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# From the President

by Judy Pollock

Dear CAS friends,

I was surprised and humbled to receive the 2018 Leadership Award from Partners in Flight (PIF) in April. PIF is a national coalition of bird conservation organizations. Its regional bird conservation plans and species prioritization lists have been guiding lights for local conservation work, including the BCN's Birds of Conservation Concern list and the recent CAS publication, *Partnering for Birds*. It is a great honor to be recognized by this group.

Although my name is on the award, the projects named are all the result of partnerships. Lights Out Chicago, Bird Friendly Chicago and Bird Friendly Evanston, the Chicago Wilderness Grassland Bird Task Force, the BCN Survey, notable local habitat restoration projects for birds such as Bartel Grassland and LaBagh Woods—these all are the result of PIF's compelling vision and the passion and inspiration of an effective local bird conservation community. Land management agencies, government regulators, not-for-profits and grassroots organizations are out there every day proving that important, inspiring conservation goes on in urban areas, offering us all reasons for optimism.

As I write this, Piping Plovers are attempting to nest at Montrose. I think back over twenty years to a flat groomed beach, early meetings with the CPD where the topic was "save the green gunk", a goofy plan to dump the gunk in a small enclosure at the shore, the discovery of a few state endangered plant species, a fenced ungroomed area, dune formation, a bigger fenced ungroomed area, the seemingly miraculous appearance of a native dune habitat nurtured by a dedicated corps of volunteers and a caring public agency. Now the whole thing may be blessed by a nesting endangered species, if not this year, then maybe



next. Surely the steward, Leslie Borns, deserves an award for being there through every step of this process, and many other partners deserve mention, with the CPD at the top of the list. This is only one of many such stories.

Please raise a glass with me to all the birding organization board members and committee members, bird monitors, habitat stewards and volunteers, government and conservation agency staff who make the Chicago area a leader in urban bird conservation!

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Camping with the Birds 2019 held at Camp Reinberg in Palatine was a great success and will almost certainly be repeated next year. The evening campfire singalong was enhanced by lots of s'mores and ukuleles, and the morning bird walks featured many cooperative birds including a Pileated Woodpecker! John Elliott, third from right, led our experienced birders walk. Other participants enjoyed a family-friendly beginners walk.





Piping Plover pair at Montrose Beach by Tamima Itani

## CAS Advocacy Task Force

by *Tamima Itani and Leslie Shad*

### Speaking up and taking action against a harmful proposed legislation had positive results.

In April, the Illinois House introduced and passed a bill which would have:

- Eliminated the need for Illinois permitting for incidental taking of an endangered species where there is a federal conservation agreement.
- Replaced one appointed scientific member of the Endangered Species Protection Board with a landowner representing the State's largest general farm organization, diminishing the decision-making process by reducing its reliance on science and opening it to special interests.

An Illinois Senate bill, similar in content to the House bill, was also introduced in the Senate. However, the Senate bill was stopped before coming up for a vote. Scores of individuals in Illinois reached out to their elected officials to express concern and oppose these bills, with a positive effect.

We need you, our members, to stay vigilant to calls for action on these bills and others like them, by taking action and contacting your elected representatives to speak on behalf of birds and wildlife. It is important for elected officials to know there are thousands of birders in IL who are watching and who care. If you want to join Chicago Audubon's Advocacy Task Force, email [leslieashad@gmail.com](mailto:leslieashad@gmail.com). We are organizing, and planning a September kickoff event.

## Rivers Run Through

In January 2019, Mayor Rahm Emanuel established a River Ecology and Governance Group tasked with promoting the responsible development of Chicago's waterways, and identifying long-term cumulative goals that can transform the river system into an asset that is inviting, productive, environmentally sound, and sustainable. The targeted waterways include the Chicago River, North Shore Channel, Sanitary and Ship Canal, Little Calumet, Des Plaines, and Calumet Rivers. CAS board members Judy Pollock and Forrest Cortes serve on the group and will be working to promote greater conservation value of the river and its banks. As this work proceeds the Compass will report on its progress and look for opportunities to provide input from CAS membership.



Black-crowned Night Heron by Carol Freeman

# Community Birding at McKinley Park

By CAS Board Member Laurel Ross

Antonio Flores was born to bird and just didn't know how to connect until he attended a beginning birding class in April at McKinley Park (2210 West Pershing) sponsored by Chicago Audubon. Through the class he learned about Merlin, an app which helps with bird identification. He also learned about eBird and the birders' listserve and he was off and running.

This program is our first effort in implementing the new CAS strategic plan that prioritizes outreach in diverse neighborhoods. McKinley Park was chosen after consulting with our partners Openlands and the Chicago Park District. The walks have been received warmly by the community, and we hope to expand into other parks in the future.

Antonio's enthusiasm is infectious. "Amazingly my family all likes birding also. My wife was just like me. We were always interested in birds, but didn't really know it was a thing. When we go on walks my 3 year old always has to take her binoculars, but she doesn't really grasp how to use them yet. She loves Robins. My 10 month old cannot speak yet, but she communicates with hand gestures. When she spots a bird she shrieks and flaps her wings! My Dad loves to watch all the different behaviors and is always chasing his trigger bird—the Brown Thrasher."

Dayna Calderon, a member of the McKinley Park Advisory Council gave another testimonial: "I had a great time on the walk last Saturday. I was tethered to my binoculars all weekend!"

Antonio and Dayna were among the thirty-two people, mainly from McKinley Park, Pilsen and Little Village, who signed up to learn about spring birds during migration. The plantings around the lagoon are great for warblers, native sparrows and other migrants.

Summer is the time to focus on nesting birds. As the walks continue on July 14, August 11, and September 8 from 9 to 11 30 am attendees will learn to find and identify resident bird species and watch as they build nests and raise their young. All are welcome.

Antonio has added 14 bird species never before recorded in the park, and has captured some fabulous photos which he posted on ebird. According to Doug Stotz, Senior Conservation Ecologist at Field Museum, many Chicago Parks are "under-birded" meaning no one is gathering important data on the birds that use those habitats because birders tend to go to the same places over and over again. New birders like Antonio can help to fill gaps in the information that helps scientists understand what is happening with birdlife in the city.

CAS President Judy Pollock says "We are proud to have inspired a number of new local birders who are adding to our knowledge of birds in the park."

A note to other birders: Chicago Park District has several large parks with lagoons and natural areas with great bird habitat, particularly for migratory birds. We might be well-rewarded for making an effort to visit new places, for example by a bird like the Prairie Warbler which was reported by Jose Aveja at McKinley Park in May 2013.



Antonio Flores junior and senior plus an unidentified park birder looking for warblers near the lagoon by Judy Pollock.



Cheryl and Dominic Muth, Judy Pollock and Antonio Flores doing some park stewardship (spreading mulch) after a morning birding by Lucy Gomez-Feliciano



The Field Museum's Doug Stotz showing specimens of birds that use the park to class members in the fieldhouse after a bird walk by Judy Pollock.

# Montrose Beach Dunes

*Update by Site Steward Leslie Borns*

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Volunteers doing caging work at May 4 workday by Lucy Gomez-Feliciano.



Ted Jindrich braving high water in the panne by Lucy Gomez-Feliciano.



Common Gallinule in eastern panne by Fran Morel.

The Montrose Dunes Earth Day workday went very well despite two huge special events that interfered with site access. Volunteers scoured the dunes of garbage and debris and hauled away excess black caging in the pannes (interdunal wetlands).

The big change in the dunes since March is WATER. Many weeks of cold, wet weather have flooded the dunes and the entire length of Montrose Beach, a stark contrast to the low water levels earlier this Spring. Flowering of many dune plants was delayed, and so was treatment of several difficult invasives like Sandbar Willow (*Salix interior*). Away from the shore, the upper beach is dry and lush with growth. All of the young black oaks survived the winter and look very robust, covered with nice fat buds. And as far as the eye can see, thousands of tiny white blooms of delicate Sand Cress (*Arabis lyrata*; [http://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/savanna/plants/sand\\_cress.html](http://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/savanna/plants/sand_cress.html)) carpet the ground.

Please join us for our next stewardship workdays, July 20, August 17, September 14, and October 12 from 9 a.m. until noon. We expect things to dry out a bit, so there will be invasive plants to weed, trash to clear, native plants to install, and plenty of migratory and nesting birds to observe.

May is the highlight of the year for birders, and they came out in droves on May 4 to see all sorts of migrants stopping over at the Dunes and Montrose Point. The thrill of seeing these birds in their gorgeous spring plumages is similar to a ‘runner’s high,’ and I’ve never seen so many people walking around with rapt, sunny expressions on their faces.

Together the two Montrose natural areas comprise over 30 acres of high quality lakeshore, wetland, prairie, woodland, and edge habitat that provide diverse food sources (seeds, insects, aquatic invertebrates, etc.) and vegetation cover for exhausted, hungry migrant birds. A few of the unusual species seen recently are an adult Common Gallinule, a chicken-like marsh species, in the dune pannes ([https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Common\\_Gallinule/overview](https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Common_Gallinule/overview)); three state/federally endangered Piping Plovers, and early nesters such as the Killdeer.





Killdeer chicks sheltering under adult by Tamima Itani.



Flooding of Piping Plover nesting area at Montrose Beach 6.13.19 by Laurel Ross

**For our workdays**, dress in light layers and bring a good hat with a brim, sunscreen, and a bottle of water. Waterproof footwear is a must. Be sure to pack binoculars because there will be birds everywhere. All ages and physical abilities are welcome so please feel free to bring family and friends. Tools and equipment are generously provided by the Chicago Park District.

Free parking passes are available for our workdays, so if you need one park temporarily by the beach house and stop by the workday basecamp (look for the big tent). Place a pass on your car dashboard and park anywhere in the big central lot.

Directions: The dunes are located at the far east end of Montrose Beach. If driving take Lake Shore Drive and exit at Montrose Avenue. Travel east along the harbor as the road winds to the right. Park along the harbor and walk north where you will see a flagpole next to the beach house. The dune habitat is to the right, next to the concrete fishing pier.

The Piping Plovers have a particularly interesting back story. A U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service official who heads up the Great Lakes Piping Plover Recovery Team analyzed the bands on birder Terry Walsh's photo and wrote:

"This is a cool one. This female nested last year at High Island in the Beaver Archipelago. That location is monitored by biologists from the Little Traverse Bands of Odawa Indians. The biologists gave both the male and female and their chick Odawa language names. They also banded the male in the colors of the Odawa medicine wheel. The male was named "Bimaajii" which means one who moves about, and this female was named "Migaaza" or she is fighting (I guess she was feisty!)."

Speaking of rare biodiversity, the May 6 issue of the New York Times featured an important article about a new United Nations report on the rate at which species are disappearing from the Earth due to human impact. Please take a moment to read this sobering news. Attend workdays and be part of the solution!

[https://www.nytimes.com/2019/05/06/climate/biodiversity-extinction-united-nations.html?emc=edit\\_na\\_20190506&nl=breaking-news&nid=45641574ing-news&ref=headline&login=email&auth=login-email](https://www.nytimes.com/2019/05/06/climate/biodiversity-extinction-united-nations.html?emc=edit_na_20190506&nl=breaking-news&nid=45641574ing-news&ref=headline&login=email&auth=login-email)

**Editor's Notes:** *This article was submitted in May 2019. Since then a pair of Great Lakes Piping Plovers, dubbed Monty and Rose, began nesting on the Montrose public beach. The four eggs in their first clutch were rescued in mid-June by IL DNR and US FWS just before the nest was flooded. They were transported to a captive-rearing facility at the University of Michigan Biological Station. We hope they will produce healthy chicks to be released to the wild.*

*Since then Monty and Rose have settled down nicely in a new nesting location between the Bank Swallow colony and the volleyball area. The plovers seem very comfortable and have produced four more eggs which they are incubating faithfully.*

*Many visitors have come by and learned about Piping Plovers and their endangered status. Over 70 outstanding volunteers monitor the nest area each week to provide information and to ensure no people or dogs entered the roped-off area.*

For updated information on Monty and Rose: [chicagoaudubon.org](http://chicagoaudubon.org) or [chicagobirder.org](http://chicagobirder.org)

### **Sign a petition to Ban Large Concerts at Montrose Beach**

Promoters for Mamby on the Beach music festival have applied for a permit to have 50,000 people at Montrose beach and/or adjacent park land in late August 2019. This could harm all the birds and wildlife at Montrose, including Monty and Rose.

[Sign the petition here](#)



### Plant sale at the Indiana Dunes Birding Festival

Many thanks to Nancy Bradt (left) who organized the CAS Online Native Plant sale and also staffed the plant sale at the Indiana Dunes Birding festival in May, a collaboration with Calumet Audubon Society and Evansville Audubon Society

Over the two-day plant sale more than 150 birders purchased plants to make their gardens more bird friendly and our groups raised much needed funds to continue our conservation work.



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Cook County Board president Toni Preckwinkle enjoying her copy of *Partnering for Birds*. Justin Pepper of the Bobolink Foundation, which funded the CAS publication, presented it to county board members at their May meeting, saying “Every circle on these maps represents a conservation success story. And every circle represents a place where people who care have gotten outside, brought their knowledge and skills, and saved habitat for birds.” Download a copy at <https://www.chicagoaudubon.org/blog/2019/3/4/partnering-for-birds-a-guide-to-birds-and-their-habitats-in-the-forest-preserves-of-cook-county>





Brown-headed Cowbird pair by John Elliott

## In Defense of Cowbirds

*By CAS Board Member John Elliott*

Brown-headed Cowbirds, *Molothrus ater*, are one of the most demonized species of North American birds. They are brood parasites that lay their eggs in the nests of other species. When the eggs hatch, the host parents have an extra mouth to feed, and because the nestling cowbird grows quickly and aggressively, the hosts' own nestlings often languish and die. Nearly 150 species, from as small as a kinglet to as large as a meadowlark are known to have raised cowbird young.

Before North America was settled cowbirds were mostly a bird of the Great Plains, following huge bison herds and feeding on insects stirred up as the animals grazed. This nomadic life style precluded holding a stable territory where the birds could forage and bring food back to a nest. Leaving the task of raising their young to other birds was a strategy that allowed them to reproduce while continuing their travels.

A convenient hypothesis for the evolutionary origin of brood parasitism would be that it was driven by the need to keep moving. However, brood parasitism has evolved multiple times in birds. Old World cuckoos, a variety of African finches, honeyguides and even some ducks are obligate brood parasites. Few of these other examples involve nomadic birds, so it seems that wandering far and wide is not a precondition for the evolution of this parasitic behavior. There are other non-nomadic species of parasitic cowbirds in Central and South America. DNA analyses described in the book *New World Blackbirds* (Alvaro Jaramillo and Peter Burke, 1999) suggest that when the Brown-headed Cowbird separated from its closest ancestor, it was already a brood parasite and that may have set the stage for the evolution of its bison-following behavior.

Nestling cowbird strategy is somewhat different from that of some other famous brood parasites. While baby European Cuckoos actually push eggs and other nestlings out of the nest, it appears that nestling cowbirds do better when they share the nest with legitimate young. It may be that the combined begging of a full set of nestlings drives the parents to bring more food and because the young cowbird is slightly larger and more aggressive, it gets more than its share, ultimately resulting in the classic picture of a miniature parent feeding a giant fledgling.

It's easy to say a cowbird mother is a deadbeat parent, but there is recent evidence that despite laying as many as 40 eggs in a single season, a cowbird can keep tabs on which nests succeed and which fail, and return selectively to the successful ones in following years.

However cowbird parasitism evolved, it set them up perfectly to take quick advantage of fragmentation of the eastern forests. They do well in many habitats but are especially successful in small isolated tracts, forest edges and overgrown fields, where species that build open cup nests and have not evolved any counter measures to parasitism are particularly vulnerable.

Cowbirds have been implicated in the decline of Kirtland's and Golden-cheeked Warblers and Black-capped Vireos, all endangered species. However tempting it is to judge cowbirds by human standards, it is probably more constructive to view them as an evolutionary marvel. They have landed on a strategy that makes them an extraordinarily successful species. Decline of many species is serious; the complex reasons can be laid at our own doors. Cowbird parasitism is just one problem, more a symptom of the bigger picture than a critical cause. Don't blame the cowbirds – it's not their fault.

# Calendar of Events — Walks, Workdays, Programs

*Unless otherwise noted, our activities are free and open to the public. You do not need to be a Chicago Audubon Society member to participate. For updates or more information, visit [chicagoaudubon.org](http://chicagoaudubon.org) or call the CAS office, 773-539-6793.*

## Field trips and Bird Walks



Bobolink with Prey by Jerry Goldner

**Restoration Tour of Somme Prairie Nature Preserve** — Saturday, July 13, 8 – 10 a.m. See the summer show of native vegetation that has responded to almost 40 years of volunteer restoration, and look for the nesting birds and other wildlife that have benefited. Long pants, a hat and bug spray essential, and it may be muddy – be prepared. Meet at the Northbrook Post Office parking lot, Dundee and Western. Leader: Laurel Ross [lross@fieldmuseum.org](mailto:lross@fieldmuseum.org)

**Dragonflies of Lake Katherine Nature Center** — Saturday, July 20 – 10 a.m. Learn about the common dragonflies and damselflies of Lake Katherine. Naturalist Gareth Blakesly will show us some of these colorful and fascinating creatures close up. Most of the species we will encounter will be common to other sites too, so this will be a good introduction to familiar species of the Chicago Region. Maximum 12, registration required: phone CAS office: 773-539-6793, email: [cas@chicagoaudubon.org](mailto:cas@chicagoaudubon.org) Directions and carpooling info will be sent to registrants. Contact: [johnelliott4@gmail](mailto:johnelliott4@gmail)

**The Nature Conservancy (TNC) of Indiana's Kankakee Sands** — Saturday, August 31 – 8:30 a.m. CDT. The Efroymson Restoration at Kankakee Sands is a prairie enthusiast's paradise. The 7,000+ acres are home to an amazing array of birds, wildflowers, plants and animals that fill the prairie with song and sights to behold. TNC staff will be our host. Maximum 12, registration required: phone CAS office: 773-539-6793, email: [cas@chicagoaudubon.org](mailto:cas@chicagoaudubon.org) Directions and carpooling info will be sent to registrants. Contact: [johnelliott4@gmail](mailto:johnelliott4@gmail)

## Wooded Island Bird Walks, Jackson Park —

Every Saturday, All Year (weather permitting) – 8:00 a.m. These wonderful walks continue throughout the year, weather permitting. Bring binoculars and field guides and dress for the weather. Meet at the east side of the Clarence Darrow Bridge, just south of the Museum of Science and Industry. For details and directions, contact Pat Durkin at [pat.durkin@comcast.net](mailto:pat.durkin@comcast.net).

## Saturdays, July 6 and August 3 9:00 a.m.

**Camp Pine Work Days** — Warm up, get your daily exercise, and contribute to bird habitat at this CAS restoration project. Bring water and gloves if you have them; dress for some moderate work. We'll have tools, gloves and snacks. Enter on the south side of Lake Avenue, eastbound ONLY from Des Plaines River Rd. - no left turn west bound on Lake. For questions contact: [lross@fieldmuseum.org](mailto:lross@fieldmuseum.org)

## Skokie Lagoons Workdays — Every Second Saturday, All Year – 10:00 a.m. —

Seasonal activities include buckthorn cutting, brush pile burning and other management endeavors. Meet at the Tower Road parking lot, east of the lagoon bridge, in Winnetka. Contact: [Dave Kosnik at 847-456-6368](tel:847-456-6368).



Green Heron by Carol Freeman

## Programs – Coming in September

### Illinois Peregrines – From Decline to Recovery

— Tuesday, September 10 – 7:00 p.m. Once on the Endangered Species List and extirpated in Illinois from 1951 until 1986, the Peregrine Falcon population now exceeds historic levels. Mary Hennen, Director of the Chicago Peregrine Program at The Field Museum, will take us through the recovery of peregrines in Illinois. We will learn what it means to live in close proximity to this remarkable bird, most of which now live in an urban habitat. Mary’s presentation will include a live, non-releasable peregrine. At North Park Village Nature Center. Socializing at 7:00 p.m.; program begins at 7:15 p.m. For questions or directions, call Chicago Audubon’s office at **773-539-6793**. Everyone welcome.

**Big Year Birding Adventures** — Thursday, September 19 – 6:00 p.m. Lynn E. Barber will speak to us about her “Big Year Birding Adventures” – focusing on quests and adventures from her Texas and Alaska big years which will be covered in a forthcoming book. Lynn has done several big years: a record-breaking Texas big year in 2005, an American Birding Association (ABA) big year in 2008, which she finished with 723 species, the third-best at the time. This program is one in the series Compelling Voices in Birding and Conservation, sponsored by Chicago Audubon, the Chicago Ornithological Society, and the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum. At the Nature Museum. Free – registration is required at [www.naturemuseum.org](http://www.naturemuseum.org)



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Sandhill Cranes and Colts in Iosco County, Michigan by Sam Burckhardt



Sandhill Cranes and Colts three weeks later by Sam Burckhardt



# Out In Nature LGBTQ+ Meetup Group

By CAS Board member Forrest Cortes

A nature meetup group co-organized by CAS and a planning committee of LGBTQ+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer) nature enthusiasts was launched in June. The goals of these meetups are 1- to introduce members of the diverse LGBTQ+ community to birding, local nature and habitat restoration, 2- to build professional and cultural connections among members of the LGBTQ+ community, and 3- to identify advocates for Chicago region conservation efforts within this demographic.

While it might seem clear that anyone is welcome at CAS, and more broadly at nature events, members of marginalized groups have historically been less connected to these types of events. The LGBTQ+ community, and especially individuals of color belonging to these groups, have especially remained disconnected. Additionally, the LGBTQ+ community in the region is incredibly diverse, and connections between social circles are often inhibited by social and geographic barriers. Experiences in nature, bonding over shared experiences, can help bridge these divisions among individuals who might not otherwise step out of their circles or places of perceived safety, while also creating investment in natural areas and breaking down perceived barriers to accessing these places.

In other regions, nature-focused LGBTQ+ meet-up groups have taken off and welcomed new birders and nature enthusiasts

into the world of conservation. CAS hopes to work with partners to pull together a robust calendar of programs that will introduce this community to birding, local nature, and habitat restoration. We have other models to build on and to help us including Environmentalists of Color, Habitat 2030, Feminist Birders, and the emerging CAS work in McKinley Park.

Additionally, national Audubon has a program called “Let’s Go Birding Together” which focuses on recruiting LGBTQ birders (<https://www.audubon.org/news/lets-go-birding-together>).

The first cycle of events was launched in June to coincide with Pride Month. Stay tuned for more news on this hot topic.

## Craig Stettner Memorials

On April 27, Alan Anderson coordinated a field trip to “Craig’s Woods” in the Spring Creek Forest Preserve in Barrington Hills where Craig led restoration efforts. A number of Craig’s students attended.

A County Board resolution honoring Craig’s efforts passed in May. It stated “WHEREAS, Craig Stettner was a tireless advocate for nature, a positive force for conservation in the Forest Preserves of Cook County and an exemplary teacher who inspired new and continuing students to become conservation leaders...[many many whereas sentences follow] NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserves of Cook County hereby offer its deepest condolences ...at this time of loss. Craig Stettner will be greatly missed within the Forest Preserves’ stewardship community.” See photo below by Kris DaPra



Black-crowned Night-Heron by Jerry Goldner



## Chicago Audubon Membership Form

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Sponsor	\$500	•	•	•	•	
Benefactor	\$1,000+	•	•	•	•	•

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