

# Coulee Birder

Newsletter of the Coulee Region Audubon Society  
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## Events

### January 16

Annual Meeting and Pot Luck

Pot Luck at 6:00 with meeting to follow at the Ho Chunk Nation building, lower level, 725 Main Street, La Crosse, across from the Main Branch of the La Crosse Public Library.

Members are invited to bring photos and videos to share of bird sightings and birding trips.

Kurt Brownell and Mark Webster will give brief reviews of their Audubon Advocacy training.

### February 20

Kirtland's Warbler Says "Yes" to Wisconsin 7 pm at the HoChunk Three Rivers House at 8th & Main. Speaker: Kim Grveles, Assistant Zoologist/Ornithologist, Bureau of Endangered Resources, Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources.

The federally-endangered Kirtland's Warbler was found nesting on Plum Creek Timber Company land in central Wisconsin in 2007. This was the first ever documented breeding of the species in Wisconsin, and the first nesting outside of the State of Michigan since the 1940's.

The species population has increased in recent years to the point where the

### Sierra Club - Jan. 29

The Cultural Significance of Wilderness: A Lost Voice? 7 p.m. at the HoChunk Three Rivers House at 8th & Main. Speaker: Rick Kyte, director of the D. B. Reinhart Institute for Ethics in Leadership and associate professor of philosophy at Viterbo University

Environmentalists from the mid-nineteenth through the mid-twentieth centuries shared a conviction

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## President's notebook

### Learning about advocacy

By Dan Jackson

Christmas is past and a new year is on its way. For us, as members of the Coulee Region Audubon Society, it also means the annual meeting is fast approaching. During this meeting, we will hold our annual elections and we will also hear from two of our board members who have gone to Audubon Advocacy training in Washington during the past year. It is their intent to share some of what they learned and to help us understand how we can do our part to get things done to protect our planet.

Although some are still skeptical about the reality of global warming, there is no doubt that the world's ever growing human population is having major impacts on our planet. Everywhere we look, there are more houses, more asphalt and less natural habitat to support the wonderful wild creatures

that we all enjoy.

Since this is an election year, it is more important than ever that each of us take a hard look at our community, our state, our nation and the world. We all need decide for ourselves what the most important issues are that are facing the world. This review and introspection will allow us to cast our votes and make our voices heard on the issues that deserve the most attention.

Please make it a point to come to the January meeting. It is always fun to share a potluck dinner and it will also be a great opportunity to hear what Mark and Kurt have learned about advocacy. This is the start of a new year and this program will be a great way to find out how each of us can make a difference.

See you there!

(See pages 2-3 for Dan's report on the Christmas bird count)

available habitat in Michigan is mostly saturated, resulting in the pioneering of new habitats such as Wisconsin.

Given the events of 2007, it seems possible that Kirtland's Warblers could be found at additional locations in Wisconsin. In an attempt to better define the breeding status of this species in Wisconsin, the Department of Natural Resources is working in partnership with the U.S.

Fish and Wildlife Service to develop a widespread and organized census effort beginning in 2008.

The 2007 Wisconsin nesting activities, bird life history, conservation and management issues and other related Kirtland's Warbler topics will be presented. An opportunity to sign up as a volunteer for the Kirtland's Warbler 2008 survey will also be offered.

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tion that the experience of wilderness was crucial to the health of American society. That conviction has all but disappeared from contemporary social commentary. This presentation will look at

the writings of authors such as Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry David Thoreau, John Muir, Theodore Roosevelt, Aldo

Leopold, and Sigurd Olson in an attempt to reclaim an important voice in American social and political life.

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