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BIRDING AMERICA XII *Saturday, March 10, 2018*

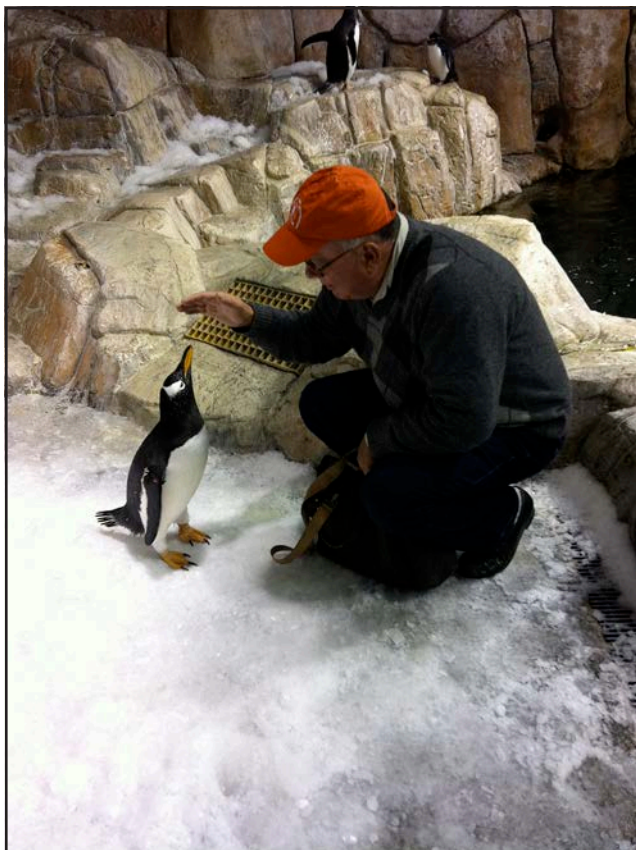
North Park University
3225 West Foster Avenue
Chicago, Illinois



Sandhill Cranes. Photo by Jerry Goldner.

The Chicago Audubon Society is delighted to announce our twelfth Birding America Symposium to be held at North Park University in Chicago on Saturday, March 10. Please join us to discover great places, great people, and great birds presented by national and international experts who will cover topics ranging from the Midwest to the Galapagos; from cranes to hummingbirds to Tundra Swans; from Alaska to Tanzania and back again, highlighting resident as well as migratory birds the

world over. Also offered will be special sessions on Nature Photography, Climate Change, and much, much more. 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, and beginning birders are encouraged to attend! Go to Page 2 for map and driving directions and Page 3 for complete registration information. If you prefer, you can also register at our website at www.chicagoaudubon.org.



Dr. George Archibald chatting with a Gentoo Penguin at the Omaha Zoo. Photo by Bobbi Asher.

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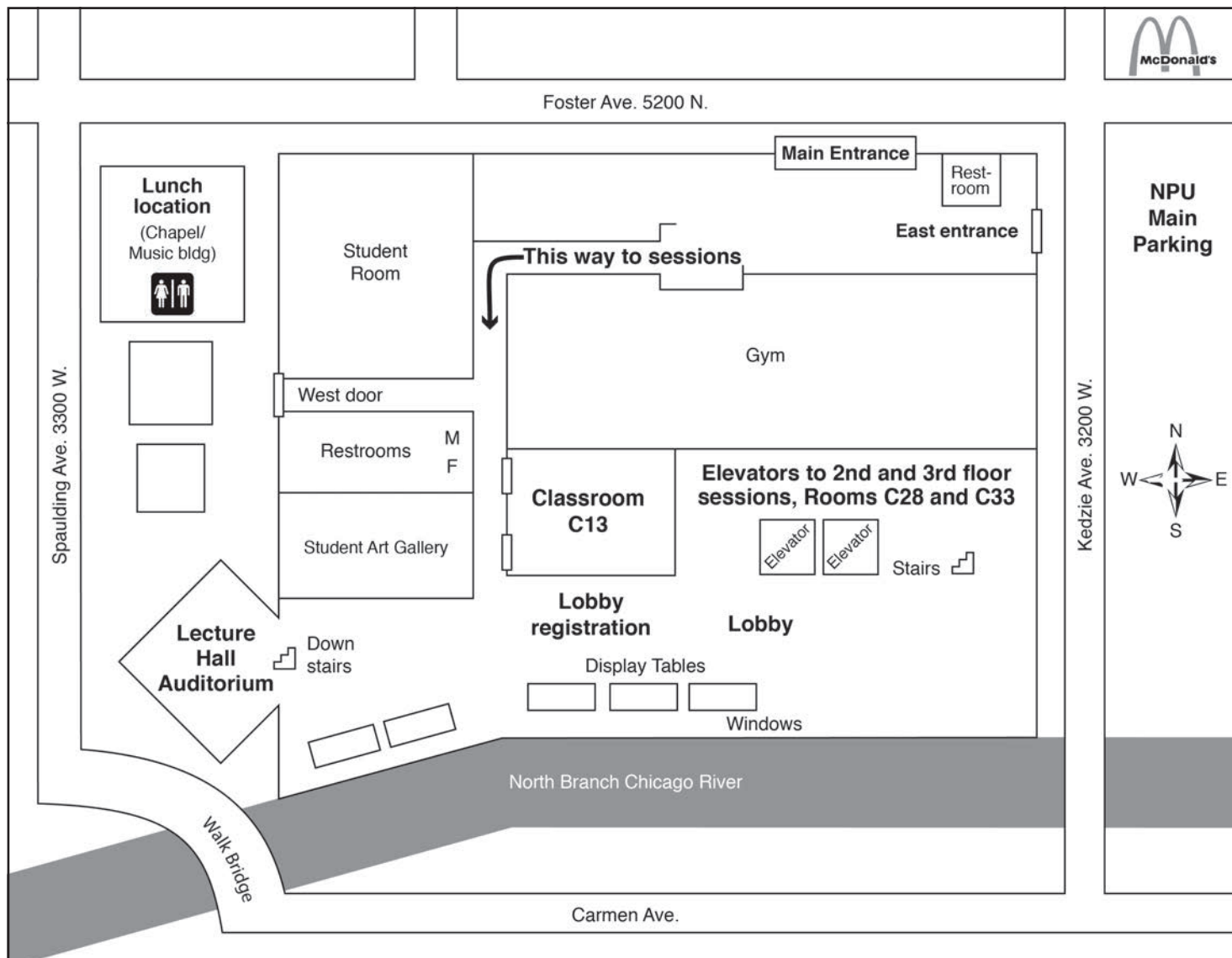
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Map and directions for BIRDING AMERICA XII



Driving directions to North Park University, 3225 West Foster Avenue, Chicago:

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.
- Additional parking available in lot at Kedzie and Carmen (just south of river). Turn left at Carmen for entrance.
- Also, additional parking is available on Kimball, just south of Foster, behind Shell Station on SE corner of Kimball and Foster; enter from alleyway even though sign says Parking for Faculty and Staff only.
- On-street parking is available in the immediate vicinity of the Campus.

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



Pileated Woodpecker and chicks. Photo by Jerry Goldner.

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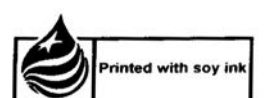
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OR you may register at our website, chicagoaudubon.org

If you have questions, call Chicago Audubon office phone at 773-539-6793.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

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

Attendees Prices	Price per person	Quantity	Total
Chicago Audubon or National Audubon Members	\$40		
The International Crane Foundation Members	\$40		
Students (college and high school)	\$20		
Non-members	\$50		

Lunch choices (optional) Must be reserved by March 5	Price per lunch	Quantity	Total
Ham and Swiss on a Kaiser Roll with Lettuce and Tomato	\$10		
Turkey and Monterrey Jack on a Wheat Roll with Lettuce and Tomato	\$10		
Roast Beef and Cheddar on an Onion Roll with Lettuce and Tomato	\$10		
Roasted Vegetables, Pesto Mayonnaise, Provolone on a Tomato Basil Wrap	\$10		
Box lunches include bagged chips, whole fruit, cookie, and assorted canned soda, bottled water.			

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:

10:15 a.m. Sessions: **a** **b** **c** **d**

11:15 a.m. Sessions: **e** **f** **g** **h**

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Birdwalks, Workdays, Programs Calendar of Events January/February 2018

Thursday, January 25 (7:00 p.m.). Wild Suburbia. Presentation and discussion at the Trailside Museum, River Forest. Bring your questions and concerns about wildlife in our backyards to this presentation and discussion facilitated by Chicago Audubon's John Elliott. Coyotes seem to be everywhere. Will we soon see bears or wolves? How do animals get into our neighborhoods, and how can we best live with them? Registration required. Please call Trailside Museum at 708-366-6530 to register. Adults only.

Saturday, February 17 (9:30 a.m.). Gull Frolic. Winthrop Harbor. The Gull Frolic is a unique winter event at Illinois' premier gull-watching hotspot: North Point Marina. Bring your binoculars, scope and cold weather gear, and join birders outside of the yacht club to enjoy close study of some of our harder-to-find winter species. Go to www.illinoisbirds.org/17th-annual-gull-frolic for complete description, driving instructions, and registration.

Thursday, February 22 (7:00 p.m.). Nature Book Club. Trailside Museum, River Forest. Join and help to organize a new book discussion group sponsored by Trailside and the Chicago Audubon Society. Suggested for the first session: *Coyote America*, by Don Flores. Join us if you are interested and even if you haven't had a chance to read this book. Call Trailside Museum for details at 708-366-6530. For adults and teens.

Saturday, February 24 (8:00 a.m.). The Birds Think It's Spring. Trailside Museum, River Forest. As soon as days begin to lengthen, the cardinals, chickadees, and other birds sing to court and to set up territories. See what our resident birds are up to on a walk, feeder watch, or both, depending on the weather. For more information, contact the Trailside Museum at 708-366-6530. For adults and teens.

Saturday, February 24 (10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.). Brush Cutting Work Day at Camp Pine Woods, Glenview. The focus will be on removing invasive brush, primarily buckthorn. Tools will be provided. Dress for the weather. Meet at the farthest parking lot at Camp Pine Woods on Euclid/Lake Avenue between Des Plaines and Glenview, just east of the Des Plaines River. Enter from east bound, no left turn from west bound (turn around on River Road). No RSVP required, but if you need more information, contact Laurel Ross at lross@fieldmuseum.org. Please join us for the next stage in this Chicago Audubon restoration project. You do not need to be a member of Chicago Audubon to participate in any of our events or workdays. Please join us for this important restoration project!

March 1 is the first day you can sign up for Camping with the Birds at Deer Grove, Camp Reinberg, Palatine for a Friday, May 11 overnight camping event, starting at 4:00 p.m. on May 11 until Saturday, May 12 until 11:00 a.m. For campers 10 years old and up. Children must be accompanied by adults. On Friday, Chicago Audubon will offer owling and a campfire sing-along. On Saturday, there will be early morning bird walks thru grasslands and woodlands, including a special walk for new birders. Chicago Audubon will host a free breakfast for its members (so join now!). Bring your own food for dinner and breakfast if you are not a member. Binoculars will be available if needed, and camping gear can be rented. For more information, email camping@cookcountyil.gov. You can skip the activities as you please. To reserve your tent site or cabin, contact Chicago Audubon at 773-539-6793 or cas@chicagoaudubon.org when registration opens on March 1. Non-electric tent sites are \$17.50 for up to 6 people/2 tents (special half-off price). Cabins housing up to 10 people are \$125. (RV sites for \$50 are also available but cannot be reserved through Chicago Audubon. Sign up for those now at www.fpdcc.com/camping.) Our website (chicagoaudubon.org) will also have all this information starting March 1.

Saturday, March 10. Birding America XII. North Park University (Registration and display table visitation from 8:00 to 8:50 a.m. Program begins at 9:00 a.m.) All day presentations until 4:00, programs and discussions about birds and birding, both nationally and internationally. See front pages of this issue for full details.

Wednesday, March 21 (8:00 a.m.). Chicago Audubon Birding Trip to Bemis Woods South, Western Springs. Wintering woodland birds, early migrants. Park at Grove 8, north end of lot (past Treetop Adventure). Leader: Doug Stotz (dfstotz@gmail.com).

Every Saturday, All Year (8:00 a.m.). Bird Walks, Wooded Island, Jackson Park. These wonderful walks continue throughout the year, weather permitting. Bring binoculars, field guides, and dress for the weather. Many species are seen. Meet at Clarence Darrow Bridge, just south of Museum of Science and Industry. For details and directions, contact Pat Durkin at pat.durkin@comcast.net.

Every Second Saturday, All Year (10:00 a.m.). Skokie Lagoons Workdays. These workdays are sponsored by Chicago Audubon. 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. For further information, please call Dave Kosnik at 847-456-6368.