

# Chequamegon Chirps



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**7 pm Medford Library**

**Bird walk at 6 leaving from library**

The bird walk, which is subject to weather, offers interesting possibilities in a short distance as it crosses a grassy area and then follows a paved path and walkway through woods to the Black River. I would especially encourage everyone, but especially new members, beginning birders and anyone who is not familiar with this path to come along. If you don't have binoculars, don't worry as others will share. This can be an excellent learning experience as many eyes and ears identify birds while sharing tips with everyone.

The business part of the meeting will include a review of the International Bird Migration Day activities which is on the 13<sup>th</sup>, this coming Saturday. More information about this on page 2.

**To follow the migration theme, the information part of the meeting will include the video, "Secret Routes of Migratory Birds."**

One aspect of the April meeting was election of officers. After the smoke cleared, banners unfurled, speeches, babies kissed, parades and extensive campaigning, these are the results: President-Joe Scott, Vice President-Judy Derrico, Secretary-Gayle Davis and Treasurer-Cam Scott. Thank-you to the previous officers and the effort they contributed the past twelve months. Ron Shiffler-President, Pam Resech-Vice President, Secretary Joe Scott and Treasurer Cam Scott.

Over the 36 plus years of existence of the Chequamegon Bird Club, many members have contributed in various way such as serving as officers, participating in numerous committees and activities to make things move along in a seemingly easy fashion. We even hosted the state convention one year which was a heck of a big project. We have aged as a group, yet the core values of the club remain in place. There is considerable talent and experience among members. New members are encouraged to contribute in whatever way you are comfortable. Questions and suggestions are always welcome.

## International Migratory Bird Day Celebration

MAY 13, 2017

### Perkinstown Winter Sports Area

This year's IMBD theme is the importance of stop-over sites for birds during migration - we will emphasize this theme during walks, presentations, tours, and the bird hurdle course -

- 6:00 am - guided bird watching walk
- 7:30 am - guided bird watching walk
- 9:00 am - guided wildflower and bird watching walk
- 10:00 am - beginner birder bird identification
- 11:00 am - Raptor Education Group, Inc (REGI) presentation with raptors, as well as a Turkey Vulture
- 12:00 pm - free-will donation lunch, door prizes awarded
- 1:00 pm - 3-hr free guided bird-watching bus tour of the Miller Dam Recreation Area -

Ongoing activities throughout the day:

- Building bird houses (pre-cut - assembly only required)
- Bird Hurdle course for kids, all ages
- Constructing bird feeders/suet cakes
- Various bird related games for kids
- Indoor displays relating to bird migration

Sponsors include:

- Chequamegon Bird Club
- Taylor County Tourism Committee
- Taylor County Sportsman's Club
- Miller Dam Lake Association
- Kwik Trip
- County Market
- Nasonville Cheese
- DIC-WISCO Farm

MARCH 21-APRIL 17, 2017

White-fronted Goose, Ross's Goose, Canada Goose, Trumpeter Swan, Tundra Swan, Wood Duck, Gadwall, American Wigeon, Mallard, Blue-winged Teal, Northern Shoveler, Green-winged Teal, Canvasback, Redhead, Ring-necked Duck, Lesser Scaup, King Eider, Bufflehead, Common Goldeneye, Hooded Merganser, Common Merganser, Red-breasted Merganser, Ring-necked Pheasant, Ruffed Grouse, Greater Prairie Chicken, Wild Turkey, Pacific Loon, Common Loon, Pied-billed Grebe, Horned Grebe, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Turkey Vulture, Osprey, Bald Eagle, Northern Harrier, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Red-shouldered Hawk, Broad-winged Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, American Coot, Sandhill Crane, Killdeer, Greater Yellowlegs, Wilson's Snipe, American Woodcock, Ring-billed Gull, Rock Pigeon, Mourning Dove, Great Horned Owl, Barred Owl, Long-eared Owl, Belted Kingfisher, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Pileated Woodpecker, American Kestrel, Merlin, Eastern Phoebe, Eastern Kingbird, Blue Jay, American Crow, Common Raven, Horned Lark, Tree Swallow, Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, Red-breasted Nuthatch, White-breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Winter Wren, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Eastern Bluebird, Swainson's Thrush, Wood Thrush, American Robin, Brown Thrasher, European Starling, Bohemian Waxwing, Cedar Waxwing, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Chipping Sparrow, Fox Sparrow, Song Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Northern Cardinal, Red-winged Blackbird, Eastern Meadowlark, Rusty Blackbird, Common Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird, House Finch, Purple Finch, Pine Siskin, American Goldfinch, House Sparrow.

This is the listing of 103 species identified from the March to April meetings by club members in Wisconsin. Would it be possible to get more information as to where and when the King Eider and Pacific Loon were identified? There will be many more species added this month. If you are lucky to connect with an unusual bird, please bring details of that information with you to share with others.

With luck there will be waves of warblers soon arriving. It would be great to have that happen this Saturday—with warm, sunny weather, too. Each day brings new possibilities. The first male Rose-breasted Grosbeak appeared as I was writing this paragraph Sunday morning, May 7. His brilliant red, black and white against a bright green background brightened a beautiful day even more. Now a whole batch of full color male Goldfinches are at the feeders and a Great Blue Heron flew by. Happy spring to all of us.

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#### April & May Outdoors

Full moon 4-11 & 5-10

Early eggs hatching

Many more species arriving.

*Grossbeaks-Red, black, white*

*Thanks for visiting today*

*Happy, happy spring.*

