyde Cole - Freeport
Janet Bausman - Freeport
Rodney Lenz - Lena
Laurie Gothard - Stockton
Melinda Colver - Warren

QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

Contact Teresa Smith at 815-238-3963 or timtreetsmith@gmail.com

NATIVE PRAIRIES AND EASTERN BLUEBIRDS AT PARK HILLS GOLF COURSE

Blooming Bergamot at Park Hills Golf Course in early August (Photo by Juliet Moderow)

Did you know that the Park Hills Golf Course in Freeport maintains 49 bluebird houses and 27 acres of unmowed prairie? Although a golf course itself provides little ecological benefit, we wanted to share and recognize the steps made by a local golf course and how the property is managed to benefit birds. Park Hills is one of the few courses that is sanctioned by Audubon International as an Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program golf course. The golf course is also a certified Monarch Waystation site.

In 1996, Pheasants Forever planted 16 acres of native prairie plants at multiple sections in the golf course. Since that time, areas have not been mowed, allowing the prairie sections to expand to 27 acres with new species emerging. The Freeport Park District works with the manager at Park Hills to maintain the multiple sections of the unmowed prairies throughout the course, which has a management plan that includes prescribed burns.



Volunteer Deb Schroeder hidden by the tall native prairie plants at Park Hills (Photo by Juliet Moderow)

The species that can be found here are three types of milkweed species (*Asclepias* spp.), three types of goldenrod species (*Solidago* spp.), Closed Bottle Gentian (*Gentiana andrewsii*), Compass Plant (*Silphium laciniatum*), Cup Plant (*Silphium perfoliatum*), Leadplant (*Amorpha canescens*), Maximilian sunflower (*Helianthus maximiliani*), Prairie Dock (*Silphium terebinthinaceum*), Wild Bergamot (*Monarda fistulosa*), Wild Lupine (*Lupinus perennis*), and many more.

Deb Schroeder, a Park Hills golfer and NIAS member, volunteers her time and works with the greenskeeper, Rick Fagoh at Park Hills. She also works with the golf course manager Jeff Hartman to set up prairie tours for people interested in learning more about the plants. In addition, Deb has monitored the Eastern Bluebird boxes since 1996. Since 1999, she has recorded 1,732 successful fledgling bluebirds. The largest number she recorded was 135 birds in 2010. Last year, she recorded 108 and this



One of the many bluebird boxes at Park Hills Golf Course. (Photo by Deb Schroeder)

year there will be around 70 fledglings as she completes the 2021 season.

The community is fortunate to have a dedicated volunteer like Deb to be a part of this important citizen science! We also hope this management plan by a golf course can be a model for other communities to follow!

– Juliet Moderow

NIAS CELEBRATE DIVERSITY T-SHIRTS

Cost \$10

This t-shirt was originally designed as part of the Christian Cooper event in collaboration with the Freeport Art Museum and Boys and Girls Club. All shirts are made with Hanes Ecosmart® made with cotton and 5% polyester created from recycled plastic bottles.

Shirts will be available for sale at the next in-person meetings with multiple sizes available.

All proceeds from t-shirt sales will support diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts, particularly in programs with children and teens.

– Juliet Moderow



FALL PRESERVES STEWARDSHIP

September sunset at Elkhorn Creek Biodiversity Preserve
(Photo by Kara Gallup)

Stewardship will be scheduled on shorter notice by using our volunteer contact list. To get on the list call Mary Blackmore at 815-938-3204 or e-mail Nancy Ocken at rnocken@gmail.com. We will try to provide as much notice as possible. We plan to focus on honeysuckle and Multiflora Rose removal as well as trail-trimming at both preserves.

Volunteers should wear long pants, long sleeves and a hat. Bring water, insect repellent and gloves. Snacks, equipment and guidance will be provided.

– Mary Blackmore



THANK YOU!

- Preserves stewardship volunteers for July and August: Kara Gallup, Juliet Moderow, Judy Corrie, Paul Brown, Anne Straight, Jim and Pam Richards, Anita Nienhuis, Nancy Ocken, Tim and Teresa Smith, Mary Blackmore, Bernard Lischwe and Morgan Blackmore.
- Darrell Windle for his generous donation for our Equity, Diversity and Inclusion activities and programming in the Forreston area.
- Tim and Teresa Smith for chainsawing and removing fallen trees across trails at our Silver Creek Preserve.
- Jeremy Dixon for replacing the handrail on the wooden bridge at our Elkhorn Creek Preserve.
- Recent field trip and event leaders: Adam Moderow, Don Miller and Mary Blackmore.



July rainbow at Elkhorn Creek Biodiversity Preserve (Photo by Kara Gallup)

BUTTERFLIES PRESENT IN SMALLER NUMBERS

On July 26, two days after what would have been our annual Butterfly Festival, several chapter volunteers again conducted a butterfly survey at our Elkhorn Creek Biodiversity Preserve in order to avoid a data gap from the cancelled festival. The surprise was two-fold: the relatively high total number of species and the very low number of individuals of most species.

For a couple of hours in the afternoon each volunteer walked about 1/3 of the trails, which traverse a variety of habitats, tallying species as they went. Afterwards they sat in the shade of the kiosk to compile the total list.

The number of butterfly and skipper species identified was 13, plus one errant sulphur which was too fast for a confirmed identification. Species identified were Meadow Fritillary, Monarch, Viceroy, Tiger Swallowtail, Black Swallowtail, Cabbage Butterfly, Question Mark, Painted Lady, Red-Spotted Purple, Pearl Crescent, Summer Azure, Silver Spotted Skipper and Least Skipper.

The most numerous species were Cabbage Butterfly and Meadow Fritillary. While a fair number of Monarchs were observed, most of the other species identified represented only one individual.

Many thanks go to Richard Benning, Mary Blackmore and John Walt for tolerating the heat and providing this important data.

ELKHORN CREEK NEST BOX REPORT

While nesting success this year in our 9 boxes at Elkhorn Creek was improved from recent years, we were unable to attract any nesting bluebirds. Tree Swallows successfully nested in one box, Black-capped Chickadees in another and, although not a target species, House Wrens fledged young in three boxes. Bluebirds were seen at the preserve, with one bird even perched on a box, but no nesting activity occurred.

Box monitors at other sites reported many fewer bluebirds this year. Perhaps

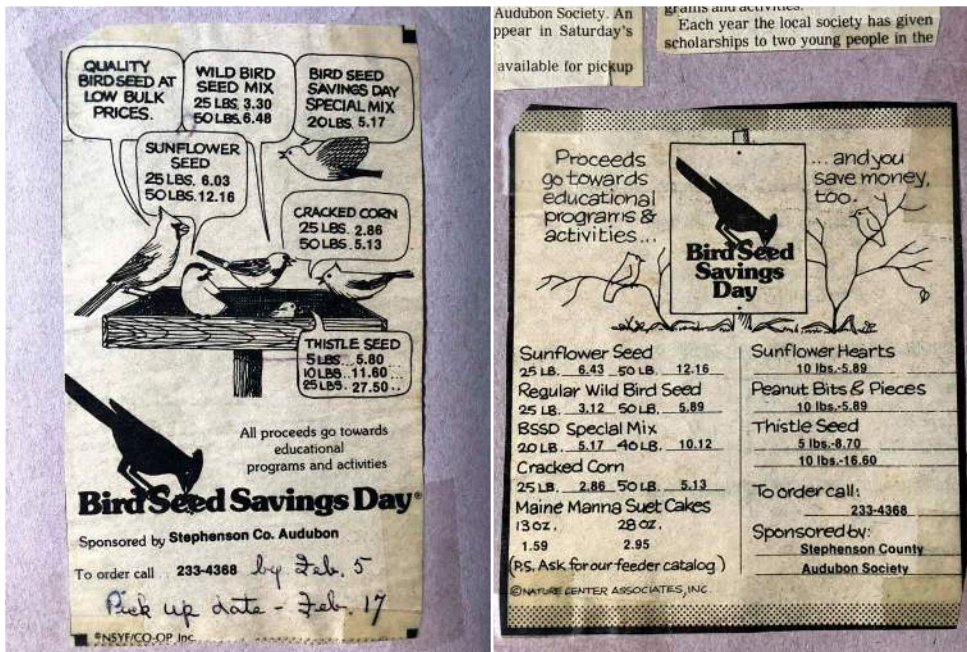
the extreme cold farther south in mid-February caused increased mortality from hypothermia and/or starvation. Additionally, the overall bluebird population may have begun to see a decline because of the cumulative chick loss in previous years due to blackflies.

European Tree Sparrows (EST) continue to compete aggressively for nest boxes at Elkhorn Creek. Though ETS nests are regularly removed, they re-nest rapidly during their late March to mid-June nesting season, sometimes rebuilding within 48 hours. It is hoped that with continued lack of nesting success in the boxes that eventually the ETs abandon the boxes.

One of the challenging conditions for box nesters was greatly diminished this year. The blackfly season came early, was relatively mild and of short duration. Blackflies can be a major source of mortality for bluebird and Tree Swallow chicks.

Many thanks go to our nest box monitors Kara Gallup and Mary Blackmore for their 30+ monitoring visits during the 2021 nesting season.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF NORTHWEST ILLINOIS AUDUBON SOCIETY



Northwest Illinois Audubon Society birdseed sale ads

The Northwest Illinois Audubon Society, originally named Stephenson County Audubon Society, was formed on June 10, 1971 and chartered in 1972 as a Chapter of the National Audubon Society. We wanted to celebrate our amazing 50 years as a chapter by showcasing past accomplishments, stories, and photos from the beginning in the newsletters for this year and honoring the many people that were significant in the establishment of this chapter. Many of the stories you will see will come from a scrapbook containing newspaper articles from 1971-1981 and from current Audubon members.

For this edition of sharing past memories, we are revisiting the years of 1977 and 1978. The chapter had become well-established and recognized in the community and in 1978, was cited for "outstanding service to parks and recreation in the community" from the Illinois Association of Park Districts.

Regular monthly programs in 1977 included the following: "Nesting Birds of Rock Cut Park" presented by Peter Urbanski; "Conservation Law Enforcement" presented by Edward Freeman; "What is a Nature Preserve?" presented by Judy Donath; a

program on the "Pre-development of the Alaskan Pipeline" by Roy Merrill; "Cranes of the World" presented by George Archibald of the International Crane Foundation; "Preserving Illinois' Natural Heritage" by Jerry Paulson; "Nature at its Best on Hog Island Audubon Camp" by Emma Tucker; Dr. Erich Awender presented his experience attending the International Conference on Falconry and Conservation in Abu Dhabi; and a program by Dr. Jeffrey Davidson about an Energy Simulator to explore hypothetical energy decisions in the country.

Oakdale events included the second annual Nature and Art Fair, a nature film festival, a Christmas tree ornament workshop that encouraged the use of natural materials, and a poetry reading, after which the written poems were hung on a "Nature Poet-Tree" in the Nature Center.

The chapter also began their "Bird Seed Savings Day" that we continue today as part of our bird seed sale at this time of year. At that time, 50 pounds of sunflower seed cost \$12.16!

STORIES FROM OUR MEMBERS

Perspective from Pam Richards, NIAS member since 2015, board member at large from 2018-2019, secretary from 2019-2021, and currently vice president for the 2021-2022 board.

What motivated you to join NIAS?

After Master Naturalist training in 2015, I became a volunteer working with Mary Blackmore on the two prairies and I loved it.

What are your favorite parts about being in NIAS?

The people are so friendly and knowledgeable. I am partial to the prairie steward work but I am learning oodles about birds and wildlife and enjoy it all. ALL of the people I have met are inspirational as we are kindred spirits!!! I learn something every time I venture on an Audubon expedition as someone always reveals new information. Of course also Mary Blackmore knows everything (although she might disagree), but she too is always learning as she is usually seen with a guide book to look up anything. Mary would often give us a mini-course on something during most stewardship days. Juliet is so inspiring as she shares much of her knowledge, communicates so well, and is also very friendly.

One of my favorite field trips was to the Gremel Wildlife Sanctuary – there were so many colorful mushrooms – who knew!

What relationships have you built because of NIAS?

Many. Everyone I have met are just remarkable, caring human beings and I am so thankful they are here on this planet doing what they can to educate and motivate the public about the environment, wildlife, and anything else to take care of the earth.

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
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(Photograph by Jill Elmore.)



Education chair Adam Moderow led a field trip with attendees Jill Elmore and family and Tim and Teresa Smith at his "Navigating the Wild" field trip at Oakdale in July. (Photograph by Teresa Smith)

Education chair Adam Moderow had a great field trip in August at Oakdale Nature Preserve teaching the group about water!

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