

Chequamegon Chirps



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7 pm Medford Library

The April meeting is going to be a little bit like this newsletter and events of spring. A lot of stuff somewhat jumbled together. What we lack in organization will be made up with volume and variety. However, the central theme still will be about spring migration arrivals and their identification.

A heck of a lot of events are coming up. One necessary business item is the election of officers. The nominating committee of Gayle Davis, Chris Finkler and Cathy Mauer has come up with these candidates: Joe Scott for president, Judy Derrico vice president and Cam Scott for treasurer. Other nominations or volunteers from the floor will be welcome. Currently there is no nominee for secretary. Gayle 715-229-2022 or Joe 715-965-3498 can offer advice if you would consider this learning experience. If necessary, we are willing to double the salary along with retirement benefits. This would also be a good time to thank current officers for their contributions to the club. Ron Shiffler-president, Pam Resech-vice president, Cam Scott-treasurer and Joe Scott-secretary.

The official start of the meeting is scheduled for 7, but there are two other things starting at 6. This would be (weather permitting) a good time for a bird walk from the library to the nearby path that crosses the Mill Pond. Also, from 6 to 7 State Representative Joe Edming is going to be using the room we meet in for a listening session for state budget information. If any club members care to present information to him about budgets or conservation issues, this would be an excellent time to do so.

Last month Gayle Davis and Cathy Mauer showed pictures and described birding experiences near the southern border of Texas. They recorded 141 species, 37 of which were "lifers" for Gayle. Cathy's top notch photos helped the 22 members present to share their experience. Fortunately they didn't share the Chiggers that tormented them at times.

For this meeting. Net bags to hold suet and detergent bottle lids are still needed.

What's around—These species were recorded within the state by club members from January 1 until the March meeting: White Fronted Goose, Snow Goose, Canada Goose, Trumpeter Swan, Tundra Swan, Wood Duck, American Black Duck, Mallard, Northern Pintail, Green-winged Teal, Red-necked Duck, Lesser Scaup, Hooded Merganser, Ringed-necked Pheasant, Ruffed Grouse, Greater Prairie Chicken, Wild Turkey, Bald Eagle, Golden Eagle, Sharp-shinned Hawk, American Kestrel, Coopers Hawk, Red-tail Hawk, Rough-legged Hawk, Northern Harrier, American Woodcock, Ring-billed Gull, Rock Pigeon, Mourning Dove, Great Horned Owl, Barred Owl, Eastern Screech Owl, Snowy Owl, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Pileated Woodpecker, Northern Shrike, Blue Jay, American Crow, Common Raven, Horned Lark, Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, Red-breasted Nuthatch, White-breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Golden Crowned Kinglet, Eastern Bluebird, American Robin, European Starling, Cedar Waxwing, Lapland Longspur, Snow Bunting, American Tree Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Northern Cardinal, Red-winged Blackbird, Common Grackle, House Finch, Purple Finch, Pine Siskin, American Goldfinch, House Sparrow, Eurasian Tree Sparrow, Common Redpoll, Eurasian Collared Dove, Great Blue Heron, Merlin, Eastern Phoebe.

Bird house building bonanza: Cathy Mauer, Gordon Ruesch, Cam Scott, Ron Shiffler, Ron Draeger, Gayle Davis, Connie Decker, Joe Scott, Curt Staab and Chris Finkler all helped a larger crew build Bluebird and Wood Duck bird houses over two evenings in early March. They built an amazing 600 boxes for each species.

Hummingbird seminars: Wild Birds Unlimited will hold free information sessions about feeding these tiny jewels on April 22 and May 6 starting at 9 a.m. at 4121 Rib Mountain Drive in Rib Mountain, across the street from Walmart. You are asked to call 715-298-3140 ahead of time to have seating available for you and your family.

Twelve plants to attract butterflies to your garden. Chrysanthemum, Petunia, Lavender, Zinnia, Goldenrod, Purple Coneflower, Marigold, Sunflower, Liatris, Verbena, Thyme, and Sage.

Bulk jelly for Orioles and others with a sweet "tooth." People who put out large amounts of jelly for arriving species can get some bird food at much lower prices at bear bait places. Their containers may be in two to five gallon pails so members and friends might want to join forces for purchases. BBD Sports Shop in Abbotsford 715-316-0900 is one place. Also calling such places may encourage them to offer smaller containers.

Volunteers wanted for birding teams and helpers These are potentially excellent learning experiences. Call Cathy Mauer 715-748-3160 or Joe Scott. 715-965-3498 for info.

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Stopover Sites

HELPING BIRDS ALONG THE WAY

International Migratory Bird Day



Saturday, May 13

6 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.

Perkinstown Winter Sports Area

MORNING

6 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m. - Guided Birdwatching Walks
(9 a.m. walk includes Wildflower ID)

11 a.m. - noon - **Live vulture, hawk, & owl**
Presentation by educator from Raptor Education Group, Inc.

LUNCH and Bird Videos - Noon to 1 p.m.

AFTERNOON

1 p.m. - **FREE bus tour around Chequamegon Waters**
(Miller Dam) Look for waterfowl and other birds. Sponsored by
the Miller Dam Lake Association. Tour will last about 3 hours.
Special door prizes for those on the bus tour.

THROUGHOUT THE DAY:

- Displays
- Make a bird feeder or bird house to take home
(limited number available) *Materials supplied by the
Taylor County Sportsman's Club*
- Games and other activities

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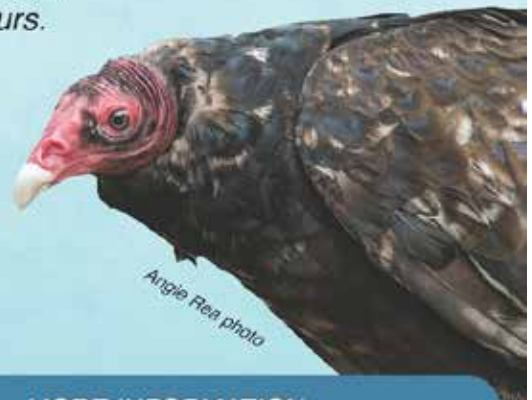


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ADMISSION

KIDS
& ADULTS

FOOD

DOOR
PRIZES



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April & May Outdoors

Full moon 4-11 & 5-10

4-21 John Muir Day

4-22 Earth Day

4-28 National/Wi Arbor Day

4-29 Taylor County Maple Fest

5-13 Int'l Migratory Bird Day

5-19 Taylor County Youth Expo



Picture by Chris Finkler.

Joe Scott and Curt Staab building bird houses.