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### **Membership Categories**

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual..... \$15.00

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### **Return your membership form to:**

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PO Box 22065

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**[capitalareaaudubon.org](http://capitalareaaudubon.org)**

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# Capital Area Audubon Society



## **2017 – 2018 Programs & Field Trips**

### **Statement of Purpose**

*Capital Area Audubon Society (CAAS) is dedicated to creating a greater awareness, appreciation and understanding of the interrelatedness of Michigan's wild places and wild creatures, and the need for stewardship.*

For more information, please visit:  
**[capitalareaaudubon.org](http://capitalareaaudubon.org)**

## **2017-18 Programs & Field Trips**

### **September 7 – *The Missouri River Journals of John James Audubon and His Hidden Conservation Ethic***

**Dr. Daniel Patterson** with the Department of English Language and Literature at Central Michigan University is the first scholar to locate and assemble three important fragments of the 1843 Missouri River journals of John James Audubon. Dr. Patterson will guide us through Audubon's chronicling of his last journey through the American West.

### **September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (Saturday mornings) Fall Migration Bird Walks**

See what's new each week at Fenner Nature Center and get some help with those confusing fall warblers from experienced birder **Bob Kingsbury**. Walks start at **9:00 a.m.**

### **October 5 – *Birding Adventures in Mozambique***

**Callie Gesmundo** graduated from the Michigan State University Fish and Wildlife program and works with the Burke Lake Banding station. She will talk about her work and travel in Mozambique.

### **November 2 – *Wind Energy, Bats & Birds***

Learn about the interaction of bats and birds with wind energy facilities and efforts to reduce impacts to these vulnerable species with **Scott Hicks** from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Michigan Ecological Services Field Office.

### **November 12 – *Field Trip (Sunday)***

#### **Allegan State Game Area/Lake Michigan**

Check out birding hotspots in western Michigan with experienced local guide and club member **Rick Brigham**. Watch your newsletter or our website for further details.

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### **December 7 – *Kirtland's Warbler Update***

The Kirtland's Warbler Alliance is dedicated to expanding awareness for the Kirtland's Warbler and important conservation programs that help the species as well as the jack pine forest system where it lives. **Dave Ewert** will tell us more about the Alliance's role in the next phase of conservation for this iconic Michigan species.

### **December 16 – East Lansing Christmas Bird Count**

Get out and enjoy some winter birding by participating in National Audubon's annual Christmas bird count. *Volunteers needed!* Contact **Tom Wheeker**.

### **December 30 – Eaton Rapids Christmas Bird Count**

Annual Christmas bird count in Eaton Rapids area. *Volunteers needed!* Contact **Tom Wheeker**.

### **January 4 – *Experiences of a Lifelong Birder***

**Jon Allan**, Director of the Office of the Great Lakes in the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, is a leader in environmental planning and policy projects in Michigan and the Great Lakes Region. A life-long birder, he will share stories of his extensive travels in the U.S. and Europe.

### **February 1 – *Native Bees of Michigan***

Explore the diversity and natural history of Michigan's bee species with **Kelsey Graham** from Michigan State University's Department of Entomology.

### **March 1 – *Kestrels in Cherry Orchards***

**Dr. Catherine Lindell**, professor in the Integrative Biology Department at Michigan State University, will discuss her research on American Kestrels and whether they can have beneficial effects on cherry orchards by deterring pests.

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### **April 5 – *Birds of a Feather?***

**Bob Tarte** is a birder and author of numerous books about birds and other animals. He writes with humor about his experiences caring for animals and becoming a birder.

### **April 7, 14, 21, 28 (Saturday mornings) Spring Migration Bird Walks**

Enjoy spotting the latest spring arrivals at Fenner Nature Center. Walks start at **9:00 a.m.**

### **May 4 – *Birds and Soundscapes***

Based at Western Michigan University, **Dr. Sharon Gill** studies behavioral ecology, ornithology, and sound ecology. She will speak on the topic of soundscapes and how they affect bird populations.

### **May 5, 12, 19 (Saturday mornings) Spring Migration Bird Walks**

Enjoy this peak warbler time at Fenner Nature Center. Walks start at **8:00 a.m.**

### **June 7 – *Year-end ice cream social & members' photos***

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**Additional field trips may be added or changes made throughout the year. Please check your newsletter or visit our website for the latest information.**

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### **Monthly Meeting Time & Location**

CAAS meets the **first Thursday of the month, September through June, at Fenner Nature Center**. 2020 E. Mt. Hope Ave., Lansing MI 48910 (corner of Mt. Hope and Aurelius roads)

**Refreshments at 7:00 p.m.**

**Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m.**

(Brief business meeting/announcements followed by program)