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NORTHWEST ILLINOIS AUDUBON SOCIETY



Red-eyed Vireo *Vireo olivaceus*

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
(top) Red-eyed vireo, Shenandoah National Park, 2015. National Parks Gallery. (right) Program photo provided by the presenter.

Throughout their summer range, Red-eyed Vireos breed in deciduous and mixed forests with shrubby understories. Numbers are greatest away from forest edges and near small openings in the interior forest canopy. In the pine forests of the southeastern United States, they prefer stream and river edges supporting hardwood trees. In northern areas, breeding territories in alder thickets and aspen groves are common. Red-eyed Vireos can sometimes be found in residential areas, city parks, and cemeteries with enough large trees. During migrations, they use a larger variety of forest habitats. Still preferring broadleaf forests to conifers, they will make use of forest edges, citrus groves, city parks, suburban residential areas, and other areas with scattered trees. During fall migrations, they rest and feed in Gulf Coast pine forests with dense undergrowth. In their winter range in the Amazon basin, they inhabit a variety of habitats up to 10,000 feet elevation. Rainforest, mangroves, plantations, second-growth forests and forest edges, arid regions with adequate vegetation, and even gardens with scattered trees and shrubby clearings can serve as winter homes.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

DRAGONFLIES AND DAMSELFLIES OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS

Tuesday, September 5th – 7:00 p.m.

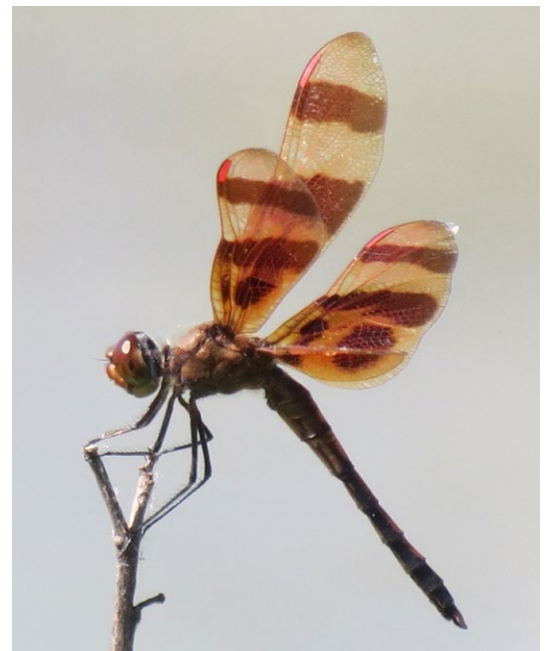
*St John United Church of Christ
1010 Park Blvd, Freeport, IL*

Dragonflies and damselflies provide a visual feast for nature lovers from May to October. They are superb aerialists that are fierce predators, beautiful and marvelous to watch. Some are easy to find, photograph and identify but others are very challenging.

We search for them and monitor their presence and populations because they are excellent indicators of water quality. The larvae of dragonflies and damselflies are strictly aquatic. Some species are very particular about the cleanliness, alkalinity, temperature and oxygen content of the water that they inhabit. Other species can thrive almost anywhere. High quality habitat will generally support the greatest diversity of dragonflies.

Barbara Williams will kickoff our programming year with information about dragonfly anatomy, life cycles, identification, helpful resources and tips on catching and photographing dragonflies, to help the beginner get started in studying dragonflies.

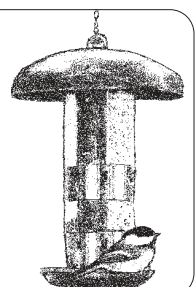
Barbara is a life-long student of natural history with many years of experience as a birder, educator, photographer and traveler. She monitors bumblebees and other pollinators as well as bats, river mussels, fireflies and dragonflies with the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County citizen science program.



BIRD SEED SALE REMINDER

This year's **Bird Seed Sale** will be held **October 19-21**. Sale fliers should begin arriving 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

PROGRAMS, EVENTS AND FIELD TRIPS

August 12 – Community Solar Event, Freeport Public Library, 11 a.m. (see page 3 for details)

August 12 – Perseids Campfire at our Elkhorn Creek Biodiversity Preserve. 7:30 p.m. (see right for details ▶)

August 14 – Prairie Tour at Park Hills Golf Course, 1 p.m. (see right for details ▶)

August 17 – Night of Exploring the Milky Way, 8 p.m. (see page 3 for details)

August 22 – Field Trip, Maquoketa Caves State Park (see page 3 for details)

September 5 – September Program, Dragonflies and Damselflies of Northern Illinois, 7:00 p.m. (see cover for details)

September 16 – Nachusa Grassland's Autumn on the Prairie, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (see page 3 for details)

September 16 – Beginning Birder Club, Freeport Public Library (see page 4 for details)

September 23 – Happy Autumnal Equinox! We'll be prairie seed collecting at our Elkhorn Creek Biodiversity Preserve, 2-4 p.m. Tools, snacks and guidance provided. Bring water and insect repellent.

For more information about our fall seed collecting schedule see the article on page 5. The preserve is located about 3 miles southwest of Forrester in the southeast corner of West Grove and Freeport Rds., with parking off of West Grove Rd. If the weather is questionable call Mary in advance at 815-938-3204.

September 29 – Full Moon Campfire at our Silver Creek Biodiversity Preserve. 6:30 p.m. (see page 3 for details)

PERSEIDS CAMPFIRE

Saturday, August 12 • 7:30 p.m.

Elkhorn Creek Biodiversity Preserve

We'll hope for clear skies for viewing this annual meteor shower. We'll take a short walk to see what's in bloom at 7:30 p.m. The campfire will follow at 8:00. S'mores will be provided.

Sorry, but no ATV transportation will be available for this campfire. Bring a lawn chair, insect repellent, flashlight and water. The preserve is located about 3 miles southwest of Forrester in the southeast corner of West Grove and Freeport Rds., with parking off of West Grove Rd. If the weather is questionable call Mary before 6:30 at 815-938-3204.

PRAIRIE TOUR AT PARK HILLS GOLF COURSE

RSVP REQUIRED

Monday, August 14 • 1:00 pm.
(Rain date August 21).

Park Hills Golf Course
3240 W Stephenson St
Freeport, IL 61032

Tour led by Deb Schroeder
Coordinator: Juliet Moderow
201-233-0946

Please join a tour of the approximately 27 acres of tall-grass prairie found at Park Hills Golf Course. NIAS member Deb Schroeder will lead the tour as she has been a bluebird monitor of the golf course for many years. Every year, she monitors 49 bluebird houses, which you will also see during the tour. You can expect to see many tall-grass prairie species like prairie dock, cup plant, compass plant, rattlesnake master, and others!



Caption: Blooming lupine at Park Hills Golf Course in June. | Photo provided by Deb Schroeder

Park Hills Golf Course was sanctioned in 2021 by Audubon International as an Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program golf course. It is also a certified Monarch Butterfly Waystation site.

The tour will involve pairs driving in golf carts as well as include walking along the mowed trails around the prairie as desired. There are restrooms available at the main building and some around the course.

This is limited to 9 people to allow traveling the golf course easily. Please call Juliet Moderow at 201-233-0946 to register. After 9 people have signed up, we will create a waitlist and will confirm if there will be a second offering of the tour later in the same afternoon.



June field trip to Nygren Wetland Preserve. Photo by Chris Kruger



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

A NIGHT OF EXPLORING THE MILKY WAY

Thursday, August 17 • 8:00 p.m.

Doug Firebaugh Observatory
Park Hills Golf Course
2892 West Stephenson St.
Freeport, IL 61032

Coordinator: Chris Kruger – 815-238-9259

Our chapter will host “A Night of Exploring the Milky Way” at the Doug Firebaugh Observatory. The staff of the observatory will lead an introduction and observing session of celestial objects visible in August. Among the objects that you can expect to see (weather permitting) are the major constellations, double stars, star clusters, and planetary nebulae.

This event is open to all ages. In case of inclement weather, the event will still be held, but with a modified program in the observatory.

Please call Chris to register for this event.

FIELD TRIP TO MAQUOKETA CAVES STATE PARK

Tuesday, August 22

Carpool from Harbor Freight parking lot
at 8:30 a.m., Freeport, IL

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.

NACHUSA GRASSLAND'S AUTUMN ON THE PRAIRIE

Saturday, September 16 • 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

2075 Lowden Rd, Frankilin Grove, IL

Coordinator: Chris Kruger 815-238-9259

Join us for Nachusa Grassland's annual festival. Bison tours and guided hikes are throughout the day, as well as birds of prey displays and program, a self-guided plant ID walking hike, Discovery tent activities for children, local vendors and more. There will be food available to purchase for lunch.

Sturdy shoes and long pants are recommended for the hiking tours as most are off trail. Carpool from Harbor Freight in Freeport at 9 a.m. or meet us at Nachusa at 10 a.m. (Gates open at 10 a.m.) Planned return time to Freeport is 3 p.m. There is a \$5 per car parking fee. Donations will also be accepted at the Welcome Pavilion and the Bison Tour Tent.

Call Chris Kruger at 815-238-9259 by Wednesday, September 13 to confirm your attendance. You can find more information on Nachusa's 4100 acre preserve at nachusagrasslands.org.

FULL MOON CAMPFIRE

Friday, September 29 • 6:30 p.m.

Silver Creek Biodiversity Preserve

Stroll the trails at 6:30 p.m., and join the campfire at 7 p.m. S'mores will be provided. Note: Accessibility via ATV transportation to and from the campfire circle will be available courtesy of Bob and Kara Gallup.

Bring a lawn chair, flashlight, insect repellent and water. 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 in advance at 815-938-3204.

COMMUNITY SOLAR EVENT

Saturday, August 12, 2023 • 11:00 a.m

Freeport Public Library
100 E. Douglas Street, Freeport, IL

Save money on your electricity, while supporting new solar development. Eliminate the need to install solar panels on your roof, or add carbon emissions to the atmosphere.

Join us for a presentation on community solar by Matt Harvey from the Citizens Utility Board, a consumer advocacy organization. There will be an opportunity to sign up that day for community solar. If you are interested in signing up at the event, bring a copy of your ComEd bill. (Citizens Utility Board does not endorse any specific community solar provider).



Community solar is a program for people who can't put solar on their own homes. It allows consumers to save money on their electric bills from energy produced by large, offsite community solar projects, similar to how you would save on your electric bill if you installed panels on your own property. You will still receive your electricity from ComEd, but the electricity will be produced by solar panels rather than by a fossil fuel or nuclear power plant and you will receive a credit for electricity produced on your ComEd bill. This program is available to individuals, businesses, non-profits, and churches. Depending on your income, you could save 20% to 50% on your ComEd bill. This is a great opportunity to save money, encourage renewable energy and help the environment!

– Candy Colby

BEGINNING BIRDER CLUB

Third Saturday of the Month
September through April!

Freeport Public Library
Youth Services Program Room
100 E. Douglas Street, Freeport, IL

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

REGISTRATION REQUIRED



Juliet and Willow Moderow looking at pelicans and eagles during the annual Birdathon. | Photo provided by Juliet Moderow

Education Chair, Juliet Moderow, will be starting a Beginning Birder Club starting this September.

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 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 (to remember, third rhymes with bird!). Sessions will be held at the Freeport Public Library in the Youth Services Program Room (past the big tree!), but we will try to end the session outside to look for birds. Please dress appropriately for the weather as well. Please register in advance as space is limited and to help determine amount of materials needed for each session.

Contact Juliet Moderow at moderowja@gmail.com or phone 201-233-0946 to register or by this form: <https://forms.gle/CFFSbCdzvWsYEK1L9>

TOPICS:

September 16, 2023 – What makes a bird a bird?: We will learn about the unique characteristics of a bird.

October 21, 2023 – Finding and naming birds: We will learn about habitats where birds can be found and how to identify local birds that can be found in the area.

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!

REMEMBERING JOHN NIENHUIS

On June 29, long-time member and supporter John Nienhuis, 86, passed away. John, along with his wife Anita, was a cheerful presence at nearly every Audubon event. He was a stewardship volunteer at our Preserves for over two decades, helping with the full range of tasks, including prescribed burning. We always joked with John that the post-stewardship breakfasts were his primary interest. He just grinned. We have fond memories of the many years that John and Anita hosted our prairie seed processing sessions in their deluxe shed, with their equally deluxe hospitality.

We will miss his great sense of humor, his story-telling, and so much more. Our deepest sympathies are extended to Anita and all of his family.



Photo caption: John, front row center, with his fellow volunteers after removing sweet clover at our Elkhorn Creek Biodiversity Preserve in 2010.



The July 7th stewardship crew, at Elkhorn Creek Biodiversity Preserve. (L to R) Sarah Barron, Mary Blackmore, Anne Straight and Kara Gallup. | Photo by Dan Barron

AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER PRESERVES STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship at our preserves for August and September will be scheduled on shorter notice by using our volunteer contact list. To get on the list call Mary Blackmore at 815-938-3204 or e-mail Nancy Ocken at rnocken@gmail.com. We will try to provide as much notice as possible as we work around hard-to-predict weather.

We plan to do a variety of stewardship, focusing on burdock, honeysuckle and Multi-flora Rose. Some seed collecting also will take place. Most 2-hour stewardship sessions will be scheduled for mornings, but on cooler September days we may work in the afternoon.

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



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. Our only long-range scheduled collecting outing at our Elkhorn Creek Preserve is September 23, 2-4 p.m. (see calendar on page 2). An October date for Silver Creek will be in your next newsletter.

We will be seed collecting on many more days on shorter notice as weather permits. To get on the contact list for those outings call Mary at 815-938-3204 or e-mail Nancy Ocken at rnocken@gmail.com. We typically gather seeds for two hours during late morning or early afternoon.

This is a wonderful way for you to volunteer to help our restoration efforts! Seed collecting is an easy, leisurely task. Novices always are welcome. There will be a leader to point out which plants to pick seed from. Snacks and equipment will be provided. Wear long pants and long sleeves and bring water and insect repellent.

Note: Some seed collecting will be done on trailsides, but much of the collecting will be done off-trail. Be aware that the terrain is often steep and uneven and that we'll be walking through tall grass.

Seed collecting is a fun way to spend a couple of hours on nice fall days. We hope you can join us!

BIODIVERSITY PRESERVES PORTFOLIO

photos by Mary Blackmore

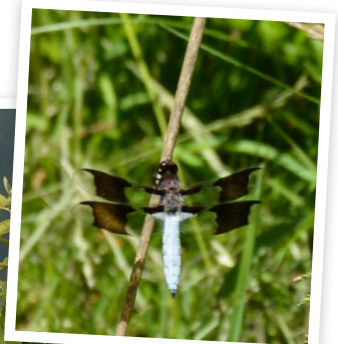
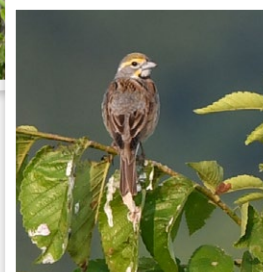


▲ Awesome Fungi at Silver Creek, possibly Sulphur Shelf or Chicken of the Woods Mushroom



▲ Blooming Cream Wild Indigo at Elkhorn Creek

Dickcissel at Elkhorn Creek ▶



Basking Common Whitetail dragonfly at Silver Creek ▶



JOIN FREEPORT COMMUNITY COMPOSTING

The Freeport Community Composting project encourages your participation in this worthwhile environmental activity. Headed up by high school agriculture teacher Ben Skipor, the Freeport Community Composting project collects household food scraps that are turned into nutrient-rich compost for the Freeport Student Garden. Higher Grounds in Freeport has also joined this effort by contributing about 10 gallons of coffee grounds to the compost bin every week. Produce and plants from the garden are sold at the Stephenson County Farmers Market on Saturday mornings.

Based on previous announcements about this local composting project, NIAS members represent a good share (almost a majority) of this year's sign-ups. Let's keep up the momentum! Participants get a 3-gallon bucket with lid (\$5 deposit requested) to collect the food and garden scraps. The buckets

of scraps are taken to the compost site located behind the Freeport Junior High School. For questions and sign up, please contact Deborah Lischwe (deborahlischwe@hotmail.com OR 815-233-9768, landline).

The Freeport Community Composting project is organized by the Freeport Student Garden with support from the Environmental Study Group, NIAS and the local University of Illinois Extension Unit.



Welcome New Members!

*Diana Chaplin - Baileyville
Laura Keith-Schwartz - Davis
Patricia McClellan - Davis
Marya Smith - Elizabeth
Diane Conroy - Freeport
Norman Heyen - Freeport*

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Terry Tonon - Mount Carroll*

BIRD WALK FUN!

Our spring series of local weekly outings provided numerous opportunities for us to enjoy and observe birds in habitats close to home. Only one walk was cancelled due to rain. Our average species count was 40.

Just a few of the many highlights were: memorable looks at a juvenile Bonaparte's Gull, American Black Ducks, Swamp Sparrow, Scarlet Tanager, Red-eyed Vireo, Blackpoll Warbler and Prothonotary Warbler, displaying Red-Headed Woodpeckers, quick looks at a Spotted Sandpiper and Lincoln's Sparrow, a Singing Wood Thrush, and soaring Broad-winged Hawks.

Many thanks go to the NIAS members who led the walks: Richard Benning, Mary Blackmore, Laura Dufford, Juliet Moderow, and Anne Straight. We hope you can join us next year when we'll once again enjoy the beauty and wonder of the spring migration.

THANK YOU!

Stewardship volunteers from early May through June: Kara Gallup, Randy and Nancy Ocken, Mary Blackmore, Aaron Anderson, Pam and Jim Richards, Paul Brown, Teresa and Tim Smith, John Gvozdzjak, Juliet Moderow, Carl Trank, Anne Straight, Bernard and Deb Lischwe, Dan and Sarah Barron, Jeremy, Mason and Wyatt Dixon, Don Miller.

Lynn Feaver and Tim Smith for mowing trails at our preserves.

Mary Blackmore for cleaning and sharpening tools following each stewardship session.

Bob and Kara Gallup for providing ATV transportation for most of our campfires.

Teresa Smith, Don Miller, Gary Gordon, Juliet Moderow, Laura Dufford, Fran Shriver, Jeff Shriver, Elizabeth Boettner, Richard Benning, Mary Blackmore, Anne Straight, Pat Leitzen Fye, and Illinois Extension volunteers Pam Hoffman and Jean Korte for volunteering their time during World Migratory Bird Day in May.

NORTHWEST ILLINOIS AUDUBON PARTNERS WITH BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF FREEPORT

The Boys and Girls Club (BGC) holds an after-school program for children of all ages, providing them a safe place to go if their parents work later than the end of school hours. As part of the after-school program, students have the opportunity to sign up for elective courses which can include science, art, computers, or sports, to name a few of the options.

As part of our commitment to expand our outreach within the community of Freeport and surrounding area, NIAS continued strengthening our partnership with the Boys and Girls club of Freeport.

To build upon the relationship with the BGC, which started several years ago and included the opportunity to bring Christian Cooper to visit Freeport, NIAS suggested we could participate in the afterschool program by offering an Introduction to Birding class. (This eventually became known to the students as "Bird Club.") The BGC welcomed NIAS, and one day per week NIAS volunteers conducted a one-hour class at the Martin Luther King Center, to teach birding basics to children in first grade through fifth grade.



Typically we had 8 to 10 students per class. NIAS volunteers included Gary Gordon, Juliet Moderow, Jeff Shriver, and Teresa Smith.

We look forward to picking up the program in the fall, and we know the kids are excited to continue learning about birding. We will also plan further field trips to include another visit to Lock and Dam 13 and Sand Bluff banding station, or other local birding sites as the opportunity arises.

It was a blessing to see these young lives develop a beginning interest in birding

and know this interest will blossom further over time.

- Gary, Juliet, Jeff and Teresa

bird banding station at Colored Sands to kickstart the program.

In April, we began our second class with a different group of students, and recently concluded that class with a field trip to the Lincoln-Douglas debate site in Freeport to observe Chimney Swifts in their native habitat. (The site is also conveniently located next to the Union Dairy Ice Cream shop, and all students and volunteers who were able to successfully locate a Chimney Swift, received a coupon for a scoop of ice cream.)

Classroom instruction included basics of bird identification, species discussion, migration, what do birds eat, and binocular usage among other topics. Juliet brought bird specimens from the Highland collection. One of the favorite classes included students dissecting an owl pellet. All students received a certificate of completion at the end as well as bird journals and stickers.



January field trip to Lock and Dam 13 near Fulton, IL., to observe Bald Eagles | Photo by Juliet Moderow

Our first class occurred weekly in November through January and this session culminated with a field trip to Lock and Dam 13 near Fulton, IL., to observe Bald Eagles that gather in that area during the winter. We had a mini trip to Sand Bluff



▲ (TOP) Students ventured through an obstacle course, during the World Migratory Bird Day event, highlighting ways in which human activity negatively impacts bird life. | Photo by Juliet Moderow

▲ Students explore a stream at the World Migratory Bird Day event, held at Oakdale Nature Preserve. Photo by Juliet Moderow

◀ One of the favorite classes included students dissecting an owl pellet. | Photo by Gary Gordon



UPDATE ON PLASTICS LEGISLATION IN ILLINOIS

In our April/May newsletter we included a call to action to support SB100 which included a ban on polystyrene foam food ware (carryout containers). Thank you to everyone who took the time to contact your elected official on this important issue. Unfortunately, the legislative session ended in May and SB100 did not pass. However, several municipalities in Illinois are working towards banning polystyrene carryout container and another bill to ban polystyrene will surely be introduced in the 2024 legislative session.

During the 2023 legislative session our elected officials did take big steps towards decreasing the use of polystyrene. Starting in 2026, Illinois government agencies will not be allowed to purchase polystyrene. This includes all state government agencies, the state fair, and state of Illinois owned nursing homes/hospitals. By starting the ban in 2026 purchasing contracts will not need to be renegotiated creating fewer burdens on the state.

In the mean time you can take steps to decrease polystyrene by encouraging restaurants that you frequent to do the right thing and discontinue the use of polystyrene carryout containers by using paper or other plant based carry out containers. Dining in or taking your own carryout container to the restaurant can be another great way to decrease polystyrene use.

– Teresa Smith
Conservation Committee

Black-footed Albatross, plastic pollution. Photo by Dan Clark /USFWS, Alaska Migratory Birds Office ▼



Plastic pollution in the ocean is mistaken for food items and fed to chicks. This black-footed albatross chick succumbed to it.

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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Our chapter supported this year's Freeport Pride Picnic in June hosted by St. John United Church of Christ. We donated a pair of binoculars and a "Celebrate Diversity" t-shirt to the raffle. It was great to meet new people!

Pictured are Juliet Moderow, Kathy Weber, Gary Gordon, and Elizabeth Boettner. Not pictured, but also present were Teresa Smith, Jeff Shriver, and Fran Shriver.



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