

Chequamegon Chirps



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Annual picnic Monday, June 15, 2015

Bird hike at 5:30 and meal at 6:30

The Bird Club will furnish pulled pork and buns.

Please bring a dish to pass, along with your beverage, plates and utensils.

You may want to bring mosquito repellent.

Perkinstown Winter Sports Area

The sports area is 16 miles west of Medford and 4 miles north on Road 119.

The following information is from the newsletter of The Forest and Wildlife Ecology News. (vol18, no 1)

Kirtland's Warbler: Setting proactive management guidelines for the next 100 years.

"The Kirtland's Warbler is an endangered migratory songbird that breeds primarily (also in central Wisconsin) and winters in the Bahamian Archipelago. The species is an extreme habitat specialist on the breeding grounds, showing a strong preference for large, dense patches of young jack pine and well drained sandy soils. Due to intensive collaborative management, the species has recovered from about 200 breeding males in 1971 to roughly 2,000 breeding males today and is a candidate for federal delisting.(which) could impact the long-term viability of the species. Preliminary results indicate that moderate reductions in breeding habitat will not threaten the persistence of the species, but cowbird removal would likely have a substantial negative impact on abundance."

Back Pack Project

Seven communities are now the beneficiaries of a recently completed program by the Chequamegon Bird Club. Abbotsford, Colby, Dorchester, Gilman, Medford, Rib Lake and Westboro Libraries all received special back packs loaded with learning tools about birds with material geared for children and adults to make it a joint family activity. These packs are especially unique as they are made from colorful weather resistant sunflower seed bags. Thanks to skillful sewing by Norma Smoje, they now have liners, pockets and convenient carrying straps. Equipment included are two pairs of binoculars; one for youngsters and an adult pair for higher quality viewing. The book *Wild About Wisconsin Birds* by Adele Porter is geared for beginning birders and the *Wild Birds Unlimited* for more advanced information. In addition, there are various sheets of information about how to use and care for binoculars, sheet of common backyard birds and more sheets about available apps, web sites and where to find CDs for bird songs. There is a smaller pack included with this treasure trove to carry binoculars and books while doing in- field observations.

Completing this project took considerable time, money and effort by many. The original committee included Judy Derrico, Chris Finkler, Cam Scott, Ron Shiffler and Judy Smoje. Additional help came from Boswell Books of Milwaukee and Wild Birds Unlimited. Some \$500 plus came from the club and the The Special Funds Project which is a part of the Greg Scott Memorial Fund. With all these resources coming together, it is an impressive result that the club and communities can take justifiable pride.

181 Sightings- April 21 to May 18,2015

Last month 189

Participants: Gayle Davis, Connie Decker, Ken Luepke, Doug and Willa Pledger, Claire Romanak and Joe Scott

Cackling Goose (Decker / Luepke), Canada Goose, Trumpeter Swan, Wood Duck, Gadwall, American Wigeon, Mallard, Blue-winged Teal , Northern Shoveler , Northern Pintail , Green-winged Teal , Redhead, Ring-necked Duck, Lesser Scaup, Bufflehead, Hooded Merganser, Common Merganser, Ruddy

Duck,

Ring-necked Pheasant, Ruffed Grouse, Greater Prairie-Chicken (Luepke), Wild Turkey, Common Loon, Pied-billed Grebe, Horned Grebe, American White Pelican, Double-crested Cormorant, American Bittern, Least Bittern (Luepke), Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Green Heron, Turkey Vulture, Osprey, Bald

Eagle, Northern Harrier, Sharp-shinned Hawk (Davis / J. Scott), Cooper's Hawk, Northern Goshawk (Davis / J. Scott), Red-shouldered Hawk (Romanak / J. Scott), Broad-winged Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Rough-legged Hawk, American Kestrel, Virginia Rail, Sora, American Coot, Sandhill Crane, Whooping Crane

(Decker / Luepke), Semipalmated Plover, Killdeer, Greater Yellowlegs, Lesser Yellowlegs, Solitary Sandpiper, Willet (Luepke), Spotted Sandpiper, Marbled Godwit (Luepke), Least Sandpiper, Dunlin, Short-billed Dowitcher, Wilson's Snipe, American Woodcock, Wilson's Phalarope, Bonaparte's Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Herring Gull, Caspian Tern (Luepke), Forster's Tern, Black Tern, Rock Pigeon, Mourning Dove, Black-billed Cuckoo, Great Horned Owl, Barred Owl, Northern Saw-whet Owl (J. Scott), Common Nighthawk, Whip-poor-will (Davis), Chimney Swift, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Belted Kingfisher, Red-headed Woodpecker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Three-toed Woodpecker ** (Pledger (see note below)), Northern

Flicker, Pileated Woodpecker, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Alder Flycatcher, Least Flycatcher, Eastern Phoebe, Great Crested Flycatcher, Eastern Kingbird, Yellow-throated Vireo, Blue-headed Vireo (J. Scott), Warbling Vireo, Red-eyed Vireo, Blue Jay, American Crow, Common Raven, Horned Lark, Purple Martin, Tree Swallow, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Barn Swallow, Black-capped Chickadee, Red-breasted Nuthatch, White-breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, House Wren, Winter Wren, Sedge Wren, Marsh Wren, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Eastern Bluebird, Veery, Hermit Thrush, Wood Thrush, American Robin, Gray Catbird, Brown Thrasher, European Starling, Cedar Waxwing, Blue-winged Warbler, Golden-winged Warbler, Tennessee Warbler, Orange-crowned Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Northern Parula Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Magnolia Warbler, Cape May Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler, Blackburnian Warbler, Pine Warbler, Palm Warbler, Blackpoll Warbler, Black and White Warbler, American Redstart, Ovenbird, Northern Waterthrush, Mourning Warbler, Common

Yellowthroat, Scarlet Tanager, Eastern Towhee, Chipping Sparrow, Clay-colored Sparrow, Field Sparrow, Vesper Sparrow, Lark Sparrow (Luepke), Savannah Sparrow, Fox Sparrow (Decker), Song Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Northern Cardinal, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Indigo Bunting, Bobolink, Red-winged Blackbird, Eastern Meadowlark, Yellow-headed Blackbird, Rusty Blackbird, Brewer's Blackbird, Common Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird, Northern Oriole, Purple Finch, House Finch, Common Redpoll (Decker), Pine Siskin, American Goldfinch, House Sparrow,

**The Three-Toed Woodpecker Doug and Willa Pledger reported has only seven previously documented summer reports of this specie for the state.

Would someone like to play editor for a month or so? I'll be traveling the next month or more and won't be available. Please contact me, Cathy Mauer or Ron Shiffler.

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