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Navigating the world of birds and nature

t's time for our yearly sale of **birdseed!** As you may know, the seed that you purchase through Chicago Audubon is much higher in quality than the seed available at grocery, pet, or discount stores. Also, forty percent of the total purchase price is tax deductible. This higher quality seed is excellent for the birds, and the proceeds from the Sale are a very important source of support for our ongoing educational efforts and projects. If you have never ordered seed this way before, please consider joining us this year — it's great for the birds!

How does this work? There are several ways to place your order. You can fill out the order form on this page (or print the form off of our website at www.chicagoaudubon.org), then mail the completed form to us at the address printed on the form. Please do not mail cash and be certain that all of your contact information is on the form whether you are enclosing a check or filling in your charge card information. Another option for ordering is to complete the entire order with your credit card online at our website, www.chicagoaudubon.org. In either case, be sure to indicate your pickup location preference so that we know where to have your seed delivered, and be sure to write in a contact phone number — which is also very important. If you are mailing in your order,

## Chicago Audubon's 2016 Annual Birdseed Sale

**ORDER DEADLINE: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13** 

**ORDER PICKUP DATE: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5** 

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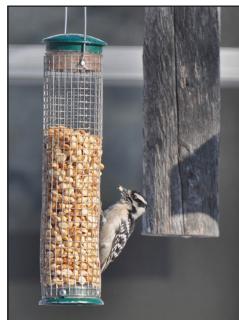
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please make a copy of it first for your records as a precaution. If you prefer to phone in your order using a credit card instead of going online or filling out the form, please call our office at 773-539-6793. If you get the voice mail when you call, leave a message with your name and phone number (only) and the Administrator will return your call

as soon as possible. Also, please note that every year, as a courtesy to our purchasers, everyone who has placed an order will be called a few days in advance of the pickup date to remind you of the upcoming date and time. If you are unable to pick up your order on November 5, please make arrangements for someone to pick it up for you



Downy Woodpecker. Photo by Joy Schmoll.

We look forward to seeing you there! Remember, the deadline for ordering is October 13.

**Volunteers!** We could not do this without volunteers helping us organize and distribute bags of birdseed on pickup day at both the Chicago and the River Forest locations. Volunteers are

welcome for all or part of the morning, beginning at 8:00 a.m. to noon (buyers arrive between 9:00 a.m. and noon). If you are able to help us out, please indicate your preference of hours and the location on the order form, or you can call our office by Thursday, October 13 at 773-539-6793. You do not have to place an order to be a Volunteer. Remember, without our volunteers this wonderful sale would not be possible!

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2016

The Chicago Audubon Society appreciates all of you who have been purchasing birdseed and volunteering with us over the years, and we look forward to having many newcomers this year. Thank you!

#### **Pickup Locations:**

Nature House, 3100 West Grand Ave, Chicago. (Nature House is one block north of Chicago Ave and one block east of Kedzie Ave. Go to the loading area behind the building. If you have problems locating this address, call Chris at 312-520-1266.)

Good Earth Greenhouse & Café, 7900 West Madison, River Forest. (If there is an emergency or you need directions, call Dave at 312-401-7317.)

We wish to extend many, many thanks to both Good Earth and to Nature House for hosting our pickup days again this year.

#### **BIRDSEED SALE 2016 ORDER FORM**

Qty	Description	Price	Total
	40 lb Chicago Audubon Premium	\$19.50	
	20 lb Chicago Audubon Premium	\$10.50	
	40 lb Regular Wild Bird Seed	\$15.00	
	20 lb Regular Wild Bird Seed	\$8.25	
	40 lb Black Sunflower	\$20.50	
	25 lb Black Sunflower	\$13.00	
	25 lb Cracked Corn	\$6.75	
	25 lb White Proso Millet	\$9.00	
	25 lb Medium Sunflower Chips	\$31.25	
	25 lb Safflower Seed	\$20.50	
	25 lb Nyjer Seed	\$38.75	
	10 lb Nyjer Seed per bag	\$16.50	
	Case Nyjer Seed (five 10 lb bags)	\$82.00	
	10 lb Peanut Pieces per bag	\$12.75	
	Case Peanut Pieces (five 10 lb bags)	\$63.00	
	Wild Bird Blend Suet Cake	\$1.25	
	Case Suet Cakes (12 cakes)	\$12.50	
	Sunflower Bell (15 oz)	\$3.25	
	Case Sunflower Bells (6 bells)	\$18.25	
		GRAND TOTAL	\$

Order Deadline: Thursday, October	er 13, 2016
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I will pick up my order on November 5 between 9 a.m. and noon at:

Nature House/Erva Tool
3100 W Grand Ave, Chicago
(Loading area behind building. If
you are delayed by an emergency,
call Chris at 312-520-1266)

Good Earth Greenhouse & Café
7900 W Madison St, River Fores
(If there is an emergency or you
need directions, call Dave at
312-401-7317.)

Your contact info (please fill out completely):
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Address
City, State, Zip
Phone (cell and/or home)
Email
Please select your payment method and complete the required information.
My check for \$ is enclosed.

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OR call office at 773-539-6793	to charge your or	rder over the phone

I would like to volunteer	on Seed Pickuj	p Day, November 5, at:	
Chicago from	to	River Forest from	to

Please mail your completed seed order form (and your

check if that is your selected payment method) to: Chicago Audubon Society, 5801-C North Pulaski Rd, Chicago, IL 60646

# Cook County Forest Preserves

by Laurel Ross

"In the 20th Century, we preserved the land. In the 21st, let's restore it."

-from the Forest Preserves of Cook County website-

"... to acquire and hold lands ... for the purpose of protecting and preserving the flora, fauna and scenic beauties ... in their natural state ... for the purpose of the education, pleasure and recreation of the public."

-1913 Forest Preserve Enabling Legislation-

ook County's Forest
Preserves are an ecological treasure unmatched in any other city in the world. These 69,000 acres — an impressive 11 percent of the county's land area, stretching 59 miles from Spring Lake Nature Preserve in Barrington Hills to Plum Creek Forest Preserve in Sauk Village — are all owned and managed by us, the county's residents and taxpayers.

Members and supporters of the Chicago Audubon Society (CAS) know that these magnificent preserves need our help. While many sites have extraordinary ecological significance and are home to over 100 species of threatened and endangered species, only a few thousand acres of the Forest Preserves' lands are in good or excellent condition today. Invasive species, hydrological alteration, deer overpopulation and other problems have degraded much of this wonderful land.

Two years ago an ambitious plan to restore and manage the preserves was created with the input of many conservation partners and adopted by the County Board. The daunting but compelling goals of the Next Century Conservation Plan (www.fpdcc.com/tag/next-century-conservation-plan) call for large increases in land acquisition, restoration, education and outreach. This is an ambitious 25-year plan. Bold action is required now to meet that schedule.

Important progress has already happened. The acquisition of the 397-acre Horizon Farm site in Barrington and the 164-acre Holy Family Villa site in Palos Park are two of the biggest land acquisitions in decades. In an impressive partnership with several non-governmental organizations (NGOs), the Conservation Corps was created. This small army of restoration workers assists with managing the preserves and provides much needed



Cerulean Warbler. Photo by Jerry Goldner.

jobs and job training. More than 20,000 campers have visited five new campgrounds — many of them firsttime campers. Chicago's True Nature, an hour long film about the forest preserves was created to raise awareness about the preserves. (Go to www. vimeo.com/fpdcc/review/164626305/ cb88e5698b). Even so, the goals of the plan cannot be achieved using only existing resources, and this presents at least two major challenges. Simply put, more resources are needed if the plan is to succeed. First, there must be greatly increased and broad-based public support for increasing the budget of the forest preserves. Second,

the County must continue to build on the finest public involvement program anywhere — the volunteer stewardship corps. Volunteers are critical to the success of the plan. We need both "worker bees," the casual participants who spend a few days a year helping out with stewardship tasks, and we need to identify and support the strong leaders who can make a major commitment of time, and who want to work alongside staff, taking on important roles such as

stewards, monitors, and burn leaders.

The Chicago Audubon Society is committed to working on both of these challenges. Our **Conservation Committee** chair, Judy Pollock, has led efforts to bring new birders into the preserves through the overwhelmingly successful Bird the Preserves program. CAS President, Dave Willard, has led the birding team at Skokie Lagoons. As a member of the Forest Preserves

Conservation and Policy Council, I will be the liaison to the CAS board and report on progress of the plan to members through the Compass newsletter. Monthly stewardship work days are held at Skokie Lagoons, led by Dave Kosnik. CAS' new conservation committee consists of John Elliott, myself, and Judy Pollock. If you'd like to join us, contact me at lross@fieldmuseum.org.

Laurel Ross is a Conservation and Policy Council member, Chicago Audubon Board member, and Volunteer Steward.



Short-eared Owl. Photo by Jerry Goldner.

## COMPASS

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# The One and Only Osprey

t isn't surprising that there is only one species of Osprey worldwide. With their distinctive appearance and singular lifestyle, Osprey truly are one of a kind. They combine the angled wing profile of a gull with the hooked bill and talons of an eagle, and are specially adapted to catch fish, a combination of traits not seen in any other avian family. With a diet that consists almost exclusively of fresh

This intensity is clearly on display while hunting. Osprey typically search for fish on the wing, flying or hovering over shallow water. When they spot a fish near the water's surface, Osprey tilt into a dive that takes them feet-first into the water, submerging themselves almost completely in order to grab the fish before it can swim out of reach. As they pump their wings to pull themselves up and out of the water, revers-

ible outer toes and spiny scales on the bottoms of their feet help them grip their slippery quarry.

Courting pairs circle high in the sky together. The male attracts the female with roller coaster dives while carrying a fish or

Virginia to various locations in central Illinois. It is hoped that these Osprey will return to their release sites with a mate once they are sexually mature. Other Osprey passing through Illinois may take advantage of some well-situated

Although Osprey were essentially

extirpated from Illinois in the early

1950s (as a result of the use of DDT

their reestablishment are underway.

University of Illinois at Springfield

An ongoing program through the



are truly looking up for the Osprey!



fish, Osprey can live nearly anywhere there is water, and indeed they are found on every continent except Antarctica.

Osprey are dark brown above and white below, with a white head and dark eye-line. Although they lack the projecting brow bone over the eye that give many birds of prey a fierce appearance, an Osprey's bright, piercing eyes — orange in juveniles and yellow in adults — are just as expressive of their raptor intensity.

stick. A mate who is a good provider is important to females, who will depend primarily on him to fish for the entire family once nesting is underway. Even when Osprey chicks fledge, the male continues to be mostly responsible for catching their meals — not to mention his having shared the brooding time on the eggs and later teaching them how to fish for themselves. After the chicks have safely fledged, the parents leave separately on their migration south to return again next year to the same nest and begin a new family.



Osprey. Photo by Joy Schmoll.

### **Calendar of Events**

## Birdwalks, Workdays, Programs

September/October 2016

You do not need to be a member of Chicago Audubon to attend our bird walks or programs. These events are also listed on our website (chicagoaudubon.org). Check there for any last minute changes.

**September and October (every** Saturday of both months, 8:00 a.m.): **Chicago Audubon Bird Walks. North** Park Village Nature Center, 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!

September 14 (Wednesday, 8:00 a.m.): Salt Creek Bird Walk, Western Springs. Look for fall migrants in this newly restored woodland. Meet at the Bemis Woods North parking lot on the west side of Wolf Road, south of 31st Street and north of Ogden in Western Springs. Walk leader and contact: Doug Stotz, dstotz@fieldmuseum.org.

September 18 (Sunday, 1:00 p.m.): "Clouds," a presentation at Trailside Museum, River Forest. Explore the "vertical landscape" of clouds, the visible part of weather we too often take for granted, with John Elliott, Chicago Audubon board member.

John photographed a cloud a day for 15 months. "Until they threaten, for many of us clouds are little more than background. For a farm boy growing up on the great plains, clouds are central to life and livelihood; there I found my life-long fascination with the "vertical landscape" of the plains, and there, in October 2012 I assigned myself a project: Photograph a cloud a day for a year. The year became 13 months, through 2013, and the work continues. Photography is just one avenue of careful observation and documentation of the world around us. My program will begin with the practice of photography, show some of the variety of clouds and their attendant weather, and touch on the relationship to phenology and other records." John Elliott, johnelliott4@gmail.com; 708-567-4363. The Museum is located at 738 Thatcher Ave in River Forest; the Museum phone is 708-366-6530. Selected photographs will be on display at Trailside from Sept. 1 through Sept. 30.

September 20 (Tuesday, 7:00 a.m.): Skokie Lagoons Bird Walk, Winnetka. The Walk will last about two hours, but because this walk is on a weekday, join us for as long as you can and leave early if you need

to get to work. Meet at the Forest Preserve parking lot on the north side of Willow Road, just east of the Edens Expressway (I-94) in Winnetka. Walk leader and contact: Dave Willard, dwillard@fieldmuseum.org or 312-665-7731.

September 27 (Tuesday, 8:00 a.m.): Big Bend Lake Bird Walk, Big Bend Lake Forest Preserve, Des **Plaines.** We'll be searching for late migrant warblers, flycatchers, sparrows, early waterfowl, and year round resident birds. Wear hiking boots (trails can be wet) and bring binoculars. The first half of the trip will be around the lake and Des Plaines River. For the second half we'll be walking in the woods and on the bicycle path. Meet at the picnic shelter on the right/north, after you enter the preserve. Entrance is on East River Road, between Golf Road and Ballard Road in Des Plaines. Walk leader and contact is Alan Anderson. Maximum is 15 participants. Please register with Alan at casresearch@comcast.net.

September 29 (Thursday, 7:30 a.m.): Busse Woods Forest Preserve Bird Walk (surrounded by Schaumburg/Elk Grove Village/ Arlington Heights. We'll be searching for late migrant warblers, flycatchers, sparrows, early waterfowl, and yearround resident birds. Wear hiking boots (we'll be walking on paved and unpaved paths), bring binoculars. The walk will last about 2 hours. Meet in the parking lot of the Boathouse at the far end of the Busse Woods Boating Center entrance. The entrance is just west of the new bridge over Higgins Road, and just east of I-290/ IL 53. Walk leader and contact is Alan Anderson. Maximum is 15 participants. Please register with Alan at casresearch@comcast.net.

October 1 (Saturday, 8:00 a.m.): Presentation and Bird Walk, Thatcher Woods, Trailside Museum, **River Forest.** Enjoy a brief presentation on fall migrating birds, followed by a guided walk to see them in person. Bring your binoculars or borrow a pair of ours. For adults and children 10 years old and up. Led by Chicago Audubon Board member John Elliott, johnelliott4@gmail.com; 708-567-4363. The Museum is located at 738 Thatcher Ave in River Forest (Chicago Ave and Thatcher Ave); the Museum phone is 708-366-6530. Bring family and friends!

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October 4 (Tuesday, 7:00 a.m.): Skokie Lagoons Bird Walk, Winnetka. The Walk will last about two hours, but because this walk is on a weekday, join us for as long as you can and leave early if you need to get to work. Meet at the Forest Preserve parking lot on the north side of Willow Road, just east of the Edens Expressway in Winnetka. Walk leader and contact: Dave Willard, dwillard@fieldmuseum.org or 312-665-7731.

October 8 (Saturday) Bird Walk at 7:00 a.m., followed by Workday of Habitat Restoration from 9:00 a.m. to Noon): Bill Jarvis Migratory Bird Sanctuary. The Bill Jarvis Migratory Bird Sanctuary is located in Lincoln Park, east of Lake Shore Drive at Addison Street, and is a magnet for migrant birds in spring and fall. The area surrounding the fenced enclosure has undergone extensive habitat restoration during the past decade, providing

expanded shelter and food sources for the birds. Join us for this opportunity to go "inside the fence" and to give back to the birds. We will start with a bird walk, led by Dave Willard, President of Chicago Audubon Society, to enjoy fall migrants stopping over at this site. The restoration work will accommodate all levels of ability, including collecting seed, removing invasive species and planting six oak trees to replace maples that came down in the area visible from the viewing platform. Refreshments from Ann Sather's will be provided. Wear appropriate clothing, including sturdy shoes, long sleeves and a hat. Work gloves and tools will be provided. Meet at the small garage near the viewing platform east of the Sanctuary fence. Park in the Waveland Golf Course lot, and then come to the garage to get a Free Parking Pass for your dash. Contact: Dave Willard, dwillard@fieldmuseum.org. You do not need to be a member of Chicago Audubon to participate in either the

Walk or the Workday. Bring family and friends!

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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. Everyone is welcome!

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, Winnetka. For further information, please call Dave Kosnik at 847-456-6368. Everyone is welcome!

#### Reminder to our Readers receiving printed copy of our newsletter:

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

Monitors recover more than 5000 birds that have suffered collisions in the downtown area.

Experience the personal rewards of rescuing collision-injured birds for yourself.

Chicago Bird Collision Monitors is an all-volunteer bird conservation project that operates under the auspices of Chicago Audubon Society. Training sessions for volunteers are held each year prior to spring and fall migration. Attend one of these upcoming classes to learn how you can participate in CBCM's rescue and conservation work.

Training classes well be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, 2430 N. Cannon Dr., Chicago on the following dates:

> Wednesday September 7, 2016 Tuesday September 13, 2016 Thursday September 22, 2016 Wednesday September 28, 2016

Also, a class will be scheduled at
Willowbrook Wildlife Center, 525 S. Park Blvd.,
Glen Ellyn, on a date and time to be determined.
Check www.birdmonitors.net for further information.

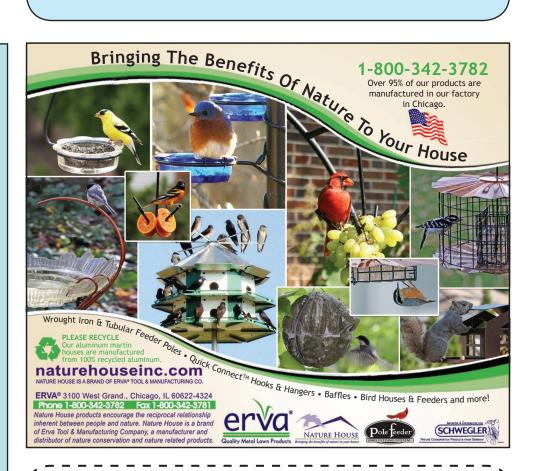
To register, call **773-988-1867** or email **info@birdmonitors.net** 

#### 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).

Chicago Audubon Society does not rent, lease, trade, or otherwise disclose any membership information whatsoever.



#### Chicago Audubon Membership Form

If you wish to become a new member or to renew an existing membership,

information or charge your membership online (chicagoaudubon.org). You

you may either mail in this form with a check or your credit card

Your name			
Street address			
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Phone number	Email		
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Mail your completed form with check or credit card information to:

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