



JUNE – JULY 2025

NORTHWEST ILLINOIS BIRD AND NATURE ALLIANCE



A chapter of the National Audubon Society

Orchard Oriole *Icterus spurius*

The Orchard Oriole swaps the typical flame-orange of other orioles for a deep, burnished russet. Hopping among riverine shrubs or scattered trees, male Orchard Orioles sing a whistled, chattering song to attract yellow-green females. The smallest of North America's orioles, it gleans insects from foliage and builds hanging, pouchlike nests during its brief breeding season, and then heads back to Central America for the rest of the year. Orchard Orioles also feed on fruit and nectar in orchards, gardens, and elsewhere.

The Northwest Illinois Bird and Nature Alliance celebrates diversity in nature and among the people and communities with whom we work. We are dedicated to providing an inclusive, welcoming, and judgement-free atmosphere where people of all experience levels, abilities, identity groups, and cultural backgrounds are actively encouraged to participate.

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NIBNA MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Most programs are held the first Tuesday of the month (Sept.-May) at St. John United Church of Christ, 1010 Park Blvd., Freeport and begin at 7 p.m., followed by refreshments. All programs and events are open to the public. The building is fully accessible.

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

PLEASE JOIN US!

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.

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Feature Bird Photo by Jon Corcoran
Information from allaboutbirds.org

SUMMER STEWARDSHIP ACTIVITIES

Please join us for one or more of the following stewardship sessions scheduled below for either the Elkhorn Creek or Silver Creek Biodiversity Preserves or the Freeport Prairie Nature Preserve. Depending upon the site or week, we will be doing a variety of tasks such as removing sweet clover, burdock and wild parsnip, cutting brush, girdling saplings or otherwise reducing the competition to our native

prairie, woodland and wetland remnants. Times vary so be sure to check the schedule.

Wear long pants, long sleeves, socks long enough to tuck your pant legs into (for tick avoidance), a hat and footwear that can get wet (earlier is dewier!). Take along insect repellent, sunscreen and water.

Tools, gloves, snacks and directions about our work always will be provided. If the weather is

questionable or you need more information, contact the listed leader.

NOTE: Both the Elkhorn Creek Biodiversity Preserve and the Freeport Prairie Nature Preserve contain steep slopes. There is uneven ground at all 3 sites, and there are no restrooms.

SITE DIRECTIONS

- **Elkhorn Creek Biodiversity Preserve** is about 3 miles southwest of Forreston in the southeast corner of West Grove and Freeport Rds. Parking is off of West Grove Rd.
- **The Freeport Prairie** is just south of the intersection of Meadows Dr. and Walnut Rd. on the south side of Freeport. Parking is off of Meadows Drive, in the new parking area, just east of the Ford dealership.
- **Silver Creek Biodiversity 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. about ¼ mile south of the intersection (S. Main St. crossing HWY 72 in Leaf River becomes Leaf River Rd.)

SCHEDULE

June 2 – Elkhorn Creek, Corner Planting, 7-9 a.m. Leader: Mary Blackmore, (815) 938-3204

June 4 – Elkhorn Creek, Swamp Sparrow Wetland, 7-9 a.m. Leader: Juliet Moderow, (201) 233-0946

June 6 – Elkhorn Creek, Old Joe Seep, 7-9 a.m. Leaders: Nancy and Randy Ocken, (815) 440-5768

June 9 – Freeport Prairie, 7-9 a.m. Leader: Mary Blackmore, (815) 938-3204

June 11 – Elkhorn Creek, Lower East Planting, 7-9 a.m. Leader: Mary Blackmore, (815) 938-3204

June 13 – Elkhorn Creek, Old Joe Seep, 7-9 a.m. Leaders: Nancy and Randy Ocken, (815) 440-5768

June 16 – Elkhorn Creek, Swamp Sparrow Wetland, 7-9 a.m. Leader: Juliet Moderow, (201) 233-0946

June 18 – Elkhorn Creek, Spiderwort Vista, 7-9 a.m. Leader: Anne Straight, (706) 248-9344

June 20 – Elkhorn Creek, Bluestem View, 7-9 a.m. Leader: Kara Gallup, (815) 871-8041

June 23 – Elkhorn Creek, Elkhorn Riparian Strip, 8-10 a.m. Leader: Jeremy Dixon, (815) 821-3921

June 27 – Elkhorn Creek, Fruit Bowl, 7-9 a.m. Leader: Kara Gallup, (815) 871-8041

June 30 – Elkhorn Creek, Blazing Star Saddles, 7-9 a.m. Leader: Bernard Lischwe, (815) 275-9200

July 1 – Elkhorn Creek, Black Oak Savanna, 8-10 a.m. Leaders: Pam and Jim Richards, (815) 338-4049

July 8 – Elkhorn Creek, Black Oak Savanna, 8-10 a.m. Leaders: Pam and Jim Richards, (815) 338-4049

July 12 – Elkhorn Creek, Sandy Slope, 7-9 a.m. Leader: Anita Nienhuis, (815) 443-2401

July 15 – Elkhorn Creek, Jim's Hill, 7-9 a.m. Leader: Teresa Smith, (815) 238-3963

July 18 – Elkhorn Creek, Goats 'N Roses, 7-9 a.m. Leader: Mary Blackmore, (815) 938-3204

July 22 – Elkhorn Creek, Lower West Planting, 7-9 a.m. Leader: Mary Blackmore, (815) 938-3204

July 24 – Elkhorn Creek, Upper Planting and Trail Preparation for Butterfly Festival, 7-9 a.m. Leader: Mary Blackmore, (815) 938-3204

July 28 – Silver Creek, 7-9 a.m. Leader: Mary Blackmore, (815) 938-3204

July 30 – Silver Creek, 7-9 a.m. Leader: Mary Blackmore, (815) 938-3204

CALENDAR

S June 2 – Elkhorn Creek Stewardship, 7-9 a.m. See cover page for details

S June 4 – Elkhorn Creek Stewardship, 7-9 a.m. See cover page for details

S June 6 – Elkhorn Creek Stewardship, 7-9 a.m. See cover page for details

S June 9 – Freeport Prairie Stewardship, 7-9 a.m. See cover page for details

S June 11 – Elkhorn Creek Stewardship, 7-9 a.m. See cover page for details

O June 11 – Books, Berries & Brews 5:30 p.m. See page 3 for details.

S June 13 – Elkhorn Creek Stewardship, 7-9 a.m. See cover page for details

S June 16 – Elkhorn Creek Stewardship, 7-9 a.m. See cover page for details

S June 18 – Elkhorn Creek Stewardship, 7-9 a.m. See cover page for details

S June 20 – Elkhorn Creek Stewardship, 7-9 a.m. See cover page for details

O June 20-22 – Drifting through the Driftless with Jon Stravers and friends. See page 3 for details.

S June 23 – Elkhorn Creek Stewardship, 8-10 a.m. See cover page for details.

O June 25 – New Moon Firefly Campfire at our Elkhorn Creek Biodiversity Preserve at 7:30 p.m. Join us for a great light show above and below! First we'll take a stroll to observe resident birds and blooming plants. The campfire begins at 8:00 p.m., with s'mores provided. We hope to see an impressive display of both fireflies and stars. Bring a lawn chair, flashlight, insect repellent and, if desired, water.

NOTE: Accessibility via ATV transportation to and from the campfire circle will be available courtesy of Bob and Kara Gallup.

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S June 27 – Elkhorn Creek Stewardship, 7-9 a.m. See cover page for details

S June 30 – Elkhorn Creek Stewardship, 7-9 a.m. See cover page for details

S July 1 – Elkhorn Creek Stewardship, 8-10 a.m. See cover page for details

F July 3 – Field Trip to Thomas Wohlford Woods, 9-11 a.m. See page 3 for details.

S July 8 – Elkhorn Creek Stewardship, 8-10 a.m. See cover page for details

M July 8 – Board Meeting at St. John UCC at 7 p.m.

S July 12 – Elkhorn Creek Stewardship, 7-9 a.m. See cover page for details

S July 15 – Elkhorn Creek Stewardship, 7-9 a.m. See cover page for details

S July 18 – Elkhorn Creek Stewardship, 7-9 a.m. See cover page for details

O July 20 – Screech Owl Campfire at our Elkhorn Creek Biodiversity Preserve at 7:30 p.m. After a stroll to observe birds and blooms, the campfire will start at 8:00 p.m., with s'mores provided. This is typically a good time of the summer to hear our resident Screech Owls. Bring a lawn chair, flashlight, insect repellent and, if desired, water.

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S July 22 – Elkhorn Creek Stewardship, 7-9 a.m. See cover page for details

S July 24 – Elkhorn Creek Stewardship, 7-9 a.m. See cover page for details

E July 26 – Annual Elkhorn Creek Butterfly Festival, 1-5 p.m. See page 4 for details

S July 28 – Silver Creek Stewardship, 7-9 a.m. See cover page for details

S July 30 – Silver Creek Stewardship, 7-9 a.m. See cover page for details

M Meeting

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S Stewardship

P Program

E Event

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VIEW OUR CALENDAR CONSIDERATIONS AT:

nwilbirdnaturealliance.org/news/calendar/



Juliet Moderow, education chair, held her last Youth Bird Club session for the 2024-2025 year in April. In this last session, we had a final bird quiz, played bird bingo, made a pledge to promise to do all we can to protect birds, and ended with a bird outing looking for birds in Debate Square.

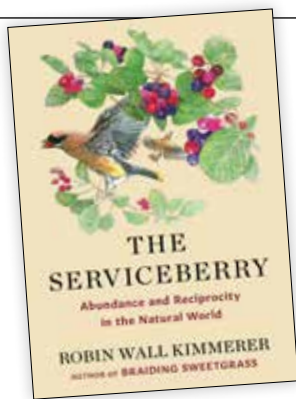
The kids were able to observe American Robins, Northern Cardinal, House Finches, House Sparrows, European Starlings, and the highlight- a small flock of American White Pelicans! We thank the Freeport Public Library for the partnership and use of inclusive facilities!

Photo by Karissa Langlois

Juliet Moderow, Education Chair for 2025-2026 is seeking input on offering a third year for the Youth Bird Club at the Freeport Public Library.

The club is ideal for children age 6-10 years old. We meet once a month on Saturdays from September to May. Please send an email to nwilbirdnaturealliance@gmail.com or call 201-233-0946 if interested.

FIELD TRIPS, PROGRAMS AND EVENTS



Books, Berries, & Brews!

Wednesday, June 11 at 5:30 p.m.

Generations Brewing Company
1400 S Adams Ave, Freeport

Join the Conservation Committee for a book discussion of *The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. This is a book offering ideas on ways to redistribute wealth and a vision for how to orient our lives around gratitude, reciprocity, and community. Members of the committee will lead the discussion.

Generations Brewing offers a variety of alcoholic or non-alcoholic beverages and guests will be responsible for their own orders. The committee will provide pizza at no cost to guests.

There is limited space for our group so please sign-up if you would like to attend. Laura Dufford: 815-541-8958, lauradufford@gmail.com

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Kenneth Drake – Baileyville
William Gonzalez – Davis
Kiza Blackmore – Forreston
Rich Hofmaster – Freeport
Shannon Muick – Freeport
Mary Otterstein – Rock City
Jan Bristol – Savanna
Cynthia Lalond – Stockton
Sondra Horn – Morrison
Charles Yost – Morrison

Drifting through the Driftless with Jon Stravers and friends

June 20-22, 2025

The confluence of the Wisconsin and Mississippi Rivers near Prairie Du Chien is home to some of the most scenic and diverse habitats in the Upper Midwest. This trip will allow us to explore some of them.



FRIDAY JUNE 20

Evening music cruise with Jon and his band "Big Blue Sky" aboard Maiden Voyages cruises. Boat departs from Marquette, Iowa, Marina at 7 pm. *Book this trip on the website at maidenvoyagetours.com.*

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

10:00 a.m. – Walking tour of the Sny Magill unit of Effigy Mounds National Monument. Meet at Sny Magill boat access point off of Iowa X56 (Great River Road) approx 8 miles south of Marquette, Iowa.

11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. – lunch at Pikes Peak State Park Scenic overlook, 2 miles south of McGregor Iowa off X56. Bring your lunch and a beverage and enjoy one of the most outstanding vistas in the Midwest, overlooking the confluence of the Wisconsin and Mississippi Rivers.

1:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Cruise and River stories with Jon Stravers. Departs from Marquette Marina. **This is a special tour for our group and is NOT booked through the website. Contact Steve Simpson at (815) 821-1956 or sjsimpson56@gmail.com to reserve a spot.** Cost is \$40 dollars per person but may be reduced if we have a full boat.

Saturday Dinner is on your own but hopefully we can all agree on a place in the area

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

10:00 a.m. – Tour of Effigy Mounds National Monument visitors center and trails just North of Marquette, Iowa.

We'll be staying at the Country Inn and Suites just north of Prairie Du Chien off highway 35. Basic rooms go for around \$150/night and we will try and get a block together. 608-326-5700 <https://www.choicehotels.com/wisconsin/prairie-du-chien/country-inn-suites-hotels/wi477?mc=llgoxpx>

Field Trip to Thomas Wohlford Woods

Thursday, July 3 at 9:00-11:00 AM

We will explore one of the lesser known land holdings of the Jane Addamsland Park Foundation. It contains an old quarry and is adjacent to the Jane Addams Trail. However there are no established trails within the woods, so wear sturdy shoes and protective clothing. Park along McConnell Road near the trail crossing just west of the town of Buena Vista, or carpool from the Harbor Freight parking lot at 8:30 AM.

Trip Leader: Richard Benning 815-865-5279 | Call Richard to register or for more information.

TICK AVOIDANCE

As ticks are active in our area, we recommend that you use tick avoidance strategies for all preserve outings.

An easy method is to wear socks long enough to tuck your pant legs into, followed by using insect repellent from the knees down. Both socks and pants should be light-colored for easier tick detection, and always do a tick check when you get home.



Photo by Teresa Smith

ELKHORN CREEK BUTTERFLY FESTIVAL

**ELKHORN CREEK
BIODIVERSITY PRESERVE**

Saturday, July 26 | 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Join us for a fun, informative family friendly afternoon as we explore the Elkhorn Creek Biodiversity Preserve for the many butterflies that are found there. From 1-5 p.m. participants may join guided butterfly tours or look on their own for those winged beauties. Tours will begin at 1:00, 2:00, 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. "Illinois Butterflies and Moths" pocket guides will be distributed at no charge while supplies last. We'll have a shady rest area with chairs, as well as a restroom, cold beverages, snacks and information about pollinators.

If the weather is questionable, call Mary Blackmore at 815-938-3204 no later than 10 a.m. on July 26.

To date 38 species of butterflies and skippers have been documented at the preserve among which are Buckeye, Great Fritillary, Coral Hairstreak, Milbert's Tortoiseshell, Peck's Skipper, Red-spotted Purple and American Snout.

The preserve is located about 3 miles southwest of Forreton in the southeast corner of West Grove and Freeport Rds. The parking lot is off of West Grove Rd. This event is free and open to the public. We hope to see you there!



2025 CRANE COUNT SUMMARY

The 2025 Crane Count was held on Saturday, April 12th, with temperatures at 31 degrees at 5:30 a.m. at 28 degrees. The crane counters enjoyed the sun rising in the east with the nearly full moon setting in the west while listening to the sounds of owls, numerous songbirds, snipe, geese, ducks, eagles, and Sandhill Cranes. This year, we had counters at 15 sites throughout Stephenson County. We welcomed one new counter: Nance Klehm in 2025. We also had 27 counters that are veteran counters: Jesse and Jody Akins, Isiah Akins, Bethany Akins, Jeremy Dixon, Richard Benning, Phil Swalve, Colleen Wilson, Sherrie Shoemaker, Mary Blackmore, Jen Richards, Curt Richards, Gary Gordon, Carol Beatty, Bernard Lischwe, Judy Corrie, Molly Doolittle, Anne Straight, Juliet Moderow, Rex Sides, Teresa Smith, Rebecca Shriver, Jeff Shriver, Fran Shriver, Paul Hasenour, Chris Fye and Glen Hagemann.

This year, the counters spotted a total of 61 cranes including 13 pairs of cranes. The numbers were down slightly this year compared to last year with 79 total cranes and 25 pairs noted in 2024. Last year we started out with a wet spring and this year has been very dry which may have contributed to the slight decrease in numbers. Only one nesting crane was noted and it was at the Orangeville site with Carol Beatty and Bernard Lischwe getting a chance to see the crane sitting on the nest. Typically, on count day we see/hear between 60-70 cranes.

This citizen science project sponsored by the International Crane Foundation started in Wisconsin in 1976 and expanded over the years to become the Annual Midwest Sandhill Crane Count. Illinois has been part of this event since 1994. Thank you to all the volunteers in Stephenson County for helping with the 2025 Annual Midwest Crane Count. Thank you to Teresa Smith for coordinating the count for Stephenson County.

ADDRESS CHANGES FOR USPS

If you have recently changed your USPS address, let us know so we can send your newsletter to the correct address. If newsletters are returned to us because of an incorrect address, it can take several weeks for the USPS to return the item to us with your new address and thus you would receive the newsletter much later.

You can email us at

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or call 815-238-3963 with any change of address information.



Illustrations by Carol Litus

2025 LOCAL FOODS BROCHURE AVAILABLE

Each year Northwest Illinois Bird and Nature Alliance in partnership with the University of Illinois Extension Stephenson County produces a Local Foods Brochure. It is a resource to connect local food buyers with local food growers. The brochure gives you the information you need to contact local growers and get the know the local growers. The 2025 brochure lists 42 growers in Northwest Illinois that offer local produce, maple syrup, cheese, honey, eggs, poultry and meat. Buying food locally has many advantages; limiting the amount of fuel used to transport food across the country, an opportunity to get to know the farmer that produced the food that you consume, and keeping dollars locally to promote a healthy community. If you are interested in a free copy of the 2025 Local Foods Brochure you can pick one up at the University of Illinois Extension Stephenson / Winnebago / Jo Daviess County.

***The brochure is also available at
nwilbirdnaturealliance.org or by
calling 815-238-3963***

**Photos from the March 22nd
stewardship day at Elkhorn
Creek Biodiversity Preserve**

Several dead, fallen tree (snags) were cut and tossed into the wood pit in preparation for the prescribed burn at Elkhorn Creek Biodiversity Preserve. Volunteers included Tim Smith, Paul Brown, Mary Blackmore, and Pam and Jim Richards.

photos by Pam Richards



**Photos from the April 8th burn at Elkhorn
Creek Biodiversity Preserve**

Volunteers were Tim and Teresa Smith, Mary Blackmore, Jerry McCormick, Mary Blake, Bernard Lischwe, Richard Benning, Jeannie McKewan, Jim and Pam Richards.

photos by Pam Richards



**At the May 5, Freeport City
Council meeting,**

Mayor Jodi Miller presented the Northwest Illinois Bird and Nature Alliance with the annual proclamation for World Migratory Bird Day. Thank you to Juliet Moderow, Elizabeth Boettner, and Merry Blake for being present for the proclamation.

Photo by Bryan Bridge



BANQUET VOLUNTEERS THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2025 banquet in some way. The event was a hug success with 115 people signed up for the banquet and over 30 people attending just the program. David and Adrienne Olson gave an outstanding presentation and the meal served by Lessman's Catering was delicious.

Many people volunteered their time and talents to make the banquet a fun event for all. The following is a list of some of those volunteers: Kara Gallup, Judy Corrie and Anne Straight for freezing corn; Kara Gallup for coordinating the desserts and donating the coffee for the banquet; Tim Smith for tabulating the registration forms and organizing name tags; Deborah and Bernard Lischwe and Laura Dufford for setting the tables; Richard Benning for acting as the MC for the event; Chris Kruger, Mary Blackmore, and Jim and Pam Richards for all their efforts with the silent auction; Laura Dufford and Carol Beatty for being on the banquet committee; Teresa Smith for acting as banquet committee chair; Judy Corrie, Mary Blackmore, Wendy Boettner, Fran Shriver, Pam Richards, Paul Brown, Merry Blake, Patty Weik, Deborah Lischwe, Laura Dufford, Molly Doolittle, Deb Barron and Anne Straight for bringing all of the delicious desserts.

Thank you also to Eickman's Processing Company for allowing us to store the frozen turkeys and frozen corn in a locker space at no cost to NIBNA.

THANK YOU BOARD MEMBERS

Thank you to all the board members who served in 2024-2025. Your time and talents did not go unnoticed. Northwest Illinois Bird and Nature Alliance has no paid staff. Volunteers keep the organization thriving. Our chapter does an amazing job with offering a variety of programs throughout the year for a diverse group of people with a wide range of abilities.

A big thank you to Elizabeth Boettner, Mary Blackmore, Steve Simpson, Leah

SILENT AUCTION THANK YOU

Thank you to all who bid at this year's silent auction fundraiser. More than \$1300.00 was raised. All auction proceeds fund local chapter activities and our two preserves. Also, our thanks to all who donated items for the auction: David & Adrienne Olson, Amara Striegel, Full Circle Cafe and Collective, Rock Valley Garden Center, Laura Welti, Patty Weik, Debbie Barron, Jeff & Fran Shriver, Bob Remer, Juliet Moderow, Richard Luthin, Shirlee Munda, Shey Lowman, Estate of Bonnie Bade, Anne Straight, Estate of Sharon Shaw, Tony & Samantha Patters, Bernard & Deb Lischwe, Dick & Joan Harmet, Kriss Mulder, Rex Sides, Linda Black, Gay Broocks, Pam & Jim Richards, Mary Blackmore, Teresa Tomblinson, Tom Hartung, Nancy Ocken, Jim Duis, Herbert Meldahl & Paula Meldahl, Jeanie McKewan, Mike & Colleen Wilson, Tammy Hicks, Laura Dufford, and Chris Kruger.



Banquet Presenters, David and Adrienne Olson, ▲ | Photo by Juliet Moderow

▼ *Butterfly desserts at the banquet, Photo by Debbie Barron*



Dixon, Fran Shriver, and Pam Richards who served on the board throughout the 2024-2025 term and will not be returning to the board for the upcoming year. Also, a big thank you to Kee Henze, Gay Broocks, Laura Dufford, Juliet Moderow, Don Miller, Sarah Barron, Carol Beatty, Chris Kruger and Richard Benning for serving both last year and again for the 2025-2026 term.

We are excited to welcome Bernard Lischwe, Kara Gallup, Jeremy Dixon, Tim Smith and Anita Nienhuis to the board for the new fiscal year that starts June 1.

Teresa Smith – President

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Did you know that our organization sends an email with monthly reminders of our events? If you are not receiving the email and would like to be added to the distribution list let us know.

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THANK YOU!

- Burn and overseeding volunteers from our March Silver Creek burn: Jim and Pam Richards, Tim Smith, Mary Blackmore, Bernard Lischwe and Lynn Feaver.
- Burn volunteers from our April Elkhorn Creek burn: Jim and Pam Richards, Tim and Teresa Smith, Mary Blackmore, Jerry McCormick, Merry Blake, Bernard Lischwe, Richard Benning, and Jeanie McKewan.
- Special thanks go to Jim Richards for bossing both burns and creating both burn plans and to Tim Smith for chainsawing where needed during both prep and mop-up.
- Elkhorn Creek overseeding volunteers: Pam Richards, Teresa Smith, Mary Blackmore, Jerry McCormick, Merry Blake, Bernard Lischwe, Richard Benning, Paul Brown, Judy Corrie and Nancy Ocken.
- March and April stewardship volunteers: Pam and Jim Richards, Mary Blackmore, Tim Smith, Paul Brown, Kara Gallup, Bernard Lischwe, Judy Corrie and Anne Straight.
- Field trip and bird walk leaders: Mary Blackmore, Laura Dufford, Somer Elgin, Anne Straight, Chris Kruger, Richard Benning and Juliet Moderow.
- Volunteers who picked up perserves roadside trash on Earth Day: Judy Corrie, Anne Straight, Teresa Smith, Mary Blackmore and Paul Brown. Special thanks go to Mary for organizing the event and for dropping off the accumulated recyclables and trash.
- Teresa Smith for coordinating our 2025 Stephenson County Crane Count.
- Juliet Moderow for organizing and teaching at the Beginning Birder Club.
- Recent donations from Colleen and Mike Wilson and Jenn and Alan Nowicki.
- Dan Barron for donating a replacement part on a flapper that is used for prairie burns.
- Fran and Jeff Shriver for their donation in memory of Fran's mother, Jennie Butler, a kind, gentle soul and lover of Nature.

- Judy Corrie for donating a memorial bench at Elkhorn Creek in memory of her husband Harlan.
- Thank you to the following people who made financial donations through the banquet registration form: Chuck and Patty Wemstrom, Bob and Kara Gallup, Richard Benning, Anne Straight, Richard Montgomery, Jeanie McKewan, Jennifer and Joe Kanosky, Jack and Debbie Barron, Teresa and Thomas Tomlinson, Esther Schipper, Sandra Theden, Carol Dickerson and Merry Blake.
- Kee Henze and Elizabeth Boettner for hosting a station about importance of trees to birds during the annual Arbor Day Event with the Freeport Park District.
- Gary Gordon, Jeff Shriver, and Juliet Moderow for leading another Bird Club at the Boys and Girls club.
- Bryan and Michele Edler, Elkhorn Creek neighbors, for letting us refill our large water tank, for post-burn mop-up.



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