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BIRDING AMERICA XI Saturday, March 19, 2016

NORTH PARK UNIVERSITY
3225 WEST FOSTER AVENUE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS



American Crow.
Photo by Kevin J. McGowan.



Piping Plover.
Photo by Vince Cavalieri, USFWS.

The Chicago Audubon Society is delighted to announce our eleventh Birding America Symposium to be held at North Park University in Chicago on March 19. Join us to discover great places, great people and great birds presented by national and international experts who will speak on topics ranging from local, to national, to international birding areas. The presenters will offer inside information on some of the most rewarding places to bird—from



Yellow-cheeked Tit. Photo by Josh Engel.

Michigan to New York, from Australia to the Seychelles, highlighting resident as well as migratory birds. Also offered will be special sessions on bird song, bird migration, and monitoring. This is an excellent opportunity to share your enthusiasm with others who love birds and want to protect them. All levels of birders are welcome. Beginning birders are encouraged to attend! Go to Page 3 for complete registration information, and see Page 2 for map and driving directions.



Hybrid Laughing x Ring-billed Gull (adult). Photo by Amar Ayyash.

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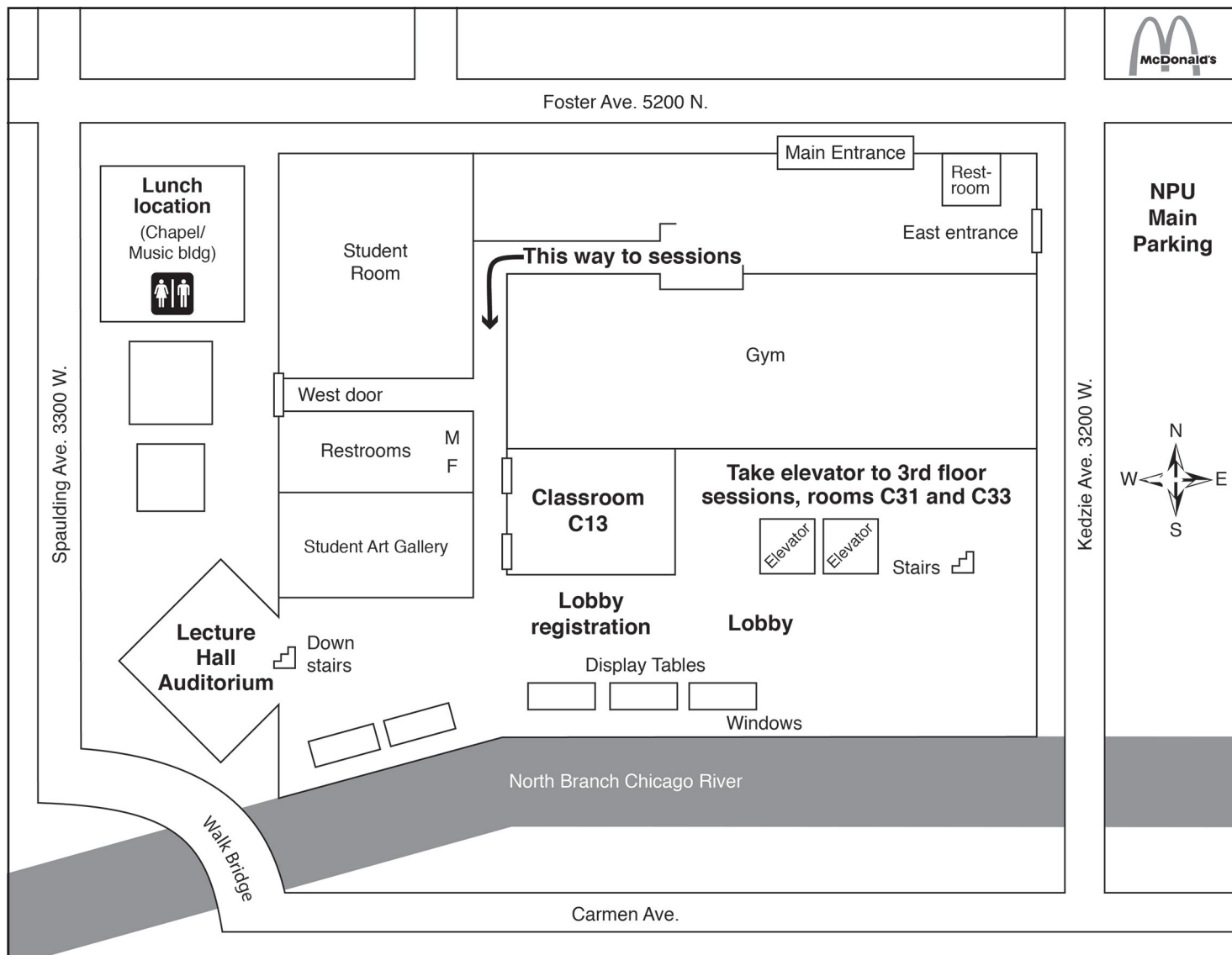
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From the north: Take I-94 eastbound (Edens Expressway) to the Cicero exit (to Foster). Take Cicero south to Foster Avenue, turn east (left) on Foster and continue to Kedzie, about two miles.

From the south: Take I-94 westbound (Dan Ryan Expressway) and proceed northwest on I-90/94 (Kennedy Expressway). Exit at Kimball Avenue. Travel north (right) on Kimball about two miles to Foster Avenue and turn east (right) on Foster. Proceed two blocks, to Kedzie.

From the west: (Or from O'Hare Airport) take I-90/94 eastbound (Kennedy) to the Austin exit (to Foster). At the end of the exit ramp, turn east (left) and follow the curve to reach Foster. Turn east (left) on Foster and continue to Kedzie, about three miles.

From the east: Take Lake Shore Drive (from either direction) to the Foster Avenue exit. Travel west on Foster and continue to Kedzie, about three miles.

Parking is free in the University lot on the southeast corner of Foster and Kedzie.

On-street parking is available in the immediate vicinity of the Campus. Additional parking available in lot at Kedzie and Carmen (just south of river). Turn left at Carmen for entrance.

For more information, contact the Chicago Audubon office at 773-539-6793 or go to chicagoaudubon.org.



Comoro Blue Pigeons. Photo by Mary Lou Mellon.

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OR you may register at our website, chicagoaudubon.org

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REGISTRATION and LUNCH: (Walk-in registration is permitted, \$50)

Attendees Prices	Price per person	Quantity	Total
Chicago Audubon or National Audubon Members	\$40		
Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology Members	\$40		
Non-members	\$50		

Lunch choices (optional) Must be reserved by March 9	Price per lunch	Quantity	Total
Ham & Swiss on Kaiser roll with lettuce and tomato	\$10		
Turkey & Monterey Jack cheese on wheat roll with lettuce and tomato	\$10		
Roast Beef & Cheddar cheese on Kaiser roll with lettuce and tomato	\$10		
Vegetarian Focaccia with Fresh Vegetables and Herb Cream Cheese	\$10		

GRAND TOTAL

PRESENTATIONS PREFERENCES:

To help us plan room assignments for each time slot, please circle the letter corresponding to the sessions listed on the left that you are most likely to attend:

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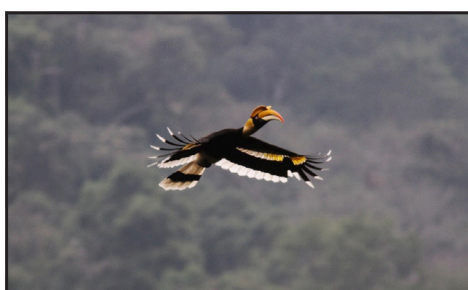
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Great Hornbill.
Photo by Josh Engel.



Huge Granitic Boulders of LaDigue Island.
Photo by Mary Lou Mellon.

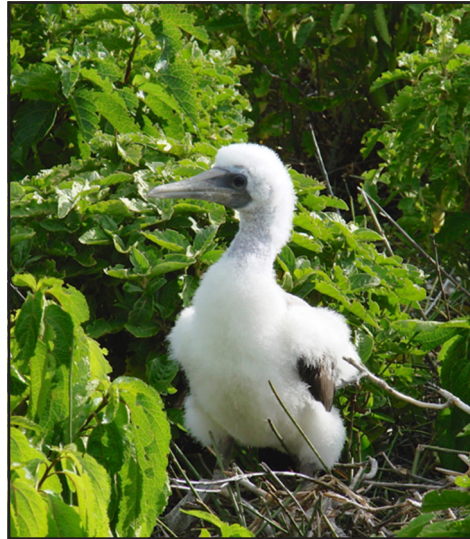


Lesser Black-backed Gull (adult).
Photo by Amar Ayyash.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, GULL FROLIC, WINTHROP HARBOR, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Sold Out. Reminder to everyone who is registered for this event, Chicago Audubon and Chicago Bird Collision Monitors (CBCM) will have information tables and materials available for attendees. Chicago Audubon Board Members and CBCM volunteers will be present to answer questions. For those who were unable to register this year, beginning early next fall keep checking the Illinois Ornithology Society website, illinoisbirds.org for registration information.

SATURDAY, MARCH 19: BIRDING AMERICA XI, North Park University. Our biennial all day conference for everyone interested in birds, wildlife, and the environment. See Pages 1-3 for all the registration details. *Mark your calendars now for this exciting event!!*

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Red-footed Booby Baby. Photo by Mary Lou Mellon.

just south of Museum of Science and Industry. Everyone is welcome! *For details and directions, contact Pat Durkin at pat.durkin@comcast.net.*

EVERY SECOND SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH, ALL YEAR: SKOKIE LAGOONS WORKDAYS AT 10:00 a.m. These workdays are sponsored by Chicago Audubon and are continuous throughout the year,

except for holidays which will be pre-posted. Activities include buckthorn cutting, brush pile burning and other management endeavors. Meet at the Tower Road parking lot, east of the lagoon bridge in Wilmette. Everyone is welcome! *For further information, call Dave Kosnik at 847-456-6368 or email skokielagoons@gmail.com.*

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of this separation in budgets and because we need local support, we are asking that you consider becoming a Chapter member at this time. Chapter membership will not only help with our immediate need to reduce costs related to the newsletter, it will give direct financial assistance to our local programs and goals and enrich the energy and support of the Chapter membership base. If you would like to become a Chicago Audubon Chapter member or renew your existing membership, please fill out the form to the right and send it to our office, or you may join online at our website (chicagoaudubon.org).

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