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Birding Connection immediate reports: contact Robert or Liz or Jamie

Meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 14th, 7:00 PM

(Social time 6:15pm) Peoplefeeders: Steve Bosch & DeLanges

Hope Church ~ Commons Hall

77 W. 11th Street ~ Holland

"National Parks- Worth a Birders Look"

by Mike Overway

A nature enthusiast, Mike Overway enjoys chasing all manner of wildlife, particularly avian species, throughout many forests, streams and bogs; and especially nocturnally. He's a locally introduced Big Rapids species, and with his mate for life, Amy, has increasingly been drawn to experiencing what migration has to offer. Join us as he shares some special moments through travels to over half a dozen National Parks and Monuments throughout the Rockies and surrounding areas. A vast array of birds, mammals, flowers and of course breath taking landscapes will be shared through photos, videos and a story or two, at least; with trips to Badlands, Yellowstone, and Tetons, to name a few. Mike, breeder of 3 offspring, Jaclyn, Gabriel, and William, (along with Amy) are heavily involved in their children's activities. When time allows, Mike

enjoys birding, volunteering at church, and woodworking. He has been constructing residential habitat for over 20 years. He enjoys leading the occasional birding tour, competing in birdathons, and 'strutting his stuff' on the basketball court, but is admittedly well past his prime.



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The 2017 Hudsonville Christmas Bird Count will be Dec 16th. Mark your calendar, and contact Carl Manning if you're willing and able to help count. oiias@oiias.org.

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An important issue facing the Michigan Natural Resources Commission is whether to allow **hunting of Sandhill Cranes**. Michigan Audubon is encouraging everyone to oppose this issue; for a variety of reasons, not the least of which is the fact that the Sandhill Cranes were almost brought to extinction in the early previous century because of hunting and habitat destruction. Other states still have it listed as Endangered, and Michigan's precarious success bolsters these struggling flocks in other areas. Their comeback success story is heralded and appreciated by many, and the reasons for creating a hunting season have already been addressed with rational, scientific solutions, including special hunting permits for farmers whose crops are threatened, or better yet, a special coating on the seed corn deterring them from eating it.

Information on how you can help can be found at www.michiganaudubon.org, and we'll have some info at our meeting.

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Recent local Avian Sightings: Northern Harrier; Muscovy Ducks; Barred Owl; Green Heron; Ring-Billed Gull; Bald Eagle; Elsewhere: Great Egrets, Greater & Lesser Scaups; Juncos; Hermit Thrushes; Yellow-headed Blackbirds; 2k Sandhill Cranes. EBird: White Pelican at HSP.

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Our January and February meetings will be held at Outdoor Discovery Center.

Plan accordingly.

Mtg:	<u>Dec. 12</u>	<u>Jan. 9</u>	<u>Feb. 13</u>	<u>Mar. 13</u>	<u>Apr. 10</u>	<u>May 1</u>
Speaker:	Curtis Dykstra	Steve & Angie Hamberg	Jamie Krupka	Josh Haas	Kurt Hagemeister	Ed Post
Topic:	Virtual Tour of Ottawa Co. Parks	Birding the Central Amazon	Birding by Ear	Hawk ID	Attracting Bluebirds to Michigan	Stories from Nature
People feeders:	Carol Vinnedge & Barb Sucher	Cathy Brown & ??	Fulenwidars & ??	Suzanne Harrington & ??	HELP ??	TREATS ??

Junior Audubon Club Report: ~meets first Sat / month.
 Membership is open to young birders ages 6-12, we and love to welcome new members! Interested? Next meeting Dec 2.
 Contact Nancy Berg at nanb5221@gmail.com.

DeGraaf Nature Center www.degraaf.org **DNC**
 ~ 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

NOV: 4: 2p; Top 20 Backyard Birds **DNC**
5: 3-5p; Birding Walk; Connor Bayou **OCP**
6: 10; Birds for Tykes **ODC**
7: 6p; Investigating Owl Puke **ODC**
8: 10a; Birding Walk- Upper Mac-84th St **OCP**
11: 10a; Migratory 5k Fun Run **ODC**
18: 9a; Lake Watch Birding-HSP **OCP**
18:2p; Build a Birdfeeder **DNC**
29: 10a; Birding Walk- Hemlock Crossing **OCP**
Dec: 2; 2p; Pioneer Christmas/ Cabin **DNC**
3; 1-4p; Open House with Santa **OCP**



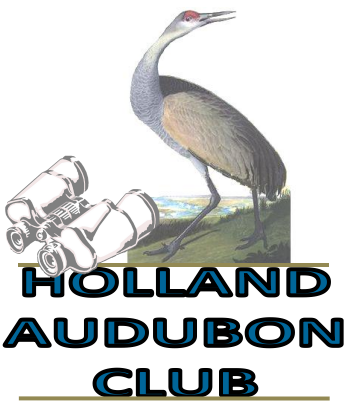
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 Happy Thanksgiving!