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Capital Area Audubon Society is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and all contributions are tax deductible.



2019 – 2020 PROGRAM GUIDE

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.

Monthly Meeting Time & Locations

CAAS meets the **first Thursday of the month, September through June.**

FALL MEETING LOCATION CHANGE -

September - January meetings will be held at the Michigan Nature Association Education Room 2310 Science Parkway, Okemos, MI 48864

February - June meetings will be held at

Fenner Nature Center

2020 E. Mt. Hope Ave., Lansing MI 48910

Refreshments at 7:00 p.m., Meetings begin at 7:30

(Brief business meeting/announcements followed by program)

Field Trips will be announced in the Call Note Newsletter and on our Facebook Page. To join our email list, contact caascallnote@gmail.com.

For more information, please visit:

**capitalareaaudubon.org
or find us on Facebook!**

2019-2020 Programs and Walks

September 5 – Monarchs and Pollinators

Join us to hear from Fenner Nature Center Program Manager, **Jenny Mensch**, about the many ways Fenner is helping to increase the declining monarch population and educating the greater Lansing region about the conservation of monarchs and other pollinators. In 2017, Fenner Conservancy constructed an exhibit to raise awareness in the community about pollinator conservation through the raising and rearing of monarch butterflies - the Monarch House. Since then, more than 300 monarch butterflies have been reared, checked for parasites, tagged, and released.

Mensch received her Master's in Science in Environmental Education at Southern Oregon University in 2012 following an undergraduate degree in Conservation and Environmental Science at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Through her work at Fenner, Jenny has shared her passion for inclusion and access in urban nature settings and has focused her efforts on experiential learning for people of all ages.

September 7, 14, 21, 28 (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 3 – Investigating the Winter Nocturnal Nest Box use of the Black-crested Titmouse

Are nest boxes important to birds outside of the breeding season? Join us as we hear from Christina Farrell about her research into the use of nest boxes as overnight roosting sites for Black-crested Titmice.

Christina Farrell, obtained a B.S. in Geography from Texas State University in the fall of 2013 and finished her M.S. in Wildlife Ecology at Texas State in the fall of 2018. She has recently focused on pursuing her passion for bird banding, most recently at the Michigan State Bird Observatory. Her favorite bird is the Common Nighthawk.

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November 7 – Bald Eagles in the Great Lakes as Biomonitors

Jim Sikarskie DVM, has spent 44 years as an educator at the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine and is a Professor Emeritus. He worked at Potter Park Zoo for over 30 years as the Zoo and Wildlife Vet. Sikarskie was born in the UP and has spent much of his career researching the effects of DDT on Eagles.

December 5 – Bluebirds

Our December meeting will feature Bluebird expert **Gene Wasserman**. He will share how to get started as a bluebird landlord and how to help Bluebirds succeed in your area.

Wasserman is the Ingham, Eaton and Clinton County Coordinator for the Michigan Bluebird Society. He also makes and sells WoodCraft Kit Bluebird Houses and feeders. All profits are donated to non-profits. His goal, besides helping Bluebirds, is to get people, especially kids, outdoors to explore nature.

December 14 – 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 **Barb Hosler at 517-281-6595 for more info.**

December 28 – Eaton Rapids Christmas Bird Count

Annual Christmas bird count in Eaton Rapids area. *Volunteers needed!* Contact **Barb Hosler at 517-281-6595 for more info.**

January 9 – Marsh Birds and Migration

Rachael Pierce, a migratory bird specialist with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, will share her knowledge about marsh birds and migration.

February 6 – Grassland Management

Explore the changing and fascinating restoration of native prairie with **Chad Krumnauer** from the Michigan DNR.

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March 5 – Bats

Michigan is home to 9 species of bat, including the endangered Indiana bat. These bats play an important role in controlling local insect population. Conserving these species is especially important with the threat of White Nose Syndrome, a fungus spreading to colonies across the country. **Peter Fowler**, from the Bat Association of MSU will share more about Michigan bats and ways to help!

April 2 – Birds of Asia

Based at Michigan State University, **Dr. Pamela Rasmussen** will share her vast knowledge and past work with Asian birds. Rasmussen, the lead author of "Birds of South Asia: The Ripley Guide," is an assistant professor at MSU and assistant curator at the MSU Museum. She is also the coordinator of MSU's global bird sounds website AVoCet.

April 4, 11, 18, 25 (Saturday mornings) Spring Migration Bird Walks

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

May 7 – Michigan Endangered Species

Join us to hear about many different endangered species that can be found here in Michigan. From the Lake Sturgeon, to the Spotted Turtle and the amazing recovery of the Kirtland's Warbler, we will learn about efforts all over Michigan to restore our native species.

May 2, 9, 16, 23 (Saturday mornings) Spring Migration Bird Walks

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

June 4 – Year-end ice cream social & members' photos

***** Program topics or speakers may change during the year. For additional, up to date information, visit us online at capitalareaaudubon.org*****