



The Meadowlark Messenger

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October Program

Wildlife of the Galapagos

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Urbana Free Library Auditorium

Open to the public; for all ages; FREE

CCAS Members Ken and Brenda Mullé visited the Galapagos Islands in April this year on a trip organized by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. The trip included a few days in Guayaquil Ecuador and five days on a vessel with 13 other guests and two guides.

Many species were seen and photographed on the islands which were visited. Of course, most were birds but also included were two types of seals and two types of iguanas. Join us for an armchair trip to Galapagos and learn about the wildlife of one of the most unique group of islands in the world.

Ken has had an interest in birds throughout his life. Brenda became a birder after their marriage. They reside in Champaign in the spring and fall and Central Idaho in summer and winter.



We Need a Treasurer!

CCAS is in need of a treasurer! The treasurer is a vital part of our board and helps us distribute funds to educators and scientists. This is an officer position on our board.

If you're interested please contact Brody Dunn at Brody.CCAS@gmail.com

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

Big Changes!

Big changes are coming as the shop will transition to being operated by the Urbana Park District by December. This transition is supported by Audubon as a practical solution. Under Audubon all proceeds support environmental education programs, and members get a 10% discount on purchases. Shop now to support Audubon!



The Nature Shop has a variety of field guides to birds, wildflowers and animals. For the rock lovers there is an assortment of mineral collections and geodes. There are a variety of animal finger puppets, singing birds, children’s books, bird feeders, and coloring books.

Field Notes

Submitted by: Beth Chato

The fall Sunday morning walks at Crystal Lake/Busey Woods are over. We saw 86 bird species including 18 different warblers. One highlight was a dispute between a Kestrel and a Cooper’s Hawk.

Welcome New Members!

Emmarie Alexander and Judy Miller

Questions? Please contact our Membership Chair, Rachel Vinsel (ccas.membership -at- gmail.com)



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 “Go Birding” then click the “Join Birdnotes” button.

Field Trip to Jasper-Pulaski Saturday, November 16, 10am-evening

Meet at 10am at the Anita Purves Nature Center parking lot to carpool.

This is our annual trip to see the thousands of migrating SANDHILL CRANES at Jasper Pulaski Wildlife Area. This is about a 2 and 1/2 hour trip. Bring lunch as we will stop at Willow Slough Refuge for lunch.

We will watch the cranes come in at sunset and usually stop for supper at a restaurant on the way home.



Low Mobility Bird Sit Saturday, November 9, 9-10am Anita Purves Nature Center

Sit a spell and bird-watch with a representative from the Champaign County Audubon Society. Enjoy the sights and sounds from the windowed Wildlife Observation Room at the Anita Purves Nature Center. The room features a parabolic microphone system that brings the sounds of nature indoors!

This program is wheelchair accessible and open to all ages and abilities.



DO YOU LIKE WORKING WITH PEOPLE?
CONSIDER YOURSELF ORGANIZED?
ENJOY CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES TO LEARN?

Join the Champaign County Audubon Society Board

The CCAS is currently looking to fill our Program Chair position for 2020. In this role, you can help create and organize monthly programs for members and promote our mission of environmental education in the community.

Contact Sara Johnson, current Program Chair at sjohnsonccase@gmail.com to learn more!

A Kingfisher as the Illinois Mascot??

A belted kingfisher is making the rounds as a potential mascot for the University, as reported in a recent Daily Illini article on Oct 24. Designed by Spencer Hulse, senior in LAS.

What do YOU think?



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**

Or Join Online!

Save time by contributing via your mobile device or computer! Visit our website to join or donate online.

I am a new member I am renewing my membership

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone # (_____) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____

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

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Our Mission:

Promote interest, enjoyment, and understanding of all aspects of our natural environment, and actively encourage the protection of wildlife and native habitats.



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."
- **Renewing members:** Go online to <http://bit.ly/renew-nas> or call 1-844-428-3826.



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Monday, Nov 18, 7pm

Board Meeting

Champaign Public Library

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See our website for more info about these events!