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Ranger Steve's Nature Niche

Birds and Mosquitoes

by Ranger Steve (Mueller)

An entomologist from Michigan State University was interviewed about mosquitoes because there was an abundant mosquito population rise midsummer. He said the early season drought prevented mosquito eggs from hatching. The approximate eight inches of rain that inundated the state in a short time permitted the eggs to hatch. Subsequently, the insects proceeded through their life cycle and were on the wing.

The abundant mosquitoes we experienced are not the kind that carry EEE or West Nile virus. Those species emerged later. That was good news for us.

The West Nile virus has greater risk for birds than us. We can protect ourselves more effectively than wildlife by going indoors during peak mosquito activity hours, wearing light-weight long sleeves and by using repellent. Birds, mammals and even turtles must find other ways to protect themselves.

I recall watching a mosquito biting a turtle on its head. If seriously bothered, it could probably have submerged in the pond, but it was enjoying sunning itself on a log too much to dive in the water.

I saw a mosquito biting a nestling Eastern Phoebe on its head in a nest above the door frame at one of Gwen Frostic's screened-in art shelters where she could sit undisturbed to create her beautiful artwork. Mike Jorae, who was with me, attempted to free the young bird of the ectoparasite. He slowly reached up and touched the mosquito to remove it. The nearly ready to fledge young birds became frightened and fled the nest. They were still unable to fly. Mike and I quickly gathered the young and placed them back in the nest. To calm them to stay in the nest, I held my hand over the birds and slowly removed it.

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

Send to: newsletter@graud.org

UPDATE: September Meeting

Date: Monday, Sept. 27
Time: 7:30 PM program
Location: Online
Speaker: Erin Rowan, Michigan DNR
Topic: Marsh and Wetland Birds

We will meet virtually for September. Use this to join via Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83920534019?pwd=THZ1Q3Ava3dSdzNVK3FueE1hbDhTUT09>

Meeting ID: 839 2053 4019

Passcode: 314714

Starting in October, we are pleased to announce a cautious but optimistic return to in-person membership meetings, with COVID-19 guidelines to protect our members and the communities we serve.

- **You must properly wear a mask** that covers your nose and mouth at all times while indoors, regardless of vaccination status. This is a requirement of using our hosting venue's (Aquinas College) facilities.
- You will be asked to provide your name and contact information in the event contact tracing is required.
- Social distancing is required regardless of vaccination status. We will forgo the snack table and other areas where members congregate and ask that you please maintain a six-foot distance between yourself and anyone outside your household.

We will continue to also offer virtual meetings for those who prefer to join online. COVID-19 remains a dynamic situation: Stay tuned to the GRAC website and the *Caller* for the latest information.



August 2021 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 2021 for Allegan, Kent, Muskegon and Ottawa counties. This report does not include rare birds that are flyovers, unchaseable, on inaccessible private property and those with sketchy details.

A sunny, pleasant period with below normal temps in the 70s and low 80s started the month. By the 6th the dewpoints started increasing as well as the heat, hitting the high 80s and heat indices in the 90s by the 8th along with occasional storms. Dewpoints climbed further into the oppressive 70s and the heat continued with several rounds of severe storms (even a weak tornado confirmed near Dorr in Allegan Co on the evening of the 11th) throughout southern lower Michigan causing flooding, widespread wind damage resulting in prolonged power outages and offering no cooling. After a strong cold front late on the 12th, a comfortable, dry period in the low 80s followed for a few days. Increasing humidity on the 18th brought hit-or-miss afternoon thunderstorms through the 21st. The heat and oppressively humid conditions (heat indices again well into the 90s to near 100 at times) continued, with occasional pop-up storms with torrential downpours through the 29th. After a strong cold front, we finally had relief from the humidity and a welcome cool down into the low 80s the last two days of the month.

Shorebird migration picked up this month with the Muskegon Wastewater the usual hotspot including the appearance of Buff-breasted Sandpipers. Warblers started moving through the latter part of the month. Small movements of twelve species with 25 individuals along the Paul Henry Trail 84th St to Kraft Ave SE on the 27th, 14 species with 18 individuals at the Wastewater and twelve species with 14 individuals at Mt Pisgah Dune Boardwalk in Ottawa Co (eleven species with 20 individuals including a Mourning Warbler there Aug 30) both on the 29th.

Notables for the month: Up to two **Canvasbacks** at the Muskegon Wastewater Aug 9-31 – out of season. A **Long-tailed Duck** at the Wastewater Aug 7-8, one at Grand Haven north pier (appeared in rough shape) Aug 17 – both out of season. Two **Common Goldeneye** (females/imm) at the Wastewater Aug 23 – out of season. A **RED-NECKED GREBE** (found by several observers) at Reeds Lake Aug 14, two (found by Q B Schultze) at Millennium Park Aug 16. Up to two **Eared Grebes** continued at the Wastewater Aug 14-28 – known location.

A **Common Gallinule** continued at Muskegon SGA Lane's Landing Aug 4, at least one continued at Window on the Waterfront in Holland Aug 7, seven (two ad, five chicks) along Grand River near Spring Lake on canoe trip Aug 14, up to three at 11th St lake in Allegan Co Aug 21-26, varying numbers have continued since spring at Grand Haven SGA Bruce Bayou Cypress St access – known breeding location, two at Mill Point in Spring Lake Aug 30-31 (likely some of the same observed Aug 14 in same area). Two **Black-bellied Plover** at the Wastewater Aug 10 and one Aug 23. An **American Golden-Plover** intermittently at the Wastewater Aug 10-24 and two there Aug 27. **227 Killdeer** at AAA Turf Farm in Ottawa Co Aug 14 – large number of obvious migrants. A juv **PIPING PLOVER** (found by Josiah Willink) viewed from Port Sheldon Pigeon River outlet in Ottawa Co Aug 22 was relocated Aug 23 just S of Windsnest Park and continued Aug 27 (visit <https://ebird.org/checklist/S93647127> to view Lonny Garris' photos). Up to five **Ruddy Turnstones** at the Wastewater Aug 7-11, two at Coopersville Sewage Ponds Aug 7-8, one at Grand Haven north pier Aug 24-26. A **STILT SANDPIPER** (found by Merry Beth/Justin Scott) at the Wastewater Aug 7-8 (visit <https://ebird.org/checklist/S92964879> to view Ken Sapkowski's photos) and up to six there Aug 9-31, one (found by Ty Wagenmaker) at AAA Turf Farm in Ottawa Co Aug 12, one at Kalamazoo River Allegan Bayou (S of M-89-Marshall St) (found by Tim Cornish) in Allegan Co Aug 28. Varying numbers of **Baird's Sandpipers** continued since July at the Wastewater throughout the month (**36** there Aug 25 seen by Steve Minard is likely a record number for this location), one at Fennville Sewage Ponds (restricted access) Aug 3, three at AAA Turf Farm in Ottawa Co Aug 14, two at Holland SP Aug 17 and 24, three at Kalamazoo River mouth and two at Saugatuck Harbor Natural Area in Allegan Co Aug 18, up to three at Patterson Rd Cattle Ponds in Allegan Co Aug 22-28, one at Port Sheldon Windsnest Park in Ottawa Co Aug 27. A **White-rumped Sandpiper** at the Wastewater Aug 4 and up to five Aug 7-29, two at Patterson Rd Cattle Ponds in Allegan Co Aug 23-26. A **BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER** (found by Jason Carlson) at the Wastewater Aug 3 (visit <https://ebird.org/checklist/S92733513> to view Ken Sapkowski's photos) and three there (found by Steve Minard) Aug 10 and one Aug 14-23. Up to three **Short-billed Dowitchers** at the Wastewater throughout the month and six there Aug 25, one at Muskegon SGA Lane's Landing Aug 4 and two Aug 6 and 13 Aug 21, one at Coopersville Sewage Ponds Aug 8. A **WILLET** at Grand Haven north pier Aug 11.

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A **Wilson's Phalarope** continued since May (likely not one of the same birds present earlier in the year) at the Wastewater throughout the month and three there Aug 21. Nine **Red-necked Phalaropes** (found by Bailey Mitchell) at the Wastewater Aug 14 and up to 24 continued Aug 22. A **Lesser Black-backed Gull** at the Wastewater Aug 4 and 26. Three juv **Forster's Terns** at Grand Haven north pier Aug 1 (visit <https://ebird.org/checklist/S92613269> to view Alyssa Pyman's cute photos), two at Holland SP Aug 2. A non-breeding **Common Loon** continued since June at Reeds Lake Aug 22. An **American Bittern** continued since Apr at Muskegon SGA Lane's Landing Aug 13. Up to two **Least Bitterns** continued since June at Reeds Lake Aug 25, one continued since late June at Muskegon Lake Nature Preserve Aug 14, one continued since July at Windmill Island Park in Holland Aug 2 and two Aug 9-15, one at Kalamazoo River Newport Harbor in Allegan Co Aug 3-4, at least one continued since Apr at Muskegon SGA Lane's Landing Aug 19, two at Kalamazoo River Morrison Bayou in Allegan Co Aug 6, two at Ottawa Sands Co Park Aug 14, two at Upper Macatawa Natural Area 84th Ave access in Ottawa Co Aug 15. A juv **LITTLE BLUE HERON** (found by Michael Boston and again by Tony/Erin Lammers) at Muskegon SGA Lane's Landing Aug 16-17 (visit <https://ebird.org/checklist/S93427562> and <https://ebird.org/checklist/S93373376> to view photos). Three **Black-crowned Night-Herons** at Muskegon Lake Nature Preserve Aug 2, two continued at Muskegon SGA Lane's Landing Aug 14, one juv at 116th Ave/8th St wetland in Allegan Co Aug 7 and 17 and up to two there Aug 22-30, one along Grand River near Spring Lake on canoe trip Aug 14 and three in same area Aug 28, one juv at Hodenpyl Woods (Reeds Lake) Aug 18, one at Van Bragt Park in Holland Aug 22, one continued since July at Window on the Waterfront in Holland Aug 29, two at Mill Point in Spring Lake Aug 30-31 (likely same individuals seen Aug 28 near Spring Lake), one at Kalamazoo River Newport Harbor in Allegan Co Aug 31. A **GOLDEN EAGLE** (found by Doug Wassink) along 104th Ave/Van Buren St in Ottawa Co Aug 3, one (found by Jason Carlson) at the Wastewater Aug 3 continued Aug 4-18 (visit <https://ebird.org/checklist/S92747016> to view photos) – both out of season, possibly young birds wandering or migrating very early. A juv **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** at the Wastewater Aug 5 – early migrant? An **Olive-sided Flycatcher** along N Bossett Rd N of Bailey Rd in Muskegon Co Aug 8 – first report, one at various locations in Allegan, Muskegon and Ottawa cos. A **Blue-headed Vireo** at Mt Pisgah Dune Boardwalk Aug 30 – first report. Two **Philadelphia Vireos** at the Wastewater Aug 5 – early migrants? Two **Ruby-crowned Kinglets**

at Roselle Park in Kent Co Aug 31 – first report. A **Swainson's Thrush** at Stu Visser Trails in Ottawa Co Aug 28 – first report. A **Henslow's Sparrow** continued since spring along 52nd St E of Kraft Ave SE in Kent Co Aug 9 – known location. A **Lincoln's Sparrow** at Rabbit River Preserve in Allegan Co Aug 1 – very early migrant? A **YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT** (found by Mimi Emig and seen and heard by two observers on the 14th) at Huff Park Aug 12-14. A **Brewer's Blackbird** at AAA Turf Farm in Ottawa Co Aug 7 – known location. A **Louisiana Waterthrush** continued through the summer at Aman Park (last seen Aug 8) – known location. **Other warblers of interest – first migrant reports:** A **Northern Waterthrush** at Stu Visser Trails in Ottawa Co Aug 16. A **Golden-winged** at Grand River Park in Ottawa Co Aug 30. A **Tennessee** at Millennium Park Aug 12. A **CONNECTICUT** (found by Jennifer Reck) at Anderson Woods Preserve in Muskegon Co Aug 30-31, also two (found by Darby Onehouse) near Ferrysburg Aug 31. A **Nashville** at the Wastewater Aug 21. A **Mourning** along Paul Henry Thornapple Trail btw 84th St and Kraft Ave SE Aug 27. A **Cape May** at a residence Niles Ave/Lakeview St in Ottawa Co Aug 19. A **Northern Parula** at Stu Visser Trails in Ottawa Co Aug 20. A **Magnolia** (1st yr female) at Muskegon SP Snug Harbor Aug 7. A **Bay-breasted** at the Wastewater Aug 21. A **Blackburnian** at Saugatuck Dunes SP Aug 20. A **Blackpoll** at a residence Niles Ave/Lakeview St in Ottawa Co Aug 18 – early county record. A **Palm** at the Wastewater Aug 21. Two **Yellow-rumped** at Muskegon Lake NP Aug 24. A **Black-throated Blue** at Millennium Park Aug 19. A **Canada** at The Bend Area in Ottawa Co Aug 22. A **Wilson's** at Hoffmaster SP in Muskegon Co Aug 14. A **Pine Siskin** at a residence in SE Grand Rapids Aug 7 – very early or possibly stayed in the area. **Dickcissels** continued to be seen since May at Allegan SGA Todd Farm and the Wastewater – known locations.

Call for Meeting Presenters

Do you have a topic or birding experience that you would like to share with the membership at a monthly meeting? We are still in need of presenters for the 2021/2022 meeting year, and we also are scheduling into next year as well. If you are interested, please contact Landon Bell at vice.president@graud.org.



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The birds remained still in the nest. I noticed my hand was black with parasitic biting bird lice that feed on blood, feathers and skin. Nests are essential for the rearing of many young birds, but they are also dangerous places to live. The sooner young can leave, the better. Birds have methods to reduce the number of lice on their bodies such as “anting.” “Anting” is when birds land on an ant hill and allow ants to crawl on them where they feed on parasites and bite the bird feathers. The formic acid from ants becomes an insect repellent. To protect themselves from mosquitoes they can shoo them with wings, feet and movement.

American Woodcocks have precocial young meaning they can leave the nest almost immediately after hatching. This is the case with ducks, geese, grouse and shorebirds. Hawks, eagles, owls, thrushes, sparrows and warblers are altricial requiring extended development time in the nest.

Four times this summer we saw an American Woodcock standing on the driveway in early pre-sunrise light. First Karen saw one when she left in dim dawn light to spend the day with grandson Walden. I saw it standing in the drive a couple days later. Twice since we noticed it in the driveway. It was not moving except for some slow head turning. The gravel drive is too packed for it to probe for worms. Worms are the typical food found where they probe mud in the shrubby forested floodplain.

Woodcocks are classified with the shorebird group, but they spend time in upland fields doing their aerial mating displays. In spring they nest in young aspen forests. Considerable time is spent in the low wetlands feeding along streams. Mosquitoes can be abundant in the shaded floodplain habitat.

I wondered if the woodcock has learned it can get a reprieve from biting mosquitoes by standing in an open area. Breeze helps blow biting insects away, but the air was still during our viewings. Perhaps, just being away from prime mosquito habitat is effective protection. I recently saw a Wild Turkey laying in the driveway.

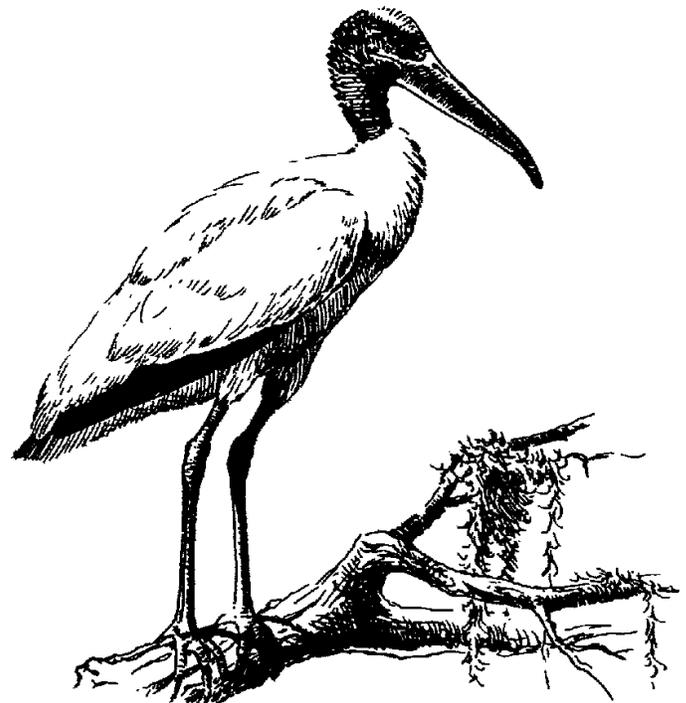
I am not a “bird brain” but sometimes wish I were. It would help me understand the lives of birds and how they survive in their nature niche.

Natural history questions or topic suggestions can be directed to Ranger Steve (Mueller) at odybrook@chartermi.net or Ody Brook, 13010 Northland Dr, Cedar Springs, MI 49319-8433. Call (616) 696-1753.

Another Southern Rarity Found in West Michigan

by Carol VanOeveren

Another southern rarity showed up in West Michigan on July 31. A juvenile **Wood Stork** was spotted foraging in a ditch by Sara Bolan (a non-birder) along N Dennis Rd just north of W Hansen Rd in Mason Co northeast of Ludington. A neighbor who lives near the swampy area mentioned the bird had been in the area for around a month, but it was not brought to the attention of the birding community until the above date. The bird seemed unafraid of people so many great photos were obtained. At one point the bird was observed actually walking toward a group of birders. The bird was still in the area as of Aug 13. According to biologist and Ludington birder, Dave Dister, this was the first Mason Co record and the sixth confirmed sighting in the state. Visit <https://ebird.org/checklist/S92640262> to view Zachary Friebe's photos and <https://ebird.org/checklist/S92616872> to view James Markham's photos. A juvenile was also seen last year around the same time at Shiawassee NWR near Saginaw. Visit <https://www.aba.org/roseate-spoonbills-and-woodstorks-wander-to-the-north/> to view an article from ABA's Field Ornithology column that explores possible reasons why this phenomenon is happening (article also available on the GRAC website).





Get to Know the Different Types of Birds (Part Two)

by Mary Austin

Welcome to Part Two of “Get to Know the Different Types of Birds.” There will be four parts in this *Caller* series. I hope you enjoyed the challenge of Part One. (If you missed the Part One article in the August 2021 *Caller*, just go to www.graud.org; then under the “Newsletter” heading, select “Archived List”.)

Knowledge about our natural world, especially about the avian world, is constantly being revised in light of published research. The information for this article is based on the August 2019 Clements Checklist of Birds of the World. The Checklist v2019, which provided for 41 bird orders, is the official list used by the American Birding Association. eBird also uses the Clements Checklist as its basis.

Want some more taxonomy trivia? The eBird/Clements Checklist v2019 provided for 10,721 global bird species and 20,452 subspecies. These numbers generally change annually to account for splits, lumps and additions. When I wrote this article in early August 2021, about 71 species were expected to be split (resulting in an increase of 94 species). Lumps would result in the loss of eight species, and 17 new species were likely to be recognized. This means there would be a net gain of 103 species, bringing the global species total to 10,824.

August is usually when eBird updates all eBird records with the latest information regarding bird taxonomy. This means that if you are an eBird user, you could see (or already have seen) some changes in your lists. (Hopefully, you have had a net gain.)

Moving forward. To participate in the quiz below, all you have to do is match the Latin bird order name with the description of the order. (The answers can be found at the end of the quiz.)

Orders in this Quiz

- a. Coliiformes
- b. Columbiformes
- c. Coraciiformes
- d. Cuculiformes
- e. Eupygiiformes
- f. Falconiformes
- g. Galbuliformes
- h. Galliformes
- i. Gaviiformes
- j. Gruiformes
- k. Leptosomiformes

Description of the Orders

_____ 1. Chicken-like Landfowl (comprise a large group of heavy-bodied birds and include species traditionally important to people as domestic and game birds. Many of these birds have brilliant crests and elegant tails, and they prefer feeding on the ground. Some examples are guans, guinea fowl, grouse, pheasants and turkeys.)

_____ 2. Cranes and Rails (are in an order with diversity in size (with the Black Rail averaging only 4.7 inches high as the smallest species to the Sarus Crane up to six feet high as the tallest flying bird in the world). Many have unique mating rituals, and many of these birds (particularly the cranes) have plumage in subdued colors (i.e., gray, white, or brown); long, slender bills; and long, strong legs.)

_____ 3. Falcons (are highly efficient predators. They have brown eyes, hooked bills to tear their prey apart, and well-developed sight and hearing.)

_____ 4. Mousebirds (are small, herbivorous birds found in Central, Eastern and Southern Africa. They have crests on their heads; small bills to break the skin off fruit; and long, thin tails. They are very social and nest in colonies. There are only six species in this order.)

_____ 5. Kagus and Sunbitterns (are in an order with only a few species, some of which are extinct (such as the Lowland Kagu and Aptornis). The two living species are the New Caledonian endemic Kagu and the Sunbittern of Central and South American tropical regions. Both of these species have an intricate pattern plumage.)

_____ 6. Cuckoos, Roadrunners and Koels (are in this order and generally have loud, distinctive calls. One notable specie is the Greater Roadrunner found in the Southwestern United States and Mexico. Some cuckoo and koel species are brood parasites, (i.e., females drop their eggs in the nests of other species so that the host bird will raise the young as if it were its own.))

_____ 7. Cuckoo Rollers (are in an exclusive bird order, which contains only this bird species. Cuckoo Rollers live in the forests of Madagascar and the nearby Comoro Islands, where they feed on insects. One remarkable feature is that their eyes are uniquely positioned at the back of their face.)

_____ 8. Loons (are aquatic birds with sharp, pointed bills. They hunt fish by making amazingly deep dives. Their sturdy, webbed feet are close to their tails so they have difficulty walking on land.)

_____ 9. Rollers and Bee-eaters (comprise a diverse and richly colored bird order that primarily spend their lives on trees and catch insects in flight or dive from a branch to catch insects on the ground. They have slender bodies; long, slender central tail feathers; and three forward-pointing toes and one at the back. Rollers are named for the somersaults they do during courtship flights.)

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10. Pigeons and Dodos (are in an order consisting of both extinct and living species of the famous flightless dodo and of pigeons and doves. Of note, both female and male pigeons and doves feed their young “crop milk,” which is a regurgitated secretion produced in their crop.)

11. Jacamars and Puffbirds (are only found in the tropical regions from South America up to Mexico, with the highest diversity in the Amazon Basin. These insect-eating birds are mostly silent, are secretive, and can perch motionless for long periods.)

(Wouldn't Kagu, Koel and Jacamar be great words to include in a crossword puzzle?!)

References:

“40 Different Types of Birds in Bio Explorer,” accessed June 2, 2021, <https://www.bioexplorer.net/animals/birds/>.

“Orders – Bird Families of the World,” accessed July 28, 2021, <https://www.birdfamiliesoftheworld.com/orders/>.

“Taxonomy Update Coming!” by Team eBird, August 2, 2021, <https://ebird.org/news/taxonomy-update-coming>.

Answers to quiz, Part Two:

1.h, 2.j, 3.f, 4.a, 5.e, 6.d, 7.k, 8.i, 9.c, 10.b, 11.g

August Finance Report

prepared by Jeff Neumann, Treasurer

Checking Account Balance: \$ 8, 009.81

Edward Jones Account: \$78,539.08

Total Assets as of 8/31/21: \$86,548.89

Restricted Funds (included in the total assets)

Maher Sanctuary Fund: \$ 390.49

Junior Audubon Fund: \$4,048.55

Audubon Adventures: \$ 299.65

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

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Reminder: It's time once again to renew annual memberships for the GRAC. Please use the membership application on page 7 or visit <http://www.graud.org/membership.html>. Thank you! Your participation and support ensure a vibrant club.





UPCOMING EVENTS (visit the GRAC website for details)

September

- 23 Field Trip: Millennium Park Hike
- 27 Membership Meeting and Nature Program
- 30 Field Trip: Millennium Park Hike

October

- 7 Field Trip: Millennium Park Hike
- 8 Field Trip: Kentwood Jaycees Park w/ Tom Leggett
- 14 Field Trip: Millennium Park Hike
- 21 Field Trip: Millennium Park Hike
- 25 Membership Meeting and Nature Program
- 28 Field Trip: Millennium Park Hike

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