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the Call Note

CAPITAL AREA AUDUBON
MAY 2019

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 MAY MEETING!

May 2 – Woodcocks

Presenter : Al Stewart, MI DNR

Upland Game Bird Specialist for the Michigan DNR, **Al Stewart**, will share his expertise on the American Woodcock.

Al has both a professional and personal interest in upland game birds and has followed them for over 50 years. He has studied the birds in Europe, Russia, Canada, Great Britain, Africa, Mexico, and the United States. Al is responsible for statewide conservation and management programs for ruffed grouse, American woodcock, sharp-tailed grouse, quail, pheasants, and wild turkeys. He has spoken about woodcock at the International Woodcock Symposium in Florence, Italy and also woodcock meetings in the UK including a recent meeting at Highgrove Estate (the personal residence of Prince Charles).

He oversees the largest American woodcock chick banding program in the world and is the only person to have captured all the species and sub-species of wild turkeys. He has contributed to international and national management activities for upland game birds and has received numerous awards for his contributions including the Teddy Roosevelt National Conservation Award from President George H. Bush, MSU Outstanding Alumni Service Award, Henry S. Mosby NWF Lifetime Achievement Award and Marv Cooley DNR Wildlife Division dedication award. Al is a charter member of the Michigan Chapter of the Wildlife Society and is a past president. He was also recently honored with the Ruffed Grouse Society Award.

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.

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

May is the month of birding activities, graduation ceremonies, and so many other events I can't keep up! It's overwhelming! Without leaving the greater Lansing area you could go on three organized bird walks every week. There are great local birding festivals but also many others further afield. If your interest goes beyond just birds to nature activities in general there are classes, festivals, or events every weekend in May! What is a person to do? Within this very Call Note you can find many options. Capital Area Audubon Society hosts many walks in the spring and the fall but another major part of what we do is support other organizations in the area with their work. One of these organizations is Fenner Nature Center, where we host our spring weekly walks.

Another is Michigan Audubon, through whom we support the Capital City Bird Sanctuary. This great local spot is a top birding site right in Lansing. The other organization that we support is the Michigan State Bird Observatory (which operates the Burke Lake Banding Station or BULA). You will see in our events section that they will be hosting us for two special open house days. One at BULA and one at their new site the Corey Marsh Ecological Research Center. This is a great way for our members to see the great work that they support and a chance for MSBO to say thank you for that support. I hope you can take advantage of some of the great area events this spring.

- Parks Marion

WORLD MIGRATORY BIRD DAY

This year's theme for World Migratory bird day, "Protect Birds: Be the Solution to Plastic Pollution," encourages plastic clean-up, recycling, and limiting your use of plastic by using eco-friendly alternatives.

With an annual production of more than 300 million tons, plastic is one of the most widely used materials in the world. Lightweight and designed to last, the discarded pieces are easily transported to ecosystems through the forces of nature causing serious threats to migratory species around the world. An estimated 8 million tons of plastic waste enter the world's oceans each year. To make matters worse, plastic does

not simply dissolve. Broken down into small particles by water, sunlight and wind, it often leads to lethal cases of ingestion and entanglement.

This year World Migratory Bird Day will be held on May 11th and October 12th with many events held worldwide.

Michigan Audubon will celebrate with an open house at the Capital City Bird Sanctuary on Saturday, May 4th from 9am-12pm. They will offer crafts and activities for children as well as bird walks for all skill levels.

To learn more about World Migratory Bird Day and the ways that plastic pollution can impact birds, please visit, www.worldmigratorybirdday.org

UPCOMING CAAS EVENTS

CAAS Monthly Meetings

Talks are held the first Thursday of each month at Fenner Nature Center. Refreshments at 7:00 p.m. Meetings begin at 7:30p.m. with announcements and bird sightings followed by the program.

Spring Migration Bird Walks at Fenner

Saturday Mornings -

April 27 - 9am

May 4, 11, 18, 25 - 8am

Walks will begin near the parking lot and last about 2 hours. All experience levels are welcome.

If you would like to help lead a walk the 11th or 25th, please email caascallnote@gmail.com.

Burke Lake Research Station and

Corey Marsh Field Trips

May 25th - 9-11am at

Corey Marsh Ecological Research

Center - 9422 Herbison Rd., Laingsburg, MI

May 25th - 9-11am at

Burke Lake Banding Station

Clark Rd, 1 mile East of the

Clark/Upton Intersection

The Michigan State Bird Observatory would like to invite CAAS Members to an exclusive banding at the Burke Lake and Corey Marsh Stations to thank them for their continued support and to showcase the research and education outreach they provide.

June 6 – Member Slideshow, Ice Cream Social and Annual Meeting.

Enjoy time with the CAAS while members share their favorite photos from the year. Please email us to sign up and also bring along a USB of your images to participate.

Members in attendance will also vote to approve the new applicants to the Board. New Board Applicant Bios will be in the June Call Note for member review.

MEMBERSHIP

Support community programs with your CAAS Membership.

SEPTEMBER 2018 - AUGUST 2019

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 capitalareaadubon.org or pick one up at our next meeting.

Online registration and payment is now available at capitalareaadubon.org/membership

WALK SAFELY THIS SPRING

Along with beautiful migrating songbirds, spring also brings unpredictable weather, muddy trails and the reemergence of ticks. To stay safe this spring and summer, here are a few recommendations from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to keep you healthy and ready to go.

Ticks are most often found in natural areas including woodland, fields near wooded areas, and grassy shorelines.

Here are a few different ways to reduce your risk for Lyme disease.

- Use repellent that contains 20 percent or more DEET, picardin or IR3535 on exposed skin
- Wear clothing that has been treated with permethrin.
- Talk a shower as soon as you can after coming indoors.
- Look for ticks on your body in the areas ticks tend to bite.
- Put your clothes in the dryer on high heat for 60 minutes to kill any remaining ticks.
- Wearing long-sleeved shirts; light colored, long pants; and closed toed shoes.
- Protect your pets as well. They can come into contact with ticks and bring them into your home.

Be sure to check your entire body immediately after leaving outdoor areas that are likely to have ticks. Children should be assisted in checking their bodies for ticks.

Feel for bumps and look for tiny brown spots, especially in these areas:

- Scalp
- Ears
- Underarms
- Belly Button
- Waist and Back
- Behind Knees
- Pelvic Area
- In Between Legs

If you do find a tick imbedded in your skin, don't panic.

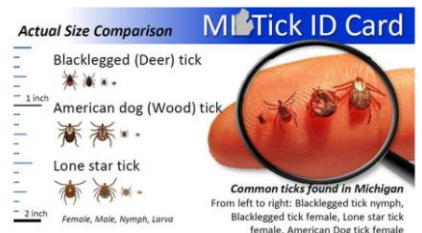
1. If a tick is attached to you, use fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick at the surface of your skin.
2. Pull the tick straight up and out. Don't twist or jerk the tick—this can cause the mouth parts to break off and stay in the skin. If this happens, remove the mouth parts with tweezers if you can. If not, leave them alone and let your skin heal.

3. Clean the bite and your hands with rubbing alcohol, an iodine scrub, or soap and water.
4. You may get a small bump or redness that goes away in 1-2 days, like a mosquito bite. This is not a sign that you have Lyme disease.

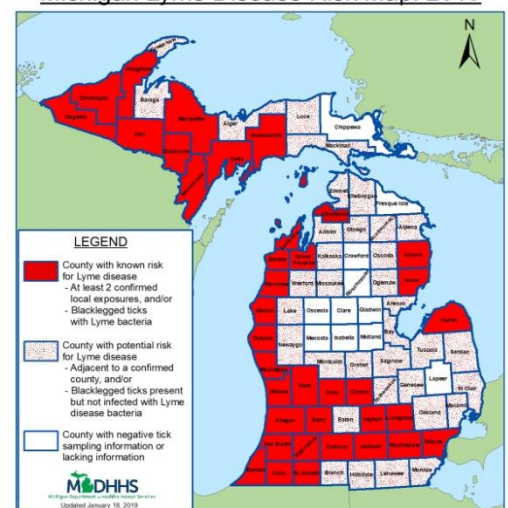
Michigan residents can submit ticks for free to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for identification and possible Lyme disease testing. Electronic photos of ticks can be sent to the MDHHS for identification at MDDHHS-bugs@michigan.gov.

See a doctor if you develop a fever, a rash, severe fatigue, muscle or joint pain, or facial paralysis within 30 days of being bitten by a tick. Be sure to tell your doctor about your tick bite. If you have these symptoms and spent time outdoors where ticks may be found, it is important to get treatment right away.

Ticks have been reported at Fenner Nature Center and many other parks in the area that are frequented by birders. Be aware and be safe this spring!



Michigan Lyme Disease Risk Map: 2019



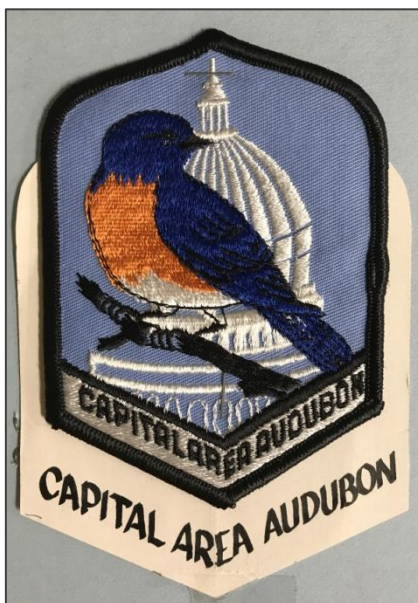
CAPITAL AREA AUDUBON LOGO UPDATE

Since 1935, Capital Area Audubon has benefited from the contributions of many different artists, editors, photographers and designers. Our most recently used logo was a beautiful patch designed around 1977 and available to the membership for a few years. It has been used on our program brochures first in 2007, and again from 2014-2017.



Our many thanks to our members who, over the years, have put together these beautiful drawings and logos including artist Jennifer Good, who produced the drawing of the bluebirds on the Capital birdhouse to the right in 1987.

Since technology has changed, CAAS would like to offer our members an updated logo that will help us spread greater awareness of the Capital Area Audubon Society and all that we support and provide to our community. Our new logo, (the two first images featured on the right at the top), is simple, clear, easily recognizable, and digital. With member approval at our next meeting, we hope to use the new logo on our publications, stickers, hats and apparel.



CALL NOTE

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LOCAL EVENTS

Burke Lake Banding Station Open for the Spring

The Michigan State Bird observatory banding season started on April 23rd and will run until May 25th. Bandings are open to the public and will take place at the Burke Lake location and also at Corey Marsh Ecological Research Station. Please check online for location dates and times. www.burkelakebandingstation.com

Hometown Habitat Movie Showing April 28 - 4pm Haslett Comm. Church 1427 Haslett Road, Haslett, MI

Harris Nature Center Bird Walks
April 28th - 8am at Nancy Moore Park
1960 Gaylord C. Smith Court
with leader Clara Bratton
May 5th - 8am at HNC and Legg Park
3998 Van Atta Road
with leader Bruce Cohen

Party for the Planet at Potter Park Zoo April 28 - 12-4pm

Potter Park Zoo will host a combined celebration for Earth Day, Endangered Species Day and World Oceans Day. This year's theme is Spring into Action. The event is included in the regular admission price and will explore conservation issues with hands-on activities, information and demonstrations around the zoo. CAAS will also host a booth at this year's event.

Spring Bird Walks at Corey Marsh April 29 - 9-11am

May 14, 23 - 8-10am
9422 Herbison Rd, Laingsburg, MI
Walks will be led by experienced birders for approximately 2 hours around CMERC. Binoculars will be available to borrow and all experience levels are welcome.

Michigan Audubon Seminar Series 2310 Science Parkway, Okemos, MI

Intermediate Birding with Linnea Rowse May 13 - 7-8pm

Monarch Butterflies and Other Pollinators with Erin Oswald June 10 - 7-8pm

Capital City Bird Sanctuary Workdays Wednesdays - May- Oct. -9am-12pm

6001 Delta River Dr., Lansing
Please come prepared for outdoor work; wear long pants, long sleeves, close-toed shoes, and a hat. Bring work gloves, water, snacks, insect repellent, and sunscreen, although we will have extras on hand. This event is weather dependent.

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

IN MEMORY OF BETTY WEAVER

Longtime CAAS Member, Better Weaver, passed away on April 12, 2019 after a battle with pneumonia.

An avid bird watcher, she and her husband Harold traveled to all 50 states and as far as Africa, Australia, New Zealand and Alaska. She was always wanting to add, "Just one more!", to her list of bird sightings. In her later years when rheumatoid arthritis curtailed her ability to pursue hobbies, sports became an even bigger part of her life. She followed practically every sport on television but her favorite team was always her beloved Spartans.

The family requested that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to the Capital Area Audubon Society. We sincerely thank her

family for the generous suggestion. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Harold and Betty's entire family.

Betty's full obituary can be found at www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/east-lansing-mi/betty-weaver-8248325



EXCITING SIGHTINGS

Spring Migrants are headed this way! In April a few exciting sightings were reported in the area.

- Various waterfowl were spotted in the area including American Widgeon, Ring-necked Ducks, Blue-winged Teal, Green-winged Teal, Northern Shoveler, Bufflehead, Hooded Merganser, Ruddy Duck, Lesser Scaup, Pied-billed Grebe, Red-breasted Merganser, Common Merganser, American Coot, Common Loon and of course Mallards and Canada Geese.

- A Chimney Swift was reported on the north end of MSU's campus on April 19th by Christopher Warneke.

- A Virginia Rail and Wilson's Snipe were reported at Lake Lansing North Park on April 18th by John Grettenberger.

-Fenner Nature Center had a Barred Owl reported to ebird on April 18th by Priscilla Wood.

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](https://www.facebook.com/capitalareaaudubon)

Thank You!

Thanks to our April Speaker, Dr. Sharon Gill, Associate Professor of Biological Sciences for sharing her research about changing soundscapes with us and to our wonderful members who provided the snacks in April!

AREA EVENTS

Thornapple Woodpecker Festival

April 27 - 7am - 1pm

Village of Middleville Hall

100 E. Main St., Middleville, MI

For further information, visit

www.woodpeckerfest.webs.com

WPBO's Spring Fling

April 28-29th

Whitefish Point, Paradise, MI

Tickets are now on sale for the 31st Annual Spring Fling: WPBO's Celebration of Bird Migration!

Questions may be directed to events@michiganaudubon.org

wpbo.org/events/spring-fling/

Biggest Week in American Birding

May 3-12th

Maumee Bay and Magee Marsh, Ohio

Join birders from across the country to view migrating warblers on the shores of Lake Erie! Many events are free and open to the public. Additional speakers, walks and workshops are available as part of the festival. Registration and more information available online at

www.biggestweekinamericanbirding.com
Maumee Bay Lodge & Conference Center
and Black Swamp Bird Observatory

Tawas Point Birding Festival

May 16-18th

Registration and more information available online at

www.michiganaudubon.org
Tawas Point Bay Beach Resort
300 E Bay St., East Tawas, MI

Bird Day Celebration at the Ziiibwing Center

May 11 - 1-5pm (Walk at 9am)

6650 E. Broadway Road, Mt. Pleasant, MI
Join the Isabella Conservation District and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe as they celebrate World Migratory Bird Day! Start the day with a bird walk hosted by the Chippewa Valley Audubon Club at 9:00AM at the Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park. Then visit the Ziiibwing Center from 1-5pm for events including an eagle dance, kid-friendly crafts and activities, bird banding, and a live bird of prey presentation.

Be a Tourist in Your Own Town

June 1 - 10am-5pm

Events will be hosted around the Lansing area. A \$1 passport (available at many local retailers) will give access to over 80 local attractions including the Potter Park Zoo, Michigan Historical Museum and more!

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