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*Navigating the world of birds and nature*

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## WHITE HOUSE TO WARMING WORLD: “BAKE ON!”

### We Have Extreme Concern over Withdrawal from Paris Accord

Chicago Audubon Society stands with National Audubon on its concern with the withdrawal from the *Paris Climate Accord* and the drastic change of direction within the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

*By saying human activity is not a leading cause of climate change, the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency [Scott Pruitt] continues his campaign to undermine widely accepted climate science.*

Audubon’s science shows that 314 North American bird species—nearly half of our birds—are threatened by climate change. The survival of some of our most beloved and familiar birds, including the Bald Eagle, the Brown Pelican, and the Allen’s Hummingbird, is in question. Audubon’s science joins thousands of other studies in demonstrating risk to animals, plants, habitats, and people as the climate changes.

But, there’s hope. We can reduce the carbon pollution that causes global warming, protect the places birds need today—and will need in the

future—and continue to identify new ways to work toward climate solutions for birds and people

**We will stay committed to doing everything we can to slow the pace and effects of climate change and to help declining bird populations.**

**Chicago Audubon Society**

(Read further at: [audubon.org/news/white-house-warming-world-bake](http://audubon.org/news/white-house-warming-world-bake) and “Birds Tell Us That We Need To Act On Climate” at [tinyurl.com/audubon-climate-action](http://tinyurl.com/audubon-climate-action).)



*Northern Harrier. Photo by Jerry Goldner.*



*Great Horned Owl with chicks. Photo by Jerry Goldner.*

## Our Annual Seed Sale is coming in September!

Keep an eye out for the Fall issue and on our website ([chicagoaudubon.org](http://chicagoaudubon.org)) for details of our annual Seed Sale. Don’t miss the opportunity to order high quality seed and suet at reasonable prices.

**This is an important fundraiser for Chicago Audubon. Alert family and friends!**



*Killdeer on chicks. Photo by Jerry Goldner.*



*Semipalmated Plover. Photo by Jerry Goldner.*



*Killdeer chick. Photo by Jerry Goldner.*

## Important Notice to Our Members

As we announced in the last issue, we will be going digital with this newsletter sometime this year. If you have never sent us your email address and wish to receive a link to each new issue every two months by email, please send your email address to our office at:

[cas@chicagoaudubon.org](mailto:cas@chicagoaudubon.org). The cost of printing and mailing the newsletter in the current form is one of our major expenses, and we want to apply those funds more directly to conservation projects. Please remember, all issues of the Compass can always be viewed on our

website ([chicagoaudubon.org](http://chicagoaudubon.org)). Click on the word “Newsletter” in the top row of tabs on the homepage. There you will see the archives of all our issues in “living color.”

# Congratulations to the Winners of Chicago Audubon's Second Annual Photo Contest

We would like to thank all of you who entered this year for sharing your beautiful images with us. We also thank our judges for their valuable time and support. Many thanks to the Museum of Science & Industry, the Morton Arboretum, and the Chicago Botanic Garden for donating prizes

**First Place Winner.**  
**Congratulations,**  
**Michael Ferguson!**  
*Red-eyed Vireo.*



*Red-eyed Vireo. Photo by Michael Ferguson.*



*Common Yellowthroat. Photo by Steven Jner.*

**Second Place Winner.**  
**Congratulations,**  
**Steven Jner!**  
*Common Yellowthroat.*

**Third Place Winner.**  
**Congratulations,**  
**Leonardo Estrada!**  
*Great Egret.*



*Great Egret. Photo by Leonardo Estrada.*

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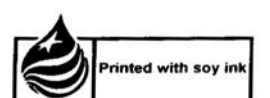
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# A Call for Volunteers to Help Save Birds from Fishing Line

Chicago Bird Collision Monitors receives endless reports of wildlife tangled in fishing debris. Birds can be suspended by a tangled leg, have fishing hooks stuck in beaks and other body parts or have legs crippled by fishing line. We want to promote clean-ups like the one begun at Wildwood Nature Center in Park Ridge, and we support responsible fishing that involves removal of all debris after public use of any of Chicago's natural areas that are important to wildlife.

Annette Prince, Director  
Chicago Bird Collision Monitors

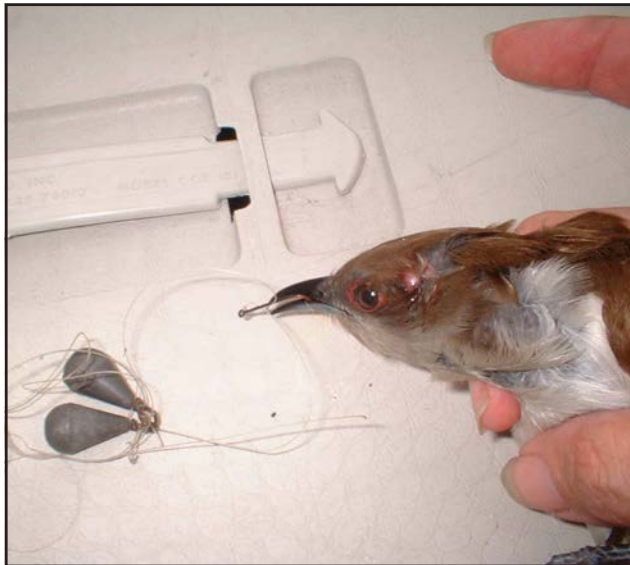
Chicago Audubon (and neighborhood wildlife) can't thank Chris Parson enough for helping untangle fish line from trees at Wildwood Nature Center in May. Chris is a Park Ridge activist and North Branch Restoration Project steward of Park Ridge. Chris brought the canoe, some grabbers and other tools—and plenty of energy. John Elliott of Chicago Audubon brought a pole saw and a desire to take one small step to alleviate a pernicious hazard to birds and other critters.

The two small ponds at Park Ridge's Wildwood Nature Center may not be the place you'll go to

build your bird-watcher Life List, but a night heron and other wildlife have been rescued from fishing line at the Nature Center. Many of us have seen and perhaps helped untangle wildlife in similar public fishing areas. For an alarming and distressing look at this too often overlooked hazard, do a search for "fishing line and wildlife." You will find many dis-



Entangled Black-billed Cuckoo.  
Photo by Chicago Bird Collision Monitors.



Black-billed Cuckoo with fishing hook & line.  
Photo by Chicago Bird Collision Monitors.



Wildwood entangled trash.

turbing pictures and articles from local organizations, including ours ([www.chicagoaudubon.org/content/untangling-hazards-fishing-line](http://www.chicagoaudubon.org/content/untangling-hazards-fishing-line)).

Education of the public and providing proper receptacles helps alleviate the worst hazards. Line caught in trees is a much more difficult problem, with some line almost impossible to reach from shore and challenging to reach from a boat. Despite best efforts and considerable back strain that day in May, not all the tangles high up in trees where they pose imminent threat to birds, were captured. That's not the only reason the job is not finished. People will keep fishing, and line will continue to get caught in trees.

**We need people from our membership to organize and lead a regular patrol for fishing line clean-up at the Wildwood Nature Center in Park Ridge.** This would involve clean-up from the shore and setting up boat patrols several times a year. We hope a project such as this can spread to other preserves.

**Can you help us keep Wildwood free of fishing debris?**

**This is a call for volunteers to work and lead clean-up efforts at the Nature Center with John Elliott of Chicago Audubon as your liaison to the staff.**

**Contact John at: [johnelliott4@gmail.com](mailto:johnelliott4@gmail.com).**

## Calendar of Events

## Birdwalks, Workdays, Programs

July/August 2017

**You do not need to be a member of Chicago Audubon to attend our programs or join any of our walks. They are all free and open to the public. Everyone is welcome! For current updates on dates and times, please keep checking our website, [chicagoaudubon.org](http://chicagoaudubon.org).**

**Wednesday, July 12 (7:30 a.m.). Chicago Audubon Bemis Woods Field Trip, Bemis Wood North, Wolf Road between 31st and Ogden, Westchester.** Look for breeding woodland birds. Interesting species that have summered here in recent years include Pileated and Red-headed Woodpeckers, White-eyed Vireo, Hooded and Chestnut-sided Warblers, and Summer Tanagers. Park at Bemis Woods North, easternmost part of parking area, just west of Wolf Road. Leader: Douglas Stotz ([dfstotz@gmail.com](mailto:dfstotz@gmail.com)).

**Wednesday, August 30 (7:30 a.m.). Chicago Audubon Bemis Woods Field Trip, Bemis Wood North, Wolf Road between 31st and Ogden, Westchester.** Look for the tail end of breeding woodland birds, and the earliest fall migrants. Interesting species that have summered here in recent years include Pileated and Red-headed Woodpeckers, White-eyed

Vireo, Hooded and Chestnut-sided Warblers, and Summer Tanager. Park at Bemis Woods North, easternmost part of parking area, just west of Wolf Rd. Leader: Douglas Stotz ([dfstotz@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### FALL BIRD WALKS

*Please keep checking our website for any updates to all events listed ([chicagoaudubon.org](http://chicagoaudubon.org)):*

**September and October—Every Saturday—Chicago Audubon Bird Walks at North Park Village Nature Center (8:00 a.m.). The Nature Center is located at 5801 North Pulaski Road, Building D.** Come join us for migration time to see many birds and walk through the beautiful autumn woods surrounding the Nature Center. All levels of birders are encouraged to attend. The walk leaders always welcome questions. For information or if you need directions, call the Chicago

Audubon office at 773-539-6793. Everyone is welcome. Bring family and friends!

**Wednesday, September 6 (8:00 a.m.). Chicago Audubon Birding Trip to Bemis Woods North, Westchester.** Fall migrants, especially warblers, thrushes, vireos. Leader: Douglas Stotz ([dfstotz@gmail.com](mailto:dfstotz@gmail.com)). Meet at Wolf Road between 31st and Ogden, at easternmost part of parking lot, Westchester.

**Tuesday, September 19 (7:00 a.m.). Skokie Lagoons Bird Walk, Erickson Woods, Winnetka.** Should be the heart of fall warbler migration. Leader: David Willard ([dwillard@fieldmuseum.org](mailto:dwillard@fieldmuseum.org)). Meet at 1651 Willow Road (Willow Road and I-94), Erickson Woods Parking Lot, Winnetka.

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**OCTOBER IS "BIG MONTH" FOR BIRD WALKS**

During the month of October, the Forest Preserves of Cook County and Chicago Audubon are hosting a "Big Month" birding competition as part of the Bird the Preserves program to follow up on its successful 2016 Big Year. Teams will take to the woods, wetlands and grasslands of the forest preserves to see how many birds they can spot. As was the case for the 2016 Big Year, teams will adopt a preserve and compete against other preserves. Visit [www.fpdcc.com/big-month](http://www.fpdcc.com/big-month) for complete details.

**Tuesday, October 3 (7:00 a.m.). Big Month Birding Trip to Skokie Lagoons, Erickson Woods, Winnetka.** Join a "Big Month" outing to find some late warblers and lots of sparrows. Leader: David Willard

(dwillard@fieldmuseum.org). Meet at 1651 Willow Road (Willow Road and I-94), Erickson Woods Parking Lot, Winnetka.

**Saturday, October 7 (7:30 a.m.). Chicago Audubon Fall Migration Walk, Trailside Museum, River Forest.** Warblers and more along the Des Plaines River. Leader: John Elliott (johnelliott4@gmail.com). Meet at 734 Thatcher Ave (at Chicago Ave), River Forest.

**Sunday, October 8 (7:30 a.m.). Big Month Beck Lake to Camp Pine bird walk, Beck Lake Forest Preserve, Des Plaines.** Three-mile round-trip walk past lake, oak woods, shrubland, grassland. A one-way option can be arranged. Leader: John Elliott (johnelliott4@gmail.com). Meet at Boat Ramp, 1000 N East River Road, Des Plaines.

**Thursday, October 12 (8:00 a.m.). Field Museum Big Month Birding Trip to Eggers Grove Forest Preserve, Chicago.** Fall migrants, including diversity of waterfowl. Leaders: Josh Engel (jengel2@fieldmuseum.org), and John Bates. Meet at 11201 S Ave B, Chicago, in parking lot by caretakers' building.

**Tuesday, October 17 (7:00 a.m.). Chicago Audubon Big Month Birding Trip to Skokie Lagoons, Winnetka.** Should be the height of waterfowl migration. Leader: David Willard (dwillard@fieldmuseum.org). Meet at 1651 Willow Road (Willow Road and I-94), Erickson Woods Parking Lot, Winnetka.

**Saturday, October 21 (8:00 a.m.). Field Museum Big Month Birding Trip to Eggers Grove Forest Preserve, Chicago.** Fall migrants, including diversity of

waterfowl. Leaders: Josh Engel (jengel2@fieldmuseum.org), and John Bates. Meet at 11201 S Ave B, Chicago, in parking lot by caretakers' building.

**Thursday, October 26 (8:00 a.m.). Field Museum Big Month Birding trip to Eggers Grove Forest Preserve, Chicago.** Fall migrants, including diversity of waterfowl. Leaders: Josh Engel (jengel2@fieldmuseum.org), and John Bates. Meet at 11201 S Ave B, Chicago in parking lot by caretakers' building.

**Wednesday, November 22 (8:00 a.m.). Chicago Audubon Birding Trip to Bemis Woods North, Westchester.** Late fall migrants, sparrows, kinglets, creepers, etc. Leader: Douglas Stotz (dfstotz@gmail.com). Meet at Wolf Road between 31st and Ogden, at easternmost part of parking lot, Westchester



Bright lights from buildings, along with reflective or transparent window and lobby glass, are hazards for birds migrating through Chicago.

Each year Chicago Bird Collision Monitors recover more than 5000 birds that have suffered collisions in the downtown area.

With your participation our rescue and prevention efforts can be expanded and more birds can be saved.

**YOU CAN HELP:**

- Join a **morning rescue team.**
- Monitor a building** where you live or work.
- Transport birds** to wildlife rehabilitation centers.
- Support **collision prevention** work.
- Assist in **public outreach** and awareness programs.

**For more information:**  
[www.birdmonitors.net](http://www.birdmonitors.net)  
 773-988-1867

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO OUR READERS**

There has been some confusion about the difference between a National Audubon membership and a Chicago Chapter membership. A National membership by itself does not financially support the Chicago Audubon Chapter. National Audubon and the Chicago Chapter (and all other chapters) have entirely separate budgets (except for a small yearly stipend from National). In other words, the Chicago Chapter has always carried the burden of all costs of producing and mailing this newsletter and other types of mailings that we have been sending to both the Chapter members and the National members in this area. Because

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](http://chicagoaudubon.org)).

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