

Nature News & Notes

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January/February 2019

Volunteers Needed

April 6, 2019
1st Annual Terre
Haute Bird Festival

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Save the Dates!

Studying Lizards and Behavior in Croatia
Wednesday,
February 20th, 2019
6:30pm at
Dobbs Park Nature Center

Dr. Diana Hews, Indiana State University, will be presenting her new behavioral study being conducted in Croatia. Diana will update us on her new research, the partnership being formed with the local Croatian University, and what opportunities this will open up for ISU biology students.

Light snacks will be provided.



Green Lizard in Croatia



Nashville Warbler that was netted by Zoe Delefortrie photographed by Ben Cvengros at Dobbs Park Nature Center during the Birding with WVAS-Bird Netting program.

WVAS Member Meeting
Topic To Be Announced
Wednesday, March 20th, 2019

WVAS Annual Banquet
(Topic & location to be announced)
Wednesday,
April 17, 2019 6pm

Upcoming Events

Whooping Cranes



Saturday, February 9th, 2019 10:30am
Dobbs Park Nature Center \$1.00 fee Please pre-register at 812-877-1095

Whooping Cranes are coming back from the brink of extinction. Learn about our largest crane species in North America and make a Whooper craft.

Whooping Crane family, photo courtesy of the International Crane Foundation.

Birding with Wabash Valley Audubon Society - Bird Netting

Saturday, February 16th, 2019

10am-12pm at Dobbs Park Nature Center FREE

Join member of the Audubon Society and Indiana State University student, Zoe Delefortrie, as she watches her nets for birds in the Wildlife Viewing Area. When a bird is caught, it will be gently removed from the net. You will be able to get a closer look before it is released.



Dark-eyed Junco being taken out of the net.

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Angry tufted titmouse

Birding with Wabash Valley Audubon Society Bird Song Hike

Saturday, March 16th, 2019

10am at Dobbs Park Nature Center \$3.00

Please pre-register at 812-877-1095

Ben Cvengros will take you on a hike to listen for migrating birds. Bring your binoculars or borrow a pair from the Nature Center. Make a bird call to take on future adventures.

Yellow warbler by Jim Sullivan



Recently Completed Events

Christmas Bird Count

Sunday, December 16th, 2018
See page 4 for the count summary.

Member Photo Night

Wednesday, December 19th, 2018
6:30pm at Dobbs Park Native American Museum
Many shared their wildlife and travel photos.



Photos contributed by
Clockwise from top left: Red-winged Blackbird and White-tailed Kite (Michael Brown), Yellow Rail (Peter Scott), Moose (David Bakken), Northern Flicker (Amber Slaughterbeck), 12-Spotted Skimmer (Carl Martland), Yellow-billed Cuckoo (Mike Lunsford), Kirtland's Warbler (George & Laura Bakken), and Green Lizard (Diana Hews).

January Member Meeting

Wednesday, January 16th, 2019
Meeting was cancelled.

Terre Haute's 59th Christmas Bird Count, Dec. 16, 2018

By: Peter Scott

I begin this summary more than 2 weeks after our count, with memories already blurring thanks to 3 subsequent counts and a trip to Seattle. But they return, hopefully in an accurate form, as I peruse spreadsheet numbers, party tally sheets, and photographs.

Traditionally we bird on the first Saturday of Christmas Count period (now Dec. 14-Jan. 5). This time, on short notice but with general agreement, we switched to Sunday to avoid an all-day rain predicted for Saturday. That rainy front passed mostly south of us, so Saturday would not have been a disaster, but we noticed how pleasant it was to bird on a Sunday with little traffic. We'll keep that in mind for future counts.

Thirty-four birders participated (a typical number), operating in 13 field parties that were active for at least 3 hours (the average being 7 hours of daytime birding). Seven birders were new participants, six of these being ISU Biology graduate students (Liz Beilke, Lexie Bender, Zoe Delefortrie, Nick Gabry, Sarah Moore, Frank Tillman) and one a birder from Paris, Illinois, looking for a nearby Christmas Count (Mary Liz Wright). New blood is always welcome! Meanwhile, local veterans added another year to their counting histories, with Mary Beth Eberwein (34 counts) leading a group of eight who have done 20 or more years. This helps for institutional memory of good birding spots.

Weather: temperatures ranged from 32 to 52 degrees F. Wind was from the west at zero to 9mph. It was clear all day. Still water was partly frozen (shallow ponds), moving water was ice-free. Despite pleasant conditions, birding seemed slow in the morning.

Count total: Our total of **85** species was above the 10-year average of 81.6 (2008-2017), but shy of the record, which is 91 (reached in 2004 and 2006). Our prospects looked poor at lunch, when the total was 60 species – 10 fewer than normal. But we made a comeback in the afternoon. Steve and Elise Lima had the high party-count with 67 species. Another 4 species were added later as count-week birds, not seen on count day but within 3 days of that date; thus, 89 species were seen during the 7-day period of Dec. 13-19.

Waterfowl: We had 5 goose species (which has happened only once before) but relatively few ducks and no swans (although **Trumpeter Swan** was seen the next day by Jim Sullivan). Duck scarcity was also a feature of the Sullivan and Newport counts; Turkey Run, on the other hand, had decent numbers of several species.

The last decade has seen a great increase in Snow and Greater White-fronted Geese wintering in Indiana, along with an uptick in the rarer "tiny" species, Ross's and Cackling Goose. Thus it was not a shock when at 9 am Nick Brown called to alert me about a huge flock of **Snow Geese** headed towards Terre Haute from Riley. Diana and I were on south 1st Street near Graham Grain counting doves and pigeons, and soon noticed a flock of at least 5,000 noisy Snows (a mixture of white and dark morphs) passing overhead, continuing northwest. Seven parties saw this species during the day – adjusting counts to allow for some repeat observations, we estimate a total of 6,641. **Greater White-fronted Geese** were also plentiful (1208 birds). Both species totals are record high counts for Terre Haute. A rather modest 2211 **Canada Geese** were seen. Steve and Elise Lima noted 3 **Ross's Geese** in a flock of Snows. At sundown Peter spotted 2 short-necked, short-billed **Cackling Geese** with Canadas at Hulman Street Reservoir.



An unusual intermediate morph **Snow Goose** and a standard adult **Greater White-fronted Goose** -- at the fenced in lake on Carlisle near Dallas Road (Jim Sullivan)



Female and male **Greater Scaup**, Idle Creek. Male is in mostly non-breeding plumage. Photo by Jim Sullivan

Ducks were another story. By lunch time we had reports of only 4 species: **Mallard**, **Common Goldeneye**, **Hooded Merganser**, and a probable pair of **Greater Scaup**. Later Margaret Moga reported **Gadwall** and **Redhead** at JI Case Wetland. That made only 5 species. In the afternoon, Hulman Street Reservoir produced **Common Merganser**, **Ring-necked Duck**, and **American Black Duck** and the Sandford Road pond yielded **Ruddy Duck**. We had 115 ducks of 10 species; 8 species were seen by only one party, and 6 of

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these were represented by 1 or 2 individuals. In the past 9 years, our **Mallard** total alone has averaged 556 individuals (this year just 64), and we typically have 5 species with abundances > 10.

However, the most exciting bird of the count from a rarity standpoint was a duck: a pair of **Greater Scaup** at Patton Lake in the Idle Creek golf course community. Nick Brown first saw these birds, tentatively identified them as Greater (rather than the expected Lesser Scaup) based on rounded head shape and other features, and called Jim Sullivan to photograph them. Jim soon arrived and did so. In the afternoon Mike Brown, Mary Beth Eberwein, and Dan Weber visited the lake, not knowing of Nick's find, and identified and photographed the pair. Peter and Dan studied them the next day. This is only the second record of Greater Scaup in our 59-year history. Though common only at Lake Michigan, the species has been seen with some regularity in central Indiana in recent winters.

Gallinaceous birds: None. We missed **Wild Turkey** for the first time since 1997. Laura Bakken saw some the next day to put it on the count-week list. It is now 12 years since we found a **Northern Bobwhite** in the circle at Christmas time.

Vulture, Hawks and Eagle: We had the usual 7 species, missing Rough-legged Hawk. A high count was established for **Red-shouldered Hawk** (52), and the **Bald Eagle** count of 10 was one shy of the high count.

Shorebirds, Gulls: We were pleased to get 4 **Killdeer** from two parties. A flock of 7 **Ring-billed Gulls** was found at Idle Creek, though none were seen along the Wabash River. However, 5 brown first-winter **Herring Gulls** flew over Steve and Elise Lima, a species we've had only 7 times in count history.



Eurasian Collared-Dove in budding silver maple (Peter Scott)

Pigeons and Doves: 37 **Eurasian Collared-Doves** were counted in trees and on wires near Graham Grain, continuing their 8-year presence in the city. **Rock Pigeons** and **Mourning Doves** were common.

Owls: Steve & Elise Lima had a **Short-eared Owl** in a grassy field off Darwin Road. Three parties contributed to the **Eastern Screech-Owl** and **Great Horned Owl** counts, as did five parties to our count of 8 **Barred Owls**.

Woodpeckers: We found the usual 7 species, with four parties finding at least one **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker**, typically the rarest.

Falcons: A **Peregrine Falcon** perched on Cromwell Building at ISU. Ten **American Kestrels** were seen.

Flycatcher: An **Eastern Phoebe** was found on Rose-Hulman property by Morgan Chaney's party, only the second record in 10 years.

Jay to Warbler: The count of **333 Blue Jays** was the highest since 2002. Seven parties had 20 or more jays. The **American Crow** count of 4,677 indicates there is still a substantial night roost downtown. **Horned Larks** were harder to find (57 birds by 3 parties) than on snowy days, which bring them to the roads. The Lima party heard a **Lapland Longspur** rattle in one lark flock.

Numbers for **Carolina Chickadee**, **Tufted Titmouse**, and **White-breasted Nuthatch** were normal. It's been a good fall and winter statewide for **Red-breasted Nuthatch**, reflected in our count of 11 birds by 7 parties; in the past 5 years we had only 8 birds total. Peter and Diana's trip into the Fourth Street Bottoms for **Winter Wren** was successful, but they were surprised to see the wren bobbing and calling on top of a 30-foot tall snag rather than on a log, in response to a recording of its song. An Eastern Screech-Owl recording in the same spot brought in 5 **Brown Creepers**, which love the huge trunks of Green Ash and Cottonwood in these Wabash River floodplain woods. One hundred **Carolina Wrens** was a record high, and the wren was one of 9 species seen by all 13 field parties. Perhaps the clear, calm day made them especially vocal.



Red-shouldered Hawk (Jim Sullivan)

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Hermit Thrush (Steve Lima)

Limas' feeder) and **Savannah**. As usual, the Limas did excellent work on this group, getting all 4 **Fox Sparrows**, 11 of 12 **Field Sparrows**, all 4 **Savannahs**, and 6 of 11 **Swamp Sparrows**. The three most common species – **Dark-eyed Junco (434)**, **White-throated Sparrow (127)**, **Song Sparrow (97)**– were seen by almost all parties. **American Tree Sparrows (76)** are usually the second most common species after junco, but



Dickcissel, Dobbs Park 12/18
(Ben Cvengros)

Cowbird (579), and **Red-winged Blackbird (301)** were each seen in good numbers by one or a few parties.



Female Rusty Blackbird (Steve Lima)

We had 3 individuals of each kinglet species. We rarely miss **Golden-crowned**, but **Ruby-crowned Kinglet** is an every-other-year species. One Ruby-crowned was in lakeside brush at the Dewey Point overlook.

Eastern Bluebird and **American Robin** were the common thrushes. Two parties had **Hermit Thrush** on the west side of the Wabash River, for a total of 5. **Northern Mockingbirds (25)** were common in the southern and western sectors. **European Starlings (2466)** were the second most common passerine, after **American Crow**; 11 parties had 40 or more, so flocks were present throughout the circle. A total of 3 **Yellow-rumped Warblers** were seen.

Sparrows to Finches: We had 11 sparrow species, counting towhee, including 2 species found in only 5 of the last 10 years: **Chipping** (at the Limas' feeder) and **Savannah**. As usual, the Limas did excellent work on this group, getting all 4 **Fox Sparrows**, 11 of 12 **Field Sparrows**, all 4 **Savannahs**, and 6 of 11 **Swamp Sparrows**. The three most common species – **Dark-eyed Junco (434)**, **White-throated Sparrow (127)**, **Song Sparrow (97)**– were seen by almost all parties. **American Tree Sparrows (76)** are usually the second most common species after junco, but came in fourth this year. Only 3 parties had **White-crowned Sparrow (55)**; Peter and Diana listened to a flock of 33 wake up in a shrubby expanse at Wabashiki Fish and Wildlife Area. **Eastern Towhees (21)** were found by 7 parties.

Northern Cardinals were widespread as usual. A surprise member of the Cardinalidae, **Dickcissel**, visited the Dobbs Park feeder two days after the count, along with a **Pine Siskin** – good count-week birds photographed by Ben Cvengros. We have only 2 previous records of Dickcissel, from 1972 and 1973, so this find ranks with Greater Scaup for rarity.

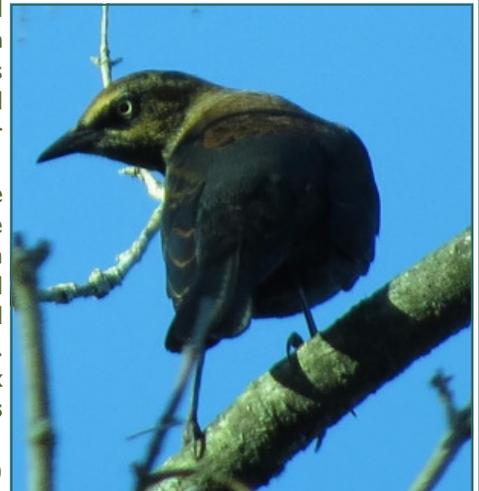
None of the blackbirds were superabundant, as they occasionally are on this count. Instead, **Common Grackle (725)**, **Brown-headed Cowbird (579)**, and **Red-winged Blackbird (301)** were each seen in good numbers by one or a few parties. A single **Eastern Meadowlark** and three **Rusty Blackbirds** were found.

House Finches (61) and **American Goldfinches (95)** were seen by most parties, but **Purple Finch (2)** turned up only at the Lima feeder. **House Sparrows (383)** were seen by all parties.

In the evening, we filled two tables at Moggers Restaurant for the countdown, and the last results were phoned or emailed the next day. Count # 59 is now in the books. By March, results will be on the National Audubon Society's CBC web page. Thanks to all for a great effort and for adjusting so well to the change of date. Thanks to Dan Weber for co-compiling, and to photographers Jim Sullivan, Steve Lima, Elise Lima, Ben Cvengros, and Mike Brown for sharing images.



Chipping Sparrow (Elise Lima)



Male Rusty Blackbird (Steve Lima)

Complete list of species and individuals, with notable species in bold. Terre Haute, Ind. CBC

Gr. White-fronted Goose	1208	Blue Jay	333	Count week only:
Snow Goose	6461	Am. Crow	4677	<i>Trumpeter Swan</i>
Ross's Goose	3	Horned Lark	57	<i>Wild Turkey</i>
Cackling Goose	2	Carolina Chickadee	207	Dickcissel
Canada Goose	2211	Tufted Titmouse	159	<i>Pine Siskin</i>
Gadwall	23	Red-breasted Nuthatch	11	
American Black Duck	1	White-breasted Nuthatch	79	Participants, 2018
Mallard	64	Brown Creeper	11	N = 34
Redhead	4	Winter Wren	1	David Bakken
Ring-necked Duck	15	Carolina Wren	100	George Bakken
Greater Scaup	2	Golden-crowned Kinglet	3	Laura Bakken
Common Goldeneye	1	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	3	Liz Beilke
Hooded Merganser	1	Eastern Bluebird	87	Lexie Bender
Common Merganser	2	Hermit Thrush	5	Ann Black
Ruddy Duck	2	Am. Robin	244	Bruce Black
Great Blue Heron	13	N. Mockingbird	25	Dick Bonness
Turkey Vulture	31	European Starling	2566	Mike Brown
Bald Eagle	10	Cedar Waxwing	7	Nick Brown
N. Harrier	8	Lapland Longspur	1	Morgan Chaney
Sharp-shinned Hawk	4	Yellow-rumped Warbler	3	Ben Cvengros
Cooper's Hawk	11	Eastern Towhee	21	Zoe Delefortrie
Red-shouldered Hawk	52	Am. Tree Sparrow	76	Joe Dickson
Red-tailed Hawk	44	Chipping Sparrow	1	Mary Beth Eberwein
Killdeer	4	Field Sparrow	12	Skitz Evrard
Ring-billed Gull	7	Savannah Sparrow	4	Nick Gabry
Herring Gull	5	Fox Sparrow	4	Diana Hews
Rock Pigeon	239	Song Sparrow	97	Elise Lima
Eurasian Collared-Dove	37	Swamp Sparrow	11	Steve Lima
Mourning Dove	238	White-throated Sparrow	127	Carissa Lovett
Eastern Screech-Owl	3	White-crowned Sparrow	55	Ellen Lunsford
Great Horned Owl	3	Dark-eyed Junco	434	Bill Mitchell
Barred Owl	8	N. Cardinal	296	Margaret Moga
Short-eared Owl	1	Red-winged Blackbird	301	Sarah Moore
Belted Kingfisher	8	Eastern Meadowlark	1	Joy Sacopulos
Red-headed Woodpecker	27	Rusty Blackbird	3	Mike Sacopulos
Red-bellied Woodpecker	102	Common Grackle	725	Peter Scott
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	6	Brown-headed Cowbird	579	David Shearer
Downy Woodpecker	82	Purple Finch	2	Denise Sobieski
Hairy Woodpecker	9	House Finch	61	Jim Sullivan
Northern Flicker	31	Am. Goldfinch	95	Frank Tillman
Pileated Woodpecker	17	House Sparrow	383	Dan Weber
American Kestrel	10			Mary Liz Wright
Peregrine Falcon	1	Total species	85	
Eastern Phoebe	1	Total individuals	22879	



in Memoriam

Joy Sacopulos

July 20, 1939 - January 30, 2019

Joy Sacopulos, 79, of Terre Haute passed away Wednesday, January 30, 2019 in Providence Healthcare. She was born July 20, 1939 in Terre Haute to Jack Foulkes and Jane Kivits Foulkes.

Survivors include her husband of 58 years, Gus Sacopulos; sons, Peter Sacopulos (Melony) and Michael Sacopulos (Darla); grandchildren, Alexandria, Olivia, Nicholas, and Alexander; brothers, John Foulkes and Dr. James Foulkes; and sisters, Jeanne Rozel and Jill Lankford. She was preceded in death by her parents and sisters Jan Malone and Judy Baker.

Joy was a tireless, innovative community leader who, for almost 50 years, dedicated herself to developing, improving and preserving the health and beauty of our environment, the quality of life of her fellow citizens and the appreciation of the history and heritage that is Terre Haute.

Joy is a founder and continuing volunteer of TREES, Inc., the Friends of Historic Allen Chapel, the Indiana Urban Forest Council, the Organ Donation Awareness Council of the Wabash Valley and the Terre Haute Crow Committee, Inc. She was a founder of Planned Parenthood of the Wabash Valley and Sacred Landmarks of Downtown Terre Haute. She was a member of St. Benedict Catholic Church.

Her leadership and enthusiasm sparked positive new programs for Indiana Landmarks, the Indiana National Road Association, the Volunteer Action Center, the Vigo County Historical Society, Wabash Valley Goodwill Industries, the Florence Crittenden Home, United Way of the Wabash Valley and The League of Terre Haute.

TREES, Inc., with Joy's leadership and hard work of many volunteers, is responsible for planting thousands of sizeable trees and hundreds of thousands of daffodils throughout the community. Allen Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Terre Haute's only African-American building on the National Register of Historic Places, has undergone significant restoration because Joy was instrumental in raising more than a half-million dollars. Boy Scouts in the Wabash Valley can become Explorer Scouts thanks to Joy's efforts to establish that program locally. And it was Joy who arranged to have the Crossroads of America state historical marker placed at the corner of Seventh Street and Wabash Avenue. This list only scratches the surface of the hundreds of ways Joy's efforts, and the efforts of others whom she has influenced, have improved our community and our state.

Joy received numerous honors for her community service including the United Way of the Wabash Valley's 2012 Woman of Influence and the Servaas Award from Indiana Landmarks. That same year she received the Chapman S. Root award. She received The Level Above Award, the Trees Mighty Oak Award, Success by 6, and was a Sagamore of the Wabash Valley. She was awarded a Doctor of Humane Letters from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology and the Boy Scouts of America (national) Silver Beaver Award. She was named IPALCO Environmentalist of the Year, the Indiana Urban Forest Council's Outstanding Volunteer of the Year and Best Friend of Allen Chapel, among dozens of others.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 2, 2019 in St. Benedict Catholic Church with Father Martin Day officiating. Burial will be in Highland Lawn Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Friday in Callahan & Hughes Funeral Home, 605 S. 25th Street. Memorial contributions may be made to Trees, Inc. or Indiana Landmarks.

To send flowers or a remembrance gift to the family of Joy Sacopulos, please visit the Tribute Store. Obituary as published on the Callahan and Hughes website.

in Memoriam

Stephen A. Kuntz
August 27, 1942 - August 30, 2018



Stephen A. Kuntz loved nature, his family, and his solidarity. He lived a full life from his birth on Aug. 27, 1942, until his death on Aug. 30, 2018. He was raised on the banks of the Mississippi River in Hannibal, Missouri, where he camped out in Mark Twain's Cave and relished his relationship with his grandparents Clede and EL Hancock. In adulthood, Steve touched many lives as a minister for the Disciples of Christ Church and later as a recruiter, though his occupations never defined him. He lived in Farmersburg, IN, and was passionate about English literature, birding, haiku, and his daily three-mile hikes. He was also an amazing story teller. Steve was the son of the late Dr. Kenneth and Ruth Isaacson Kuntz of Indianapolis.

A memorial gathering will be from 11:00 a.m. until 12 noon Tuesday, September 4, 2018, at Flanner Buchanan – Carmel, 325 East Carmel Drive. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that expressions of empathy be made in honor of Steve to the Indiana Audubon Society.

Survivors include his daughters Mary Robb Hickey of Vincennes, IN, and Katherine Dill of Carmel, IN; grandchildren Braydon Robb, Bailey Robb, Brynna Robb, Zoe Dill, and Paige Dill; his sister Joan Barnett of Canton, MI; nephew Mike Palmer; niece Shannon Paulsen; and two great nephews Nathan Palmer and James Paulsen.

Online condolences may be shared by visiting flannerbuchanan.com.

Obituary as published on the Flanner Buchanan Cremation Burial website.

Remembrance from Peter Scott

Another WVAS member has passed away, Steve Kuntz. I got a call from John Haag, his best friend. Steve lived in the southwest part of Vigo, and in recent years most of his birding was walking the road near his house out there.. He was quite active for maybe 5 years in the early 2000's, especially when John was president (right after me); he served as Field Trip Chair for a couple of years. He got very enthusiastic about the Breeding Bird Atlas update project, which was 2000-2005, or 2005-2010 - I forget. He took responsibility for a 2x3 mile block along Coal Creek, including the Jim McDonald property. I walked Coal Creek with him once to see the two **Cerulean**

Warbler territories he discovered, the only breeding site in the county for that species that I know of. Another of Steve's passions was opera - not an uncommon thing for birders, I've found (Susie Dewey, John Haag, me).



Cerulean Warbler by Michael Brown.

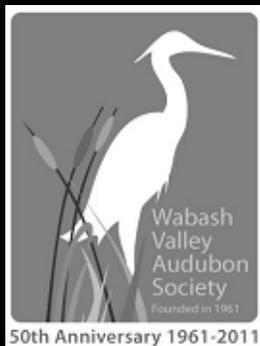
1st Annual Terre Haute Bird Festival

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April 6, 2019
1pm - 5pm



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to come.



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Events at a Glance

Feb. 6th	6:30pm	WVAS Board Meeting at Dobbs Park Nature Center (DPNC)
Feb. 9th	10:30am	Whooping Cranes at DPNC \$1.00 craft fee. Please pre-register at 812-877-1095
Feb. 16th	10am-12pm	Birding with WVAS - Bird Netting at DPNC Free
Feb. 20th	6:30pm	WVAS Member Meeting at DPNC Topic to be announced
Mar. 2nd	10am-12pm	Birding with WVAS - Bird Netting at DPNC Free
Mar. 6th	6:30pm	WVAS Board Meeting at DPNC
Mar. 9th	10:30am	Hellbenders @ DPNC Free - Please pre-register at 812-877-1095
Mar. 16th	10am	Birding with WVAS - Bird Song Hike at DPNC \$3.00 fee. Please pre-register at 812-877-1095
Mar. 20th	6:30pm	WVAS Member Meeting Location and topic to be determined
Apr. 3rd	6:30pm	WVAS Board Meeting at DPNC
Apr. 6th	1pm-5pm	1st Annual Bird Festival at Dobbs Park Free event.
Apr. 13th	10:30am	Walk Through The Wildflowers at DPNC Free Please pre-register at 812-877-1095
Apr. 17th	6pm	WVAS Annual Banquet Location and topic to be determined
May 1st	6:30am	WVAS Board Meeting - New Board Location to be announced
May 11th	All day	Big May Day Bird Count Contact Peter Scott for details
May 15th	6pm	WVAS Annual Spring Picnic Location to be announced
May 18	10:30am	Lightning Bugs: Indiana's State Insect at DPNC \$2.00 fee. Please pre-register at 812-877-1095

"A true conservationist is a man who knows that the world is NOT GIVEN by his fathers, BUT BORROWED from his children."

-John James Audubon

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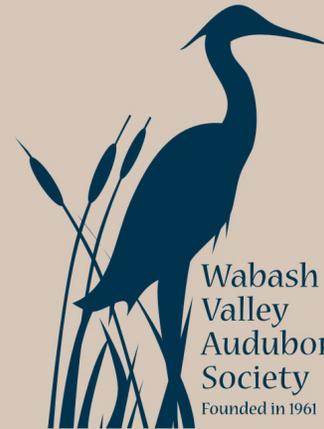
WVAS T-Shirt Sales

We now have t-shirts available for only \$10 each!

You can purchase a shirt at any one of our upcoming member or board meetings, or Dobbs Park Nature Center.

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Get Involved!

Wabash Valley Audubon Society Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteering is fun and not just for the members of the board! There are many easy ways you can help the organization. Here are a few:

Hospitality

Sign up to bring a snack to one of the monthly meetings. This does not have to be homemade, you can just pick something up from the store.

Dates for 2019: Feb. 20th Mar. 20th

Birding with Wabash Valley Audubon at Dobbs Park Nature Center

WVAS is providing public educational programs. Volunteer to help out at one of these programs as many have a craft component. Or volunteer to lead one of the hikes or presentations. For a list of the future program topics go to our Facebook page or email us.

Outreach

WVAS attends many educational events. We man a table and pass out information about WVAS and wildlife. Look for opportunities to help throughout this and upcoming newsletters.

Board Meetings

You are welcome to sit in on board meetings, which is a great way to find out more about the organization and ways to help out.

Dates for 2019: Feb. 6th Mar. 6th Apr. 3rd May 1st

To help out with any of the above or if you have questions, please feel free to contact Morgan Chaney at 812-219-1139 or mchaney@sycamores.indstate.edu.

We hope to hear from you soon.

Membership Reminder

**September started the new fiscal year for WVAS,
so please remember to renew your membership.**

We would like to see photos from our members. Here are some ideas, but you are not limited to this list.

- ◊ Take pictures while birding, hiking, or at our meetings
- ◊ Do you have an interesting bird visiting your feeders?
- ◊ Have you seen an animal you cannot identify?
- ◊ Do you have a nice picture of a weather event?
- ◊ Have you seen a cool reptile or amphibian?
- ◊ Take pictures of butterflies, trees, flowers, the sky is not the limit.
- ◊ We would like to include photos of our members enjoying the outdoors.



Bird's nest by Ellen Lunsford

WVAS Mission

WVAS is involved in appropriate projects to conserve and restore natural ecosystems, interact with other local organizations and groups with similar concerns, and provide educational opportunities to the local community to increase their awareness, appreciation, and involvement in the natural world that surrounds them.



Audubon

The Wabash Valley Audubon Society
is a Chapter of National Audubon Society, Inc.

The Wabash Valley Audubon Society (WVAS) serves Clay, Parke, Sullivan, Vermillion and Vigo counties. The public is welcome to attend our activities, including monthly meetings, field trips and conservation projects.

*If you have a topic or photo you would like to share, please contact Carissa or Ellen.
All Wabash Valley Audubon Society events are open to the public.*

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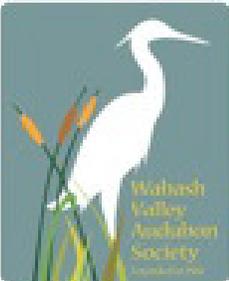
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