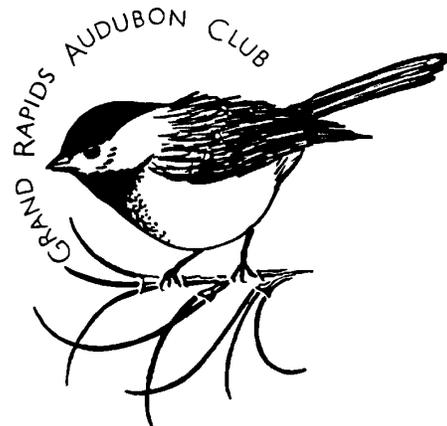


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September Meeting Notes

Date: Monday, Sept. 24
Time: 7:00 PM social; 7:30 PM program
Location: John Donnelly Conference Center
Aquinas College
Speaker: Doug Klein
Topic: Birds of Barry County

Presenter Doug Klein will talk about birding opportunities and significant bird sightings in Barry County. He'll also offer a few identification challenges to help attendees hone their skills.

Doug grew up in Grand Rapids and has been birding since 1973. He was a member of Grand Rapids Audubon Club for many years before moving in 1997 to Hastings where he formed the Barry County Bird Club in 2014.

Note: See page 2 for details on a field trip Doug will lead on Sept. 29.



Deadline for October newsletter articles: **Oct. 1**

(send to Tricia Boot)

President's Corner

by Sheryl Helmus

Have you recently read our club's mission statement? It's on page 7 of this newsletter for easy reference.

Many are doing great work to meet our club's goals and we thank you for your efforts. Our field trips and monthly meetings enhance our enjoyment of nature and wild birds. We need your help with ideas for new field trip locations and new leaders who will enhance our enjoyment. Becky Kuhn, our field trip coordinator, will have a table near the entry at the September meeting and will be glad to talk with you about new locations and/or leading a trip.

Our new Junior Audubon leader, Hannah Safford, also will be there. She is working to bring nature education directly to students attending after-school programs, activity groups and other settings. Learn more about the revised Junior Audubon format and pass on contact information for groups who might welcome her to lead a program.

Mary Austin is working to get National Audubon's nature education materials, Audubon Adventures, into Grand Rapids-area classrooms. She has some teachers interested for this school year and welcomes ideas for connections to more learners.

Club members help improve our natural environment on many fronts. Right now Maher Sanctuary, a 75-acre-plus property owned by our club, is in need of more helpers to protect and improve this unique piece of land. Maher Sanctuary is at the southwest corner of 108th Avenue and Wood School Road, just south of the Kent County border. Chris Baer has led team efforts for several years to preserve its pristine forest, wetland and meadow habitats. We are looking to add more helpers, especially ones with maintenance skills, invasive species interests and mapping expertise. You can be part of protecting this special place. Contact Chris, or see Scott Hutchings at the Volunteer Table near the entry at the September meeting.

Together we can continue to enjoy nature, protect and improve our environment, and advance nature education here in West Michigan. Thank you everyone!



GRAC Field Trips

Contact Becky Kuhn with field trip suggestions/ideas. Watch the *Caller* for future trip announcements. Visit www.graud.org for the most up-to-date trip list. Safety hazards: Driving in a caravan can be hazardous. Get directions from the leader and exercise caution on the road at all times. Have a passenger handle all radio or phone communications. Dress and drive for the weather, particularly in the event of hazardous winter weather. Particularly bad weather may cancel a trip.

Thursdays, Sept. 6, 13, 20 and 27, 8:00 AM

Leader: Katie Bolt, Jeanne Griffin or Kathy Haase
Recurring Millennium Park Hikes

Hike Millennium Park to see what's hanging around (route varies). A good variety of birds have been reported from this diverse habitat near the river, which includes open and swampy ponds, lowland forest and various secondary growth.

Essentials: Meet at the east end of Veterans Memorial Drive parking area.

Saturday, Sept. 15, 7:30 AM

Leader: Lizzy Kibbey

Huff Park Fall Trip

We'll head south through the woods, making our way around the trails, checking out the marshlands, too. Possibilities here are migrating passerines, particularly fall warblers and others such as flycatchers and sparrows. Marsh birds of interest include wrens such as Sedge Wren. I've had Sedge Wrens in the past at this time of the year, and they are always nice to see. Rails also are a possibility. The hike should only be an hour or two, depending on the weather, bugs and birds.

Essentials: Meet at the Aberdeen Street parking lot near the playground at 7:30 AM (north end of the park). Dress for the conditions, bring binoculars and wear good hiking boots or waterproof footwear. Insect repellent, water and a snack would be useful.

Saturday, Sept. 29, 8:30 AM

Leader: Doug Klein

Paul Henry Trail, Middleville

We'll meet in Middleville in the parking lot behind the Village Offices in Middleville. Head south on M-37 through Caledonia and into Middleville. Turn left at the only traffic light in town and go about ¼ mile to the bridge over the Thornapple River. Turn right on the drive immediately after the river and the parking lot will be visible. We'll hike a total of about 1.5 miles on a level, paved trail through woods and waters. Bring a spotting scope if you normally use one; binoculars are a must. Trip length will be approximately two hours. This trip is handicap-accessible. If folks are interested, we'll follow up with lunch in Middleville at the Riverdog Restaurant across the street from our parking lot.

Saturday, Oct. 6, 7:30 AM

Leader: Larry Burke

Late Passerines and Hawks at Saugatuck Dunes

Hike Saugatuck Dunes State Park in search of migrant warblers, thrushes, vireos, other passerines and hawks headed south. This excellent dune area generally holds a good variety of birds. When the hawks are moving, the dunes are among the best spots to watch them sail by. They may be overhead, next to you or low over the treetops below you. With our changing climate, warblers seem to migrate later and this could be a good time for them. Birders of all skills are welcome.

Essentials: Meet at the McDonald's in Hudsonville at 7:30 AM and carpool from there. Folks closer to Saugatuck Dunes may want to meet the group in the north (main) parking lot at 8:00 AM. You may want a drink and a snack to keep you going until lunch.

Saturday, Oct. 20, 8:00 AM

Leader: Steve Minard

Fall Migrants at Muskegon State Park

We'll check Lake Michigan to see what's on the beach, hike the jack pines in the dunes and hit the trails from the Snug Harbor Picnic area. In the trees, late warblers, vireos and thrushes are possible. In the past, owls have been found roosting in the pines. If we run long, we'll look for a place to stop for lunch. If the state park is quiet, we will consider a stop at the Muskegon Lake Conservation Area or the Muskegon Wastewater. Birders of all skills are welcome.

Essentials: Meet at the Boy Scout Headquarters on Walker (north of I-96) at 8:00 AM. You may want a drink or snack to keep you going until lunch.

Saturday, Nov. 17, 7:30 AM

Leader: Steve Minard

Lakeshore Migrants

We will plan to look for the best reported late shorebirds and winter ducks, gulls and finches along the lakeshore. Winter ducks should be in the area, and the other late migrants should still be moving south. We are likely to start on the lake shore with Holland State Park, Oval Beach or Douglas Beach as possible targets. From Lake Michigan, we're likely to work inland with stops possible along Lake Macatawa, the Kalamazoo River or the Todd Farm Unit of the Allegan State Game Area. If we are lucky, a mega rarity will be chaseable and we may travel further afield. This is planned as a morning trip, but we could extend it with a lunch stop.

Essentials: Meet at the McDonald's in Hudsonville, and car pool from there. Be ready to head out at 7:30 AM. You may want a drink or snack to keep you going until lunch. Come prepared for cold weather. A spotting scope could come in handy on this trip.

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Tuesday, Jan. 1, 6:00 AM

Leader: Steve Minard

New Year's Day in Kent County

Get your bird list for 2019 started in Kent County. We'll try to track down some of the birds seen on the Christmas Count and look for whatever sounds good. We will start at 6:00 AM to look for owls in the Cannonsburg State Game Area and vicinity. At dawn, we will shift to looking for winter passerines, waterfowl and hawks. Birders of all skills are welcome to join us and start their bird list for 2019.

Essentials: Meet at the new Ada McDonald's on M-21 at the Citgo Gas Station by 6:00 AM. This is across M-21 from Amway and near the post office. We plan to be back at McDonald's at 8:00 AM for a break and in case anyone wants to join us. We plan to finish around 11:30 AM. Dress for cold weather, and bring a snack or warm beverage to keep you fueled up.

Saturday, Jan. 19, 8:00 AM

Leader: Steve Minard

Winter Field Birding

This winter trip will search for winter birds such as Snowy Owl, Northern Shrike and Snow Bunting. These can be quite nomadic and hard to find, so we'll try to cover lots of territory. We'll search fields in northern Ottawa County and Muskegon County northwest of Grand Rapids. We'll probably check some of the Crockery Creek bottomlands looking for Red-shouldered Hawk. If conditions permit, we'll try to include the Muskegon Wastewater in our search. Expect to spend most of the time in the car searching the fields for anything different. Bring your CB or Family radio if you have one and we'll try to keep in touch between cars. Birders of all skills are welcome.

Essentials: Meet at the Boy Scout Headquarters west off Walker Road just north of I-96 at 8:00 AM. We plan to bird until noon. You may want to bring a snack to hold you over until lunch.

Saturday, Feb. 9, 7:30 AM

Leader: Steve Minard

Allegan State Game Area Winter Trip

Explore the Allegan State Game Area, including the Swan Creek Highbanks and the Todd Farm Unit, for winter birds. Bald Eagle and Rough-legged Hawk are likely to be near the flocks of Canada Goose at the Todd Farm Unit. Wild Turkey, Northern Shrike and Ross's Goose have been found here in past winters. With luck, winter finches will make an appearance. Bring your CB or Family radio if you have one and we'll try to keep in touch between cars. Birders of all skills are welcome.

Essentials: Meet at the McDonald's in Hudsonville and carpool from there. A spotting scope and will come in handy on this trip. We'll bird until noon.

Maher Sanctuary: Consumer's Energy Relocation of Power Poles

**by Chris Baer, steward for the
Maher Audubon Sanctuary**

A contractor for Consumer's Energy recently contacted club leadership to talk about proposed work on Maher Sanctuary starting at the corner of 108th Street and Wood School Road. The utility company would like to relocate a power line from the north side of the road to the south side to improve reliability and accessibility in the event of a power outage. This reduces the amount of forestry work required for the relocation.

The new line would be on the south side of 108th Street, running west approximately 4,500 feet from Wood School Road toward Humphrey Road.

I called Consumer's Energy and asked if I could get back to them after the club's September meeting and they agreed.

I also asked about how far into the wetland the poles would be mounted. They indicated about 35 feet from the center of the road. The amount of forestry (cutting down the trees) would increase as they approach the parking lot and beyond. Not sure what this gets them. They indicated that getting permission from all the land owners on the north side of 108th Street may be problematic.

We will talk about this at the September meeting and decide what to tell them.





August 2018 eBird Summary

Very Unusual and Rare Sightings by Carol VanOeveren

The following is an overview of the very unusual and rare eBird sightings for August 2018 for Allegan, Kent, Muskegon and Ottawa counties. This report does not include rare birds that are flyovers, unchaseable and those with sketchy details. Rare and unusual eBird sightings are updated daily on the GRAC website.

Temperatures again soared into the low 90s with oppressive humidity the first weekend of the month. Much-needed rain moved in the 6th and continued intermittently through the week. Dry, warm and humid weather continued through mid-month. Beneficial rain with a cold front arrived on the 21st, which produced much cooler and less humid conditions through the end of the week. Heat and humidity returned on the 26th. Several rounds of heavy rain and thunderstorms continued through mid-week (producing flooding and state-wide power outages) before another cool-down.

Purple Martins nested in good numbers in the martin houses along the Grand Haven north pier – 47 counted Aug 10. **Red-headed Woodpeckers** nested at the Mt Pisgah Dune Boardwalk area at Holland SP – two juveniles were observed Aug 10. Two juveniles also were observed at Mt Baldhead Park in Allegan Co Aug 23. Warblers started to move through late mid-month at the Muskegon Wastewater, Muskegon State Park area and several locations in Kent and Ottawa cos.

The best finds: A **Red Knot** was observed flying with a **Ruddy Turnstone** (up to four there Aug 6-7, one Aug 21) along the beach at Holland SP Aug 2 by Carl and Judi Manning. Visit

<https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S47603316> for Judi's photos. Another knot also was seen at the Muskegon Wastewater Aug 25 on the GRAC field trip. One juvenile was observed by Rick Brigham on private beach property near Douglas Beach Park Aug 26 and re-located by Ed DeVries at the park later the same day. The bird continued through Aug 28. Visit <https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S48089081> for Ed's photos. Two **Buff-breasted Sandpipers** were observed at AAA Turf Farm in Ottawa Co Aug 31 by John VanOrman.

Others of note: up to three **Eared Grebes** continued since Apr at the Wastewater throughout Aug; a **Least Bittern** continued through the summer at Upper Macatawa Natural Area 84th Ave access in Ottawa Co; up to two **Black-crowned Night-Herons** at VanBragt Park in Holland Aug 3-11 and one still there Aug 31, one at Upper Macatawa Natural Area Aug 11, one at Harbor Island in Grand Haven Aug 17, one along Muskegon River at US-31 in Muskegon Co Aug 18,

one at Muskegon Lake Nature Preserve Aug 19; one **Common Gallinule** with six chicks at Covell Park in Whitehall Aug 19, one juvenile at 11th St lake in Allegan Co Aug 24; one **Black-bellied Plover** at the Wastewater Aug 7-20, one at Saugatuck Dunes SP Natural Area Aug 19, two at Holland SP Aug 30; one **American Golden-Plover** at the Wastewater Aug 7 and up to eight there Aug 25-27, one along 24th St S of 116th Ave in Allegan Co Aug 29, one at 74th Ave and Hayes St in Ottawa Co Aug 30, three at AAA Turf Farm in Ottawa Co Aug 31; **28 Semipalmated Plover** at the Wastewater Aug 18; one banded juvenile **Piping Plover** at Kalamazoo River mouth in Allegan Co Aug 3-6 and 19 – unknown if same individual; two **Ruddy Turnstones** at Kalamazoo River mouth in Allegan Co Aug 3-4 and one Aug 26-30. Visit <https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S47628349> to view Ed DeVries' photos along with the Piping Plover at the same location; one **White-rumped Sandpiper** at the Wastewater Aug 18 and 24; varying numbers of **Baird's Sandpipers** at the Wastewater throughout the month with a high count of est 20 Aug 20, one at Holland SP Aug 17 and 23, four at Coopersville Sewage Ponds Aug 25, up to three at AAA Turf Farm in Ottawa Co Aug 30-31; one **Stilt Sandpiper** continued since July at the Wastewater Aug 4 and one there Aug 21 and 26; up to three **Short-billed Dowitchers** at Caledonia Sewage Ponds throughout the month, up to three at the Wastewater Aug 18-27; one **Wilson's Phalarope** at the Wastewater Aug 11 and up to six there Aug 18-26, one at AAA Turf Farm in Ottawa Co Aug 29-30; two **Eurasian Collared-Doves** originally seen along 14th St N of 135th Ave in Allegan Co Aug 16 continued at a turkey farm along 136th St about a half-mile W of 14th St Aug 18; an **Olive-sided Flycatcher** (not necessarily rare, but now considered a threatened, declining species) at Pine Creek Park in Ottawa Co Aug 18 and 22, one at Huff Park Aug 27-31, one at Upper Macatawa Natural Area Aug 30; a **Winter Wren** at Upper Macatawa Natural Area 84th Ave access Aug 15; **Dickcissels** continued to be seen at the Wastewater throughout the month with a high count of 34 Aug 11 – known nesting location.

Note: **Whooping Crane** Lily was still present with two Sandhills in wheat stubble field at M-156 and Packard Rd (near Schoonover WPA) in Lenawee Co Aug 18.



Ranger Steve's Nature Niche

Enjoying Subtle Beauty
by Ranger Steve (Mueller)

Imagine a bird slightly smaller than a cardinal with a brown crest that it can raise or lay flat on its head at will. It has a black "lone ranger" mask outlined with white "eye-liner" surrounding the black. From head to the tail, its russet brown head subtly grades to an olive brown on its back to gray wings and rump. On the gray wings are tiny splashes of red on the secondary feathers next to the large primary wing feathers. It appears these smaller wing-tip feathers have been dipped in red wax.

The light golden brown on the head, back and chest transitions to become lighter and changes to yellow on the belly and sides. The yellow belly gives way to white under the tail. The tail above is gray with a rather abrupt change to a black crosswise band near the tail's end. The terminal end has a bright yellow band.

When the bird stands on branches, it is more erect than many birds. One often expects birds to stand horizontal with head out front and tail protruding backwards like a robin. A Cedar Waxwing's posture bends from head to tail at an angle steeper than 45 degrees. Its black mask provides a penetrating look even though its eyes are quite hidden in the mask.

Waxwings became a favorite beauty for me in the 1970s because their brilliant colors blend in a manner that creates a gentle over-all appearance that must be studied for details. The beauty of goldfinches, cardinals and Blue Jays grab our attention with flamboyance. Cedar Waxwings' colors are vivid but hidden in plain view among subtle transitions.

Even their calls are somewhat secretive. They have a high-pitched, simple call that I can no longer hear. The calls are not meant for me anyway. The waxwings travel in small to large flocks where they cluster in trees and maintain vocal contact.

During the winter, they seek shrubs and trees with berries. As I waded a stream one early summer during a mayfly hatch, waxwings fluttered from tree branches to snatch mayflies in the air like one expects from a flycatcher.

For today, no bird equals the beauty of these avian wonders. Tomorrow, next week or month, a different species might claim the title as "my favorite." Our choice of favorite depends somewhat on where we live and observe. When I was a ranger at Bryce Canyon National Park for nearly a decade, the Green-tailed Towhee provided hidden brilliance of blended colors similar to what we experience with waxwings here.

Use a bird field guide to study the patterns, shapes, distribution and habitats of moving beauties that come and go in yards. I am an old guy and still prefer to hold a book in hand.

An Internet search provides hundreds of outstanding photographs for each species. You could while away the day with beauty on the computer screen but for me it does not match the joy of seeing these neighbors in real life.

Your outdoor yard is the place to be or at least view from a home window. To attract Cedar Waxwings, provide for their needs by planting viburnums and other native berry producing shrubs and trees. Waxwings are not attracted to bird feeders. They seek yards with choice berry shrubs and insects.

It is nice to see a dozen species that visit bird feeders daily. A yard and neighborhood planted to meet bird nature niche needs provides opportunity to enjoy the beauty of 50 to more than 100 species. Enrich your life by inviting birds of beauty by landscaping for wildlife.

Natural history questions or topic suggestions can be directed to Ranger Steve (Mueller) at odybrook@chartermi.net or Ody Brook Nature Sanctuary, 13010 Northland Dr. Cedar Springs, MI 49319 or call (616) 696-1753.

Maher News and Events

by Chris Baer

Cooler weather is on the way and we will be doing some work days this fall at Maher. Sharpen your pruners and get ready to spend some time in a beautiful place.

Save the date: Oct. 27 is a planned work day/field trip. Other work days will be scheduled, possibly twice a month. I will call or email people who are interested in removing Autumn Olive from the Maher woods. It is not too difficult and seeing the birds and woods is more than worth the physical exercise. There will be a sign-up sheet at the next meeting but if anyone is interested in being contacted when a work day is scheduled in September, please email me at cpbaer@iserv.net or call (616) 874-9299.

A new bench has been placed near the new boardwalk and the Bridge to Nowhere. Doug Klein made the bench and set it in the ground to deter bench movers. Doug is going to be speaking at our September meeting so please thank him when you see him for the very nice bench. It's in a great place overlooking Caine Creek to observe warblers and other woodland denizens.

September also is a great time to see fall warblers and other migrants. The sanctuary is brimming with fall blooming asters, thistles, sunflowers, goldenrod and other flowers. The last time I was at Maher I saw nine Monarch butterflies. Please visit Maher to enjoy the parade.



Theresa’s Membership News and Thought for the Day

by Theresa Dykhuis, Membership Chairperson

“In every walk with nature, one receives far more than he seeks,” John Muir

Speaking of walks, have you visited the GRAC home page recently at www.graud.org? There you will find a link to the field trip page. If you haven’t gone on one of these walks, you are really missing out on a special treat. The locations are beautiful in and of themselves but the leaders of these trips truly make your visit extra special by sharing their knowledge of the area and pointing out the birds and other sights that might easily be overlooked.

There are walks of varying lengths and capabilities, including handicap-accessible, and walks on different dates and times to accommodate those who work or have other commitments. Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to get outside and enjoy nature!

Thank you to everyone that has renewed their membership and to our new members! Your dues allow GRAC to continue providing the wonderful programs and activities that help the birds we all love and want to protect. If you aren’t currently a member and enjoy attending the meetings and other activities, please show your support by becoming a member. The cost of an annual membership is very reasonable.

Speaking of supporting GRAC, we can’t thank the following people enough for their generosity in making additional contributions to their membership:

General Fund: Jeanne Griffin, Becky Kuhn, Linda Love Stewart, Fred and Carol VanOeveren

Audubon Adventures: Fred and Carol VanOeveren

Maher Sanctuary: Fred and Carol VanOeveren

Sustaining Membership: Eileen Shedleski

August Finance Report

prepared by Jeff Neumann, Treasurer

Checking Account Balance: \$ 9,816.40

Edward Jones Account: \$40,786.31

Total Assets as of 8/27/18: \$50,602.71

Restricted Funds (included in the total assets)

Maher Sanctuary Fund: \$3,523.53

Junior Audubon Fund: \$4,024.12

Audubon Adventures: \$ 300.00

The balances in the Maher Sanctuary, Junior Audubon and Audubon Adventures Funds are restricted to expenditures for items related to the respective funds.

Audubon Adventures

by Mary Austin

Greetings!

I’m the new chairperson for the Audubon Adventures program. Audubon Adventures is an environmental education curriculum created by the National Audubon Society for grades three to six.

The program was developed by professional environmental educators and presents standards-based science content about birds, wildlife and their habitats. The program supplements the Michigan STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) initiatives.

GRAC recognizes the value of the Audubon Adventures program, and our club has decided to fund some classrooms in obtaining the program kits. Our club realizes that the program provides education about birds and environmental issues that affect our feathered friends. The program covers the fundamental principles by which the natural world functions.

Teachers who enroll in the program receive printed materials for the students in their classrooms. Teachers also have access to a content-rich website that provides interactive games, puzzles and quizzes and topic-related resources for both teachers and students.

If you are a teacher of third, fourth, fifth or sixth graders who might be interested in the program, or if you know of such a teacher, have them contact me. GRAC is sponsoring the Audubon Adventure classroom kits. At the point I prepared this article, we still had some sponsorship kits available. I can be contacted at mary.e.austin@comcast.net.

You can learn more about Audubon Adventures at <http://www.audubonadventures.org/>.



GRAC CALENDAR

September

- 6 Field Trip: Millennium Park Hikes (recurring 13, 20 and 27)
- 15 Field Trip: Huff Park Fall Trip w/ Lizzy Kibbey
- 24 GRAC Board and Membership Meetings
- 29 Field Trip: Paul Henry Trail w/ Doug Klein

October

- 6 Field Trip: Saugatuck Dunes w/ Larry Burke
- 20 Field Trip: Fall Migrants at Muskegon State Park w/ Steve Minard
- 27 Maher Work Day
- 29 GRAC Board and Membership Meetings

Mission Statement:

The Grand Rapids Audubon Club brings together people who enjoy nature, especially wild birds. We seek to protect and improve our natural environment and to advance nature education throughout West Michigan.

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GRAC Board Meetings are held at 6:00 PM prior to each month's general membership meeting.

Junior Audubon Meetings are held Saturdays at various locations.

General Membership Meetings are held the last Monday of the month (Sept. – May) at 7:30 PM at the John F. Donnelly Center of Aquinas College located at 157 Woodward Lane SE. December (Christmas Bird Count) and May (Annual Banquet) meetings are held at different locations and times. Upcoming field trip information is published in each newsletter. See the GRAC website for the complete field trip list. Any additions or deletions to the above calendar will be noted in future issues of the newsletter.

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