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HOLLAND AUDUBON CLUB

January 2018

Meeting: Tuesday, Jan.9th, 7:00 PM

Special location: Outdoor Discovery Center

-4214 56th St. ~ Holland

(Social time 6:15pm)

Peoplefeeders:
Cathy Brown / Steve Bosch

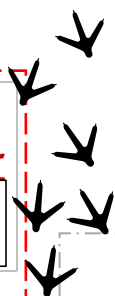
"Birding the Central Amazon"

by Steve and Angie Hamberg

The Amazon River courses for amazing distances through the jungles of Peru and Brazil before reaching the Atlantic Ocean. The bird diversity along its banks is astonishing, but one needs to plan several visits to the region to cover it all. Join us as Steve and Angie take us through the central Amazon, in the heart of Brazil. We begin in the city of Manaus where we first check out the amazing bird life within a couple of hours distance from town. That's as far as the road goes, anyway, before running out at the edge of the endless forest. Then we will board a river boat and spend the rest of the time on the river, cruising from picturesque place to place to see what birds and other creatures we get a glimpse of. While this could be a primitive and arduous journey, it is one that proves that luxury can be discovered in surprising places.

Steve and Angie enjoy traveling to the more remote places on earth, and to date have been to 79 countries, bringing their life list to over 6550 birds seen throughout the world. Steve enjoys these birding breaks between his professional commitments as a local physician. Angie enjoys the beauty and intrigue of wildlife and their natural surroundings, and attempts to capture some of this with her photography as they share this treasured experience with us.

Black Skimmer; from Steve Hamberg



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THIS Month and February
meetings will be held at Outdoor
Discovery Center.
Plan accordingly.

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The **2017 Hudsonville Christmas Bird Count** is done, the results will be reported in the next newsletter; preliminary response from Carl; it was a success, all areas were covered.

Holland CBC will be Tuesday, Jan 2; sponsored by DeGraaf Nature Center; contact Rob at 616-335-1057 if you can help count.

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Recent local Avian Sightings: Cooper's Hawk, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Gadwall, Ruddy Duck, Bald Eagle, Northern Shoveler, Oldsquaw, Harlequin Duck, Red Merganser, Hooded Merganser, swans, Snowy Owls, Common Grackle, Cowbird, Red-tail Hawk, Merlin, Sandhill Cranes, Kingfisher, Purple Sandpiper, Red-wing Blackbird, Pine Siskins, Peregrine Falcon, Carolina Wren, Townsends Solitaire, Ross goose, (and many Galapagos birds Dennis V saw while traveling there).

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HAC Birding the Pigeon Lake & River Channel Area; Jan 20; 9am; lead by Robert Vanderkamp; meet at the south boat launch, come join us at this great birding hot spot for winter birds.

Mtg:	<u>Feb. 13</u>	<u>Mar. 13</u>	<u>Apr. 10</u>	<u>May 1</u>
Speaker:	Doug Klein	Josh Haas	Kurt Hagemeister	Ed Post
Topic:	Barry County Birding & Hotspots	Hawk ID	Attracting Bluebirds to Michigan	Stories from Nature
People feeders:	Fulenwiders & ??	Suzanne Harrington & ??	HELP with ??	TREATS ??

Junior Audubon Club Report: ~meets first Sat / month. Membership is open to young birders ages 6-12, we love to welcome new members! Interested? Next meeting **Jan 6**. Contact Nancy Berg at nanb5221@gmail.com.



Photo: Painted Bunting; from Will Wallgren in Florida

~ Holland Audubon Club:

We promote the appreciation of nature and the responsible use of our natural resources. ~

Annual Memberships: 2017/18

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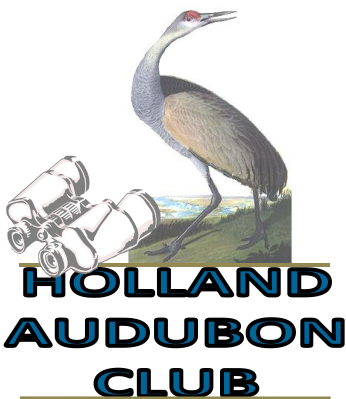
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~ call 616-355-1057 ; small fees involved ~must register~
Ottawa Co Parks: www.miottawa.org/parks; **OCP**
~ call 616-786-4847 free ~may need to register~
Outdoor Discovery Center: www.outdoordiscovery.org
~ call 616-393-~must register~ **ODC**
odc@outdoordiscovery.org

- Jan 2; 8a; Holland CBCount **DNC**
- 6; 1p; Birding the Kzoo Rivermouth **ODC**
- 6; 2p; Know Your Winter Birds **DNC**
- 8; 10a; Birdfeeding for Tykes **ODC**
- 13; 9:30/11:10a; Hawks at my Feeder **OCP**
- 20; 9a; Birding Pigeon Lake **HAC**
- 21; 3p; All about Owls~for kids **OCP**
- 26; 6p; Owl Prowl **ODC**
- 27; 3p; Snowy Owls **OCP**

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