ChequamegonChirps

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April meeting will be Monday, April 20 at the Kuse Preserve 6:00 p.m. for a bird walk at W6219 Allman Avenue (weather permitting) The business meeting will start at 7:00. One item of business will be the annual election. After heavy campaigning and thousands of dollars (Millions?) invested, here are this year's candidates: President—Joe, Vice President—Ron, Treasurer—Sue, Secretary—Mary. It took the enticement of doubling their salary for some of them to serve but the investment is worth it. Thanks to others who served this previous year and in past ones.

Coming Events

A number of events are now scheduled in addition to the April 20 bird walk at the Kuse Preserve. Mead Wildlife will have outings May 9, 8:00 a.m. /June 13, 9:00 a.m. /August 8, 8:00 a.m. /September 12, 8:00 a.m. October 9. The Aldo Leopold Audubon Society has monthly walks on April 25, May 9 and 17. More information will be available at the meeting.

Ken's List

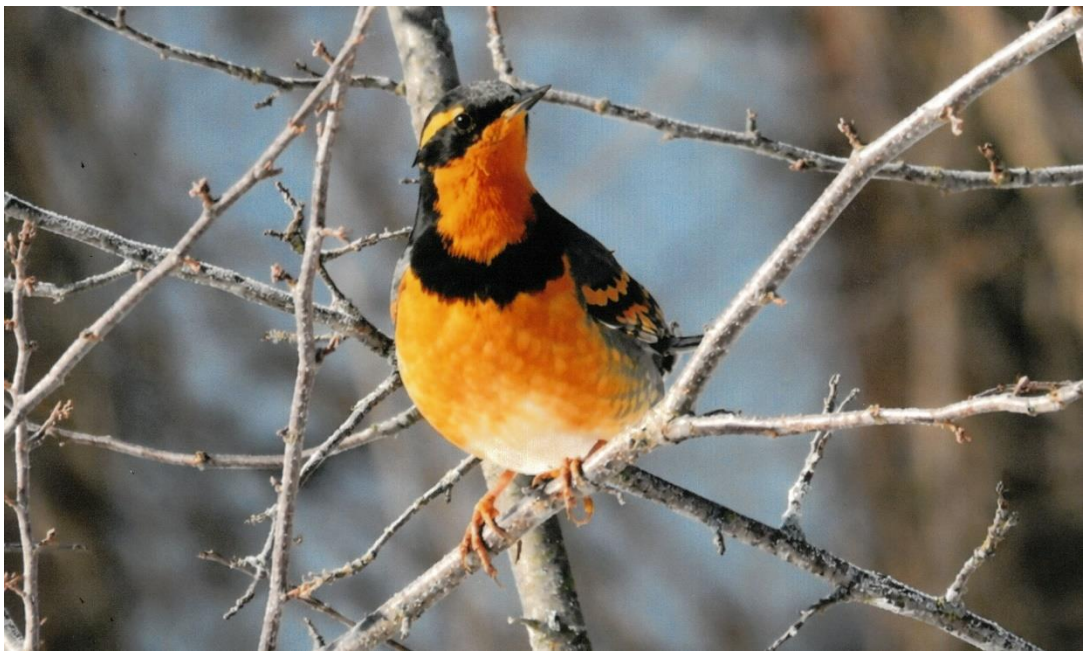
Ken Luepke has kept annual birds in Wisconsin lists for many decades. His totals are usually over 200 with 247 being his all time high. With some mobility issues and normal loss of higher pitched sounds in aging, his 2025 came in at 191; still an impressive number. Many birders now contribute their bird sightings via eBird.org/wi Maybe it is an old timer phenomenon where there is a comfort factor to read a newspaper or a book with a pen or pencil nearby to record information. It is for me. If any club members have additional records that aren't on Ken's list, get them to me by meeting, phone, mail or jbragg41@hotmail.com and I'll put them in next month's Chirps.

Geese--Greater white-fronted, Snow, Ross's Cackling, Canada. **Swans**--Mute, Trumpeter, Tundra. **Ducks**--Wood Duck, Gadwall, Eurasian Widgeon, American Widgeon, American Black Duck, Mallard, Blue-winged Teal, Northern Shoveler, Northern Pintail, Green Winged Teal, Canvasback, Redhead, Ring-necked, Greater Scaup, Lesser Scaup, Bufflehead, Common Goldeneye, Hooded Merganser, Common Merganser, Red-breasted Merganser, Ruddy. **Bobwhite--**Northern. **Pheasant**—Ring-necked. **Grouse**—ruffed, **Turkey**—Wild. **Loons**—Common. **Grebes**—Pied-billed. **Cormorant**—Double Crested. **Pelican**—American White. **Bitterns**—American Bittern, Least Bittern. **Herons**—Great Blue, Great Egret, Green, Black-crowned Night Heron. **Vulture**—Turkey. **Hawks**—Osprey, Bald Eagle, Northern Harrier, Sharp-shinned, Broad-winged, Red-tailed, rough-legged. **Rails**—Virginia Rail, Sora. **Gallinules**—Common Gallinules, American Coot. **Cranes**—Sandhill, Whooping. **Stilt**—Black-necked. **Plovers**—Black-bellied, American Golden, Semipalmated, Killdeer. **Sandpipers**—Spotted, Solitary, Greater Yellowlegs, Lesser Yellowlegs, Hudsonian Godwit, Stilt, Dunlin, Least, White-rumped, Pectoral, Semipalmated, Short-billed Dowitcher, Wilson's Snipe, American Woodcock, Wilson's Phalarope, Red-necked Phalarope. **Gulls**—Bonapartes, Ring-billed, Herring. **Terns**—Black. **Doves**—Rock Pigeon, Eurasian Collared Dove, Mourning, **Cuckoos**—Yellow-billed, Black-billed. **Owls**—Eastern Screech-Owl, Great Horned, Snowy, Barred, Short-eared. **Goatsuckers**—Common Nighthawk, Eastern Whip-poor-will. **Hummingbirds**—Ruby-throated. **Kingfisher**—Belted. **Woodpeckers**—Red-headed, Red-bellied, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Downy, Hairy, Northern Flicker, Pileated. **Falcons**—American Kestrel, Merlin, Peregrine Falcon. **Flycatchers**—Eastern Wood-pewee, Yellow-bellied, Eastern Phoebe, Great Crested, Eastern Kingbird. **Shrikes**—Northern. **Vireos**—Philadelphia, Red-eyed. **Corvids**—Blue Jay, American Crow, Common Raven. **Lark**—Horned. **Swallows**—Purple Martin, Tree, Northern Rough-winged, Barn, Bank, Cliff. **Chickadees**—Black-capped. **Nuthatches**—Red-breasted, White-breasted. **Creeper**—Brown. **Wrens**—House, Sedge, Marsh. **Kinglets**—Ruby-crowned. **Thrushes**—Eastern Bluebird, Veery, Swainson's, Hermit, Wood, American Wood. **Mimids**—Gray Catbird, Brown Thrasher. **Starling**—European. **Waxwings**—Cedar. **Longspurs**—Lapland Longspur, Snow Bunting. **Warblers**—Ovenbird, Northern Waterthrush, Golden-winged, Blue-winged, Black-and-white, Tennessee, Nashville, Common-yellowthroat, American Redstart, Blackburnian, Yellow, Chestnut-sided, Palm, Yellow-rumped, Black-throated Green, Wilson's. **Sparrows**—American Tree, Chipping, Savanah, Fox, Song, Swamp, White-throated, White Crowned, Dark-eyed Junco. **Tanagers**—Scarlet. **Cardinals**—Northern Cardinal, Rose-breasted Grossbeak Indigo Bunting,

Dickcissel. **Blackbirds**—Bobolink, Red-winged, Eastern Meadowlark, Yellow-headed, Rusty, Brewer's, Common Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird, Baltimore Oriole. **Finches**—*Pine Grosbeak, House Finch, Purple Finch, White-winged Crossbill, Common* Redpoll, Pine Siskin, American Goldfinch. **Old World Sparrows**—House Sparrow.

Honored Guest From The West

Sunday March 15 was, *I wonder if I can get the door open before I can stick my nose outside kind of day.* I had the snow shovel inside the house but that wouldn't be any help if I couldn't push the door open. I accomplished that and then was able to clear off the concrete steps so I could fill the small wooden feeder I use and spread more sunflower seed on the steps. It didn't take long before I had many visitors. At one time I could count ten species at one time on the step, feeder, or waiting on nearby brush. The third time I put out seed I saw what I thought was a robin until I got a good look at it. **Wow!!** It was a varied thrush! It would feed among other birds then fly off before coming back a while later. I didn't call anyone for a while because the township plow hadn't been past to open our knee-deep roads. The next afternoon a neighbor came by with a big four-wheel drive John Deere equipped with a snow blower to do an excellent job of clearing the driveway and create a large area to spread feed. The guest of honor stayed at least four days. I wasn't home much after the driveway was opened so I don't know how many people were able to see it. I didn't see it after Wednesday morning on the 18th.



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April and May events

Full Moons May 1-flower and 31-blue

Eaglets have started to hatch

New species arriving daily

Spring with dashes of Winter or Summer

A new cycle of life in full swing

Colors with many shades of green

More daylight with possible rainbows