

9/12/16 EVANSTON NORTH SHORE BIRD CLUB ENEWS HAWKFEST AND MORE!

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ENSBC SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

THE COLOR OF BIRDS - IN CELEBRATION OF A PASSION

Speaker: Kevin Loughlin Tuesday, September 27 7:30 p.m.
Evanston Ecology Center 2024 McCormick Blvd Evanston

Kevin Loughlin, owner of Wildside Birding based in Pennsylvania, has spent decades photographing the natural world, especially the birds. Celebrate Kevin's passion for birds and birding through this photographic journey from the icy waters of Antarctica, to the mountains of Ecuador full of colorful gems we call hummingbirds and many other locations across the globe. Through his images, Kevin will show us that the elegance of a Black-necked Stilt is every bit as stunning as the glorious colors of the Fiery-throated Hummingbird. A Ruth Milgrom Program.

Programs are free and open to the public. Free parking in the lot across the street south of the Ecology Center. Gather at 7:00 p.m. to socialize. The program begins at 7:30 p.m.

UPCOMING ENSBC FIELD TRIPS

September 15 – Thursday Perkins Woods

A Cook County Forest Preserve District Bird the Preserves walk. Look for fall warblers, thrushes and other migrants. Meet at 7:30 a.m. corner of Ewing Ave. and Grant St. Leader: Josh Engel.

September 17 – Saturday Northwestern University Campus

The NU campus has long been a stopover for migrants of all kinds headed south. Park on the lakeside of the upper deck of the south parking lot off of Sheridan Rd. and Clark St., north of Clark St. beach, at 8:30 a.m. Leaders: Libby Hill and Isoo O'Brien. We will bird the Clark Street Beach Bird Sanctuary following the field trip.

September 18 – Sunday LaBagh Woods

Note change of meeting location!!

Whether you've never been to LaBagh or you go there often, you'll want to take this opportunity to see the effects of all the restoration work done this past year specifically for migrant birds. Fall migration should be well underway, with warblers at their peak and sparrows already making an appearance. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at the parking lot on Cicero Avenue north of Foster (not the Irene Hernandez parking lot off Foster). After you cross over the expressway, turn left at the T and park at the end of the lot. This premier birding spot is notoriously muddy, so wear old boots, or preferably rubber knee-highs. Leaders: Judy Pollock, ipbobolink@gmail.com and Isoo O'Brien.

September 22 – Thursday Perkins Woods.

A Forest Preserves of Cook County Bird the Preserves walk. Look for fall warblers, thrushes and other migrants. Meet at 7:30 a.m. corner of Ewing Ave. and Grant St. Leader: John Bates.

September 24 – Saturday Perkins Woods

A Forest Preserves of Cook county Bird the Preserves walk. Look for fall warblers, thrushes and other migrants. Meet at 8:30 a.m. corner of Ewing Ave. and Grant St. Leader: Gary Hantsbarger.

NEW FIELD TRIP

October 9 – Sunday Gillson Park.

This new trip was added to our schedule after our Directory went to press. We will start with a tour of the newly planted area just north of the Wildflower Garden and look for lingering fall warblers and other migrants. Meet at 8 a.m. at the Wildflower Garden, corner of Michigan Ave. and Washington Ave. (one block east of Sheridan and one block south of Lake St.). Street parking is available, as well as inside the park. Leaders: Karen Glennemeier and Gerry Ginsburg.

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Gillson+Park/@42.0790082,-87.6894365,18z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x880fdac66144f5b9:0x5378dc62ae1b9b36!8m2!3d42.080565!4d-87.6894526>

1ST ANNUAL LAKE COUNTY HAWKFEST – OCTOBER 14-16

"The agenda is set for the first annual Lake County HawkFest. Come on out for a fun weekend of viewing raptors, both in migration and up close, at Fort Sheridan Forest Preserve. There will also be a wide variety of excellent workshops and presentations at Lake Forest College designed for birders and non-birders alike, and family-friendly activities at both sites.

"Hawkwatching in mid-October allows the viewer to witness the greatest diversity of species with a backdrop of beautiful fall colors! A large flight can produce an outstanding 14+ species of raptors! The species at their peak migration during this time include Sharp-shinned Hawk and Merlin, with Red-tailed Hawk and other large buteos on the increase! A good flight of raptors during this time can produce a day of 100+ raptors flying over Fort Sheridan, an experience that is not easily forgotten. The excellent company of fellow hawk watchers, while enjoying the wonder of raptor migration, is what makes Fort Sheridan in mid-October special."

ENSBC has no scheduled hawkwatch field trip this year, so if you love raptors, this activities-filled event is for you! ENSBC members Dave Johnson and Vic Berardi will be speaking on Friday night. Click this link to take a look at the program, costs and how to register:

<http://tinyurl.com/lchawkfestagenda>

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/lakecountyhawkfest/>

If you can't attend the HawkFest, you're welcome to join the hawk counters at either of these Lake County hawkwatch sites during the fall.

Link for the Fort Sheridan Hawkwatch Site Profile, including directions:

<http://hawkcount.org/siteinfo.php?site=750>

Link for the Illinois Beach State Park Hawkwatch Site Profile, including directions:
<http://hawkcount.org/siteinfo.php?rsite=527>

CHICAGO AUDUBON SOCIETY ANNUAL BIRDSEED SALE

Order Deadline Monday, October 13.

Pick-up Date Saturday, November 5, 9 a.m. to noon only!

It's time to stock up on seed to feed the winter birds. Seed purchased through Chicago Audubon is high quality, prices are very reasonable and 40% of your cost is tax deductible. Proceeds from the sale provide important support for CAS's educational and conservation projects.

You can choose to pick up your order at one of two locations. In Chicago it's the Nature House/Erva Tool Company. In River Forest it's the Good Earth Greenhouse & Café. Nature House opens its showroom to seed purchasers and offers many bargains on their high quality feeder pole systems, feeders, accessories and bird houses, most of which are made onsite.

Go to <http://www.chicagoaudubon.org/content/chicago-audubons-annual-bird-seed-sale> for information on ordering. If you have questions, call the CAS office at 773-539-6793.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO HELP CREATE BIRD HABITAT AT GILLSON PARK

Here's your chance to help create wonderful new bird habitat at Gillson Park, a favored birding destination on the lake! More than 20 community groups, including ENSBC, will work with the Ouilmette Foundation and Wilmette Park District the weekend of Sept 24-25 to help create habitat for migrating birds. Please visit the Sign Up Genius Link below, and choose the shift you'd like to work and the community group you'd like to join, such as Evanston North Shore Bird Club. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094ea8ae22a75-gillson>

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