

Coulee Birder

Newsletter of the Coulee Region Audubon Society

May/June 2021

Meetings

Monthly meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month, starting at 7PM. Currently they are Zoom meetings and the link for the meeting will be sent as well as listed on the facebook page.

May 19

Laura Erickson will be joining us via zoom with "Into the Nest: Intimate Views of the Courting, Parenting and Family Lives of Familiar Birds." Laura is well-known throughout the birding world. She lives in Duluth MN, and has done a radio program there, "For The Birds," for many years. She has published several books as well, including one called..."Into the Nest."

June 16

Our last meeting before our summer break is the potluck, followed by birding on the trails. At this time, we are not sure of the format for this, so keep your eyes on the facebook page and your email for updates closer to June.



President's Message By Jonathan Ringdahl

Greetings bird lovers!

Spring is here and the weather is improving for migration. Warblers are working their way into the Driftless. There are great pictures of them being shared on our Coulee Region Audubon Sightings Facebook page. We are excited to be able to share the experience of pursuing warblers and other migratory species again with bird walks and our Wyalusing State Park field trip. These outings will look a little different than past years. More information is below.

Thank you for those who have attended our monthly meetings over Zoom. We appreciate you adapting to a new way of attending meetings. We will continue to hope for progress that will enable us to increase our in-person programming. Your health and well-being is our top priority in making programming decisions.

Happy birding,
Jonathan Ringdahl

Events, events, events!

Yes, we can do some birding in small groups again. We will have our spring bird walks on the following dates.

May 4 and 11 Myrick Marsh Bird Walks. Start at 6:30 AM at the EcoPark building parking lot.

May 6 and 13 Hixon Forest Bird Walks. Meet at 6:30AM at the Hixon Forest parking lot.

We do ask the people joining the walks wear masks and practice social distancing. If the groups become too large, we will divide into smaller groups.

May 15 Wyalusing Field Trip

Wyalusing State Park south of Prairie du Chien is an amazing birding destination during spring migration. This field trip will be limited to 10 participants based on registration. Contact CouleeRegionAudubon@gmail.com if you plan to join us. Also due to COVID-19, we will not be car pooling. Meet at the entrance gate at 6:00AM and be sure to purchase your state park sticker online before arriving if you haven't done so already

World Migratory Bird Day

May 8 Trempealeau Wildlife Refuge

As with other events, things are a bit different this year. There will be small group guided bird walks at the Refuge, and Friday night, May 7, Stan Tekiela will be doing a Zoom presentation. More information is available on the Refuge facebook page here....<https://www.facebook.com/events/981167869354020/>



Coulee Audubon....."In Other News"

Even during these pandemic times, we've kept busy as an organization. We've received some donations. We've spent some money. Here are some of our recent highlights.

Vernon County Chimney Swift Project

The Vernon County Museum in Viroqua, WI is raising money to repair the Chimney, home to hundreds of Chimney Swifts. Contributions can be sent to the following address with a note indicating the money to be used for Chimney Swifts.

Vernon County Museum
410 South Center Ave
Viroqua, WI 54665

Coulee Region Audubon has donated \$500 to this important bird conservation project. Chimney Swifts are among those insectivores that are at risk due to declining insect populations and habitat loss. This project helps provide habitat for them. During "Swift Night Out," observers have witnessed hundreds of these flying cigars entering the roost.

Some Nice Donations

We've received some memberships as well as some nice donations. One for \$200 came from "Network for Good." We aren't sure exactly who to thank for this, but think it may have been a facebook fundraiser. We also received a gift of \$500 from Fidelity Charitable via "Gift for Giving." This was a gift from Kurt Olson of Warrens, Wisconsin. We truly appreciate these generous gifts, as they allow us to continue making our own gifts to various bird conservation efforts such as the Vernon County Chimney Swift Project.

Thank you to Kurt Olson and our anonymous donor!

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