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NEWSLETTER

May / June 2023

March - April 2023: Early Spring Highlights

The Highlights

Due to a pattern of ever-increasing occurrences in the Midwest, including Michigan, last year's first Washtenaw County record for **Black-bellied Whistling-Duck** was more or less expected. Regardless, that bird caused quite a stir during its one-day stay at Gallup Park and left local birders looking for more. Unfortunately, the second record for this southern duck species was found in late March on private property, whose owner was unwilling to allow visitors onto the property. Hopefully another one of these attractive ducks will soon show up in a more accessible location.

After its discovery back in late February, the male **Harlequin Duck** set up shop at Waterworks Parks for all of March and the first two weeks of April (with the occasional trip back out into Ford Lake). Over the course of its stay, it became significantly less skittish and sometimes approached the shore to within a matter of feet. During that time, this dapper little duck thrilled hundreds of observers from all over the state.

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Black-bellied Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna autumnalis*, Pleasant Lake & Ann Arbor Saline Rd, April 28 2023 (Kimberly Ellis)

President's Letter



Dear Washtenaw Audubon,

Thanks for a great spring migration season. It was a pleasure to bird with all of you!

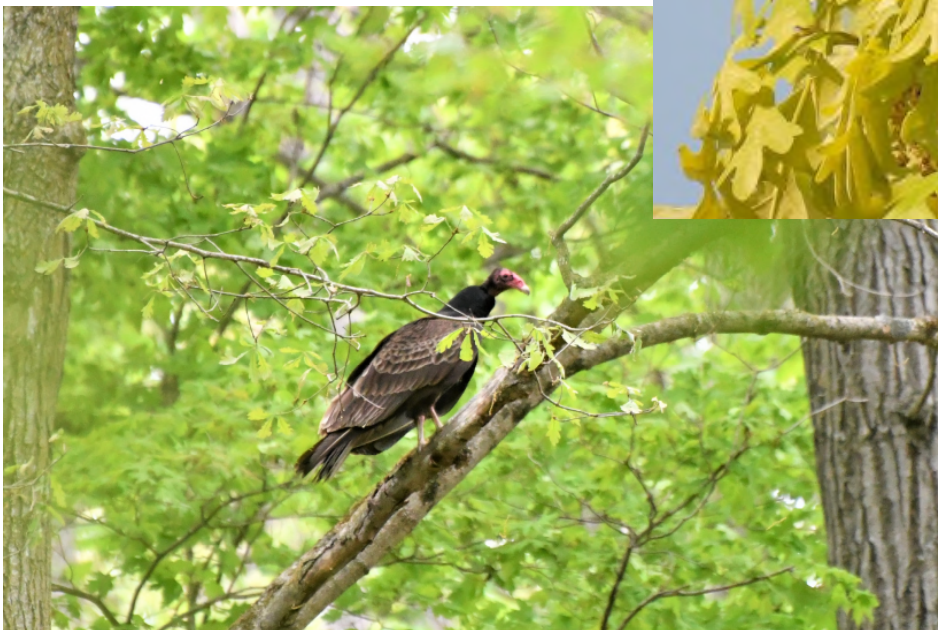
Please attend the June 21 Program on a proposed change to the Washtenaw Audubon Society name, and reasons to consider the change.

Here are some highlights from our spring birding together. As always, I am for the birds!

Good Birding,

Juliet Berger, President

Washtenaw Audubon Society



Top left: Scenes from a Thursday Walk in the Arb (*Steven Gurka*)

Above: Baltimore Oriole, seen on the 5/18 Thursday morning Arb walk (*Bill Nolting*)

Left: Turkey Vulture, tallied on this year's May Count (*Scott Huizenga*)

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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.

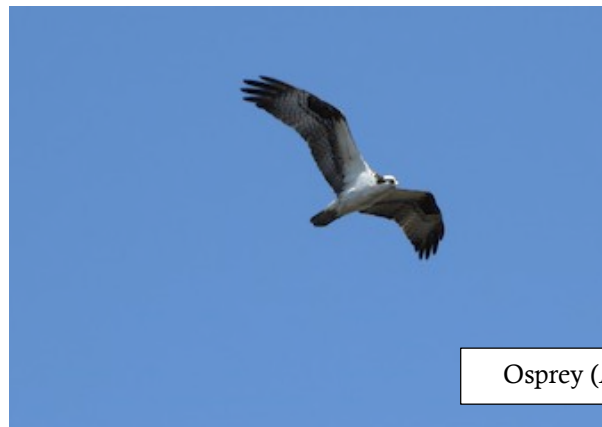
Suicide Prevention Organization is Looking to Preserve Natural Area along Dixboro Rd

[Garrett's Space](#) is under contract to purchase seven parcels totaling 76 acres at 3900 N. Dixboro Rd. in Superior Township – this property is located on the east side of Dixboro, between M-14 and Warren Rd. The Ann Arbor-based suicide prevention non-profit is seeking Township approval to have the property rezoned to provide for a new holistically focused healing space for young adults struggling with depression and anxiety.

Garrett's Space's new support option has been endorsed by the County Health Department and Community Mental Health agency along with leading public and mental health experts in the area, including at Michigan Medicine, Trinity Health and Eastern Michigan University. The organization is seeking support from the environmental community to aid its rezoning request.

Since immersing young adults in healing nature is a critical part of the Garrett's Space support paradigm, the organization plans to take advantage of the vast undeveloped and richly vegetated land at the site. The plans submitted by Garrett's Space to the Township call for incremental additional development of approximately two acres in the center of the site and for a conservation easement preserving a minimum of 55 to 60 of the site's 76 acres. Garrett's Space plans to create a natural walking trail with minimal disturbance of the site's existing ecosystems and habitats. The nonprofit plans to seek the conservation easement promptly after closing its acquisition of the property early this summer if/when it receives Township rezoning approval.

Scott Halpern



Osprey (*Norka Saldana*)



Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

The birds Washtenaw Audubon pledges to protect differ in color, size, behavior, geographical preference, and countless other ways. As we honor and celebrate the equally remarkable diversity of the human species, Washtenaw Audubon considers the work of inclusion, diversity, and equity a top priority moving forward. We hope that, in doing so, we can bring creativity and energy to our work in Washtenaw County and beyond for birds and people alike.

[Read our full statement at washtenawaudubon.org](http://washtenawaudubon.org)

Education Chair Update



Heading into Scarlett-Mitchell Woods (Jacco Gelderloos)

April and May were busy but exciting times for educational opportunities. On April 1, we held a special bird walk for participants of the Washtenaw Elementary Science Olympiad (WESO) Feathered Friends competition. This event has 2nd through 5th graders learning about the birds of Michigan and tries to get them interested in birding. Although the bird walk was cut short by weather, we had over 40 students and parents come out to walk through Scarlett-Mitchell Nature Area.

A more ongoing WESO activity involved Victor and his daughter, Morgan, taking weekly trips to Erickson Elementary school in Ypsilanti to help their team Feathered Friends team learn about birds. The practices culminated with a bird walk at Loonfeather Point Park, where the kids were treated to lots of cool birds, highlighted with a Belted Kingfisher, an Osprey and a Bald Eagle soaring over the kids' heads.

Library events continue to be another opportunity for educational outreach. On April 29, we held an event at the Downtown Ypsilanti library for families. We took a walk down the Water Street Trail and were treated to some wonderful birds. One picture shows the crowd looking at a Broad-winged Hawk perched over the river. That event concluded with the creation of some homemade bird feeders. A final event was a walk around the newly-constructed Ypsilanti library in Superior Township. We got to take a look at the bird-safe glass that Washtenaw Audubon made a contribution towards and took a walk around their beautiful habitat that was home to Yellow Warblers, Gray Catbirds, and Warbling Vireos.



Looking for birds at Loonfeather Point Park (Megan Thomas)



Birding the Ypsilanti Library grounds (Victor Chen)

Our BIPOC walks continue to draw new birders of all ages and ethnicities, including some of our WESO Feathered Friends participants. On May 6, we held a joint walk with the BIPOC Birders of Michigan group. We continue our commitment to the BIPOC community with walks and outreach programs. If you have any ideas about outreach opportunities at schools or other locations, please email Victor Chen at education@washtenawaudubon.org.

Victor Chen

Non-Passerines

The Ypsilanti Township blue morph **Snow Goose** continued its peregrinations there, being noted at Ford Lake Park on 3/1 and at Hewen's Creek Park (on 3/18). A duo of white morph **Snow Geese** frequented the area around a pond along Ridge Rd, just north of Geddes, occasionally venturing out into the field along Vreeland and Gotfredson Rds. A rather large mixed flock of five blue and two white morph birds was present at the Schneider Rd Pond (3/15 – 3/28). Single white morph **Snow Geese** were seen at the Stonebridge ponds (3/19) and North Bay Park (3/24). Single **Cackling Geese** were at Thurston Pond on 3/1 and at Gallup Park on 3/19. The bulk of the northbound **Tundra Swan** migration over Washtenaw County petered out during the first week of March with several double-digit flocks. A few lingering birds (1 to 3) stayed into early April.



Snow Goose *Anser caerulescens*, Ford Lake Park, March 1 2023 (Daniel Blower)



Cackling Goose *Branta hutchinsii*, Thurston Pond, March 1 2023 (Jim Law)

Good numbers of **Northern Pintails** stayed around into early April; the maximum was a group of 14 along Hack Rd on 3/16. After a rather paltry showing in the previous period, **Canvasback** numbers increased quite significantly – up to 30 birds were present on eight different lakes. The same pattern held true for **Greater Scaup** with as many as two dozen of them at seven or eight bodies of water. The early spring period was also quite good for **Red-breasted Mergansers** with birds seen on a whopping nine lakes – Whitmore Lake was the epicenter for this bonanza when as many as 40 were seen there on 4/5.

Ring-necked Pheasants bucked the recent trend of near-absence and were well-represented throughout the county this March-April. As many as six of them were at the Chelsea SGA on 4/26 and reports of this introduced gamebird came in from well over a dozen different sites all over the county. By contrast, there were no **Ruffed Grouse** observations at all; since March-April is the time frame when drumming males tend to be most readily found, this is very concerning for the continued viability of this species' local population. Two **Common Gallinules** were back at the fluddle at M-52 & Lehman (4/24 – 4/26), where they were often very hard to see while they spent significant time in the vegetation lining the water.



Ring-necked Pheasant *Phasianus colchicus*, Weber Rd, April 29 2023 (Jacco Gelderloos)



Least Sandpiper *Calidris minutilla*, Scio Church & Parker, April 11 2023 (Bill Nolting)

A couple of **Dunlin** appeared on 4/15: one was at Silver Lake, the other at the Meyer Preserve stayed until the next day. A very early **Least Sandpiper** stopped over at Scio Church & Parker from 4/11 – 4/14 – it was the only one during April. The same site was also the epicenter of what turned into an impressive gathering of **Pectoral Sandpipers**: starting 4/11, numbers built up to a whopping 200 birds on 4/16, although that multitude was fleeting and moved on that same day. Much smaller numbers were

found in a handful of other locations during the remaining two weeks of April. **Wilson's Snipes** had a banner spring migration window – starting on 3/25, they were reported from over 20 sites, with as many as 11 of them at Scio Church & Parker on 4/16. After two **Iceland Gull** reports from tail end of February, another (the same?) adult bird was found at North Bay on 3/23. A few days later, on 3/25, an adult **Lesser Black-backed Gull**, spent the day there as well. A gathering of gulls at Vreeland & Gottfredson contained one (4/14), then up to four (4/16) **Lesser Black-backed Gulls**. The only **Caspian Tern** of the early spring period was over Wildwood Lake on 4/24 – this species tends to be more common in later summer locally. Notoriously ephemeral, a **Forster's Tern** made a very brief appearance over Scio Church & Parker on 4/15, where it surprised a fortunate handful of birders.



Wilson's Snipe *Gallinago delicata*, Meyer Preserve, April 16 2023 (Bonnie Penet)



Iceland Gull *Larus glaucooides*, North Bay Park, March 23 2023 (Bill Nolting)

American White Pelicans continued their streak of spring occurrence in Washtenaw County when a flock of nine passed over Dolph Park on 4/2. Very hard to find due to its rather remote haunts, an **American Bittern** returned to its (likely) breeding territory at the Chelsea SGA, where it was heard booming on 4/24. The only **Black-crowned Night-Heron** of the period briefly stopped by the Argo Nature Area on 4/5.

Much like Bald Eagles, **Ospreys** continue to recover from their severe DDT-related decline, which was borne out by the large numbers moving through Washtenaw County starting in mid-March. Many, if not all, of the locally nesting pairs also settled back in. Migrating **Northern Harriers** put in quite the showing as well, with single birds over nearly twenty sites during March and April. Likewise, **Sharp-shinned Hawks** appeared to be everywhere, moving through one or two at a time – some of these birds settled in here and there, terrorizing the local songbird population in the process. Although the vast majority of the March-April **Red-shouldered Hawks** were northbound migrants, they have become a well-established part of our nesting avifauna, as is evident from the fact that several of the 20+ reported birds were long-staying and in appropriate habitat. Starting on 4/12, reports of small numbers of **Broad-winged Hawks** started coming in – pretty much every one of them involved lone birds (the maximum was nine birds). Only one **Rough-legged Hawk** was found – one was over Plymouth & US-23 on 3/4.



Sharp-shinned Hawk *Accipiter striatus*, Wildwood Lake, March 4 2023 (Jocelyn Anderson)



Broad-winged Hawk *Buteo platypterus*, Mary Beth Doyle Park, April 24 2023 (Nui Moreland)

As mentioned in the previous rarity report, **Barred Owls** are steadily expanding their range in Washtenaw County eastward. One or two of these attractive owls were present in some 15 locations throughout March-April. A **Northern Saw-whet Owl** was one-day wonder in a yard at Tubbs & Huron River Dr on 3/30. **Red-headed Woodpeckers** started trickling back into Washtenaw

County as of 4/15, with reports coming in from seven sites. **Merlin** reports involved the to-be-expected migrating birds, but, much more excitingly, there was a displaying bird/pair present in Ypsilanti. A few years back, similar behavior culminated in a probable nesting attempt, so perhaps these birds will settle in once again. Among the northbound hawk migration, ten or so **Peregrine Falcons** were reported - the nesting pair on UM's central campus was back for another year.

Passerines

The first of our nesting tyrannid flycatcher species arrived during the fourth week of April: **Great Crested Flycatchers** were at the Scio Woods Preserve (4/26) and Nichols Arboretum (4/30) and **Eastern Kingbirds** were at LeFurge Woods (4/22) and the Matthaei Botanical Gardens (4/29). A **Marsh Wren** hung out in the reedy margins of the reservoir at Hewen's Creek Park from 4/22 - 4/24 but was always unlikely to stay around for much longer, given the paucity of habitat.

An odd-ball **Gray Catbird** was at Joy & Earhart on 3/23 and made for the only report prior to May. There were five clusters of **Northern Mockingbird** reports: at Waterworks Park in Ypsilanti (3/29), at three different sites around Ann Arbor (4/5 - 4/26), in the Manchester area (4/15 - 4/18), at two spots near Whitmore Lake (4/15 - 4/30), and two more just south of Saline (4/16 - 4/28). An early-ish **Swainson's Thrush** was at Nichols Arboretum on 4/30. More expected was the arrival of a handful of **Wood Thrushes** as of 4/23.



Eastern Kingbird *Tyrannus tyrannus*, LeFurge Woods, April 22 2023 (Wendy Conrad)



Purple Finch *Haemorhous purpureus*, Miller Nature Area, April 30 2023 (Mike McFarlane)

Purple Finches continued to be quite widespread throughout, but they were not numerous in any way shape or form: the maximum group was just three. Even harder to come by were **Pine Siskins**: during March, the only observation was a bird attending a feeder on 3/4, while in April there were a mere handful of observations, all during the second half of the month, involving one or two birds. The last of the Vreeland Rd **Lapland Longspurs** were noted on 3/9 when a group of five was entered into eBird.



Vesper Sparrow *Pooecetes gramineus*, Vreeland Rd, April 18 2023 (Cherie F)



Louisiana Waterthrush *Seiurus motacilla*, Nichols Arboretum, April 8 2023 (John Christensen)

In roughly a half dozen locales, singing **Vesper Sparrows** regaled observers with their beautifully intricate song. The first of our returning **Henslow's Sparrows** were at the Clark & Avis Spike Preserve on 4/16 and at the Conservancy Farm on 4/29 – 4/30. On the early end of their arrival time, adult male **Orchard Orioles** were very nice surprises at jelly feeders along Trillium Ln (4/25) and Superior Rd (4/25 – 4/30). As a species of conservation concern, it was good to see the large number of **Rusty Blackbird** reports throughout the period. That said, although there was a group of some 35 birds involved, the vast majority of these observations involved single birds or very small groups.

Fourteen wood-warbler species were present during April, but the majority of those did not arrive until the final week or so of the month. Of note were several **Louisiana Waterthrushes**: there was a very cooperative bird at Nichols Arboretum (4/6 – 4/10), a less reliable bird at Hewen's Creek Park (4/22 – 4/24), and one along Dexter Townhall Rd (4/30). The first of the spring's **Northern Waterthrushes** was found at Independence Lake on 4/23. Starting on 4/20, a mini-irruption of **Orange-crowned Warblers** took place: a WAS Thursday morning walk at Nichols Arboretum turned up the first on 4/20, then a second bird was found near Prospect & Ford the next day. The following day, two more were reported, from the Whitmore Lake Preserve and from Bandemer Park – the latter bird may well have been the same as the bird in the Arb a few days earlier. An early **Cape May Warbler** was at Gallup Park on 4/29.



Eastern Screech-Owl
(Jacco Gelderloos)

Field Trip Calendar

Stinchfield Woods Annual Breeding Bird Census

Saturday, June 3, 2023

The Stinchfield Woods breeding bird census is an annual survey of elusive species breeding within the 777-acre Stinchfield Woods, located at 9401 Stinchfield Woods Rd., Pinckney, MI. Typical birds found at Stinchfield include Pine and Black-throated Green Warblers, Blue-headed Vireos, Red-breasted Nuthatches, Golden-crowned Kinglets, Hooded Warblers, Ovenbirds, and Acadian Flycatchers. This survey is mostly a hearing event so birders with a keen ear are especially needed, although all birders are welcome to participate. Please see the WAS web site for more details or email Mary Wise (auntiem@umich.edu) to RSVP for this event.

Beginning Birders at Nichols Arboretum

Thursdays in June (8, 15, 22, 29), 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Each Thursday in June, we will take our time to observe and discuss identification of some of the more common birds of Ann Arbor. This is a great series of walks for folks that would like to learn more about bird identification. Of course, anyone is welcome to attend all of our bird walks, but this one will be geared toward those with little or no experience. We will have extra binoculars on hand for anyone that needs them. Leader: Matthew Spoor

Directions: Meet at the [Lower Entrance to Nichols Arboretum](#) by the UM M-29 parking lot, off E Medical Center Dr (free parking - no UM tag is required after 5:00 pm)

BIPOC Bird Walk, Friends Lake Community Cooperative

Saturday, June 10, 9:30 - 11:30 am

The members of Friends Lake Community Cooperative have invited us to hold the monthly BIPOC walk on their wooded, lakeside property. We invite all people from the BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) community and our white allies to join us on this walk to look for woodpeckers, flycatchers, and other sorts of birds around the lake. All ages and skill levels are invited. We will have extra binoculars if you do not have any.

Please remember to wear insect repellent and sturdy shoes. If you would like to wear or bring bathing suits, the Friends Lake Community welcomes people to swim at the lake after the walk if you would like. Leader: Victor Chen

Directions: Set your GPS for 1000 Long Lake Rd., Chelsea, MI. Drive onto the dirt road off Clark Lake Road at the wooden sign for Friends Lake Cooperative Committee, and drive straight back all the way until the road ends at a small parking lot. We will meet in the parking lot.

Conservancy Farm

Sunday, June 11, 7:45 am - 10:30 am

We will look and listen for grassland breeding birds such as Bobolink, Eastern Meadowlark, Henslow's Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow, and Grasshopper Sparrow.

Directions: Carpool from the Plymouth Park and Ride as parking is limited onsite. We will depart the park and ride at 7:45am.

Moth Night at Barton Nature Area

Friday, June 16, 9:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Have you ever been to a moth party? Moths are among the most diverse and successful organisms on earth. Scientists estimate there are 150,000 to more than 500,000 moth species.

Their colors and patterns are either dazzling or so cryptic that they define camouflage. Shapes and sizes span the gamut from as small as a pinhead to as large as an adult's hand.

Most moths are nocturnal and need to be sought at night to be seen – others fly like butterflies during the day. Finding them can be as simple as leaving a porch light on and checking it after dark. Serious moth aficionados use special lights and baits to attract them. Join us as longtime friends of WAS, Susan Kielb and Heidi Trudell, guide us through the process of attracting, identifying, and enjoying these amazing creatures.

Suggestions for Attendees:

A headlamp or flashlight would be nice to have. Ninja night with moths! Wearing black is the best way to keep moths on the sheet and not your shirt. It might be nice to bring a camp chair if you would like to sit.

Directions: Meet at the main Barton parking lot near the dam.

Prothonotary Paddle

Saturday, June 17, 2023, 8:30 am - 2:00 pm

It has been a few short years since the beautiful Prothonotary Warbler colonized a stretch of the Huron River from Hudson Mills through Delhi MetroPark and beyond. They sing their cheery song from close to their cavity nests along the river. They are best viewed from the water, and there are always a large variety of other birds to see on this float trip.

The trip is eight miles long, and usually takes about 3 ½ hours to complete, but we'll stop for good birds, a picnic, etc., and your car will be waiting for you at the other end. We will have a picnic spot picked out that is approximately halfway, for those who wish to stay with the group. Bring your own picnic and beverages.

Book your own boat(s) for the "Hudson Mills to Delhi MetroPark Long Trip" directly from Skip's Canoe Livery at www.paddlethehuron.com and review the details on their site. Make sure to select the 9:00 am option on June 17th. On the day of the event, if you are renting a canoe/kayak, we recommend arriving at Skip's by 8:30 to check-in, park, and pick up the required, provided personal flotation device. Paddlers with their own boats, meet at Hudson Mills, Rapids View area ([map here](#)) to launch by 9:00 a.m.

Leaders: Juliet Berger & Matthew Spoor

Nature Walk at Furstenberg Nature Area

Saturday, June 24, 10:00 am - Noon

Join us to explore the diverse habitat of this amazing natural area. Leader: Matthew Spoor

Directions: Meet at the main parking lot near the bathrooms.

Evening Birding at Nichols Arboretum

Saturday, July 1, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Let's get together to go for an evening stroll at the Arb and see what we can find. Leader: Matthew Spoor

Directions: Meet at the east end of the arboretum at the Dow Prairie entrance. From Geddes Ave., turn north onto Riverview Dr. and stay right until it terminates at Riverview Ct. cul-de-sac. Check the website for a link to the map if you have never been there.

Nature Walk at Kuebler Langford Nature Area

Sunday, July 16, 10:00 am - Noon

We will explore the prairie and forest for interesting plants, bugs, mushrooms, and other interesting life we may find. Leader: Matthew Spoor

Directions: Meet at the Barton footbridge parking lot across from Kuebler Langford.

Butterfly Walk at Leonard Preserve

Sunday, July 23, 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Please join Washtenaw Audubon and resident butterfly experts at the Leonard Preserve in the Manchester area. Our leaders will catch butterflies and display them in the jars. We'll release them when we've had a chance to view them and take photos. The Leonard Preserve is also a fabulous place for birding, so bring binoculars too! A clean plastic jar and any butterfly nets you have could be used as well. Leader: Roger Kuhlman

Directions: Meet at the preserve parking lot at 375 N Union St. Manchester, MI 48158

Moth Night at South Pond Nature Area

Friday, July 28, 9:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Join us as we celebrate National Moth Week with a moth party! Moths are among the most diverse and successful organisms on earth. Scientists estimate there are 150,000 to more than 500,000 moth species. Their colors and patterns are either dazzling or so cryptic that they define camouflage. Shapes and sizes span the gamut from as small as a pinhead to as large as an adult's hand. Most moths are nocturnal and need to be sought at night to be seen – others fly like butterflies during the day. Finding them can be as simple as leaving a porch light on and checking it after dark. Serious moth aficionados use special lights and baits to attract them.

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Directions: Natural Area Preservation parking lot at 3875 East Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor.

Weekend Walk for Birds at Gallup Park

Sunday, July 30, 8:00 am - 10:30 am

We will explore the pond and surrounding woods. Depending on what is around, we may even pop over to Furstenberg Park.

Leaders: Matthew Spoor & Juliet Berger

Directions: Meet at the livery parking lot north of the wooden bridge near the entrance to Furstenberg.



Harlequin Duck
(Steven Gurka)

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="text"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Household	\$25 (online only \$20)
Name: <input type="text"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> Student	\$15 (online only \$10)
Address: <input type="text"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> Senior	\$15 (online only \$10)
Phone: <input type="text"/>	Email: <input type="text"/>	<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

Washtenaw Audubon has resumed in-person programs, although some of them will also be viewable on Zoom as hybrid programs, as well. Please check the website or Facebook before you come to Matthaei Botanical Gardens for a program, as occasionally a program will be moved from in-person to Zoom only, for various reasons.

Special Washtenaw Audubon informational meeting on proposed name change to remove “Audubon” in the organization’s name: June 21 at 7:30 p.m. at Matthaei Botanical Gardens

There’s been a recent movement among a number of Audubon clubs to remove the word “Audubon” from the name of each organization. The current board of Washtenaw Audubon supports a name change due to historical evidence for John James Audubon’s slave ownership and racist actions. Among the Audubon groups that have changed their name or are considering doing so are Detroit Audubon, New York City Audubon, Madison Audubon, Washington DC Audubon, and Seattle Audubon.

The meeting on June 21 at 7:30pm in the UM Matthaei Botanical Gardens auditorium is to present the reasons for the proposed change and answer any questions that members or any interested non-members may have. We have not made a decision on which name to choose if members agree that a name change is desirable. Members only will vote at a future date on whether to change the name of the organization. Everyone with an interest in the issue is invited to attend the informational meeting on June 21.

July and August

No WAS Programs – see you in September!

Washtenaw Audubon Society

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