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# the Call Note

CAPITAL AREA AUDUBON  
JUNE 2021

## Join Us

### AT OUR JUNE MEETING!

**Join us at our next meeting Thursday,  
June 3, 7:00 - 8:30pm at Fenner!**

Join us for an evening, socially distanced bird walk at Fenner for our only in-person meeting this year. Masks will not be required, but you are welcome to wear one if you prefer to.

We will start the walk with a few brief announcements and then a walk around Fenner. The walk will be about an hour and a half. Please bring appropriate layers and prepare for bugs.

We will also vote during this meeting to approve three board members for an additional three year term. Current Board Members, Mike Moquin, Julia Spalding and Kristy Taylor are up for renewal this year. Board members can serve two consecutive 3 year terms and must take a break following their second term.

If you are looking for additional ways to volunteer with the CAAS, we are still looking for a Historian.

If you would like to serve on the board, please email us at [caascallnote@gmail.com](mailto:caascallnote@gmail.com).

**Monthly Meetings will begin in  
September for the 2021-22 program  
year.**

**If you have a speaker suggestion or a  
topic you would like to learn more  
about, please reach out to  
[caascallnote@gmail.com](mailto:caascallnote@gmail.com).**

*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.*

## A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

It has been a slow spring in many ways this year. The arrival of warblers seemed days, and sometimes weeks behind what we normally experience and the numbers of birds moving through seem fewer than years prior. Perhaps favorable winds moved them further west or further east up the coast this year, but either way it has seemed very quiet.

The spring showers that normally fill vernal pools and makes trails slick and muddy have also been largely absent. Hopefully as we head into summer we will get some additional rainfall and some of these dry areas will spring back to life.

Another slow, exciting change this spring has been the ability to get together (safely) in groups again! After I was fully vaccinated, one of the highlights of my spring was spending time on bird walks with you all and seeing your smiling faces!



CAAS hosted our traditional migration walks Saturday mornings in May at Fenner Nature Center as well as Monday Migration walks at other area parks.

I was able to make it to a few of these walks including Capital City Bird Sanctuary, Harris Nature Center and Sleepy Hollow State Park. I also plan on attending the walk at Burchfield Park in Holt on Memorial Day. (It is just down the road from our home, so even if it is just me, it will be a morning well spent!)

Sleepy Hollow has always been on my list of local places that I need to go birding, so it was wonderful to take a nice walk with CAAS members who know the area well! Our family has visited a few times to fish or swim, but I had not had the chance to really explore any of the trails in the area. I am so inspired to visit a few more times and explore different sections of the park each visit. The bathroom area has nesting Barn and Cliff Swallows as well, so seeing those adorable nestlings will be worth the return trip!

The Lansing area really has some amazing spots to spend time outdoors enjoying nature and looking for birds. In this crazy year of online meetings, virtual programs, masks and distancing, it has been a comfort to seek out beautiful places that feed my soul and connect me with nature.

I hope this summer brings wonderful weather, time with family and friends, good health and happy birding!

See you in September!  
Kristy Taylor  
CAAS President

# CAAS EVENTS

**LGBTQ+ Inclusive Walk**  
**Saturday, June 12, 8am**  
**Fenner Nature Center**

Join CAAS on Saturday, June 12th for an LGBTQ+ friendly bird walk to celebrate birds and Pride month! This walk will be lead by birder and MSU PhD student, Cass Warneke. Cass has been an active birder for over 15 years and has previously participated in bird banding and research. We hope you are able to join us for this relaxing and informational walk in nature! This walk is open to all, including beginners and birders of all ages.

**Walks will be cancelled due to rain or bad weather. Please check our Facebook page prior to heading out if you are concerned about the weather.**

**Meetings and fall migration bird walks will begin again in September!**

# CAAS MEMBERSHIP

Support community programs with your CAAS Membership. Your membership supports programs in our community and monthly meetings Sept. through June.

**Your membership is more important than ever!** Clubs and non-profits across the state are facing hard decisions this year because funding from many sources has been drastically reduced.

## SEPTEMBER 2021 - AUGUST 2022

### Membership Categories

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

To sign up online, visit -  
[capitalareaaudubon.org](http://capitalareaaudubon.org)

If you would like to mail your membership form and payment, please mail to -  
CAAS, PO Box 22065, Lansing, MI 489 10



# BROOD X CICADAS

**A once-every-17-years occurrence - Article featured on the Michigan DNR Wildlife Viewing Website**

What's an inch and a half long, sucks on tree juice, and as loud as a chainsaw? Cicadas!

Most years, Michiganders get to enjoy the late, hot, dog days of summer listening to the buzzing drone of dog day cicadas as they advertise for mates. These insects spend the beginning of their lives underground and then crawl out to become adults in the summer heat each year. After a month or two of buzzing and breeding, these adult cicadas die.

## PERIODICAL CICADAS

But Michigan is home to another type of cicada that's getting ready to put on a show this year. Unlike dog day cicadas where adults emerge from the ground every year, the periodical cicadas stay underground for over a decade and then emerge as adults in one giant frenzy every 17 years before the young they leave behind disappear for the next 17 years.

Parts of the southern 3 tiers of counties in Michigan are part of Brood X (pronounced brood ten), the group of periodical cicadas due to emerge this year. And unlike the dog day cicadas, these bugs show up in the spring. Expect adults to start appearing in late April to mid May when ground temperatures get high enough.

While we don't fully know how far the range of this species extends into Michigan, they've been spotted in the past in Washtenaw, Genesee, Livingston, Oakland and Lenawee counties in southeastern Michigan and St. Joseph and Branch counties in the southwest.

For an in-depth look at what to expect, check out this recent Stateside on Michigan Radio: [After 17 years underground, swarms of "noisy, lusty" cicadas to emerge in SE Michigan.](#)

## COMMUNITY SCIENCE

You have the opportunity to help researchers better understand this critter in Michigan by exploring your city, county, and state lands and sharing your sightings using the Cicada Safari app at [cicadasafari.org](http://cicadasafari.org).

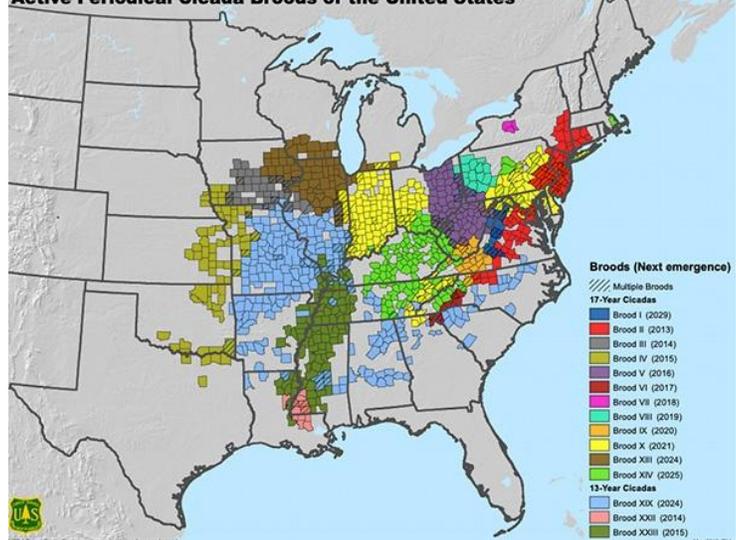
Help map the 2021 emergence of the periodical cicada Brood X! Learn more about these amazing insects at Team Cicada at UConn at [cicadas.uconn.edu](http://cicadas.uconn.edu).

## WHERE TO LOOK

Below is a list possible locations to go "cicada hunting" (no guarantee you will find them on any given day) that are in the general area of the state where Brood X cicadas could make an appearance:

- Three Rivers State Game Area
- Crane Pond State Game Area
- Fabius State Game Area
- Coldwater Lake State Park
- Lost Nation State Game Area
- Cambridge Junction Historic State Park
- Onsted State Game Area
- Hayes State Park
- Gregory State Game Area
- Oak Grove State Game Area
- Brighton Recreation Area
- Maybury State Park
- Pinckney Recreation Area
- Waterloo Recreation Area
- Sharonville State Game Area
- Island Lake Recreation Area

Active Periodical Cicada Broods of the United States



# SUMMER EVENTS

## Michigan Audubon Lunch & Learn Tuesday, June 8, 12pm

Virtual Lunch and learn events will continue this summer! Hear from Michigan Audubon about Bird-friendly community initiatives and much more! To learn more, find them on Facebook or visit [michiganaudubon.org](http://michiganaudubon.org)

## Michigan Audubon Young Birders Camp July 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28

### Virtual Events and Independent Learning

Michigan Audubon invites young birders 13-18 to join them for three weeks of learning and a virtual camp experience. Registration is \$175 per participant. Campers will be mailed a packet of resources, reference materials and other goodies prior to the start of camp. Registration is open until June 15th. Find out more and sign up at [michiganaudubon.org](http://michiganaudubon.org)

**Be sure to check our Facebook page for additional events throughout the summer! Do you have an event to share? Email us at [caascallnote@gmail.com](mailto:caascallnote@gmail.com).**

# CALL NOTE

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# MICHIGAN WETLAND WONDERS

Michigan DNR -

Have you been birding at one of Michigan's fifteen Wetland Wonders? Scattered across the state, these areas were created in the 1960s to provide exceptional waterfowl hunting opportunities. They're also great birding hotspots, managed by Michigan Department of Natural Resources to provide waterfowl habitat for nesting and migration, and for the benefit of other wetland wildlife!

Now through July 16, visit one of the official Wetland Wonders sites and take your photo by the state game or

wildlife area sign for a chance to win a \$1,000 gift card for outdoor gear!

The 15 official Wetland Wonders Sites include: Sturgeon River Sloughs, Portage Marsh, Houghton Lake Flats, Wigwam Bay, Nayanquing Point, Crow Island, Shiawassee River SGA, the Muskegon County Wastewater Facility, Pointe Mouillee, Fennville Farm SGA, Fish Point SWA, Harsens Island, Manistee Marsh, Maple River SGA and Muniscong State WMA.

For more details, see [Michigan.gov/WetlandWonders](http://Michigan.gov/WetlandWonders)

# HELPING INJURED BIRDS

Audubon.org -

It's not uncommon to find young birds away from their nests during spring and summer. But should you help them? That depends.

The vast majority of baby birds that people encounter, are weeks-old fledglings—not newly born nestlings. This distinction is critical, wildlife rehabbers say, because most fledglings don't need to be rescued.

Wandering from the nest is exactly what fledglings—which are just learning to fly—are supposed to do, she says. It's a normal part of a bird's development, and though these chicks might appear abandoned, they're likely under surveillance by their parents nearby. Of course, there is a chance that they could be injured, sick or in danger.

Nestlings, on the other hand, are almost always in need of rescue. Whether they fell or got pushed from their nest, they're "not ready to go off into the world," says Rita McMahon, Co-Founder and Director of the Wild Bird Fund, a nonprofit animal rehab center in New York. How to help them, though, can vary.

Learn which questions to ask yourself to know when you should intervene - and how you can help if needed!

<https://www.audubon.org/news/when-you-should-and-should-not-rescue-baby-birds>

If you find an injured bird you can visit Animal Help Now to find a local wildlife rehabilitator near you. <https://ahnow.org/mobile/>

## If You Find A Baby Songbird Out Of The Nest

