



The Kestrel

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SPRING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Restoring Montezuma

Wednesday, February 12, 7 p.m.

Baldwinsville Public Library
33 E. Genesee St., Baldwinsville, N.Y.

The Montezuma Wetlands Complex was named Audubon's first globally significant Important Bird Area. Tonight, Montezuma Audubon Center interim director Chris Lajewski will speak about engaging the community in conserving and restoring habitats at Montezuma.

Derby Hill: More Than Just Raptors

Wednesday, March 12, 7 p.m.

Fayetteville Free Library
300 Orchard St., Fayetteville, NY

Derby Hill Bird Observatory is one of the nation's premier hawk-counting sites. But in addition to raptors, hundreds of thousands of other birds fly north over the Hill each spring. Last year, hawk counter Steve Kolbe made some breathtaking images of many of these birds. Join us to see some of these photos and hear why Steve loves counting birds at Derby.

North Country Raptors

Wednesday, March 19, 6 p.m.

Flower Memorial Library
Washington Street, Watertown, N.Y.

Gerry Smith, vice-president of Onondaga Audubon and senior North Country ornithologist, will discuss what we know and don't know about hawk migration in Oswego and Jefferson Counties. He will also address

winter use patterns by various hawk species and offer advice on where and when to find these birds in our region.

Organic Chocolate and Birds of Hispaniola

Wednesday, April 9, 7 p.m.

Onondaga Lake Visitors Center
Adjacent to I-690 on the southwest shore of Onondaga Lake, Syracuse, N.Y.

As a graduate student at SUNY-ESF, Andrea Thomen has been studying the importance of agroforestry for bird species in the Caribbean. In this program, she will explain how birds can help promote sustainable livelihoods in the tropics. For directions to the venue, visit <http://www.lakecleanup.com/>

Bird Festival at Derby Hill

Saturday, May 10

Please see page 4 for full details.

Conserving Finger Lakes Important Bird Areas

Wednesday, May 14, 7 p.m.

Manlius Public Library
1 Arkie Albanese Way, Manlius, NY

Finger Lakes Land Trust executive director Andy Zepp is committed to protecting those lands that define the character of the Finger Lakes region in upstate New York. At this meeting, he will talk about his group's conservation work and how it has benefited birds within the Finger Lakes region.

56th Annual Birdathon

Saturday, May 17 & Sunday, May 18

Please see page 6 for full details.

Birds and Habitats of the North Country

Wednesday, May 21, 6 p.m.

Flower Memorial Library
Washington Street, Watertown, N.Y.

Irene Mazzocchi, a biologist with the N.Y. Department of Environmental Conservation, will discuss the management and monitoring needs of many species in our region. Among species of particular interest are grassland birds, colonial water birds, and Golden-winged Warblers.

Our Changing Waterfowl Migration

Wednesday, June 11, 7 p.m.

Onondaga Lake Visitors Center
Adjacent to I-690 on the southwest shore of Onondaga Lake, Syracuse, N.Y.

Michael L. Schummer is senior scientist at Long Point Waterfowl in Turkey Point, Ont., where he helps conduct research on waterfowl and wetlands issues in the Great Lakes region. His program will describe how changes in distributions of migrating waterfowl could be related to climate change. He will also talk about adapting waterfowl management practices to these changes and the uncertainties they present. For directions to the venue, visit <http://www.lakecleanup.com/>

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- The Conservation Committee has a need for letter writers and activists.
- The Board of Directors is looking for legal counsel.
- The Communications Committee is looking for someone to do program and field trip publicity.

If you can help, please contact OnAudubonCom@gmail.com

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Whit's Trivia

Previous Question: *What factors led to the listing of the Black-capped Vireo and the Least Bell's Vireo as endangered?*

Answer: *Habitat loss and brood parasitism by Brown-headed Cowbirds.*

No one answered this question correctly. This concludes the series of fun and bird-focused Whit's Trivia quizzes. Thanks for playing!

How to Donate

Onondaga Audubon has a yearly budget of approximately \$20,000, of which less than \$5,000 comes from dues. Your generous contribution makes it possible for us to continue our public programs, educational initiatives, and conservation advocacy, as well as to maintain two sanctuaries.

If you would like to help us achieve our mission, you can do so by mailing your check to:

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The chapter is always happy to accept dollar donations. However, some folks have equipment and supplies they no longer need—and that we could really use. Here is our wish list:

- Portable digital projector
- Portable public address system
- Shop vacuum
- Gently used scopes and binoculars for Derby Hill Bird Observatory
- Bird seed for spring migrants and summer residents at Derby Hill Bird Observatory

If you have any of these items ready for donation, please contact Ken Karwowski at sterna@twcny.rr.com.

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CONSERVATION

What Can Average Citizens Do?



By Maryanne Adams
Conservation Chair

As conservation chair for Onondaga Audubon, I do a lot of reading on the subject. Issues develop on a daily basis, making it difficult to decide where to focus: the planet? the country? New York state? the Lake Ontario shoreline? Onondaga Lake? more specific conservation issues?

The immensity of the issue of climate change merits the attention of everyone on earth. But the mainstream media hardly take notice. Rebecca Solnit writes about this lack of press in *Bigger Than That: (The Difficulty of) Looking at Climate Change*. She describes how it might be if newspapers organized stories in proportion to their impact. “Unfortunately,” she writes, “when it comes to climate change, there is not paper enough on this planet to properly scale up a story to the right size. If you gave it the complete front page to suggest its import, you would then have to print the rest of the news at some sort of nanoscale and include an electron microscope for reading ease.” (www.tomdispatch.com, October 6, 2013)

Another article almost made me feel like giving up, because it explained the economic context of the U.S. so well. Richard Smith aptly summed it up: “...As we live under capitalism, economic growth has to take priority over ecological concerns.

“We all know what we have to do,” Smith continues. “Suppress greenhouse gas emissions. Stop over-consuming natural resources. Stop the senseless pollution of the earth, waters, and atmosphere with toxic chemicals. Stop producing waste that can’t be recycled by nature. Stop the destruction of biological diversity and ensure the rights of other species to flourish. We don’t need any new technological breakthroughs to solve these problems.

Mostly, we just stop doing what we’re doing. But we can’t stop because we’re all locked into an economic system in which companies have to grow to compete and reward their shareholders and because we all need the jobs.” (*Sleepwalking to Extinction*, www.commondreams.org/view/2013/11/15-3.)

What can average citizens do? Giant corporations might have plenty of money to advertise the benefits of the Keystone XL pipeline and hydraulic fracturing, but we can still take political action. David and Janet Muir and I attended an October 30 rally in Albany regarding the N.Y. State Department of Environmental Conservation’s (DEC’s) inadequate regulations for liquid natural gas facilities. We listened to inspiring speeches from Sandra Steingraber and Debra Winger as well as testimony from concerned citizens. (A 43-minute video of all the speakers at this event is available at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fciYunBivu8>.) People also shared their concerns by submitting comments to the DEC, as they did regarding hydraulic fracturing regulations earlier.

Another way to help is to make sure your vote speaks for you, especially in local elections. Onondaga Audubon vice-president Gerry Smith reports that, in spite of efforts from pro-wind factions in Cape Vincent, four out of five members of the town board are now anti-wind individuals. The majority of the citizens of Cape Vincent do not want industrial wind in the town, and their votes proved it.

Another action making the corporate world sit up and take notice

is divestment—selling an asset for either financial or social goals. Many academic institutions are divesting of securities related to fossil fuels. At this writing, signatures are being gathered asking the New York State comptroller and legislature to divest within five years from direct or commingled ownership of funds that include fossil fuel public equities and corporate bonds.

Something else people can do is to send comments to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) to show support for an action or concern over a proposal. Last fall, many people sent comments and signed petitions in favor of granting the Red Knot protection under the Endangered Species Act. Federal protection of this species might help curb habitat degradation in parts of the bird’s 9,000-mile migration route and also protect the Red Knot’s food supply. In October, the FWS also proposed that western populations of the Yellow-billed Cuckoo be listed as threatened. About 90 percent of the birds’ riparian habitat has already been lost or degraded because of water management and agricultural practices. Without strict regulation, it is unlikely that either Red Knots or western Yellow-billed Cuckoos can survive.

In conclusion, although we might sometimes feel overwhelmed by the state of the world, we must always believe that we can make a difference. Good things DO happen because of the actions individuals take. And please, visit our website (OnondagaAudubon.com) and our Facebook page to read about the latest issues and actions we can take.



U.S. FWS

The Red Knot is fighting for survival against loss of habitat and food supply along its migration route.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Expanding Service, Gaining Momentum



By Paul Richardson
President

I hope everyone has had a wonderful winter season with plenty of birds!

I would like to start my report with an update from fall 2013. At our October board meeting, we unanimously voted to expand the Onondaga Audubon service area into Oneida and Lewis Counties. This move will allow Audubon members from these counties to receive *The Kestrel*, and plans are underway to provide field trips and a few program meetings per year in our new eastern region. In mid-October, I represented Onondaga Audubon Society at the fall 2013 joint New York/New Jersey Audubon Council meeting at Woodcliff Lake, N.J. There I had the opportunity to meet Erin Crotty, executive director of Audubon New York, and share ideas with several members of other nearby Audubon chapters. I am looking forward to attending the spring council meeting at Saratoga Springs in March 2014.

In early November, some members of the board met with a representative of the Onondaga Creek Conservation Council to discuss the possibility of becoming a primary partner in a habitat protection and restoration project in the urban Onondaga Creek corridor. We believe this to be a great opportunity to become actively involved with younger members of the Syracuse community and help instill within them the importance of ecology and an appreciation for nature. At our November board meeting, we supported the project in concept but will be asking the council for more details on the proposal before agreeing to sign on as a primary partner.

This spring, we are offering for the first time two program meetings in Jefferson County. Scheduled field trips include Northwestern Jefferson County, Derby Hill, Whiskey Hollow, Three Rivers Wildlife Management

Area, and Green Lakes State Park. Additional field trips might also be offered, so please visit the Onondaga Audubon website and Facebook page periodically for updates.

On Saturday, May 10, we will be holding the 2014 Onondaga Audubon Bird Festival at Derby Hill. Early May is a great time of year to visit the shore of Lake Ontario and see good numbers of songbirds and raptors. Last year I had wonderful looks at

Scarlet Tanagers, White-crowned Sparrows, and Palm Warblers during the hikes at the festival. I want to thank Maryanne Adams and her committee in advance for the hard work involved in making these festivals such a success. I hope to see everyone there!



STEVE KOLBE

Fly Up to Derby Hill Bird Observatory for the 2014 Onondaga Audubon

Bird Festival

Saturday, May 10, 2014, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Bring your family and friends for a fun day all about birds and nature. Live hawks, bird walks, nature activities, and kids' face painting are scheduled throughout the day. You can help monitor a Bluebird trail or talk with bird experts about birds, bird behavior, and migration. You can see live hawks and owls and hear a talk about the fascinating world of raptors. A silent auction will offer bird and non-bird items, and there will be vendors with wildlife photography,

native plants, artwork, and hand-crafted jewelry for sale. In addition, the popular Chomppers Smokin' Barbeque will be on hand with their tantalizing fare. And, of course, the star performers—eagles, hawks, vultures, and other wild birds—will be flying overhead. Visit onondagaudubon.com for a complete schedule of events and directions to Derby Hill Bird Observatory. Admission and parking are free—we hope you'll join us!

Bird Walks With Experts



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SANCTUARY REPORT

Looking Forward to New Programs



By Ken Karwowski
Chairman of the Physical Plant
Derby Hill Bird Observatory

The chapter's board of directors, sanctuary committee, and volunteers have been working hard to make improvements in our sanctuaries and programs. In early May, we will be thanking our volunteers with a picnic brunch at Derby Hill Bird Observatory. Watch the Derby Hill website early in the 2014 count season for full details.

The next Derby Hill newsletter will be released in February 2014. The change in release date is being made to allow us to include timely information about 2014 events at DHBO. As usual, this newsletter will include the latest migration survey results. Both the newsletter and the annual report will be available online soon after the newsletter is released.

We are excited to announce that Onondaga Audubon has received a grant through National Audubon's New York Office to help develop and implement the Derby Hill Raptor Academy. Led by the DHBO hawk counter, the academy will offer an introductory workshop in raptor identification, with topics such as censusing, monitoring, data entry, conservation, and advocacy. Graduates of the academy will have the opportunity to actively participate in Derby Hill's annual raptor censuses and monitoring programs. Registration for the academy will open early in 2014. Look for details in early 2014 at www.onondagaudubon.com and register as soon as you can.

Finally, hawk-count regulars will be pleased to learn that Steve Kolbe, our popular 2013 hawk counter, will be returning for the 2014 season. If you haven't met Steve, be sure to attend the chapter's March 2014 program meeting (see page 1), where Steve will show some of his photos from Derby Hill and talk about counting migrants there.



DIANE EMORD

Sanctuary chair Ken Karwowski rips out old insulation from under the floor of the cottage at Derby Hill Bird Observatory. Replacing the insulation was a major fall project at Derby.



ROSE DeNEVE

Birders on the bluff at Derby Hill braved high winds, rain, sleet, and snow last fall to see Jaegers, Kittiwakes, Phalaropes, Little and Iceland Gulls, and other rare migrants out over Lake Ontario.

EDUCATION

Get Outside and Play This Winter!



By Kim Farrell
Education Chair

Winter is still with us, and the temptation to curl up indoors is greater than ever. But we ask that you consider the benefits of exercise outdoors.

Why is an educator writing about getting outdoors? Those who have read Richard Louv's *Last Child in the Woods* already know that children's lack of outdoor activity can lead to problems focusing, increased emotional- and health-related illnesses, and weakened use of senses—all of which affect a child's ability to learn.

Schools don't often get children out in winter. Recess may be only 15 minutes, and schools typically require children to don head-to-toe winter gear before going out. I'm not sure about your children, but mine

haven't wanted to wear expedition gear to school for a very long time. Thus, getting kids outside in winter has fallen on adults at home.

To get kids out, start small. Fifteen minutes outdoors are better than none. Second, give yourself an incentive (e.g., hot chocolate when you get home). Third, recognize that everyone will feel better after being outside. Fourth, find activities you will all enjoy.

Try these ideas for outdoor fun: Fill an old spray bottle with colored water and spray it on the snow to release your inner artist. Count how many times you can catch a snowball before it falls apart (and try not to be the one it falls apart on). Make a contest out of who can roll the biggest snowball. When more daylight is available, take a walk with your children, rent snowshoes, or look for animal tracks.

Next time your children come home from school, give them a snack, then bundle them up and head outside. It will do your life a world of good!

Educator's Scholarship Opportunity

Enjoy an incredible week with other teachers at Audubon's summer seminar, *Sharing Nature: An Educator's Week*.

Held on Hog Island off the coast of Maine, the seminar will investigate ways to connect students with nature. Citizen science will be explored. Field trips will introduce new ideas for inspiring students.

Onondaga Audubon is offering a scholarship to help an educator attend this seminar.

Applications are available online at <http://onondagaudubon.com/about/scholarships/>

For more about Hog Island, go to <http://hogisland.audubon.org/>

Announcing the 2014 Birdathon

Don't wait! Set aside Saturday and Sunday, May 17 and 18, right now to take part in Onondaga Audubon's 56th Annual Birdathon. Saturday's Big Day takes place at peak spring migration here in Central New York and is followed by Sunday's compilation picnic. Both competitive and recreational teams are invited to take part. We also encourage teams to raise funds in support of Onondaga Audubon's mission.

Traditionally, Birdathon has covered the six-county NYSOA Kingbird Region 5, including Onondaga, Oswego, Madison, Oneida, and Herkimer Counties, plus Cayuga County north of N.Y. Route 31. This year, the area is being expanded to include Jefferson and Lewis Counties, which are now in the OAS service area. Competitive teams must bird within the traditional Region 5 area, but recreational teams may bird anywhere within the new boundary.

The Rules

When: Saturday, May 17, anytime between midnight and midnight — no rain date!

Where: Boundary differs for competitive and recreational teams (see above).

Teams: Any size (1 or more). No splitting up! Team members must remain within sight of one another.

Count: Carefully identify species by sight and/or ear—follow the honor system, please.

Bird List Deadline: Noon Sunday, May 18, by email or phone, or in person at Sunday's compilation picnic at Derby Hill, starting at 4 p.m.

Dollars Deadline: Please turn in to Ken and Rose Burdick by June 15.

Records to Beat

People: 43 teams, 116 members (1999)

Total Funds: \$7,500 (2001)

Most Money for a team: \$1,422 (2011)

Most Species Combined: 209 (2011)

Most Species for a team: 158 (2012)

For more information:

onondagaaudubon.com/birding/birdathon/

Ken or Rose Burdick 315-685-5571
OAS.Birdathon@verizon.net

Birdathon 2013 Raises Over \$5,000

The Region 5 Birdathon held on May 18th raised a total of \$5,459, with 32 teams and 67 members taking part. Funds were received from 118 sponsors of 22 teams.

The Marsh Madness team took top honors in the fundraising category with an impressive \$1,222 in donations—the second-highest team total ever. They have been dedicated supporters of OAS, and this year they set a new personal best for an incredible eight years in a row.

King David's Heron raised a total of \$836 to take second place. They, too, have been great fundraisers and hold the current record for

single-year sponsorship.

The ever-dependable Blackburnians were our third "super-team," with supporters donating \$500. Like Marsh Madness and King David's Heron, the Blackburnians have been top-tier fundraisers year after year.

A Strange Tern of Events completed the top four. This Baltimore Woods team edged out the West Wings with \$432 in receipts.

Thanks to everyone who participated in or donated to this unique fundraising effort!

(Submitted by Ken and Rose Burdick, Birdathon Coordinators.)

Team	Members	Raised
The Marsh Madness	Dave Ryan, Jeanne Ryan, Sarah Stuart	\$1,222
King David's Heron	Nancy Bridges, Lin Garrepy	836
Blackburnians	Janet Needham McGraw, Jane Needham	500
A Strange Tern of Events	Jason Mauro, Tom Meier, Becky Lynch, Jonathan Kresge	432
Bluebirds	John Rogers, Pat Burns	100
Car-Guys	Bernie Carr, Steve Guy, Steve Mooney	50
A City Siskin	Tom McKay	118
Crazy Celts	Gene Huggins, Michele Neligan, Rose DeNeve	149
	Gerry Smith	100
Ken & the Gyrfalcons	Ken Hodgson, Maryanne Adams, Sabrina Winslow	170
Lookin'4Hooters	Dr. Stephen Schwab, Christopher Stanger	200
Loonatics	Deb & Emma Rahalski	161
Mad Cowbirds	John H. Moore, John P. Moore, Dave Baldrini, Peter Moore	60
Old-gray Gnatcatcher	Paul Richardson	200
One Jay—not Stellar	Judy Thurber	248
Osprey Can You See	Dave Nash	150
Ruddering Grackle	Dave Wheeler	20
Slim Pickins	Pete Davidson, Phil Taylor	75
Southern Highlanders	Natalia Garcia, Virginia Debenedictis	100
West Wings	Ken Burdick, Rose Burdick	419
What Was That?	June Cowles, Eileen Kampf, Ann Chadderdon	50
Woodcocks	Kevin McGann, Bill Purcell, Chris Spagnoli	100



BOB ASANOMA

What's Up With Snowy Owls?

In December 2013, Snowy Owls began pouring into northern U.S. and southern Canada. In what has been called a mega-irruption, the owls have been reported as far south as the Carolinas and Bermuda. Snowy Owls breed above the Arctic Circle; in winter they head south to find food. When there is shortage of food in their usual wintering areas, they might enter the northern U.S. If you spot a Snowy Owl, enjoy it but do not try to get close to view or photograph it. Remember that these birds are hungry and that some might actually be starving. They are easily disturbed, and they need all their energy to find food and survive the cold winter.



Spring Events

Derby Hill Bird Observatory Van Trip

Wednesday, March 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Visit Lake Ontario for the spectacular spring raptor migration and leave the driving to us. Snow date: Thursday, March 27. Bring lunch. Fee: \$15/child; \$20/adult.

Derby Hill Hawk Watch Van Trip

Thursday, April 24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Travel in the MAC van to see hundreds and perhaps thousands of Broad-winged Hawks, Red-tailed Hawks, Bald Eagles and more! Snow date: Friday, April 25. Bring lunch. Fee: \$15/child, \$20/adult.

8th Annual Wildlife Festival

Saturday, May 3, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Owls, hawks, and mammals—including a wolf, a fox, and a bobcat—will be on display. Get your picture taken with Liberty, the Bald Eagle; enjoy puppet shows, games, crafts, artisan vendors, great food, live music, canoeing, a bounce house, and much more. Fee: FREE for children under 5, \$1/school-aged child, \$3/adult.

Space is limited for all programs and registration is required. Please call 315-365-3588 or email montezuma@audubon.org.

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Onondaga Audubon field trips are free and open to the public. New birders and non-birders are welcome. For more information about these trips and any additional field trips, please visit us online at www.onondagaudubon.com/field-trips/

Northwestern Jefferson County

Saturday, February 1

Gerry Smith 315-771-6902

Gerry will lead a trip to Northwestern Jefferson County for winter hawks, open country birds, and waterfowl. Short-eared and Snowy Owls are possible, with other northern species likely. This trip will be primarily by car and is weather dependent. For those interested, an extension at dusk to seek Short-eared Owls might be offered. Contact Gerry for details.

Derby Hill

Saturday, March 22

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Gerry Smith 315-771-6902

A great time of year to see Accipiters, Red-shouldered Hawks, and early passerine migrants. Dress warmly in layers, as DHBO can be very cold at this season or very warm by afternoon. Please contact Gerry for details.

Derby Hill

Saturday, April 19

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Gerry Smith 315-771-6902

Broadwing Hawks are in full migration. And you do not want to miss the spectacular Blue Jay flights possible now. Dress warmly in layers, as DHBO's weather is variable at this season. Contact Gerry for full details.

Green Lakes State Park

Saturday, April 26

Jerry Case 315-687-9599

Our popular field trips to Green Lakes State Park continue. Led by birders well acquainted with the park, each hike will take from three to five hours, depending on trail length and weather conditions. Participants are asked to bring their own water and insect repellent. Please contact the hike leaders for details on times and meeting places.

Green Lakes State Park

Saturday, May 17

Jerry Case 315-687-9599

This trip is scheduled for the peak of warbler migration. Join Jerry to look for these small and colorful birds.

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Whiskey Hollow IBA

Saturday, May 24 about $\frac{3}{4}$ day
Joe Brin 315-638-8309

Our traditional spring migrants and breeding birds trip to the special gorge that is an Important Bird Area and partly protected by Save the County. We'll look for Vireos, Cerulean, Hooded, and Mourning Warblers, Scarlet Tanager, Barred Owl (which nests there), and Acadian Flycatcher, found only a few places in Region 5. Moderate to difficult due to a few steep, muddy trails.

Three Rivers WMA

Saturday, May 31 about $\frac{3}{4}$ day
Joe Brin 315-638-8309

A level hike that passes through woods and brushy fields. Good for many warblers and sparrows. There might be both Bald Eagles and Osprey on active nests. Easy.

Great Adirondack Birding Celebration

Friday, June 6 to Saturday, June 8
Paul Smiths, N.Y.
Bernie Carr 315-469-9379

The 12th annual Great Adirondack Birding Celebration—the longest running boreal birding festival in the Northeast—will be held June 6 through 8 at the Paul Smith's College Visitor Interpretive Center. The festival will feature field trips to boreal birding hot spots, informative lectures, workshops, a raffle, social hour, and more. Please contact Bernie Carr for more details about this event.

Green Lakes State Park

Saturday, June 7
Paul Richardson 315-488-5022

Birds are busy staking out territory and building nests. A great time to see breeding birds.

Green Lakes State Park

Saturday, June 21
Jerry Case 315-687-9599

Nesting season is in full swing. There should be plenty to see and listen to. A great time to explore the park's grassland habitat.

Green Lakes State Park

Saturday, June 28
Paul Richardson 315-488-5022

Birds are still singing and feeding young. The park's mature forest can offer surprising sightings.

Green Lakes State Park

Saturday, August 16
Paul Richardson 315-488-5022

Fall migration gets underway. See what birds are moving through field and forest.