



A chapter of the National Audubon Society

NORTHWEST ILLINOIS BIRD AND NATURE ALLIANCE



Hairy Woodpecker *Leuconotopicus villosus* | The larger of two look alikes, the Hairy Woodpecker is a small but powerful bird that forages along trunks and main branches of large trees. It wields a much longer bill than the Downy Woodpecker's almost thornlike bill.

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 (September through May) at St. John United Church of Christ, 1010 Park Blvd., Freeport and begin at 7:00 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: Andrew Reding (flicker.com)
Information from allaboutbirds.org

THE SLOTH STORYTELLING HOUR

Presented by the NIBNA Storytellers

Tuesday, December 2nd | Program at 7:00 p.m.
St. John United Church of Christ, Freeport, IL



You may heard of the "Moth Radio Hour" a program where people tell their stories. The Sloth Storytelling Hour is our version of that great storytelling program. We have filled a night with personal stories in nature, including one of an animal encounter, a gardening escapade, an adventure ordeal, and a perfect moment in nature from our membership. The lineup of storytellers for the evening, alphabetically are: Carol Beatty "Yes, I'm a Lister, but..." Richard Benning, "It's not over, until it's over," Mary Blackmore, "Pelican Tribute," Judi Deszcz, "My Mother's Mountain," Kara Gallup, "The Serendipity of Stewardship," Teresa Smith, "Crown of the Continent."

It will be a fun night, and thank you to all the storytellers!

"FLOWER BUGS"

Presented by **Angella Moorehouse**
Natural Areas Preservation Specialist,
Illinois Nature Preserves Commission

Tuesday, January 6th | Program at 7:00 p.m.
St John's United Church of Christ Freeport, IL, or via Zoom



HYBRID PROGRAM: If you are not a member, we want you to join us for this great program, but you will need to email nwilbirdnaturealliance@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link.

While bees get most of the attention for their pollination services, there are hundreds of other insects in our natural communities that are closely associated with one or more species of flowering plants. Wasps, flies, beetles, ants, moths, butterflies, and true bugs serve a variety of roles in the ecosystem. Flower Bugs is a book that was written by Angella, and will be presented for the purpose of sparking a greater interest and appreciation for flower-visiting true bugs by showcasing the connections between native plants and their insect companions. For this presentation she will share a little bit about the pollinator photo survey project as well as some basics on how to identify and find true bugs (Heteroptera: stink bugs, assassin bugs, plant bugs, milkweed bugs, and more).

Angella Moorehouse has worked for 29 years as a field representative for the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission in west-central Illinois where she prepares conservation easements to protect high quality natural areas and assists in the management and monitoring of these sites. She has been conducting photography surveys of flower visiting insects on 30 protected preserves in west-central Illinois since 2018. Angella has published several Rapid Field Guides on wasps, bees, flies, and moths with the Field Museum. "Flower Bugs" is her first book publication (2023) and is intended as a field guide for identification of flower visiting Heteroptera in the Midwest.

"Flower Bugs – the seldom seen connections between lesser-known insects and native flowering plants" available for Pollinator Press: pollinationpress.com



Check page 5 for free field guides, by Angella Moorehouse, available from the Field Museum ►

CALENDAR

December 2 – NIBNA Montly Program
(see cover for details)

December 20 – Christmas Bird Count (see page 4 for details ▶)

January 6 – NIBNA Montly Program (see cover for details)

January 10 – Field Trip: Open Land Birding, 9:00 a.m. - noon (see page 3 for details ▶)

January 26 – Book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying Times, 1:00 p.m. (see page 3 for details ▶)

January 30 – Field Trip: Open Land Birding, 9:00 a.m. - noon (see page 3 for details ▶)



FREEPORT "HAPP" SCHOOL SIXTH GRADERS

Adam and Juliet Moderow spent a day at Oakdale Nature Preserve on October 17, with HAPP sixth graders and their teachers Luke Kramer and Dr. Kim Frank from Freeport Middle School. The students learned how to build a shelter, start a fire, learn about birds, and enjoyed finding a cool snake, spiders, and various butterflies.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR SPRING BANQUET

March 31 with Christopher Benda presenting "Botanical Humor: You Never Knew Plants Were So Funny"

Christopher Benda (a.k.a. Illinois Botanizer) will present a delightful presentation about plants. Chris has been teaching about plants for over 12 years and during that time has developed a unique teaching style that includes lots of puns, jokes, and whimsical pop culture references. The program is sure to keep you entertained and equipped with fun ways to learn about plants, teach others about plants. Join us for a great meal and a program that is sure to add some light humor to your day!



Photos by Juliet Moderow



VIEW OUR CALENDAR CONSIDERATIONS AT:

nwilbirdnaturealliance.org/news/calendar/

M Meeting

F Field Trip

S Stewardship

P Program

E Event

O Other



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Ray Laskowski – Dixon
Robert Stevens – Dixon
Dawn Tittmeyer – German Valley
Benjamin Ryan – Polo
Carmen Healy – Sterling
Don Burton – Sterling
Norman Groezinger – Stockton
Leonard Arand – Stockton
Aaron Johnson – Morrison

Sandra Keltner – Pearl City
Carol Margosein – Lanark
Frances Kolling – Rock Falls
Allen Backus – Freeport
Haley Kurtz – Freeport
Susan Solheim – Freeport
Bonnie Piefer – Freeport
Brenda Boynton – Freeport
Connie Smith – Shannon

FIELD TRIPS, PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Snowy Owl, by Patty Weik



OPEN LAND BIRDING FIELD TRIPS

Saturday, January 10

Friday, January 30

9:00 a.m. - noon

Leader: Mary Blackmore
815-938-3204 or 779-302-7281

Carpool from the Harbor-Freight lot in Freeport at 9:00 a.m.

We will carpool and cruise country roads in local areas that were historically prairie. Viewing will be done predominantly from the vehicles, using the cars as blinds, and communicating by radio.

We'll be focusing on birds who nest in the northern latitudes but winter in our area. Typically we'll see several species – notably Snow Bunting, Lapland Longspur and Horned Lark – on roadsides or in fields, often in abundance if there is adequate snow cover. Snowy Owls and Northern Shrikes have been spotted in past years. Other species we'll search for include Rough-Legged Hawk and Merlin. Of course we'll enjoy any bird that we see, including our many year-round residents.

Please call Mary to confirm your attendance.



Collecting Little Blue Stem under beautiful blue skies at Elkhorn (ECBP), October 9th. | Photo by Pam Richards

BOOK OF HOPE: A SURVIVAL GUIDE FOR TRYING TIMES

Monday, January 26 at 1:00 p.m.

Higher Grounds Coffee Shop
1709 S West Ave, Freeport

To honor the conservation efforts of the late Dr. Jane Goodall, our Conservation Committee is offering an opportunity to discuss Dr. Goodall's most recent book, *The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying Times*. Hope is needed more now than ever as the world continues to face a changing climate with the effects of that felt through droughts, longer and hotter summers, and catastrophic flooding. Hope is not a solution to climate change but without hope we cannot see the things we can do to slow climate change.

Dr. Jane Goodall died on October 1st at the age of 91 having shared most of her adult life with the public, traveling up to 300 days per year up until the time of her death. Jane was trained as an ethologist, someone who compares and analyzes the characteristics of different people and their relationships. Early in her life she was well known for her work with the chimpanzees in Africa. Later in her life she became more involved as a

conservationist and humanitarian

throughout the world, speaking at conferences to share her message to take care of the earth and take care of each other. Her last book, *The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying Times* has been translated into 20 different languages.

In 1991 she founded Roots & Shoots, a global humanitarian and environmental program for youth. The program has spread to 60 countries throughout the world. Children learn about ways to make a better tomorrow as they become changemakers.

Coffee and treats will be available for purchase at Higher Grounds. They do offer coffee in reusable cups. If you order a beverage, make sure to request a reusable cup!

There is limited space for our group so please sign-up if you would like to attend. Teresa Smith: 815-238-3963 or nwilbirdnaturealliance@gmail.com

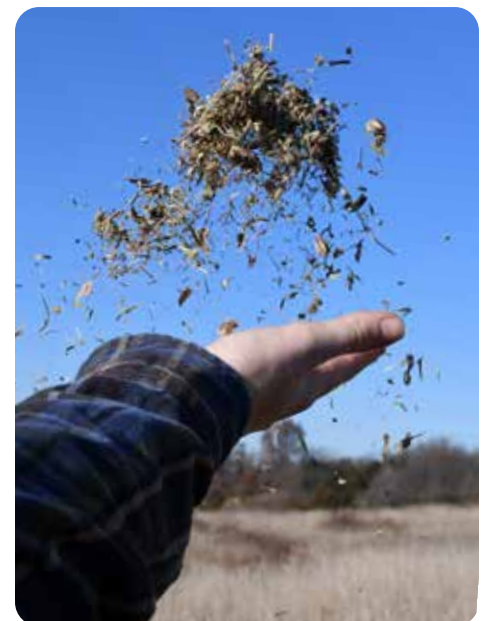
"We have the choice to use the gift of our life to make the world a better place."

– Jane Goodall

PRESERVES OVERSEEDING

Seeds of selected prairie species will be overseeded at both our Elkhorn and Silver Creek Biodiversity Preserves in December. While much of our annual seed collection is spread in areas after an early spring burn at Elkhorn Creek, certain species require longer periods of wet cold conditions and/or their habitat is not on the spring burn schedule. Additionally, a planned November burn at Silver Creek will create good conditions for overseeding.

Since this activity is weather dependent, we will use our stewardship contact list to notify interested volunteers. To get on the list call Mary Blackmore at 815-938-3204 (or 779-302-7281) or email Elizabeth Boettner at elizabethboettner@gmail.com. We will try to provide as much notice as possible.





CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

It's time once again for the Northwest Illinois Bird and Nature Alliance to participate in the annual Christmas Bird Count. This will be the 50th time that our chapter has taken part in this large scale and long standing endeavor to take one-day snapshots of types of bird species and numbers of each in approximately 2500 count circles throughout the Western Hemisphere. Our local count day is planned for December 20, 2025.

Field counting will be done the same way as last year in that the local compiler will assign territories to count participants. Both experienced birders and novice birders can help by being a field counter on the day of the count. Those with little or no experience will be paired with a more experienced person. Field counting is mostly done from vehicles with some walking done in

appropriate areas. Participating in the CBC is a good way to get involved with citizen science.

Observations at bird feeders are an important part of Christmas Bird Count data. To be a feeder counter you must be within our official count circle which extends seven and one-half miles out from its center in Read Park in Freeport. The information below tells about being a feeder counter and includes a form to fill in with your observations.

It is important to contact the local CBC compiler if you would like to be either a field counter or a feeder counter in this year's Christmas Bird Count. Call Richard Benning at 815-865-5279.

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT FEEDER COUNT PARTICIPATION

Participating in the CBC as a feeder counter can be a rewarding way to be a citizen scientist. Your observations will be included with our local data. You must be sure that your feeders are in our official count circle which is described above. If you are not sure that you meet this requirement call Richard Benning at the number listed above. You must do your counting on the day of our local count, December 20th.

It is asked that you spend at least a cumulative (not necessarily all at once) two hours doing your feeder observations on the day of the count. You don't have to be glued to the window watching every bird for every minute. Just check your feeder often during the hours you are counting. Then complete the form included here and mail it as indicated. Each species that you observe should include the largest number of that species seen at any one time. For example, if you see eight juncos at 8:30 a.m. and eleven juncos at 9:45 a.m. the number you should record is eleven because that is the largest number of juncos seen at any one time.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Start Time: _____ End Time: _____

	Mourning Dove		American Tree Sparrow
	Red-headed Woodpecker		Song Sparrow
	Red-bellied Woodpecker		White-throated Sparrow
	Downy Woodpecker		White-crowned Sparrow
	Hairy Woodpecker		Dark-eyed Junco
	Northern Flicker		Northern Cardinal
	Blue Jay		Purple Finch
	American Crow		House Finch
	Black-capped Chickadee		Pine Siskin
	Tufted Titmouse		American Goldfinch
	Red-breasted Nuthatch		House Sparrow
	White-breasted Nuthatch		(other)
	Brown Creeper		(other)
	European Starling		(other)
	(other)		(other)
	(other)		(other)
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MUST BE COMPLETED ON DECEMBER 20TH
 Please mail form to:
 Richard Benning, P.O. Box 11, Davis, IL 61019
NO LATER THAN December 20th – THANKS!

A NEW LOGO FOR NIBNA

As we approach a new year, the Northwest Illinois Bird and Nature Alliance is excited to unveil a new logo. With the change in our chapter name at the beginning of the year (see the December 2024 – January 2025 newsletter), there have been many updates that needed to be done, including our logo.

A logo-update subcommittee was formed earlier this spring to ideate and refine an artistic representation of our group and new chapter name. We wanted to honor the past logo which represented decades of conservation in our region. And we wanted to take this opportunity to modernize the logo with our new name.



The previous logo, created by Sherry Roskam, had emblems of the northern hemisphere—the wood lily—as well as the southern hemisphere—palm trees—to show the chapter’s interests throughout the world. Abstract birds and a rising sun were also included in the round seal. It’s a logo that has identified the chapter’s interests near and far; however, as opinions were sought about name change, so too were questions raised about parts of the logo. Those newer to the organization didn’t understand the correlation of palm trees or recognize the wood lily. Because of these questions, the sub-committee looked at simplifying our updated logo.

The sub-committee researched logos of other National Audubon Society chapters who have undergone name changes as well as discussed specific birds and elements that identify our chapter the most. We came up with a list of birds often seen on the sites that we steward and whether or not to include various aspects about the “nature” part of our name.

Several options were designed with various artistic designs, bird species and more. The logo that we chose and that the Board has approved prominently features a Barn Swallow—a bird often found at our preserves as well as throughout the world. They are easily identifiable, agile and resourceful. The logo also features a shape of our Northern Illinois region to broadly symbolize the parts of nature that we tend to. Finally, we’ve kept the round seal shape, a call-back to our previous logo.



Three other logos, similar to this logo have been created to use where needed: a horizontal logo, and black and white versions of both.

The new logo will start to be updated in various areas including brochures, kiosks, etc. We hope you enjoy the new look!



Photos from the Starved Rock Field Trip: (L) Judy Corrie, Molly Doolittle, and Jim Richards, (R) Jim and Pam Richards
Photos by Chris Kruger

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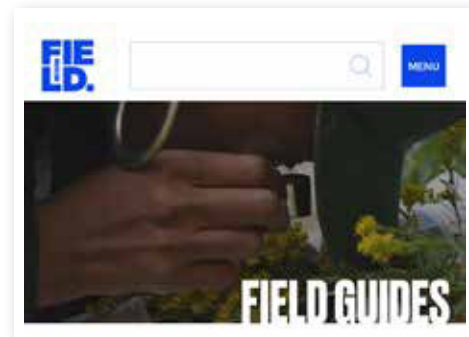
AVAILABLE MATERIALS:

The Field Museum Field Guides are free, accessible resources filled with beautiful images and scientific information to help people engage with the diversity of nature and culture on our planet. Access thousands of field guides from around the world co-created by scientists, educators, local communities, and indigenous leaders

Note: The Field Guides’ website is currently undergoing maintenance to improve functionality. This will temporarily affect the content’s appearance, and the site may display errors. Our team is aware of the issue and is working to resolve it quickly. We appreciate your patience during these updates.

1. VISIT THE WEBSITE

science.fieldmuseum.org/fieldguides



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BIRDABILITY® WEEK

CONSERVATION AT HOME!

We had a wonderful day at Krape Park for our Second Annual Accessible event on October 26 to celebrate Birdability® week in partnership with RAMP.

We thank Jessica Wexell from RAMP for continuing this partnership so we can continue to raise awareness of disabilities and continue to provide accessible nature opportunities to everyone.

We send thanks to Northern Illinois Raptor Rehab & Education for bringing their amazing educational displays and wonderful birds of prey! What a close call with that Kestrel flying loose!

We want to thank Sarah Tapper from Freeport Art Museum for leading a fun bird craft!

Thank you to Ken Beach from Northwest Illinois Forestry Association for teaching us about the trees in Krape Park!

And of course to our Bird and Nature Alliance members who either led bird outings, made cookies and snacks, help set up and tear down, and create the birding community we all hold dear! These members are Elizabeth Boettner, Candy Colby, Molly Doolittle, Kara Gallup, Gary Gordon, Kee Henze, Juliet Moderow, Jeff Shriver, Teresa Smith, and Anne Straight.

Thank you to Birdability® for being the advocate for accessible birding!

Many of us are troubled and anxious about the political climate and losing hope on what's coming in our future. We're wondering what we can do to make a difference in this time of anxiousness. One thing that we can all do is to make positive change around our home, church, neighborhood school or other local establishments, by creating nature-friendly spaces. By making spaces environmentally friendly, we are making a difference now and benefiting the environment for the future. Things to consider for your yard can be:

- Planting native trees, shrubs and garden plants. Native plants support our native birds and insects and also reduce erosion and require less water than lawn grass and many non-native plantings.
- Promote good water resource practices by using rain barrels and rain gardens.
- Reduce the dependency of chemicals that will improve water and soil quality.
- Compost plant-based kitchen waste and yard debris to also help build soil quality.

At our October monthly meeting, Mark Luthin, from Natural Land Institute (NLI), mentioned the program NLI offers for homeowners called *Conservation @Home*. This program encourages homeowners to make a difference by offering information on the various practices that help improve the habitats around their homes.

You can get more information about their program, and other information about how to make your yard a nature friendly yard on the website:

[naturalland.org/
conservationatprograms](http://naturalland.org/conservationatprograms)



If you go to the extent of certifying your yard in their program, they offer a sign for you to display your commitment to conservation at your home.

While we may feel hopeless in what is happening in our larger world, taking care of the local world, in our own backyards, churches, and schools, will make a difference.

A GREAT BIRDSEED SALE!

Once again terrific weather, wonderful volunteers and loyal customers came together resulting in another successful birdseed sale fundraiser. We distributed nearly 14 tons of product! Our estimated profit of \$5,300 will be used to fund our many programs, activities and publications.

The sale would not have been possible without our team of dedicated volunteers who participated in seed distribution and delivery, ear corn picking and bagging, flier creation and mailing, order processing and much more. Many thanks go to Lynn Feaver, Chris Kruger, Tim and Teresa Smith, Richard Benning, Mary Blackmore, Don Miller, Kara and Bob Gallup, Merry Blake, Rebecca Shriver, Clay Schroll, Judy Corrie, Rex Sides, Jeff Shriver, Randy and Nancy Ocken, Laura and Doug Dufford, John and Kay Day, Jeremy Dixon, Anne Straight, Dan Barron and Paul Brown. Special thanks go to the Birdseed Sale Committee – Tim Smith, Chris Kruger and Mary Blackmore – for their many hours of

planning, coordinating and follow-up.

Many thanks go to the folks at O'Mara Transport Company for not only providing our main pickup site, but also using their forklift to assist us in staging the many pallets of seed. Thanks also go to Alliance members who hosted our regional pickup sites: John and Kay Day, Anne Straight, Chris Kruger and Jeremy Dixon. Additional thanks go to Joe and Brenda Akins for allowing us to pick ear corn from one of their fields, and to Cub Foods of Freeport for donating the paper bags for the corn.

Be sure to remember the money-back guarantee stated in the sale flier. If you discover any seed spoilage in your bags or mistakes in your filled order, call Tim at 815-835-5109 and we will provide replacement bags of seed or a refund.

There are a few extra bags of Nyjer seed and peanut pieces available for purchase.

To inquire call Chris at 815-238-9259 on weekends or evenings.



▲ Northern Illinois Raptor Rehab & Education | Photo by Juliet Moderow

Photo by Julie Beach ▶



Would you like to become a NEW Member or give a GIFT membership? Two types of membership are available:

1. Northwest Illinois Bird and Nature Alliance and National Membership includes this local newsletter, local mailings and the national "Audubon" magazine.

_____ National Membership \$20

All renewals for national memberships need to use the national membership form.

2. Northwest Illinois Bird and Nature Alliance Local only Membership includes this newsletter and other mailings from our local chapter.

_____ Local Only \$15

Name of new member or gift recipient _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

If this is a gift membership, please indicate the name of the person providing the gift membership:

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THANK YOU!

- Thank you to the following individuals for their recent monetary donations: Carla Jaffe, Carol Beatty, Rebecca Shriver, Teresa Smith
- Lynn Feaver for mowing firebreaks at both of our preserves.
- Recent field trip and event leaders/coordinators: Richard Benning, Juliet Moderow and Mary Blackmore.
- The Nienhuis family for hosting our seed processing sessions.
- Volunteers for and supporters of our annual Birdseed Sale Fundraiser (see page 6 ◀).
- Tim Smith for winterizing our mower.
- Kriss Mulder for funding our campfire s'mores supplies.
- Nancy and Randy Ocken for hosting our Preserves Volunteer Potluck and Discussion.
- Mary Blackmore for organizing the campfires at our preserves.
- Fall seed collecting volunteers at both preserves: Kara Gallup, Anne Straight, Judy Corrie, Bernard Lischwe, Mary Blackmore, Pam Richards, Paul Brown, Merry Blake, Teresa Smith, Nancy Ocken, Bill Palmquist and Juliet Moderow.
- Many thanks to the logo-update subcommittee, which includes Carol Beatty, Juliet Moderow, Kee Henze, Sarah Barron and Dan Barron.



Members of the birdseed warehouse crew (L to R): Tim Smith, Lynn Feaver, Richard Benning, Clay Schroll, Mary Blackmore and Judy Corrie. | Photo by Chris Kruger



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