



the Call Note

CAPITAL AREA AUDUBON
JUNE 2018

Dedicated to creating a greater awareness, appreciation, and understanding of the interrelatedness of all Michigan's wild places and wildlife and the need for stewardship.

Join Us

AT OUR JUNE MEETING!

June 7 - Member Photo Show and Ice Cream Social

Enjoy time with the CAAS while members share their favorite photos from the year. Please submit an image to the newsletter for publication as well.

The meeting will begin with refreshments at 7:00p.m. The program will begin at 7:30p.m. Our meetings are free and open to the public.

UPCOMING CAAS EVENTS

June 9 - Voorhees Sanctuary Field Trip 9:00 - 11:00am

Join CAAS members on a field trip to the Voorhees Sanctuary to possibly glimpse a Cerulean Warbler! This trip will be lead by member Jim Hewitt. Details are available on the right.



Join us for our first meeting of the fall
Thursday, September 6th!

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we come to the end of another program year, I would like to take a moment to recognize all of the wonderful people who have given of their time in one way or another to make Capital Area Audubon Society the great group that it is. My first thank-you goes to my fellow board members, who put together all the programs we enjoyed this past year, as well as took care of business to keep the organization running smoothly. Also, a shout-out to retiring board members, Connie Page and Sue Davis, who stepped up to fill in when we had board vacancies.

I want to express my appreciation to Kristy Taylor, who edits the newsletter and maintains our FaceBook page; Roger Wolf, who

maintains our webpage; and Jim Hewitt, our chapter historian. Thanks also to all those who led bird walks and especially to Bob Kingsbury, who led six walks or field trips for us this past year!

One of my favorite events of the year is the Christmas Bird Count. I'm grateful to Sam and Liz Febba for opening their home to us for the compilation dinner this year. And a very special thank you to Tom Wheeler, who, after 20+ years, has decided to step down as compiler for the East Lansing count.

One more round of applause for all of our volunteers! Enjoy your summer, and we'll see you in the fall.

Good birding, Barb Hosler

VOORHEES SANCTUARY FIELD TRIP

Voorhees Brothers Memorial Sanctuary was donated to Michigan Audubon in 1948. It consists of 35 acres of mature woods bordered on the south and west by open fields and on the north and east by contiguous woods. It is notable by the presence of large trees, the largest a red oak with a DBH of 51 inches. Cerulean warblers favor this large canopy and other woodland birds such as Acadian Flycatcher, Red-eyed Vireo, Scarlet Tanager, E. Wood Pewee, and Wood Thrush can usually be heard. Barred Owl and Red-headed Woodpecker are possible as well as Bobolink and Henslow's Sparrow in the grassy fields. If the wet spring weather continues boots may well be needed.

Voorhees Sanctuary is located in Lee Township, Calhoun County at the unmarked intersection of O Drive N. and 24 Mile Rd. This is a rural area with generally poor roads. 24 Mile Rd. is a minefield of patched, re-patched and un-patched potholes. There is a small parking space for a few vehicles but ample roadside parking on O Dr. N. is available.

For those interested in making a longer day of it, Turkeyville and Michigan Audubon's Baker Sanctuary are a few miles west across I-69.

If you wish to caravan or possibly carpool I will be leaving from the ¹ parking lot at Fenner Nature Center at 8:00 a.m.

BOARD MEMBER NOMINEES

We will be electing three new board members at our Annual meeting in June. The following club members have agreed to run and were approved as candidates at the last Board meeting. Here are their brief biographies. We thank them for their willingness to serve our club!

Mike Moquin

While raising a family and working, I have been an interested but casual birder. With new freedoms upon retiring, my spouse Julia Spalding and I have gone to many places, some near some far, for the express purpose of experiencing birds surrounded by nature. It is humbling to know that any bird surpasses my best creative efforts. I think it is vital to support birds and nature in general; there is a big difference between thrive and survive. Becoming a Board member of CAAS is a means to do both.

Julia Spalding

I have been an avid birdwatcher for many years. Since semi retirement, I have had increased ability to do local birdwatching and birding trips including some Michigan Audubon trips. I have especially enjoyed volunteering at Burke Lake bird banding station. I would be glad to serve at CAAS.

Kristy Taylor

With two elementary age kids and a passion for the outdoors, our family tries to get outside whenever we have the chance. We love camping and boating and working in a birding trip wherever we end up. Although I still feel like a novice in the birding world, I love connecting children with nature, encouraging an interest in birds and the opportunity to connect people of all ages with the outdoors. I am a professional wedding and senior portrait photographer and have served CAAS this year as the FaceBook and Newsletter Editor. I truly look forward to serving on the Board.

SUMMER BIRDING EVENTS

June 1-3 - Cerulean Warbler Weekend Otis Farm Bird Sanctuary

The large mature forests of Barry County are a nesting site for North America's rapidly declining population of Cerulean Warblers. Join Michigan Audubon for this small event that will allow you the rare opportunity to see this bird as it busily goes about its nesting habits. Guides will lead you to the sites and assist you in viewing this secretive bird. All this and more at Cerulean Warbler Weekend! Register at michiganaudubon.org

Kirland's Warbler Tours - June 1- 30th

Tours will begin Friday, June 1 and are scheduled daily at 7 am. On weekends, there will also be tours at 11 am. The last day tours will be offered is Saturday, June 30.

Tours meet at the Michigan Forest Visitor Center within Hartwick Pines State Park. Participants caravan to protected pine barrens for the chance to view the endangered warbler. Reservations are only accepted for groups of more than 5 individuals. If you have more than 10 people in your party, you may be required to participate in the 11:00 a.m. tour and we will arrange a special tour if you are attending during the week. Groups smaller than 5, need only to arrive to the visitors center in time for the tour. There is no tour capacity, thus all those who arrive on time will be included in the tour. To make group reservations, please email events@michiganaudubon.org

June 2 - World Migratory Bird Day Potter Park Zoo, 9 am - 6 pm

World migratory Bird Day celebrates spring with the return of millions of migratory birds to their breeding areas. The zoo will offer stations set up to teach about the migratory birds in our area and fun activities for the whole family.

This event is celebrated in conjunction with GLCVB's "Be a Tourist in Your Own Town." Admission is free with the "Be A Tourist" passport available at the zoo and many other locations in the Lansing area.

June 9 - Wild Edibles Workshop Kellogg Bird Sanctuary 9 am - 12 pm

Join Dr. Danielle Zoellner for a walk around the Kellogg Sanctuary and look for wild edible plants! We will meet in the auditorium before walking around the Lake Loop Trail. Participants will receive informational materials and enjoy a wild edible picnic! Adult program with limit of 20 participants. Pre-registration **required by June 1**. Cost: Members: \$25, Non-members: \$35



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COME & SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BIRD HOTSPOT

Station Highlights & Silent Auction

Dr. Jen Owen will present highlights of Burke Lake Banding Station's beautiful birds and natural area. She will provide an overview of the station's initiatives with avian research, community outreach, and student involvement.

We will also have a silent auction with lots of items for bird enthusiasts and more! Also, all the great BULA swag will be on sale.

BONUS: Time2Play will be rocking at Reno's Saturday, June 16 at 6:30 and will donate proceeds to Burke Lake. Come and "band" together in support of BULA!

Wednesday, June 13

Reno's East

1310 Abbot Rd.

East Lansing, MI

5:30 - 7:00

Come anytime during the event!

\$15/person or \$25/family (suggested donation)

<https://www.facebook.com/BULAbandingstation/>

www.burkelakebandingstation.com



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EXCITING SIGHTINGS

In May a few exciting sightings were reported in the area.

- A Snowy Owl has stuck around in the Grand Ledge area and was reported perched on May 16th on a telephone pole at M43 and Nickle Rd.
- A Forster's Tern was spotted at the MSU Inland Lakes Research area on May 15th and a Caspian Tern was reported at Motz County Park the same day.
- Baldwin Park has been a hotspot for interesting warblers this spring with a Prothonotary Warbler and Cerulean Warbler reported on the 17th. The park also hosted a Great Crested Flycatcher, Scarlet Tanager and Indigo Bunting.
- The Inter-Urban Pathway near the Meridian Mall had a Common Gallinule on the 16th.
- A Yellow Rail was heard at the North Lake Lansing Park in early May in the evening for about a week.

These sightings were reported at our meeting, on Ebird.com or with the Ebird App.

*Do you have an exciting sighting to share?
Email us at - caasCallNote@gmail.com
or share it on our facebook page - facebook.com/capitalareaaudubon*

CAAS FALL VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for leaders for our bird walks this fall. Please sign up at our next meeting or email Parks Marion at parks.marion@gmail.com.

Thank You!

A huge thank you to **Susan Schuur** for supplying the wonderful snacks at our May meeting and to **Vince Cavaliere** for filling in at the last minute as our May Presenter! Thanks also go to **Lee Laylin** for supplying the ice cream and treats at our June Social.

KIRTLAND'S WARBLER FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 2nd, experience Northern Michigan through a variety of activities, including kids' tent, jack pine tours, nature presentations, craft and vendor show, and much more! Enjoy interactive music by Creepy Clyde (Keith Brown) in the gazebo.

Presenters include a panel of local, state, federal and international Kirtland's Warbler conservation experts, Warbler World, Jim McGrath and Joe Rodgers.

7:30am & 10:00am Jack pine tours
10:00am - 4:00pm Kids' Tent
10:00am - 4:00pm Craft and Vendor Show
11:00am - Official Launch of the AuSable Birding Trail*
11:15 Live Music by Creepy Clyde
11:30am-12:30pm Bag Lunches from AuSable Creamery and Bakery available

for sale at the CRAF Center
12:30pm- 1:15pm Kirtland's Warbler World-Part 1
1:25pm-2:10pm Kirtland's Warbler World-Part 2
2:20-3:20 Jim McGrath presenting Michigan's Wildlife Diversity
3:20 Drawing for winner of Wingspan Optics binoculars
3:30-4:30 Joe Rodgers with Michigan Raptors

* The AuSable Birding Trail is the newest birding trail to launch in Northern Michigan. The trail runs through Roscommon and Crawford counties. Information and trail maps are available at ausablebirding.org.

For more information about the Festival Visit www.kirtlandswarblerfestival.org

MEMBERSHIP

Members of CAAS enjoy 10 monthly programs per year on a variety of natural history topics, guided field trips, a monthly newsletter, and the satisfaction of supporting initiatives to interest young people in birds and nature.

Membership Categories

Individual	\$15.00
Family	\$20.00
Contributing	\$30.00
Sustaining	\$50.00
Donor	\$100.00

For a membership form, please visit our website at capitalareaaudubon.org or pick one up at our next meeting.

Online registration and payment is now available at capitalareaaudubon.org/membership CALL NOTE MAILING AND EMAIL WILL CEASE THIS MONTH FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT RENEWED THEIR MEMBERSHIP.