



The Meadowlark Messenger

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Birdathon: Pledges Still Welcome!

Birdathon results are in! The Oldtimers team reported 92 species, the Ghost Busters 40. The North East Corner had 85 species, the Big Sit 39, and Crazy Kayakers saw 71. This year traditional rivals, the Urbana Park District and the Champaign County Forest Preserve District, combined forces instead of competing; their total was 132 species!

Spring Bird Count Results

The 2016 Spring Bird Count was held in Champaign County on Saturday May 7. Each team of 1-4 birders was assigned to cover a specific area in the County. Almost all results are in, and so far a total of 164 species were seen on this rather nasty day. Highlights included a Red-breasted Merganser, 2 Loons, a Sandhill Crane, 26 species of warblers, and 2 Long-billed Dowitchers.

Volunteer Needed!

Would you like to help CCAS enrich the lives of its members, and build a stronger community of birders?

We are looking for a volunteer who is willing to plan our monthly member programs (8 per year: Sept-Dec, Feb-May). Duties include soliciting ideas, scheduling presenters, and helping the Publicity Committee get the word out.

Contact mail@champaigncountyaudubon.org for more information.

Annual June Potluck & Swallow Watching

Tuesday, June 7, 6:30pm

Walnut Hill Shelter

Homer Lake Forest Preserve

2573 S. Homer Lake Rd, Homer, IL 61849

For directions: www.ccfpd.org

Enjoy an evening at beautiful Homer Lake with fellow bird enthusiasts while you practice your swallow identification skills. Watch a variety of swallow species, including Cliff Swallows, Tree Swallows and others, and then enjoy the sunset over the lake.

Please bring your own table service, your own beverage and a dish to share.

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Monday–Saturday, 9am–4pm

Anita Purves Nature Center
1505 N. Broadway, Urbana, IL

We have a wide selection of guide books, children’s books, puppets, stuffed singing birds, geodes, children’s toys, feeders, binoculars, coloring books, and much more. Spread the word! A portion of the proceeds support CCAS!



Field Notes: May

Submitted by: Beth Chato

Aside from the Spring Bird Count, other highlights include a variety of shorebirds at the Curtis Road mudflat including Black-necked Stilts. Also there was a Black Tern. Elsewhere were a Marbled Godwit and abundant Golden Plovers as well as a Black-bellied Plover. A Trumpeter Swan showed up before and after the Bird Count day. A hybrid Lawrence’s Warbler (between a Blue-winged and a Golden Winged) was in Crystal Lake park and later a Connecticut Warbler. An exciting time of year!

Birds, Bites & Brews: Summer 2016

June 9, 6:30-8:30pm at Pizza M

July 14, 6:30-8:30pm location TBD

August 11, 6:30-8:30pm at Pizza M

Come out for a drink, a snack, and some good conversation with your fellow birdwatchers at our informal monthly get-together. You don’t need to be a member to attend! Please RSVP to cklill@gmail.com.

Pizza M: 208 W. Main St., Urbana (meet in the back room)

Check our website this summer for updates!

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.’

Join Audubon! Yes, I'd like to become a member!

\$ _____ Membership dues for 2016. (\$15: Friend of CCAS ~OR~ \$20: Member of NAS & CCAS)

\$ _____ Additional donation to Champaign County Audubon Society

\$ _____ **TOTAL**

I am a new member I am renewing my membership

Name: _____

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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!

| Membership Types | |
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| Friend of Champaign County Audubon Society Annual Dues: \$15 When you choose to become a member of CCAS only, 100% of the membership dues support this local Audubon Society chapter. Renewal is due each January. | Member of National Audubon Society (includes membership in CCAS) Annual Dues: \$20 If you choose this option, we will forward your info and dues to NAS. Members of NAS are automatically a member of their local chapter. A portion of your dues are returned to CCAS. |
| Have questions? Please contact Caitlin Lill, our Membership Chair, at cklill@gmail.com . | |

Welcome New Members!

Nancy Winters, Ralph Simmons, John Scott, Mr. Russell A. Dankert, Richard & Elaine Lutz, Carol Swearingen, Betty Gemeser, Georgiean Benson, Lois Doherty, Arthur Sievers, Caitlin Brauer

Thank You Renewing Members!

Elizabeth Chato, Christina Feng, Mr. Karl Muster, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Schneider, Ms. Patricia Henne, Judith Stoll, Karen Mccusker, Mr. David M. Gardner, Mr. Philip O'Neill, Ms. Linda Hermann, Ron Kruse, Ms. Denise D. Green, Challys Black



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Saturday, June 11: 9-11am Busey Woods; 1-3pm Weaver Park

Saturday, June 25: 9-11am Meadowbrook Park; 1-3pm Perkins Road Natural Area

Saturday, July 9: 9-11am Busey Woods; 1-3pm Weaver Park

Saturday, July 23: 9-11am Meadowbrook Park; 1-3pm Perkins Road Natural Area

Urbana Park District's Stewardship Days. Call Anita Purves Nature Center (384-4062) for more info and to register.

Thursday, August 18, 7:15pm

Board Meeting. At Beth Chato's house. Members are welcome.

Visit our website for more information!