“Birds, Bees, Flowers & Trees”
Audubon Adventures Class Kit

Teachers: request a FREE kit by Sept 15 by emailing mail@champaigncountyaudubon.org.

Audubon Adventures is an educational kit for 3rd-5th grade classrooms, developed by the National Audubon Society.

The kit includes both printed student resources and online content for three new topics:

- Native Plants
- Bird Migration
- Insect Pollinators

Plus... a subscription to Audubon magazine and the Audubon Adventures eNewsletter.

Visit our website for more information!

Fall Potluck & Summer Memories
Thursday, Sept 7, 7pm
Urbana Free Library

Bring a dish to share and enjoy some photos of our favorite sightings from this summer! Please submit photos and stories to share by emailing them to sjohnsonccas@gmail.com.

Sunday Morning Birdwalks
Sundays, Sept 3 - Oct 29, 7:30 am
Anita Purves Nature Center parking lot

Walks officially end at 9am, but if things are exciting some folk stay longer. Birders of all ages and experience welcome. Children should be accompanied by an adult.

Sponsor a Kit!

Because of the generosity of our members, we have been able to support environmental education in hundreds of classrooms over the years!

Your sponsorship of $50 will provide one printed Audubon Adventures classroom kit. Checks can be made out to CCAS and mailed to PO Box 882, Urbana, IL 61803-0882. All donations are tax deductible.

Thank you for supporting these valuable education opportunities!

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10% discount for CCAS members!
Monday–Saturday, 9am–4pm
Anita Purves Nature Center
1505 N. Broadway, Urbana, IL

NEW!!
Especially designed post cards by local photographer Tyson Kruse, featuring the Nature Center’s animals and other local wild life. As always, binoculars, CDS & DVDs, hummingbird and other feeders. A good selection of field guides, coloring books, children’s books and much, much more.

Field Notes
Submitted by: Beth Chato
The summer breeding season is winding down and fall migration heating up. Kaufman Lake again had a family of Black-crowned Night Herons as well as Green Herons. I saw few nesting Baltimore Orioles and wondered if anyone else found some. Let me know of any in our local parks or preserves. Jim Smith reported a Purple Finch at his feeder on July 17. Warblers are returning - a Tennessee Warbler on July 27, and a Redstart on August 18. Dave Thomas reported Ovenbird, Tennessee, Nashville, Redstart, Parula, and Yellow Warblers, as well as an Olive-sided flycatcher from Meadowbrook Park on August 25.

Field Trip to Lodge Park
Saturday, September 9, 7:30am-noon
Lodge Park in Piatt County
This is a good place with easy walking to spot fall warblers. Meet at 7:30am at the Anita Purves Nature Center parking lot to car pool. Return around noon.

Get this newsletter delivered right to your inbox— in color! Would you like to go paperless and help our funds go further? Please visit the Newsletter page on our website and enter your name and email address.

Birdnotes Listserve
Join our Birdnotes listserve to get the latest local bird sightings in your inbox!
Here’s how: go to ChampaignCountyAudubon.org and click on ‘Join Birdnotes.’ Enter your info, then click ‘Subscribe.’
Nerds Who Bird Trivia Night

Thursday, August 31, 7pm
Bar M (Back of Pizza M), 208 W Main St, Urbana

Looking for some friendly workplace competition? Hoping to show off to your friends and family (or your date) how truly nerdy you are? Test your avian and nature knowledge with a trivia event to benefit the Champaign County Audubon Society!

This event is FREE but proceeds from food and drink sales at Pizza M will go towards our cause. Pizza M has a variety of delicious beverages as well as incredible pizzas: http://urbanapizzam.wixsite.com/pizzam/pizza

The fun includes:
• Nerdy prizes for the top 3 teams
• One free raffle entry per person - Additional to be purchased for $1/ticket
• Teams of up to 6 people

Registration is not required but it is suggested; email sjohnsonccas@gmail.com.

(The back bar only holds ~50 people so space is limited!)

Member’s Walk at Meadowbrook Park

Due to some scheduling restraints, the first fall Member’s bird walk will be held at Meadowbrook park rather than one of the non-public locations.

The walk will be held September 16th. Meet at the Race street parking lot. We’ll start at 7:30am.

Low-Mobility Birding Pilot Program

CCAS is still looking for a few more participants interested in attending a led birding program for individuals with mobility issues. We plan to find an accessible, diversity rich location in a local park and stay put for an hour to see what we can hear and what birds come to us. If you are interested in attending such a program, please contact Brody Dunn at brody.ccas@gmail.com

October Monthly Meeting: Turkeys

Thursday, October 5th, 7pm
Urbana Free Library
Christine Parker

Fall is here! Join us for our monthly meeting for refreshments and a presentation about some interesting research being conducted with Turkey populations in Illinois.

Open to the public.
Audubon's Statement on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

From the National Audubon Society website

Just as biodiversity strengthens natural systems, the diversity of human experience strengthens our conservation efforts for the benefit of nature and all human beings. Audubon must represent and reflect that human diversity, embracing it in all the communities where we work, in order to achieve our conservation goals. To that end, we are committed to increasing the diversity of our staff, board, volunteers, members, and supporters, and to fostering an inclusive network of Audubon Centers and Chapters in all kinds of communities, from rural to urban.

Equity, diversity and inclusion is not only a best practice for business, it’s a strategic imperative. Our business and conservation strategies are enriched and made stronger by the contribution of the experiences, perspectives, and values of diverse individuals and communities. Protecting and conserving nature and the environment transcends political, cultural and social boundaries, and so must Audubon in order to expand our network’s reach and engage more people in protecting birds and habitat.

We are dedicated to providing a work environment that prioritizes fairness and respect. At Audubon, all employees are treated equally and are encouraged to achieve their fullest potential. We respect the individuality of each member of our community, and we are committed to a workplace free of any kind of discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, national or ethnic origin, politics, or veteran status.

With a plurality of voices, Audubon will inspire more people and conserve more habitats. Respect, inclusion, and opportunity for people of all backgrounds, lifestyles and perspectives will attract the best ideas and harness the greatest passion to shape a healthier, more vibrant future for all of us who share our planet. The birds we are pledged to protect differ in color, size, behavior, geographical preference and countless other ways. By honoring and celebrating the equally remarkable diversity of the human species, Audubon will bring new creativity, effectiveness and leadership to our work throughout the hemisphere.

For more info, and a short video, visit: http://www.audubon.org/about/equity-diversity-and-inclusion-audubon
Join Champaign County Audubon Society!

Yes, I’d like to become a member!

When you join the Champaign County Audubon Society, 100% of your dues and donations support our efforts (and they’re tax deductible!).

$ ______ CCAS Membership ($15 due each January).

$ ______ Additional donation to CCAS

$ ______ TOTAL

☐ I am a new member ☐ I am renewing my membership

Name: _________________________________________________________________________________

Email: __________________________________________________   Phone # (______)_______________

Address: _______________________________________________________________________________

City: _______________________________________ State: _______ Zip: ______________ - __________

☐ Beginning in 2017, CCAS members will be automatically enrolled to receive our newsletter by e-mail; check this box if you would prefer to receive a paper copy.

Checks should made payable to CCAS. Send this form and your payment to: CCAS Membership Chair, P.O. Box 882, Urbana, IL 61803-0882. Thank you!

Join National Audubon Society!

When you join National Audubon Society you receive one year of Audubon magazine. You also have the option to receive local birding and community events delivered to your inbox from CCAS.

• New members: Go online to http://bit.ly/nas-g50 or call 1-844-428-3826. Please tell them Champaign County Audubon Society sent you using our chapter code "G50."

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Urbana Park District’s Stewardship Days
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Saturday, Sept 30: 9-11am: Meadowbrook Park, Race Street; 1-3pm: Perkins Road Wet Prairie
Call Anita Purves Nature Center (384-4062) for more info and to register.

Saturday, Sept 16, 7:30am
Member’s Walk: Meadowbrook Park (Race St parking lot)

Monday, Sept 18, 7pm; Board Meeting.
Anita Purves Nature Center. Members are welcome.

Visit our website for more information!

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