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Quarterly Newsletter of the Fond du Lac Area Bird & Nature Alliance

FALL PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

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(Presentation)

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Thursday, December 3, 10 am–5 pm

More information on programs and activities is on page 3.

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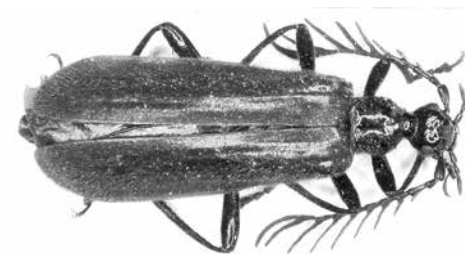
Park in the B lot on the north side of MPTC and enter door B3.

★★The November program will be in room Room A112.

Park in Lot C, use the main C1 entrance, turn left.

Use the stairs or the elevator down to the A wing.

Then go left to locate Room A112 on the right.



Our Name Change Is Official Now

Our chapter title is now officially called Fond du Lac Area Bird & Nature Alliance. We remain a chapter of the National Audubon.

Our new email is FdLBirdNature@gmail.com. The website address is FdLBirdNature.org. All of our programs, events, and activities remain the same.

This Is Our Final MAILING of the Quarterly Newsletter

Due to rising costs and difficulties of maintaining a local membership fee, our board has decided to end the mailing of the newsletters. You will find the quarterly newsletter on our website and a digital copy will be emailed to you. It will be easy for you to print, if you prefer to keep a physical copy.

If you do not have access to the internet, please call 920-922-7931.

Local Chapter Will Rely on Donations

The membership portal to the National Audubon has changed and will no longer accept checks. Our local activities have always been open to anyone interested in attending. There were no benefits to local membership other than receiving the newsletter in the mail. The board decided to end the local membership with the end of the mailed newsletter. Going forward now, we will rely on your tax-deductible donations to keep our local programs running.

Buckthorn Removal Sessions 2026

Join the "Weed Warriors" in tackling buckthorn in our wild areas. This will be a great opportunity to learn to identify this very invasive tree and how to control its spread. Wear a long sleeved shirt and long pants. Bring work gloves and safety glasses if available. All equipment will be supplied. No dogs allowed. All sessions are from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Cancelled in the event of rain. See the RSVP notice below.

Kay's Ledge N7836 County Road WH

Drive east on Cty WH, up the ledge .9 miles from the 151 bypass to the entrance (west side). Look for Bird Nature signs by the road.

Thursday October 8; Saturday October 24; Saturday October 31; Saturday November 7

Kettle Moraine

If you have not been to our adopted area before, please ask Diana for directions. For those interested, we usually eat at the The Three Sweets Cafe in Dundee afterward.

Monday October 12; Monday October 19; Monday October 26; Monday November 2

IMPORTANT: RSVP is required because of the equipment involved. Please call 920-922-7931 or email dianahbeck@gmail.com and inform Diana if you are planning to come for any specific date.

Weed Warrior Report

Our chapter's efforts to control invasive species that emerge in the spring and early summer have

concluded. We spent 164 volunteer hours working in Hobbs Woods, Kay's Ledge, Lallier Park, and an area in the Northern Kettle Moraine.

The species that are a problem in our area include: Garlic Mustard, Celandine, Dames Rocket, Honeysuckle, and Japanese Barberry. Please consider helping us in the future.

Left: James Ford uses an extractigator on a small buckthorn tree. This equipment allows us to remove the entire tree, roots and all.

Right: When tackling a buckthorn that is too big to pull out, Diana uses a hatchet to girdle the trunk and then a small amount of herbicide is used on the hatched area. This is done in the fall so the poison will go down to the roots.



BIRD & NATURE ALLIANCE PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

Wild Feast Potluck on September 2

Wednesday, September 2, 5 pm, Denev Creek

Shelter, Lakeside Park (east end of Harbor View Drive)

Enjoy fresh outdoor food at our Wild Feast Potluck. We plan to be eating at 5:30 pm. Bring your own plate, cup, bowl, utensils, and beverage. Alcohol is allowed in the shelter area. Your contribution of food or drink to the potluck should include some wild ingredients or fresh produce from your garden. This is an opportunity to experiment and try something new. There are many edible weeds in your own yard. However, avoid areas that are treated with pesticides. Please bring a list of the ingredients or the recipe, so that people can avoid allergy problems. For more information call 920-922-7931 or email dianahbeck@gmail.com.

Eldorado Marsh Sunset/Full Moon Walks

Thursday, September 24, 6:00 pm

Sunday, October 25, 5:15 pm

Come on a sunset and full moon hike on the dike in Eldorado Marsh on Thursday, September 24 at 6:00 pm. At this time of evening, there should be an opportunity to see and hear the birds in the marsh. The moonrise is at 5:51 pm and sunset at 6:47 pm.

On Sunday, October 25, join us at 5:15 pm. The moon rise is at 5:18 pm and the sunset at 5:54 pm.

Meet in the parking lot at the end of Dike Road on the east side of Eldorado Marsh at 6:45 pm. Bring binoculars, wear good hiking shoes, and dress warmly. We will cancel the event if skies are overcast.

For more information, call 920-922-7931 or email dianahbeck@gmail.com.

Fire-Colored Beetles

Wednesday, October 14, 7 pm, MPTC, Room B141

Back by popular demand! Join Dr. Daniel K. Young, UW-Madison Professor of Entomology, for an engaging presentation on the beetles in the family *Pyrochroidae*, which are also sometimes called Cardinal Beetles. *Pyrochroidae*, fire-colored beetles (not to be confused with fireflies), is a small, generally overlooked family represented by 33 genera and about 250 species throughout the world. Dr. Young will provide an overview of the taxonomy, natural history, and distribution of the four genera and 15 species found in the north central region of North America, and offer some thoughts relating to their conservation needs.

Bird & Nature Alliance Bird Seed Sale

Saturday, October 10, 9–11 am, Haentze Floral

Due to uncertainty in pricing for fall and the crazy costs this summer, we are unable to get prices for seed delivered in October. We will have the updated seed prices and flyer printed by early September. Orders will be due by September 21.

Check the selection and prices out then and place your order. How to get info in early September:

1) email FdLBirdNature@gmail.com and we'll email or snail mail a flyer, or 2) check our website: FdLBirdNature.org, or 3) call Lori at 920-960-7930.

Discover Wildlife Together

Wednesday, November 11, 7 pm, MPTC, Room A112

Mackenzie Glasford, Operations Manager for Snapshot Wisconsin, will be discussing the statewide wildlife monitoring project. She will introduce Snapshot Wisconsin, discuss ways to be involved in the program, and how the data collected through their network of trail cameras is used to support wildlife management decisions.



Community Shopping Event

Thursday, December 3, 10 am–5 pm, Just Fare Market

Support the Bird & Nature Alliance annual shopping event at Just Fare Market at their location (N7645 N. Peebles Lane) and also online. Pick up your order Thursday 10–5, Friday 10–4, or Saturday 10–2.

Fair Trade is a direct and cooperative business approach that supports farmers and craftspeople throughout the world by paying a living wage and providing safe working conditions. A main principle of Fair Trade is that environmentally sustainable practices are used in producing products. Fond du Lac Area Bird & Nature Alliance benefits as we receive 15% of total sales over \$500 during the event. Those funds support our local programs, conservation, and education efforts. Bird & Nature members will be at the shop during Thursday event hours to greet you and assist with your shopping. Invite your friends.

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Support Our Local Organization

Persons interested in supporting the local chapter may provide a tax-deductible donation to the Fond du Lac Area Bird & Nature Alliance. (No fees are required for participation in most of our activities.) Send donations to Fond du Lac Area Bird & Nature Alliance, Box 84, Fond du Lac, WI 54936-0084. We are a 501c(3) nonprofit tax-exempt organization.

Let Us Keep You Informed

If you already receive emails from our chapter, you do not need to register again.

To be part of the email list for newsletters, meeting reminders, cancellations, etc., please email your information (name, email address, and phone number) to FdLBirdNature@gmail.com.

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MEET THE BOARD

Dave Langholff, Secretary

Dave Langholff, our current secretary, has had a lifelong interest in nature. He recalls enjoying Audubon's nature sticker books as a grade schooler and exploring nature on the family farm. As a nerdy kid, he spent time studying random encyclopedia articles and found himself focusing on nature topics. He recalls the excitement of his first outing on the farm with a pair of binoculars to seriously look for birds and seeing his first Indigo Bunting. He later attended UW-Green Bay and graduated with a major in Environmental Sciences. After college and professional education, he moved to Fond du Lac in 1981 and a few years later he became a member



of Fond du Lac County Audubon. Eventually he was elected to multiple terms as vice president and president. After a hiatus, he returned to the Board where he has served the past several years. He enjoys gardening and working with natural landscaping in his yard, hiking, casual birding, and botany.