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Much remains unknown about the coming year for the GRAC, including programs, field trips and more. Please visit the club's website for the most up-to-date information. Stay safe, stay healthy and we hope to see everyone again soon!

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Dr. Mary Jane Dockeray

It is with profound sadness that we share news that long-time GRAC member and local conservation icon Dr. Mary Jane Dockeray has passed away peacefully at age 93. Look for a full article in our September *Caller*. In the meantime, visit the Blandford Nature Center's website for more information.

President's Corner

by Scott Hutchings

"May you live in interesting times" is a purported ancient Chinese curse. No one truly knows its origin. Interesting, in this case, means interesting to future historians; times of war, famine, plague, revolution, etc. These times are definitely interesting. We don't know when we will be able to resume normal meetings. We don't know when we can have field trips. We're in limbo. But we will, when the time is right, when it's safe—we will have regular meetings, we will have field trips, life will get back to some kind of normal. Check our website for news.

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June and July 2020 eBird Summaries

Very Unusual and Rare Sightings by Carol VanOeveren

The following is an overview of the very unusual and rare eBird sightings for June and July 2020 for Allegan, Kent, Muskegon and Ottawa counties. These reports do not include rare birds that are flyovers, unchaseable, on inaccessible private property and those with sketchy details.

JUNE

Sunny, dry and near normal conditions started the month. Windy storms with a cold front passed through early morning on the 3rd. Sunny and pleasant weather returned for nearly a week. By the 9th heat and humidity had built with temps in the low 90s as the remnants of TS Cristobal combined with a cold front and brought storms, high winds exceeding 70 mph in places and extensive power outages. (This was the furthest northwest a tropical system has ever traveled in North America – Ontario north of Lake Superior.) By the 11th, much cooler weather moved in for a few days followed by a sunny, dry warming trend into the 80s to around 90 and increasing humidity through the 22nd. Near to above normal temperatures continued, with a few periods of rain and thunderstorms (some strong on the 26th), and humidity again built toward the end of the month.

Notables for the month: One **Canvasback** continued since May at the Muskegon Wastewater June 21 – out of season. A female-type **Common Goldeneye** at Grand Haven north pier June 1, one also at Muskegon SP beach June 3 (possibly same bird) – very late/out of season. One **Eared Grebe** continued at the Wastewater June 7 – known location for years. Eight **American White Pelicans** at the Wastewater June 1 and two lingered June 13. A **Least Bittern** continued at Upper Macatawa Natural Area 84th Ave access and Hofma Preserve both in Ottawa Co, one at Muskegon SP Snug Harbor marsh, one at Windmill Island Park in Holland, one at Conner Bayou Park in Ottawa Co, one at Grand Haven SGA Bruce Bayou 129th Ave access, one at Reeds Lake, one along Grand River near Spring Lake. Up to fourteen **Great Egrets** at the old cormorant colony at Millennium Park June 15-20. **Common Gallinules** reported at various locations in Allegan, Muskegon and Ottawa cos with a high count of eleven (two adults, nine chicks) along the Grand River on Leonard Rd near Spring Lake June 5. An **AMERICAN AVOCET** (found by Will Keller) at Port Sheldon Pigeon River outlet in Ottawa Co June 4, one (found by Bryan K) at Holland SP June 23. A **Black-bellied Plover** at Grand Haven north pier June 3-4, one at the Wastewater June 11.

A **PIPING PLOVER** continued since May at Muskegon SP beach June 3 – known breeding location, but unfortunately not reported on eBird since this date. Up to three **Ruddy Turnstones** at Grand Haven north pier June 1-5 (visit <https://ebird.org/checklist/S69936812> to view Judi Manning's photos). A **WILLET** (found by Scott Schmidt) on shore of Grand River along Leonard St near Martinique/Dermo Islands in Ottawa Co June 1, one (found by Rick Brigham, Caleb Putnam and Chace Scholten) at Port Sheldon Pigeon River outlet June 15-21. Up to 17 **White-rumped Sandpipers** continued since May at the Wastewater June 7. Two **Wilson's Phalaropes** (found by John VanOrman) at the Wastewater June 9. A **FRANKLIN'S GULL** (tentative ID – bird flew north, observers Jack and Oliver Kew did not attempt to relocate) at Port Sheldon Pigeon River outlet June 5 (visit <https://ebird.org/checklist/S70085481> to view photos). A **LAUGHING GULL** (found by Carl and Judi Manning) at Holland SP June 13-14 (visit <https://ebird.org/checklist/S70377390> to view photos). An **Iceland Gull** at Kalamazoo River mouth in Allegan Co June 15-16 – out of season. A **Lesser Black-backed Gull** at Holland SP June 1-15, one at Lake Macatawa west end June 4, one at the Kalamazoo River mouth in Allegan Co June 15. A **Forster's Tern** at Holland SP June 10-14. A **EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE** continued since Feb at Allegan SGA Todd Farm (62nd St and 118th Ave) June 4, one continued at 128th Ave and Bingham St in Ottawa Co June 22 – at least one has been at this location for months. The pair of **Red-headed Woodpeckers** continued to be seen at Huff Park through mid-month investigating a nesting cavity, but not reported since. An **Olive-sided Flycatcher** at Hiawatha Forest Park (168th Ave/Fillmore) in Ottawa Co June 6 – late. Up to six **Common Ravens** (all in same flock) along 136th Ave N of Polk St in Ottawa Co June 16-18. A **Swainson's Thrush** at Allegan SGA Ely Lake campground June 6 – late. **Warblers:** At least two **WORM-EATING** continued since May at Allegan SGA Swan Creek at 116th Ave/116th Ave to Swan Creek Pond area through the month – known breeding location. A **Louisiana Waterthrush** at Allegan SGA Swan Creek 116th Ave to Swan Creek Pond June throughout month, one at Allegan SGA Swan Creek 118th Ave to Highbanks Unit June 1, one along Flat River (canoe/kayak trip) from White's Bridge to Fallasburg Dam in Kent Co June 2, at least one continued since Apr at Aman Park throughout month – known location, one (along with a late **Northern Waterthrush**) along 38th St S of 127th Ave in Allegan Co June 7. A female **CONNECTICUT** (found by Chace Scholten) at Mt Pisgah Dune boardwalk in Ottawa Co June 1-3. A **Mourning** at Lake Harbor Park in Muskegon Co June 1.

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At least one **Hooded** at various locations in all four counties with a high count of three at Allegan SGA Swan Creek Pond June 1. Two **Cerulean** along Flat River (canoe/kayak trip) from White's Bridge to Fallasburg Dam in Kent Co June 2, one continued since May at Aman Park June 4 – unusual location, one at Muskegon SGA Lane's Landing June 4 and Headquarters June 9, at least one at all traditional locations in Allegan SGA. A **Northern Parula** possibly breeding at Dolan Nature Sanctuary in Kent Co June 1-4 – rare, breeding area much further north. A **Blackburnian** at Allegan SGA Swan Creek at 116th Ave June 9 – late. A **Black-throated Blue** (found by John VanOrman) at Cascade Peace Park in Kent Co June 3 (visit <https://ebird.org/checklist/S70003767> for photo), one at Allegan SGA 116th Ave at Swan Creek June 4 – both late or possibly breeding. A **PRAIRIE** continued since May north of Oval Beach in Allegan Co June 4 – known location, one continued since May at 120th Ave and 52nd St in Allegan Co June 6. A male **YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT** (found by Kyle Werner) along the Old Field Trail at Saul Lake Bog Nature Preserve in Kent Co June 17; a second bird (female) was confirmed by Curtis Dykstra the afternoon of the 18th (visit <https://ebird.org/checklist/S70533277> to hear Kyle Werner's recordings and <https://ebird.org/checklist/S70711405> to view Bob Tarte's June 22 photos) and at least one continued June 22, three (found by Joanna Sblendorio and others) during tract surveys at Wau-Ke-Na William Erby Smith Preserve south tract in Allegan Co June 19 and up to two continued through June 30 (visit <https://ebird.org/checklist/S70624149> to view John VanOrman's photos taken June 20), another observed during a north tract survey June 30 (may be one of birds previously reported in south tract). A **SPOTTED TOWHEE** (found by Aaron Klanderma) at West Side County Park in Allegan Co June 3; bird was foraging on ground near south fence border of the park near the pavilion (Tim Cornish obtained only photos; visit <https://ebird.org/checklist/S70026168> to view). Up to two **Henslow's Sparrows** continued since May along 52nd St E of Kraft Ave SE through the month and at least four continued at Allegan SGA Todd Farm through the month – both known locations. A **White-throated Sparrow** at a residence along 36th St N of Dumont Rd in Allegan Co June 7 – late. A first yr male **BLUE GROSBEAK** (found by Carl and Judi Manning) along 136th Ave N of Polk St near power substation in Ottawa Co June 16 (visit <https://ebird.org/checklist/S70503237> to view Judi's photos); a female was observed by Ty Wagenmaker and others later same day and the two continued through the month.

At least eleven **Dickcissels** continued since May at the Wastewater through the month – known breeding location, one at 92nd St SE flooded field near Briarwood GC in Kent Co June 3, up to 14 continued through month at Allegan SGA Todd Farm – known breeding location and several reports at other locations in Allegan Co, one continued at Macatawa Legends GC in Ottawa Co June 21, up to four along 52nd St E of Kraft Ave SE in Kent Co June 9-28, three at 60th Ave and Mill St in Ottawa Co June 10-11, one at 128th Ave and Bingham St in Ottawa Co June 19, two singing at Upper Macatawa Natural Area 84th Ave access June 23. The **Western Meadowlark** continued at Allegan SGA Todd Farm through the month. Up to four **Brewer's Blackbirds** continued since Apr at the Wastewater June 7, one at Allegan SGA Todd Farm June 6.

Whooping Crane "Lily" continued to be seen in Lenawee Co along Ranger Hwy south of Lime Creek Rd in wetlands on old DeMor Hills Golf Course property through the month associating with a Sandhill Crane. He was also observed sitting on what appeared to be a nest.

Note of interest: Early in the month, at least one **Lark Sparrow** returned to Ives Road Fen Preserve south of Tecumseh in Lenawee County. As of June 17, two were observed at this location. Three were present here during the summer last year. This is a known location for this species and they have possibly bred here. Visit <https://ebird.org/checklist/S70004906> to view Geoff Malosh's photos and a description of the location. Even though they are quite difficult to locate, it may be worth the trip for a search and add this bird to your life, year or county list. Visit <https://www.alltrails.com/explore/trail/us/michigan/ives-road-fen-preserve-loop> to view a trail map.

JULY

Hot and humid upper 80s to mid-90s, sunny and mostly dry conditions continued through most of the month. A heat wave of eight consecutive days (in GR) of 90 degrees or better (July 2-9) was finally broken with a passage of a weak cold front with thunderstorms and torrential rain late afternoon on the 9th into the 10th. Temperatures fell into the lower 80s with lower dew points offering a little relief. Upper 80s returned by the 15th and a high of 91 on the 18th felt more like 99 due to oppressive dew points in the 70s. Strong storms overnight brought some relief as temperatures remained in the mid-80s the following week. Temps hovering around 90 and oppressive dewpoints returned for the 25th and 26th, but pleasant, near normal conditions ended the month.

Linda Ar and Karen Markey braved the heat and had a great early July checklist of 80 species in nearly seven hours of birding at the Muskegon Wastewater July 3.

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Visit <https://ebird.org/checklist/S71094298> to view the impressive list.

Notables for the month: **Gadwall** bred at the Wastewater with ten juveniles observed Jul 8. One **Canvasback** continued since May at the Wastewater Jul 5-6 and 24-28 – out of season/non-breeder. Approx **500 Double-crested Cormorants** at Winnetaska Rd/Nugent Sand lagoons in Muskegon Co Jul 15 – known breeding colony. An **American White Pelican** at Winnetaska Rd/Nugent Sand lagoons in Muskegon Co Jul 13 and two Jul 14-15 – associating with the cormorants. An **American Bittern** at Fennville Sewage Ponds in Allegan Co Jul 29. A **Least Bittern** at Upper Macatawa Natural Area 84th Ave access in Ottawa Co Jul 15, two at Lions Park in Whitehall Jul 29. Five **Common Gallinules** (one adult, four chicks) at Pruin and Leonard Rd near Spring Lake Jul 2, one at White River marsh in Montague Jul 7, five (one adult, four imm) at 116th Ave and 8th St (across street from wetland) in Allegan Co Jul 23. An **AMERICAN AVOCET** (found by Hank Veldman) at Grand Haven north pier Jul 7 (visit <https://ebird.org/checklist/S71242414> to view photo) and one there briefly Jul 15, one (found by Carl and Judi Manning) at Holland SP Jul 16 and 27, one (found by Beth Miller) at the Wastewater Jul 21. A **Black-bellied Plover** at the Wastewater Jul 28. At least twelve **Upland Sandpipers** at the Wastewater Jul 4 – known breeding location. A **MARBLED GODWIT** (found by Will Keller) at the Wastewater Jul 28. Two **WILLETS** at Kalamazoo River mouth in Allegan Co Jul 5, one on the beach at Meinert Park in Muskegon Co Jul 6, one at Grand Haven north pier Jul 7 and eight there Jul 15, two at Holland SP Jul 17. Up to two **Stilt Sandpipers** at the Wastewater Jul 19-21. A **Short-billed Dowitcher** at Coopersville Sewage Ponds Jul 12, up to four at the Wastewater Jul 17-20. A **Long-billed Dowitcher** (found by Edward Hicks) at the Wastewater Jul 17. Four **White-rumped Sandpipers** at the Wastewater Jul 29. Three **Baird's Sandpipers** at the Wastewater Jul 28. An adult female **Red-necked Phalarope** (found by Becky Kuhn) at the Wastewater Jul 4. Up to two **Bonaparte's Gulls** at the Wastewater throughout the month. Two **Lesser Black-backed Gulls** at Kalamazoo River mouth Jul 12, one at Holland SP Jul 23, one at the Wastewater Jul 26. A **NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD** (found by Steven Farr) along north section of Cannon Twp Trail in Kent Co Jul 25. **Warblers:** At least one **WORM-EATING** continued since May at Allegan SGA Swan Creek at 116th Ave/116th Ave to Swan Creek Pond area – known location. A **Northern Waterthrush** at Casnovia Sewage Ponds Jul 20 – early. A **Louisiana Waterthrush** along Rogue River Packer Dr area in Kent Co Jul 6, up to three along Cannon Twp Trail south section in Kent Co Jul 7-9.

A **Tennessee** at Allegan SGA Swan Creek at 116th Ave Jul 25 – early. An **Orange-crowned** at Calvin University Ecosystem Preserve Jul 31 – early. **Hooded** at various locations in Allegan, Muskegon and Ottawa cos with a high count of three at Flower Creek Dunes Preserve in Muskegon Co Jul 8 – continuing birds. Two **Cerulean** at Allegan SGA Pipeline Landing Jul 3 – one of the known locations in Allegan Co. A **PRAIRIE** heard NW of Mt Baldhead Park in Allegan Co Jul 12 – known location. One **YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT** continued since June at Saul Lake Bog Nature Preserve in Kent Co Jul 15. A **Clay-colored Sparrow** at the Wastewater Jul 5. **28 Grasshopper Sparrows** at the Wastewater Jul 3 – known breeding location. Up to three **Henslow's Sparrows** continued since May at the Wastewater, up to two continued since May along 52nd St E of Kraft Ave SE in Kent Co, up to three continued since May at Allegan SGA Todd Farm – all known locations. A **SUMMER TANAGER** heard by John Kippe at Hoffmaster SP a Muskegon Co section Jul 4. A **WESTERN TANAGER** made a brief appearance at Eric Slaughter's residence on Sunset Bluff Dr in Holland Jul 22 (visit <https://ebird.org/checklist/S71721228> to view photo). The two **BLUE GROSBEAKS** found June 16 along 136th Ave N of Polk St near the power substation in Ottawa Co continued through Jul 18. At least 25 **Dickcissels** continued at the Wastewater through the month – known breeding location, one at Gerald R Ford Int'l Airport Kraft Ave access Jul 6, one along 52nd St E of Kraft Ave SE in Kent Co Jul 21, two (likely many more) at Allegan SGA Todd Farm Jul 25 – known breeding location. **43 Eastern Meadowlarks** at the Wastewater Jul 8 – good count; likely bred at this location. The **Western Meadowlark** continued since Apr at the Allegan SGA Todd Farm through the month. **Bobolinks** again bred at the Wastewater; juveniles observed Jul 4 – known breeding location. Up to seven **Brewer's Blackbirds** at the Wastewater Jul 2-15.

Note: **Whooping Crane** “Lily” continued to be seen at the old DeMor Hills Golf Course property wetlands (Ranger Hwy south of Lime Creek Rd) associating with a Sandhill Crane and two **Lark Sparrows** continued at Ives Rd Fen. Both species in Lenawee Co (more information in June eBird Summary).

Editor's Note

Once again, thank you to Carol VanOeveren for providing the bulk of the content for this *Caller*. We appreciate your efforts to keep us informed!



June and July Mega Rarities

by Carol VanOeveren

JUNE

Rare Blue Grosbeak(s) Found in Ottawa County

A first year male Blue Grosbeak was found along 136th Ave north of Polk St near the power substation in Ottawa Co on June 16 by Carl and Judi Manning. Visit <https://ebird.org/checklist/S70503237> to view Judi's photos and <https://ebird.org/checklist/S70595890> to view Ken Sapkowski's close-up of one of the birds. A female was observed by Ty Wagenmaker and others at same location (along with six Common Ravens) later the same day. One bird was seen possibly carrying nesting material on the 22nd and the two were observed mating July 8. They continued to be seen by many through July 18. By this date, it was reported the male had full adult plumage.

Chat Mania

Although Yellow-breasted Chats aren't truly a mega-rarity, it is unusual to observe several in the four-county area. On June 17, Kyle Werner heard and then saw a male vocalizing at Saul Lake Bog Nature Preserve in Kent Co along what is known as the "Old Field Trail." Visit <https://ebird.org/checklist/S70533277> to hear Kyle's recordings. While viewing the male, a second bird, a female, was seen and heard in the same vicinity by Curtis Dykstra the next day. At least one was still there through July 15. Although it rarely came into the open, it was heard singing near the trail marker in the same general vicinity where it was initially found.

And if this wasn't enough excitement, three (two singing on exposed snags) were discovered during south tract surveys at Wau-Ke-Na, William Erby Smith Preserve in Allegan Co on June 19 and at least one continued through June 30. Visit <https://ebird.org/checklist/S70592923> to view survey participant Joanna Sblendorio's comments about the birds found during the south tract survey and <https://ebird.org/checklist/S70624149> to view John VanOrman's photos. One was also found during a north tract survey on June 30, but may have been one of the previously reported birds. Unfortunately, no observations from the preserve were posted to eBird in July.

JULY

Rare Western Tanager Found in Holland

A male Western Tanager visited Eric Slaughter's residence on Sunset Bluff Dr in Holland on July 22. Visit <https://ebird.org/checklist/S71721228> to view his photo. Unfortunately, the bird was not reported again.

July Finance Report

prepared by Jeff Neumann, Treasurer

Checking Account Balance: \$10,554.44

Edward Jones Account: \$57,224.24

Total Assets as of 7/31/20: \$67,778.68

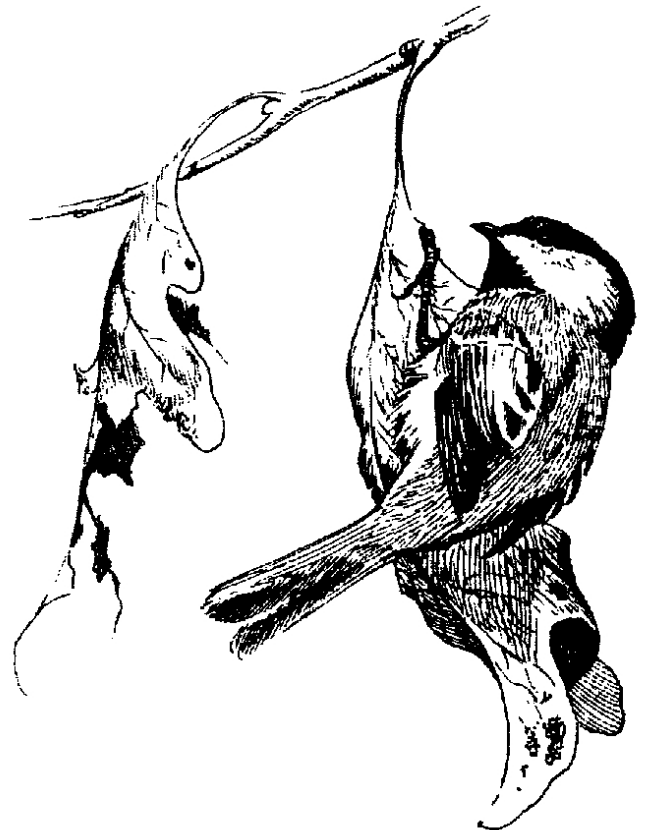
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Maher Sanctuary Fund: \$2,394.31

Junior Audubon Fund: \$4,048.55

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Ranger Steve's Nature Niche

Sensing Sequence and Succession

by Ranger Steve (Mueller)

Sequence of flowers through the seasons brings new beauty to our eyes and nose with each passing week as spring progresses from brown duff to the laying of autumn leaves. The sequence fills our senses of sight and smell but delicate, rough, smooth, prickly and wet adds the discovery of touch. One cannot avoid the desire to taste when finding wild strawberries, raspberries and blueberries. Sounds change with the sequence of seasonal plant progression when wind moves through barren tree branches and those full of leaves.

A day lacking fulfillment occurs if we do not notice the sequence unfolding in yards, neighborhoods, parks and natural areas. Separation of body and soul from the natural world has increased during the past century with concentrated urban living and by cooping ourselves inside homes away from fresh air, plants and birds. Daily natural world ventures bring us in contact with plants and animals sharing the world.

It is easy to continue isolation outdoors with earbuds that limit sounds to human music piped to ears when walking or running. Listen to the sounds of crickets and scores of insects that replace the quieting of birds finished with their early breeding season family duties. By staying attuned, discover a full orchestra playing that will become annually familiar and provide a calming comfort through the seasons.

Changes that occur during succeeding years replace orchestra members with new ones that compete for limited seating. Early members prepare richer soil, different lighting, and moisture holding capacity suitable for plants and animals auditioning for their place in a developing community where change is referred to as succession.

The most obvious community change from barren farm field is plant succession from annual plants, to herbaceous perennial wildflowers, woody shrubs like raspberries and dogwoods, and then pioneer trees like muscledwood and aspen. Under the pioneer trees, oaks and hickory find root and good living conditions. Associated with plant changes is animal succession. When exploring with others and especially children, I emphasize animal succession. Different animals live in successional plant communities.

We do not need to be young to notice the birds or other animals, but it helps. Mouse abundance becomes great in grassy fields where we can find "mouse houses" made of woven grasses. Hawking the grasslands are Red-tailed Hawks feasting on mice. As shrubs colonize fields, Cooper's Hawks become more abundant in search of birds. In maturing forest Broad-winged Hawks find residence and food.

Different bird species have habitat preferences for early succession herbaceous communities to late succession forests. In each stage of succession called a sere, different insects and invertebrates make their home. Unique bird species and mammals depend on different kinds of insects found in each sere. For many of us, focusing on the succession of animals is more interesting and fun than the change in plant species. Keep exploration fun. Kids are great guides and explorers who will discover abundant life most of us will drift past. Let kids help you enjoy and experience your senses of sight, smell, sound, touch and taste.

The annual sequence of animals and plants making appearances during the seasons will liven our attention. Little blue butterflies of spring disappear with the coming of various hairstreak butterflies near the fourth of July. Great Spangled Fritillaries with orange wings soar over fields later in summer. Butterflies have a special beauty but dragonflies feeding on an abundance of small flying insects offer their own thrilling aerobatic displays. Watch for Common Whitetails, Chalk-fronted Corporals, Widow Skimmers, Green Darners and various species of meadowhawk dragonflies.

A sequence of beetles, flies, grasshoppers and others abound seasonally. Different successional changes occur over a period of years. Take notice of animal species having ecological niches dependent on specific community relationships that develop in successional communities. **Seasonal sequence is different from community succession** that occurs over many years. Hone skills related to changes in bird communities.

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





UPCOMING EVENTS

August

20 Field Trip: Millennium Park Hikes (recurring 27)

September

3 Field Trip: Millennium Park Hikes (recurring 10, 17, 24)

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