



The Meadowlark Messenger

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October Program

Lights Out for Migration

Thursday, October 3, 7-9pm

Urbana Free Library Auditorium

Learn about light pollution and the effects on migratory birds. We will be hosting local experts David Leake (CUAS), Matt Kuntz (CCFPD), and Sarai Stuart (UIUC) for a discussion about dark sky initiatives in town, light pollution, and how birds deal with these challenges during the long flight across continents during spring and fall migration. Open to the public; for all ages; FREE



Sunday Morning Birdwalks

Sundays, Sept 1 - Oct 27, 7:30-9am

Anita Purves Nature Center parking lot

Enjoy fall migration with us on our longest-running program, the Sunday Morning Bird Walks. We'll be tackling tricky fall warblers and enjoying the brisk autumn air. Our first three September walks had rain, but we saw 52 species of birds, including 13 different warblers. Walks officially end at 9am, but if things are exciting some folks stay longer. Birders of all ages and experience welcome. Children should be accompanied by an adult.

Sundays, Sept 1 - Oct 27, 7:15-9:45am

Birds, Binoculars and Beverages

The Anita Purves Nature Center will be open early for birders and visitors to enjoy coffee and light snacks.

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.

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Monday–Saturday, 9am–4pm
Anita Purves Nature Center
1505 N. Broadway, Urbana, IL

Need to identify those birds in your
yard? 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 and coloring books.



As always, proceeds support environmental education programs. Come
check us out.

Field Notes

Submitted by: Beth Chato

A Swallow-tailed Kite in Allerton Park in early September.

At Kaufman Lake, September 4, there were 2 Adults and a juvenile
Black-crowned Night Heron. Did they nest there?

Twelve Eurasian Collared Doves near Homer on September 15.



Swallow-tailed Kite
Photo: Andy Morffew

Field Trip to Kennekuk Cove

Saturday, October 19, 7:30am-afternoon

Vermilion County Conservation District

This park has Lake Mingo, several marshlands, and a restored prairie. Meet to car pool at Anita Purves parking lot at 7:30 and return in the afternoon.

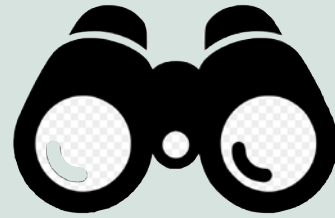


CCAS Member Birdwalk

Saturday, October 5, 7:30am

Meadowbrook Park, Race St Parking Lot

A special birdwalk for Champaign County Audubon Society members! We take a stroll around Meadowbrook park to see what warblers, sparrows, and grassland birds Meadowbrook park has to offer.



Low Mobility Bird Sit - New Location!

Saturdays, October 12 & 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.



Thank You Donors!

Thank you to all who donated beyond membership dues:

Charlene Anchor, Ken Dallmier, Rebecca Gruber & Susan Kiddoo

Welcome New Members!

Ken Dallmier, Rebecca Gruber, Numa Markee & Grant Thomas

Thank you Renewing Members!

Susan Kiddoo

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



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: _____

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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."
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Monday, Oct 21, 7pm

Board Meeting

Champaign Public Library

CCAS members welcome.

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