



WASHTENAW AUDUBON SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

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Washtenaw County May Count 2018 Juliet Berger County Compiler since 2014

Our May Count 2018 results are finally in, and thanks to so many volunteers, about 70 of us strong, we made a great showing under adverse conditions. **176 species** were observed by birders in Washtenaw's 20 Townships, just slightly above our 5-year average of 175. We saw **26,322 individual birds**, despite heavy thunderstorms throughout the county all day long. In Sharon Twp., Dave Borneman and Linda Ar's crew found a township record of 123 species. A May Count record of 109 species was found in Lodi by my crew of 6 volunteers, which blows out our previous record by more than 10 species. Thanks to eBird, we now have a handle on where most of our county birds were found, down to specific locations. Huge high fives go to David Amamoto, one of our most tech savvy volunteers, who partnered with me, helping for dozens of hours, to revamp the whole May Count system, including creating township-specific eBird accounts, where all our data can be stored. This promises to make compiling the May Count so much simpler going forward. Please thank David any chance you get, since without his help I would still be hand entering everyone's lists, for hundreds of hours, as I did last year. David also helped us condense the data, so we can provide Count Day numbers right in this newsletter. A hearty thank you, Dave!!

This year's Count Day was a tough day to bird. Despite heavy rains, thunder, and lightning, almost all of us were able to cover our territories, some of us going out late in the afternoon and evening because we were rained out in the morning. Warblers made a great showing this Count Day, and we saw all the expected warbler species and then some. In fact, large numbers of migrating warblers flooded a few spots in the county, perhaps brought down by the storms. Greg Jacks and crew in York *(cont. on page 2)*

President's Letter

(Please note: For this edition of the newsletter, Juliet's President's Letter is a continuation of the May Count summary.)

and Augusta had a nice flock at the Maple Road troll bridge, an eBird hotspot, including Mourning, Golden-winged, and Cerulean Warbler. In 2017 birders observed 19 Tennessee Warblers, while in 2018 we got 104 of the sewing machine-like singers. Magnolia Warblers rebounded from last year's dismal number (5), with a substantial 110 this year. Last year we dipped on Bay-breasted Warblers, while this year we found 33. We found 1 Blackpoll last year while this year we had 21. Six Blackburnian Warblers last year were replaced by 57 this year. Last year we saw or heard 36 Yellow-rumped Warblers, while this year there were 200!! Rare warblers made a good showing, though not as numerous as in previous years, with 3 Golden-winged Warblers turning up on the Count (one in Lodi at a private residence, one found by Tim Gacioch in Scio Woods Preserve and the one on Maple Rd), along with 10 Ceruleans (9 of them in Sylvan, down from 19 last year), and a late edition Prothonotary Warbler, found on an audio tape Linda Ar made in Sharon Twp. on Count Day. We missed Louisiana Waterthrush, though we believe it is breeding along the Huron River in Hudson Mills Metropark. Thanks to Karen Markey and Mary Wise for braving the severe thunderstorms on foot in Dexter Twp. We also missed the Prairie Warbler, though it is back again on Hankerd Rd. for at least the 6th year. Unfortunately, our Saline River population of Yellow-throated Warblers refused to show on Count Day this year.

Aside from warblers, other songbirds showed up in good numbers throughout the county. Though Scarlet Tanagers were down more than 30% from last year, we still saw or heard 63 of the beautiful migrants. Our 5-year average is 97 Scarlet Tanagers. We counted 17 Gray-cheeked Thrush, usually an uncommon migrant, while Sedge Wren, which is not seen every year, boasted 10 sightings. I even saw a Sedge Wren in Lodi Twp., a first for me. Vesper Sparrow was noted in greater numbers than usual with 12, including 4 in Lodi. We tallied 9 Lincoln's Sparrows, way up from our count of 1 last year. 9 Grasshopper Sparrows and 6 Henslow's Sparrows, both in greater numbers than the last few years, rounded out the unusual sparrow species. Roger Wykes found our Count's only Yellow-bellied Flycatcher on Maple Rd. in Saline Twp. Also, this year we observed 4 Philadelphia Vireos, usually a later migrant, up from only two last year. And speaking of vireos, our singing male White-eyed Vireo at Toma and Stinchfield Woods Rd. has a mate this year, for sure! Thanks to Maggie Jewett for spotting the pair on Count Day.

I moved two bird species from the Rare Bird List to the Expected Bird List this year—Bald Eagle and Pileated Woodpecker. When I was growing up in the 60s and 70s, we never could have imagined this day. With 46 years since the banning of DDT in North America, Bald Eagles are making a comeback in our county and throughout the country. Six of these majestic raptors were spotted on Count Day. Pileated Woodpeckers benefitted from the demise of most of our county's ash trees, and the 150+ years since we logged almost the entire state. Now these largest North American woodpeckers have lots of dead standing and downed timber to hammer on for carpenter ants, and in which to build their nest cavities. We found 18 Pileateds on Count Day!

As would be expected on a day when it stormed throughout the day, raptor numbers were down almost 50%, but we still were able to locate all the expected species, along with Osprey (6) in numerous locations, and Peregrine Falcon (1), thanks to Jessica Adamczyk scoping out Central Campus. Waterfowl numbers were slightly down from the last few years, as most self-respecting ducks and geese, as well as shorebirds, had headed to northern climes before the 12th of May. Resident waterfowl, like Trumpeter Swans continue to increase, and stragglers like Green-winged Teal and Northern Shoveler were found in small numbers on Count Day. Game birds continued to make a decent showing, with good numbers of Ring-necked Pheasant (41), huge numbers of Wild Turkey (183) and, thanks to Ben Hack and crew, one Ruffed Grouse. Also, Darrin O'Brien found a Least Bittern, a species rarely tallied on Count

May Count Common Species 2018

Common Species	Total Count	Common Species	Total Count	Common Species	Total Count	Common Species	Total Count
Domestic goose sp.	15	Greater/Lesser Yellowlegs	0	Tree Swallow	698	Bay-breasted Warbler	33
Canada Goose	1,222	Ring-billed Gull	21	Bank Swallow	124	Blackburnian Warbler	57
Mute Swan	194	Herring Gull	0	Barn Swallow	2,301	Yellow Warbler	551
Trumpeter Swan	14	gull sp.	0	Cliff Swallow	188	Chestnut-sided Warbler	85
Wood Duck	119	Rock Pigeon	136	swallow sp.	111	Blackpoll Warbler	21
Blue-winged Teal	2	Mourning Dove	462	Black-capped Chickadee	407	Black-throated Blue Warb.	35
Mallard	355	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	5	Tufted Titmouse	299	Palm Warbler	19
Mallard/Am Black Duck	3	Black-billed Cuckoo	4	Red-breasted Nuthatch	3	Pine Warbler	13
Hooded Merganser	10	Eastern Screech-Owl	8	White-breasted Nuthatch	191	Yellow-rumped Warbler	200
Duck sp.	3	Great Horned Owl	8	House Wren	218	Blk-throated Green Warb.	108
Ring-necked Pheasant	41	Barred Owl	3	Carolina Wren	31	Canada Warbler	5
Wild Turkey	183	Chimney Swift	291	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	156	Wilson's Warbler	6
Pied-billed Grebe	14	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	32	Golden-crowned Kinglet	0	warbler sp. (Parulidae sp.)	45
Double-crested Cormorant	2	Belted Kingfisher	15	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	14	Chipping Sparrow	274
Great Blue Heron	84	Red-headed Woodpecker	16	Eastern Bluebird	103	Field Sparrow	97
Great Egret	44	Red-bellied Woodpecker	248	Veery	56	White-crowned Sparrow	99
Green Heron	18	Downy Woodpecker	157	Swainson's Thrush	234	White-throated Sparrow	108
Turkey Vulture	160	Hairy Woodpecker	29	Hermit Thrush	8	Vesper Sparrow	12
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	Northern Flicker	173	Catharus sp.	1	Savannah Sparrow	70
Cooper's Hawk	11	Pileated Woodpecker	19	Wood Thrush	114	Song Sparrow	692
Accipiter sp.	0	American Kestrel	7	American Robin	1,708	Swamp Sparrow	75
Bald Eagle	6	Eastern Wood-Pewee	19	Thrush sp.	2	Eastern Towhee	101
Broad-winged Hawk	6	Acadian Flycatcher	4	Gray Catbird	496	sparrow sp.	1
Red-tailed Hawk	39	Alder Flycatcher	0	Brown Thrasher	16	Scarlet Tanager	63
Buteo sp.	0	Willow Flycatcher	5	European Starling	923	Northern Cardinal	649
Hawk sp.	1	Least Flycatcher	8	Cedar Waxwing	56	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	289
Virginia Rail	7	Empidonax sp.	3	Ovenbird	112	Indigo Bunting	81
Sora	26	Eastern Phoebe	80	Northern Waterthrush	19	Bobolink	34
American Coot	7	Great Crested Flycatcher	46	Blue-winged Warbler	30	Eastern Meadowlark	78
Sandhill Crane	200	Eastern Kingbird	68	Black-and-white Warbler	43	Orchard Oriole	15
Killdeer	190	Yellow-throated Vireo	75	Tennessee Warbler	104	Baltimore Oriole	351
Least Sandpiper	34	Blue-headed Vireo	17	Orange-crowned Warbler	4	Red-winged Blackbird	3,170
Pectoral Sandpiper	4	Warbling Vireo	104	Nashville Warbler	87	Brown-headed Cowbird	369
peep sp.	0	Red-eyed Vireo	73	Mourning Warbler	2	Common Grackle	771
American Woodcock	14	Vireo sp.	2	Common Yellowthroat	417	blackbird sp.	0
Wilson's Snipe	1	Blue Jay	489	Hooded Warbler	11	House Finch	147
Spotted Sandpiper	51	American Crow	433	American Redstart	145	American Goldfinch	700
Solitary Sandpiper	27	Horned Lark	88	Cape May Warbler	47	House Sparrow	415
Greater Yellowlegs	2	Northern Rough-winged Swallow	331	Northern Parula	75	# of Common Individuals, not including sp.	26174
Lesser Yellowlegs	9	Purple Martin	73	Magnolia Warbler	110	# of Common Species, not including sp.	138

May Count Rare Species 2018

Rare Species	Total Count	Ann	Aug	Bri	Dex	Fre	Lim	Lod	Lyn	Man	Nor	Pit	Salem	Saline	Sci	Sha	Sup	Syl	Web	Yor	Yps	Total
Northern Shoveler	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Green-winged Teal	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Ring-necked Duck	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Lesser Scaup	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Bufflehead	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Ruddy Duck	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Ruffed Grouse	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Least Bittern	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Glossy/White-faced Ibis	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Osprey	6	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6
Peregrine Falcon	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Common Gallinule	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4
Semipalmated Plover	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Dunlin	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Black Tern	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Common Tern	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
Forster's Tern	9	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	9
Common Nighthawk	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Eastern Whip-poor-will	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
White-eyed Vireo	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Philadelphia Vireo	4	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Brown Creeper	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Sedge Wren	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	10
Gray-cheeked Thrush	17	2	0	0	5	1	2	1	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	17
Northern Mockingbird	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	7
American Pipit	10	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	10
Golden-winged Warbler	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Prothonotary Warbler	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cerulean Warbler	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	10
Yellow-breasted Chat	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Clay-colored Sparrow	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Grasshopper Sparrow	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	7	0	9
Henslow's Sparrow	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	6
American Tree Sparrow	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Lincoln's Sparrow	9	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	1	9
Rusty Blackbird	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Pine Siskin	5	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	5
Number of Rare Individuals, including sp.		10	0	10	22	4	7	6	8	12	0	2	0	4	5	28	0	9	0	19	2	148
# of Rare Species, including sp. (There is 1 sp. on the list.)		6	0	2	9	3	5	6	3	6	0	2	0	3	4	12	0	5	0	7	2	39

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The Washtenaw Audubon Society is an active chapter of Michigan Audubon formed in the early 1950s. Monthly programs feature guest speakers on a wide variety of natural history and birding topics. We conduct field trips to places in Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, and beyond.

Washtenaw County May Count 2018

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Day, at a marshy spot on Ellsworth Rd. Birders found 3 species of Tern at Cavanaugh Lake in Sylvan Twp.—Common, Forster's, and Black—and 2 out of these 3 were also spotted in Dexter Twp. Birds that didn't care a bit about the rain, Sora and Virginia Rail, showed up in more than triple their usual numbers.

Probably the most exciting sighting of the day was a Plegadis Ibis, which could not be identified to species (either Glossy or White-faced), which Silas Bialecki found while birding a railroad grade in Manchester. The bird flushed several times, then disappeared before any photos could be obtained. We are thrilled to have Glossy/White-faced Ibis among our bird records this year.

My most heartfelt thank you goes out to all the area leaders, for their patience when I changed the format again this year, for their recruitment and support of all the volunteers, and for their assistance with all the eBird entry. Thank you, Mike Sefton, Dan Thiry and Susan Falcone, John Mills, Dave Borneman and Linda Ar, Tim Gacioch, Ellie Shappirio, Jessica Adamczyk, Greg Jacks, Roger Wykes, Martin and Silas Bialecki, and Ben Hack. And big hugs to my husband, Scott Huizenga, who always is a willing participant and helper in Lodi Twp. with me, and this year staked his claim as a birder in his own right by having more energy and drive to complete the count than I did, late into the evening. I am grateful to all the volunteers that our count continues with such enthusiasm, and I'm counting on all your help again on the next May Count, May 11, 2019!!

Please see the complete Township listings at www.washtenawaudubon.org.



Scarlet Tanager, Cassidy Road, by Benjamin Hack



Swainson's Thrush, Waters Road, by Juliet Berger

Upcoming WAS Field Trips (August 2018 – Sept 2018)

Bryn Martin, Field Trip Coordinator (fieldtrips@washtenawaudubon.org)

Washtenaw Audubon field trips are free of charge and open to the public unless otherwise indicated. For trips with constraints on the number of participants, WAS members are sometimes given priority in registering (again, as indicated). For trips that require carpooling, minors attending without a parent must bring a written permission statement signed by a parent. To receive a standard form for this, contact me at the email address above. Also, if you have a suggestion for a field trip, please send it to Bryn at the email address above.

August 17, 18, 19, 8:00 p.m., City of Ann Arbor, Saline and Chelsea

Swift Nights Out

We are looking for volunteers for our Third Annual Ann Arbor, Saline, and Chelsea area-wide Chimney Swift count, August 17-19, 2018. Watching Chimney Swifts enter their roosts at dusk is a spectacular sight. Volunteers will choose a known Chimney Swift roosting location and stake it out before dusk, counting the Swifts as they enter the chimney, as darkness falls. You can sign up for one night/one location at a time, or you can count each night of the weekend. Chimney Swifts are in steep decline across North America, so let's help find out how they are doing in Washtenaw County. Bring your friends to show them how these very cool aerial insectivores share our cities and towns with us. See the WAS Web site for more information about reporting your results. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d4fa5a72ca75-swift1>

Saturday, August 18, 2018, 8:00 a.m., Pointe Mouillee, Sigler Road Parking Lot

Shorebirds and Waders at Pointe Mouillee State Game Area

Leader: Jim Fowler

Pointe Mouillee, on Lake Erie near the mouth of the Huron River, is one of the premier destinations in the Midwest for viewing shorebirds and waders, but access is limited. Jim Fowler knows this territory as well as anyone and leads several field trips each year at this location. Usually, vehicles are restricted, but for this event, we will be allowed to bring in four vehicles. As a result, this trip has limited space and registration is mandatory. Registration will open on August 1 and you can find more details on the WAS web site. We will not know how many can attend until we know the vehicles that we can fill. Preference will be given to current Washtenaw Audubon members, to people who did not attend this field trip last year, and to people who are willing to drive larger vehicles that can accommodate more participants (and are willing to allow others in their vehicle). Once we have your information and know the vehicles available for the trip, we will notify you of your status (by about August 15). Bring insect repellent, wear a hat, and dress for warm weather—there is no shade or shelter at Pointe Mouillee. Bring all of the food and fluids you think you will need to sustain you for approximately five hours of birding.

Tuesday, August 28, 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday Evening Shorebirders

Meet at Miller Rd. Park and Ride at 6:00 p.m. for a 6:15 p.m. departure in carpools

Similar to our Tuesday Evening Birders series in May, we'll meet for one fall outing at the Miller Rd Park-n-Ride and spend the evening traveling the county shorebirding hotspots. The trip leaders will scout locations and scan bird reports during the day, and then in the evening take the group to where the action is. This is a carpool event with multiple stops, so plan to arrive in plenty of time to form carpools! Please bring binoculars and scopes if you have them. Dress for weather that will get cooler as sunset approaches. We will bird until sunset, so it is after sunset when we return to the parking site.

Thursdays, August 30 - October 25, 8:00 a.m.

Fall Migration Walks in Nichols Arboretum

Every Thursday morning from August 30 through October 25, participants will gather at 8:00 a.m. at the end of the Riverview Drive cul-de-sac (off Geddes Road) near the eastern edge of the Arboretum to observe fall migration at the Arb. The assembled birders will choose a route or routes and head out in search of migrants, many of which will be in their first-year plumage. Park and meet at the Riverview Court cul-de-sac off Geddes Road at 8:00 a.m.; the walks will end around 11:00 a.m., but participants can leave whenever they prefer.

Sunday, September 9, 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Ann Arbor Natural Area Preservation walk to Mary Beth Doyle Park

On this walk hosted by the Ann Arbor Natural Area Preservation, and led by Juliet Berger, NAP Ornithologist, we hope to view migrating waterfowl and shorebirds. Mary Beth Doyle Park is one of the most accessible shorebirding spots, located right in the heart of Ann Arbor, and regularly hosts a wave of shorebird migrants in late summer into autumn. Bring binoculars and scopes if you have them. Meet us in the parking lot at the end of Birch Hollow Drive.

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September 8 or 9, 8:00 a.m. (check Web site for exact date)

Hudson Mills Metropark Migrants

Leader: Karen Markey

Join WAS at Hudson Mills Metropark for a tour of fall migrants. We will meet at 8:00 a.m. sharp at the flagpole in the front of the Activity Center. If the entry booth is unmanned, you can purchase a \$10 daily parking permit from Metropark staff at the Activity Center. We will be searching for fall migrants especially warblers, vireos, cuckoos, and flycatchers. The resident woodpeckers are always fun too. Please wear appropriate footwear for dewy, wet, grassy and gravel trails, and bring insect repellent. No pets are allowed on the nature trails. Please, no strollers.

Saturday, September 15, time TBD

Hawkfest at Lake Erie Metropark

Please join WAS in attending Hawkfest at Lake Erie Metropark. Hawkfest is an event for the whole family focusing on birds of prey (eagles, hawks, falcons, and owls) and the annual fall hawk migration over Lake Erie Metropark. We'll meet at the Plymouth Road Park & Ride and carpool to the event. The time of the meet-up is still TBD. This field trip is free of charge, but a Metroparks Pass is required for admission to the park.

Sunday, September 16, 8:00 a.m.

Saline River Preserve (9000 South Maple Road, Saline, MI)

Explore the new Leslee Niethammer Saline River Preserve! Owned by York Township and maintained by the Friends of the Saline River, the 17.4-acre preserve includes meadows and trails along the river. This will be Washtenaw Audubon's first field trip to this preserve—come help us explore a new gem!

Saturday, September 22

Farmington Swift Night Out Festival

Hosted by our friends at Detroit Audubon, we will be carpooling to the annual Swift Night Out festival at the Swift Sanctuary and Historic Winery in Farmington, MI. Join us to watch this spectacular show as up to 50,000 Chimney Swifts swirl around and down into this historic winery—the largest roost of Chimney Swifts in North America! For those not wishing to join the carpool, you can meet us at the event at 31505 Grand River Ave, Farmington, MI 48336. This event is free, but Detroit Audubon requests you RSVP. See the WAS web site to RSVP. (Please arrive at 5:15 p.m. at the Plymouth Road Park & Ride carpool meet-up, for a 5:30 p.m. departure.)

Sunday, September 30, 8:00 a.m.

Fall Migration Walks in Nichols Arboretum

Please see the Thursday morning Fall Migration Walks description for more details, or visit the WAS web site.

To become a member of Washtenaw Audubon Society, please complete the form below (or a copy) and mail it with a check or money order payable to **Washtenaw Audubon Society—WAS Membership, P.O. Box 130923, Ann Arbor, MI 48113.**

<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/> New Member	Membership Dues	
Additional Donation \$ _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Household	\$25 (online only \$20)
Name: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Student	\$15 (online only \$10)
Address: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Senior	\$15 (online only \$10)
Phone: _____	Email: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Patron	\$50

We encourage you to join at a lower rate if the suggested rates would otherwise preclude your membership, or at a higher rate if you possess the means. **Note:** WAS will only use your email address to communicate with you about WAS programs, field trips, or matters of interest to you, such as membership renewal and emailed WAS newsletters (in color!). We will not give your email address to anyone else.

WAS Monthly Programs

WAS monthly events usually are held on the third Wednesday of the month. Programs begin at 7:30 p.m. at the U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor. Free and open to the public. **Please note: *The Matthaei Botanical Gardens charges for parking at the rate of \$1.20 an hour, enforced 7 days a week from 8am to 8pm. Members of the Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum park for free.***

September 19 Birds, Beasts, and Beliefs....Incredible India!

Cathy Theisen takes us along on a photo journey from southern India's Nagarhole National Park north to Binsar Forest Reserve, near the Nepali border. In the hot dry season just before the monsoons arrive, predator and prey mix together along any river or waterhole edge, allowing for extended sightings and behavioral study. Bengal tigers, Hornbills, Asian Elephants, Treepies, Minivets, Fantails, Barbets, Laughingthrushes, and Painted Spurfowl are just some of the myriad species spread across this fantastic landscape. Cathy Theisen, DVM, is a veterinarian in the Ann Arbor area, and teaches veterinary technology at Baker College in Jackson.

October 17 Birding Borneo

Join Bryn Martin for yet another fabulous Washtenaw Audubon international field trip—this time to Borneo, the third largest island in the world, and home to one of Earth's oldest rainforests. With 688 species of birds, including 59 endemics, and such interesting mammals as Orangutan, Proboscis Monkey, and Bornean Gibbon, expect great diversity in wildlife. Bryn is an avid international birder, WAS's field trip coordinator, and teaches high school in Livonia.

November 14 South Africa: Birds and Game

Join Rodolfo Palma as he gives highlights of a 23-day visit to South Africa which included 450+ bird species and almost 50 mammals. Find more details in the next newsletter or on the WAS web site.

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