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John Muir

*The Man Who Saved Our Wilderness
Father of Our National Parks System*

“As long as I live, I’ll hear waterfalls and birds and winds sing. ... I’ll acquaint myself with ... wild gardens, and get as near the heart of the world as I can.”

John Muir (1838–1914)

John Muir passed away one hundred years ago and as long as he lived he immersed himself as near to the heart of the natural world as possible for any human being. He walked the wilderness areas of this country, becoming ever more deeply connected to the purest places of nature. During his lifetime Muir published over 300 articles and 12 books describing the majesty of the wilderness he found. He greatly influenced the appreciation of those wilderness areas by encouraging people to regard wild nature with humility and respect for all life. He believed that humankind is only one part of an interconnected natural world—not its master.



Yosemite National Park. Photograph by Ansel Adams.

Today the legacy he left can be seen and felt throughout every national park in the United States, providing natural habitat and shelter for countless birds, wildlife, interlocking forests, rivers, canyons, meadows, rock formations, water falls, and wetlands—all natural tapestries of complex ecosystems more valuable than any amount of currency on earth. John Muir’s long and often arduous efforts to save wilderness areas resulted in the creation and protection of Yosemite, Sequoia, Grand Canyon, and Mt. Rainier National Parks—a legacy that can never be replaced and should be forever cherished.

The Editor



*Piping Plover.
Photo by Bill Hubick.*

**CHICAGO AUDUBON PROGRAM
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

Behind the Scenes of Federally Endangered and Threatened Species in Illinois

Program at 7:30 p.m.

Socializing and light refreshments at 7:00 p.m.

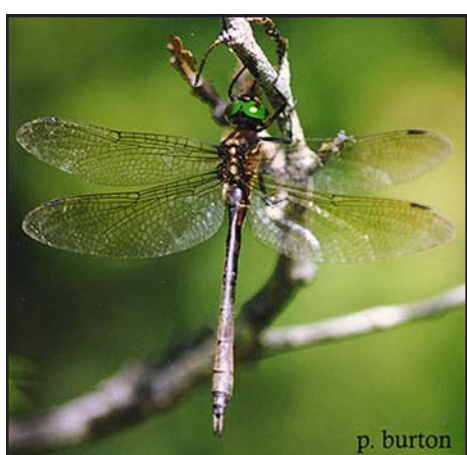
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*Piping Plover Chick.
Photo by Marshall Iliff.*



*Hine's Emerald Dragonfly (female).
Photo by Paul Burton.*



*Northern Long-eared Bat.
Photo courtesy of DurmPhoto.com.*



*Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid.
Photo by Mike Redmer.*

This is migration time ... just a friendly reminder...

What to do if you see a Whooping Crane



Whooping Cranes.
Photo by Steve Hillebrand, US Fish & Wildlife.



Whooping Cranes.
Photo by Laura Erickson.



Whooping Cranes.
Photo by Larry Ditto.

Please keep the following guidelines in mind when viewing a Whooping Crane.

The Whooping Crane Eastern Partnership asks anyone who encounters a Whooping Crane in the wild to please give it the respect and distance it needs:

Do not approach birds on foot within 600 feet; remain in your vehicle; do not approach in a vehicle within 600 feet

or, if on a public road, do not approach within 300 feet.

Also, please remain concealed and do not speak loudly enough that the bird can hear you. Finally, do not trespass on private property in an attempt to view Whooping Cranes.

Also, to keep the amount of attention it receives to a minimum, please do not report the bird on a birding list such as

In-bird or IBET or any social media or to the news media.

To safely report a Whooping Crane sighting, go to www.fws.gov/midwest/whoopingcrane/sightings/sightingform.cfm.

For general information on the Whooping Crane Eastern Partnership, go to www.bringbackthecranes.org/index.html.



Whooping Crane. Photo by Klaus Nigge, National Geographic.



The Chicago Audubon Society sends you our very Best Wishes.

Happy Holidays! Happy New Year!

Joyous Birding!



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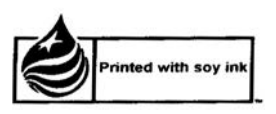
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Hummingbird feeder.
Courtesy of naturehouseinc.com.



Hummingbirds feeding. Photo by Barb Gorges.



Ruby-throated Hummingbird.
Photo by S. Michael Bisceglie.

About the Hummers A Few Reminders

Hummingbird Nectar

Sugar content of natural flower nectar varies. It is roughly comparable to sugar water mixtures ranging from a quarter to a third cup of sugar per cup of water. There is absolutely no reason to add any red dyes to hummingbird sugar water. Flower nectar is naturally clear. Sheri Williamson of the Southeastern Arizona Bird Observatory and author of *A Field Guide to Hummingbirds and Attracting and Feeding Hummingbirds*, writes, "The bottom line is that 'instant nectar' products containing artificial coloring are at best a waste of your hard-earned money and at worst a source of disease, suffering, and premature death in hummingbirds." So please keep the water used for hummer feeders absolutely free of artificial dyes of any kind—only add sugar.



Ruby-throated Hummingbird. Photo by Joy Schmall.

Feeding

Availability of food does not influence when or whether a bird will start its migration. The most significant factor that contributes to beginning its journey is the length of the day. In late summer, as days become shorter they become restless and start to head south. Please keep the feeders up for several weeks after the last hummingbird leaves the area, just in case a straggler shows up. Hummingbirds migrate individually. Ruby-throated hummingbirds are strongly migratory, but their bodies need a high level of fat to fly long distances. As people bring in their feeders in fall and frosts kill nectar-bearing flowers, those hummingbirds remaining must travel long distances between feeders. They are surprisingly hardy as long as they consume enough food each day, and during cold spells they need extra calories.



Bluebird on feeder.
Courtesy of naturehouseinc.com.

Please watch for our 2014 Annual Appeal mailing coming in November. This is one of our most important fundraisers of the year. We thank you for your past support and hope you will be able to help us again this year.

Reminder to our readers:

The Compass can be read and enjoyed in color on our website, chicagoaudubon.org. Just click on the word "Compass" in the top row of links on the home page to visit our archives. Don't miss these wonderful birds in living color! For historical value, we have added a link to the very first Chicago Audubon newsletter. This link is sitting on top of the Archive list. Enjoy!

Calendar of Events

Birdwalks, Workdays, Programs

November/December 2014

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2015. WILD THINGS CONFERENCE at the University of Illinois at Chicago from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This will be the 6th biennial Wild Things Conference—a great gathering of souls who live and breathe Chicago nature. The details are still being finalized, so save the date and keep an eye on the Habitat Project website for updates: www.habitatproject.org.

WEDNESDAYS AND SATURDAYS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR: WOODED ISLAND BIRD WALKS IN JACKSON PARK. Every Wednesday at 7:00 a.m. and every Saturday at 8:00 a.m. These wonderful walks continue throughout the year. 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. Everyone is welcome! *For details and directions, contact Pat Durkin at pat.durkin@comcast.net.*

MONTHLY, EVERY SECOND SATURDAY. SKOKIE LAGOONS WORKDAYS AT 10:00 a.m. These workdays are sponsored by Chicago Audubon and are continuous throughout the year. Activities include buckthorn cutting, brush pile burning and other management endeavors. Meet at the Tower Road parking lot, east of the lagoon bridge. Everyone is welcome! *For further information, please call Dave Kosnik at 847-456-6368.*





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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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