



OCTOBER – NOVEMBER 2023

# NORTHWEST ILLINOIS AUDUBON SOCIETY



*A chapter of the National Audubon Society*

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## NIAS MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Join us the first Tuesday of every month, September through May. All of our programs are open to the public.

**Please note: schedule and location of programs are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. Please see newsletter and website for up-to-date information.**

Most programs are held at the St John United Church of Christ, 1010 Park Blvd., in Freeport.

Most programs begin at 7 PM with announcements, followed by the program at 7:30 and then refreshments.

Check the current newsletter or our website nwilaudubon.org for specific monthly details, special events or any changes to the usual time and place.

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

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About Bird: [birds.cornell.edu](http://birds.cornell.edu)  
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### OCTOBER PROGRAM



## AN UPDATE FROM ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

**Tuesday, October 3 - 7:00 p.m.**

**St. John United Church of Christ  
1010 Park Blvd, Freeport, IL**

The Illinois Environmental Council (IEC) has had many victories in conservation due to the support of its affiliate members and individual supporters. Jen Walling, Executive Director of the Illinois Environmental Council will discuss the state of support for conservation in the Illinois State Capitol, discuss recent victories for the environment as well as issues that IEC continues to work on to improve the environment by influencing decision makers in Illinois.

Jen Walling has served as the Executive Director for the Illinois Environmental Council since January of 2011. Jen has drafted, negotiated, lobbied and passed hundreds of bills in Springfield while working to build the power, expertise and relationships of the entire environmental community. Jen holds a bachelor's and a master's degree in Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She also received a juris doctorate from the University Of Illinois College Of Law and is an attorney licensed to practice law in Illinois.

### NOVEMBER PROGRAM



## NIAS 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

**MONDAY, November 6th – 7:00 p.m.**

**NOTE: THIS PROGRAM IS ON A MONDAY AND NOT OUR USUAL TUESDAY DUE TO THE CHURCH HALL BEING A POLLING PLACE ON NOVEMBER 7.**

**St. John United Church of Christ  
1010 Park Blvd., Freeport IL**

Our pandemic-postponed celebration is finally coming! Join us for deluxe refreshments and an evening of memories as we celebrate our 50th anniversary, a couple of years later. We'll start out with homemade pies and ice cream (with vegan and non-dairy options).

For the program we'll have photos from our 50 years and reflections from a 6-person panel of members: Molly Doolittle, John Walt, Jeremy Dixon, Mary Blackmore, Don Miller and Dan Barron. For most of the evening, we want to hear from you, as audience members are invited to share in the reminiscing.

We hope you can join us!

**REMINDER:** This year's **Bird Seed Sale** will be held **October 19-21**. Sale fliers should have arrived in mailboxes sometime in September.

*If you can volunteer to help sort orders or deliver seed, please call Mary at 815-938-3204.*

# CALENDAR CONSIDERATIONS

**October 3** – October Program: An Update from Illinois Environmental Council, 2023 Annual Report, 7:00 p.m.

**October 10** – Field Trip: Maquoketa Caves State Park. See adjacent page for details.

**October 14** – Prairie Seed Collecting at our Silver Creek Biodiversity Preserve, 2-4 p.m. Tools, snacks and guidance provided. Bring water and insect repellent. The preserve is about 2 miles south of Leaf River in the southwest corner of the intersection of Leaf River Rd. and West Grove Rd. Parking is off of Leaf River Rd. (S. Main St. crosses HWY 72 in Leaf River and becomes Leaf River Rd.). If the weather is questionable call Mary at 815-938-3204. For information on more seed collecting opportunities see the article on adjacent page.

**October 19 and 20** – NIAS annual Bird Seed Sale Fundraiser: Deliveries and Freeport pickups at O'Mara Transport Company.

**October 21** – NIAS annual Bird Seed Sale Fundraiser: Stockton, Forreston, Davis and Dakota pickups only.

**October 23** – The Audubon Name live discussion, 1-3 p.m., at Fred and Carol Redmore's home and ZOOM discussion beginning at 6:30 p.m. For directions and topic information see page 6.

**October 26** – Almost-A-Full-Moon Campfire at our Elkhorn Creek Biodiversity Preserve. Stroll The trails at 5:30 p.m., to observe plants and animals; the campfire follows at 6 p.m. Clear skies should give us a spectacular moon show. S'mores will be provided as well as ATV transportation to and from the campfire circle, courtesy of Bob and Kara Gallup. Bring a lawn chair, flashlight and water. The preserve is located about 3 miles southwest of Forreston in the southeast corner of West Grove and Freeport Rds. The parking lot is off of West Grove Rd. If weather is questionable call Mary at 815-938-3204.

**October 29** – Prairie Seed Processing at the Nienhuis Deluxe Shed, 1-4 p.m. See adjacent page for details.

**November 1** – NIAS Preserves Reflections and Potluck Lunch for Elkhorn Creek and Silver Creek preserves volunteers at 10:30 a.m. We'll gather at the home of Randy and Nancy Ocken (815-440-5768), 3445 N. Union Rd., Polo. Bring a dish to pass; beverages and table service will be provided. We'll discuss 2023 preserves stewardship and consider ideas for 2024 before we have lunch. All preserve volunteers from stewardship or educational activities are welcome to participate. Please RSVP to Ockens if you plan to attend.

**November 6** – November Program, NIAS 50th Anniversary Celebration, 7:00 p.m. (Note: this program is held on a Monday)

**November 8** – Prairie Seed Processing at the Nienhuis Deluxe Shed, 1-4 p.m. See adjacent page for details.

**November 11** – Field Trip: Migrating Waterfowl on the Mississippi, 12:30-5:00 p.m. See adjacent page for details.

**November 16** – Prairie Seed Processing at the Nienhuis Deluxe Shed, 9 a.m. -noon, followed by a potluck lunch. See adjacent page for details.



## FIELD TRIP RE-CAP

In August, Deb Schroeder provided a great tour to see 27 acres of prairie at Park Hills Golf Course.

Pictured above are Paul Brown, Patty Weik, Juliet Moderow, Molly Doolittle, Deb Schroeder, Candy Colby, Kathy Perkins, Brian Prall, and Peggy Moderow. Photo by Chris Kruger



During a private observation night for NIAS members in August, observatory volunteer Tom Dunmore and Bill Boike gives a presentation on "This day in Space" to the group prior to viewing the night sky.

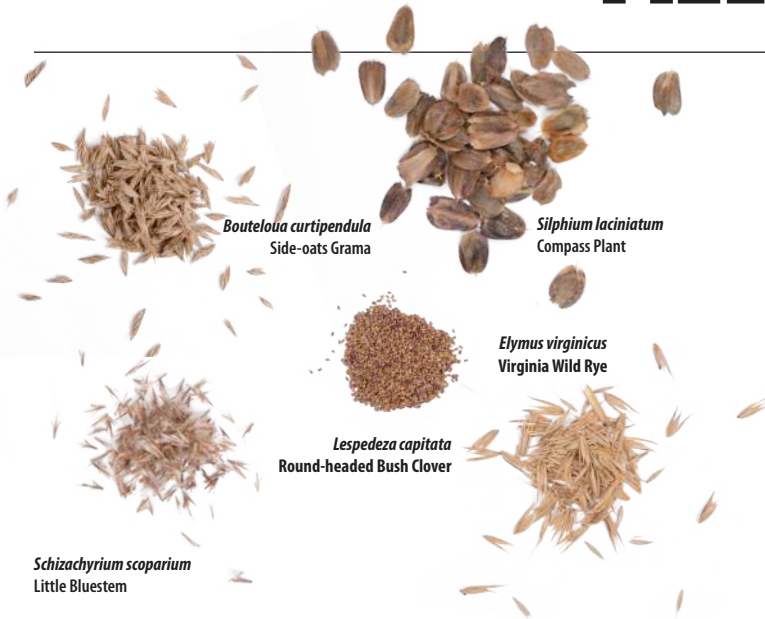
The group was able to view bird constellations Cygnus the Swan with the Albireo double star, Aquilla the Eagle, Cassiopeia, Ursa major, a globular cluster, a planetary nebula, and a whirlpool galaxy.

You can visit the Doug Firebaugh observatory on the first and third Saturdays of the month for public viewing nights!

- M Meeting
- F Field Trip
- S Stewardship
- P Program
- E Event
- O Other



# PROGRAMS, EVENTS AND FIELD TRIPS



## FALL PRAIRIE SEED COLLECTING

Every September and October, we collect prairie seeds at our preserves for planting in less diverse areas of those same sites. Two prairie seed collecting outings, both 2-4 p.m., have been scheduled:

- **September 23 at Elkhorn Creek, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**
- **October 14 at Silver Creek, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

**We plan to have many more collecting opportunities as weather permits, using our contact list to notify volunteers.**

To get on this list, e-mail Kathy Weber at nosyturtle@gmail.com or call Mary Blackmore at 815-938-3204. We will provide as much notice as possible.

No experience? No problem! Seed collecting is an easy, leisurely task. Novices are always welcome. There will always be one or more leaders to point out which plants to pick seed from. Equipment, gloves and snacks are provided. Typically we collect for a two-hour period of time at one of our preserves in late morning or afternoon.

*Be sure to wear long pants, long sleeves and a hat. Please bring water and insect repellent.*

## Welcome New Members!

Carol Trank - Forreton  
Wilma Anderson - Freeport  
Susan Brooks - Freeport  
Elizabeth Ramirez - Freeport  
Sandy Allen - Freeport  
Cathy Perkins - Freeport  
Roberta Balsamo - Freeport

Peggy Morse - Hanover  
Lillian Wirtz - Hanover  
Robert Marx - Lanark  
C Schadewaldt - Rock City  
Marcia Dauphin - Savanna  
William Kraemer - Stockton

## FIELD TRIP: MAQUOKETA CAVES STATE PARK

*This trip has been rescheduled from August.*

**Tuesday, October 10th**

*Car pool from Harbor Freight parking lot at 8:30 AM*

*Coordinator: Richard Benning | 815-865-5279*

This park, in Iowa, offers interesting and scenic topography in the midst of a typical mid-west agricultural area. There are over a dozen caves within the park, ranging in size from tiny to fairly large. We will not be doing any spelunking, but we can walk through the largest cave and also see the entrances to most of the smaller caves. Anticipate that some of the trails have steep sections and numerous steps.

*Bring a sack lunch and water bottle because we will plan on eating in the park. Estimated return time is 5:00 PM. Please call the trip leader to register so we can plan accordingly.*

## FIELD TRIP: MIGRATING WATERFOWL ON THE MISSISSIPPI

**Saturday, November 11 12:30-5:00 p.m.**

*Coordinator: Mary Blackmore | 815-938-3204*

We'll start our trip south of Savanna at Spring Lake Wildlife Area to view migrating waterfowl, hopefully including Tundra Swans. Several more stops will be made along the river before our last site, Lock and Dam #13.

*Carpool from the Forreton municipal lot off of HWY 26 at 12:30 or meet us at Spring Lake at 1:30. Please confirm your attendance by calling Mary.*

## FALL PRESERVES STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship will be scheduled on shorter notice by using our volunteer contact list. To get on this list call Mary Blackmore at 815-938-3204 or e-mail Kathy Weber at nosyturtle@gmail.com. We will try to provide as much notice as possible. We plan to focus on honeysuckle and Multiflora Rose removal as well as trail-trimming at both preserves.

*Volunteers should wear long pants, long sleeves and a hat. Bring water, insect repellent and gloves. Snacks, equipment and guidance will be provided.*

# BEGINNING BIRDER CLUB

## THIRD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH – THROUGH APRIL!

Freeport Public Library,  
Youth Services Program Room

10:30 a.m. to approximately 12:00 p.m.



Education Chair, Juliet Moderow, has a Beginning Birder Club from September through April.

### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

*This club is full, but you can register to be placed on the waiting list.*

This will be a fun, educational program for youths to learn about different topics about birds. Lessons will be tailored for ages 6-10, but younger/older children and youth are welcome. An adult must be present with the youth during the entire program. All sessions are independent from each other, so you are welcome to attend any that you are able.

Each program will be held at 10:30 am to approximately 12:00 pm on the third Saturday of the month. Sessions will be held at the Freeport Public Library in the Youth Services Program Room, but we will try to end the session outside to look for birds. Please dress appropriately for the weather as well. Registration required.

Contact Juliet Moderow  
at moderowja@gmail.com or phone  
201-233-0946 to get on the waiting list.

### ► TOPICS:

- **November 18, 2023** – Bird tools: We will learn about the natural tools that birds use (beaks and feet), especially when it comes to feeding.
- **December 16, 2023** – Bird movement: We will learn more about feathers, how birds fly, why some birds migrate and others do not.
- **January 20, 2024** – Birds of prey: We will learn about birds of prey and do an owl pellet dissection.
- **February 17, 2024** – Bird reproduction: We will learn about bird reproduction, egg laying, nest building, etc.
- **March 16, 2024** – Bird banter: We will learn about how birds sing and learn songs/calls of common birds in the area.
- **April 20, 2024** – Bird Conservation & Being a Birder: We will learn about how to protect birds and how to be a birder!

## DONATION TO THE CHILDREN HANDS-ON MUSEUM OF NORTHWEST ILLINOIS

In August, our chapter donated this 14-foot banner to the Children Hands-on Museum of Northwest Illinois (CHOM) located in Freeport. The 14-foot banner shows the actual size of two prairie plants (Big Bluestem and Lead Plant) with their extensive root systems. The purpose of this display is to reveal the amazing and massive root systems of native prairie plants and how they are often deeper in the soil than the stems above soil. This banner is so large it had to extend onto the ceiling! (special thanks to John Walt for helping hang it up!)

Illinois has the nickname of the “Prairie State,” so NIAS wanted to use this tool to educate the visitors at the museum of what covered the state of Illinois in the past. Today, less than 0.01% of Illinois’ original 21 million acres of prairie remains. We hope this can educate the public and support the preservation and restoration of existing prairie in Illinois. Prairies are important habitats for wildlife, especially insects, birds, and mammals.

The banner was produced by the Tallgrass Prairie Center, which was established at the University of Northern Iowa. According to the Center, to produce this display, a 10-inch wide, 10-foot deep pot was used to grow the plants within a soilless growing media. The plant was fed for up to three growing seasons and then preserved and photographed for this display. Many schools around the country use this wonderful visual tool. It’s important to note that in real world settings, the root systems would extend outward instead of only downward, but it still reveals what goes on under the soil that many of us may not realize.

We were also provided with educational posters so visitors can learn more about the benefits of prairie plants. Prairie plants and their roots provide superior erosion control, increased rainfall and runoff infiltration, reduced nutrient pollution that can lead to contamination of water sources, invasive weed control, and carbon sequestration that removes carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. Plus, prairie plants are beautiful!



Juliet and Willow Moderow standing below the donated prairie plant banner. | Photo provided by Juliet Moderow

We look forward to future programs about native plants for the children and families. We hope you have a chance to visit CHOM soon and see it for yourselves.

– Juliet Moderow, Education Chair



## RE-CAP: AUGUST 29<sup>TH</sup> STEWARDSHIP AT ELKHORN CREEK BIODIVERSITY PRESERVE

Photos by Teresa Smith



## PROCESSING SEEDS FROM OUR PRESERVES

Join us for prairie seed processing at the Nienhuis Deluxe Shed **on October 29 from 1-4 p.m., November 8 from 1-4 p.m., and November 16 from 9 a.m. - noon.** For many years the Nienhuis family generously has provided this great set-up with many tables for our work, delicious snacks and, if needed, a toasty fire in the woodstove.

Seed processing is easy and fun; no experience is necessary. It's sort of like a botanical quilting bee, with lots of good conversation.

Dust masks will be provided (or bring your own) since we raise considerable dust while rubbing seedheads across screens. All mint species will be processed in an outdoor workspace.

Our traditional potluck will be held at the conclusion of our work on November 16. Bring a dish to pass and RSVP to Anita at 815-443-2401.

*Directions to the Nienhuis home at 3350 S. Mill Grove Rd., Pearl City: Take Pearl City Rd. west from Freeport for about 7 miles. Turn left (south) on Block Rd. In a little over 1 mile turn left (south) on Mill Grove Rd. The Nienhuis driveway is on your right, less than 1/2 mile down Mill Grove Rd. and is directly across from the entrance to a campground.*

*(Above) Pods and seeds of Cream Wild Indigo (Baptisia bracteata) collected from our Elkhorn Creek Biodiversity Preserve. | photo by Mary Blackmore*

*It was a beautiful day at Elkhorn with several of the later bloomers in their prime: Indian grass, Blazing Star, New England asters and sunflowers.*

*We collected seeds from Tick Trefoil, Black-Eyed Susans and Boneset.*



## REMEMBERING HARLAN CORRIE

We lost a long-time volunteer and supporter when Harlan Corrie, 98, passed away peacefully on August 20 at home. Harlan, with his wife Judy, participated in most chapter events, rarely missing a field trip or an activity at our preserves. He volunteered for preserves stewardship, seed collecting and seed processing well past the age of 95, an inspiration to us all. He even came to this year's May and June campfires.

An artist, Harlan had a special perspective of Mother Nature. He always assured us that she had the last laugh. With his artist eyes he could see things that our ordinary vision missed, and he readily shared his observations with us, a true gift.

We will miss him very much. Our deepest sympathies are extended to Judy and all of his family.

*(Right) Harlan collects seed with the group at Elkhorn Creek Biodiversity Preserve, October 2013. | photos by Dan Barron*



# OUR CHAPTER NAME: IS "AUDUBON" APPROPRIATE?

In March of 2023 the National Audubon Society Board of Directors voted to keep its organization name as is. This vote was instigated by an increased societal awareness of the cruelty of slavery and concern pertaining to the actions and beliefs of John James Audubon during his lifetime. The decision to retain the word "Audubon" in the name has also generated consternation amongst a considerable number of the rank-and-file of the National Audubon Society, including many local chapters across the country.

The Northwest Illinois Audubon Society is a chapter of the National Audubon Society. However we are autonomous in several aspects, including choosing our own organizational name. At the annual retreat in July the Board of the Northwest Illinois Audubon Society began discussion on the implications of having the word "Audubon" in our name. Our regional office, Great Lakes Audubon, has been hosting meetings for area chapters who

have also discussed the impact of the "Audubon" name. A few members of our board have attended these meetings.

John James Audubon (1785-1851) was not the founder of the National Audubon Society. The name was chosen in 1886 by George Bird Grinnel, who was instrumental in the establishment of the society, and had personal connections to Audubon's family. There are other organizations that have "Audubon" in their names which are not affiliated with the National Audubon Society. The Illinois Audubon Society is one such organization.

Currently the Board of the Northwest Illinois Audubon Society has no official stance on whether we should change our name, and if so, what our new name should be. The Board would like to provide opportunities for our membership to share their thoughts regarding this issue. There are several ways in which you can make your voice heard.

- Write to NIAS at PO Box 771, Freeport, IL 61032
- Send an email to our chapter's email address; [nwilaudubon@gmail.com](mailto:nwilaudubon@gmail.com)
- Participate in an in-person discussion at the home of Fred and Carol Redmore, 1809 Parkview Circle in Freeport on October 23 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM.
- Participate in a ZOOM discussion on October 23 at 6:30 PM. If you choose this option please send an email to the above mentioned email address so that the ZOOM link can be sent to you.

The Board wants ALL members of the Northwest Illinois Audubon Society to feel welcome at ALL chapter functions, and to feel welcome to share their thoughts on this issue.

– Richard Benning, President  
Northwest Illinois Audubon Society

## CONSERVATION COMMITTEE UPDATES

The conservation committee had its planning meeting for the upcoming year in August. The group decided to focus our efforts on a few items this year. Although we came up with some ideas, we are always looking for new thoughts and ideas from others and we'll welcome your involvement on the committee!

### ***Here's what we're hoping to do this year:***

- *Have pertinent information and updates on environmental and legislative issues in the newsletter*
- *Attend Freeport City Council meetings periodically to suggest possible actions Freeport can do to be more environmentally friendly.*
- *Support activities to help maintain Freeport's Bird City designation.*

- *Host a movie night or two on pertinent topics, focusing our timing around Earth Day & possibly winter.*
- *Send out periodic email blasts to members regarding important legislation so they may contact their elected officials. If you are not on the NIAS email list and would like to receive these emails, please let me know.*

The Conservation Committee meets monthly with the time/day determined by the members of the group. We meet in person and on ZOOM. If you would like to become involved with our committee, please contact me and I'll be happy to include you on our list.

– Laura Dufford, Conservation Chairperson  
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## 2023 ELKHORN CREEK NEST BOXES

While the Eurasian Tree Sparrows, our historic nemesis, attempted to nest in only 3 of our 9 boxes, House Wrens were relentless competitors, with 7 successful nestings, most of those later in the nesting season. Even with box checks every 5-7 days, the wrens were the dominant species.

In spite of all the wren activity, we had 1 successful Eastern Bluebird nesting and 3 Tree Swallow nestings, with 2 of those being successful. While the blackfly season was again mild and of short duration, blowflies were more numerous and perhaps the cause of the 1 failed Tree Swallow nesting.

*Many thanks go to our nest box monitors, Kara Gallup and Mary Blackmore, for their numerous monitoring visits in March through September.*

**Would you like to join Audubon as a NEW Member or give a GIFT membership?** *Two types of membership are available:*

**1. Northwest Illinois Audubon Society and National Membership**  
*includes this local newsletter, local mailings and the national "Audubon" magazine.*

\_\_\_\_\_ National Membership \$20

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*includes this newsletter and other mailings from our local chapter.*

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# THANK YOU!

Juliet Moderow for updating our Facebook page with a great variety of informative and fun posts.

Shey Lowman for updating the NIAS website calendar.

Deb Schroeder for providing a prairie tour of the Park Hills Golf Course in August.

Butterfly Festival volunteers who provided equipment and refreshments, set up, staffed, and took down our hospitality area, led butterfly tours, provided informational materials on butterflies and much more: Chris Kruger, Kara and Bob Gallup, Tim and Teresa Smith, Jeff Shriver, Mary Blackmore, Juliet Moderow, John Walt, Richard Benning, Laura Dufford, Kathy Weber, and Don Miller. We really appreciate the work you did!

Stewardship volunteers from July and August: Bernard and Deb Lischwe, Paul Brown, Tim and Teresa Smith, John Gvozdjak, Mary Blackmore, Nancy Ocken, Anita and David Nienhuis, Leanne Konkle-Briggs, Carl Trank, Kara Gallup, Juliet and Adam Moderow, Jim Richards, Denise Vance and Anne Straight.

Bob Wittenbeck and Bob and Kara Gallup for providing ATV transportation for our September and October campfires.

Recent field trip and event leaders/coordinators: Deb Schroeder, Juliet Moderow, Chris Kruger, and Mary Blackmore.

Recent financial donations: Laura Dufford (in memory of John Nienhuis), Anne Straight and Merry Blake.

Tim and Teresa Smith for chainsawing and removing fallen trees across trails at our Silver Creek preserve.

Nancy Ocken for sending e-mails to our preserves volunteers for many years and to Kathy Weber and John Gvozdjak for taking on this job.

Juliet Moderow and John Walt, for coordinating and installing a 1:1 banner of native plant roots at the Children Hands-on Museum of Northwest Illinois.

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