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Birding Connection immediate reports: contact Robert or Liz or Jamie

Meeting: Tuesday, Dec. 12th, 7:00 PM

Hope Church ~ Commons Hall

77 W. 11th Street ~ Holland

(Social time 6:15pm)

Peoplefeeders:
Carol Vinnedge / Barb Sucher

"Virtual Birding: A Tour of Ottawa County Parks" by Curtis Dykstra

A join Ottawa County Parks Naturalist and avid birder Curtis Dykstra as he takes you on a tour of Ottawa County Parks through the eyes of a birder. Discover the variety of habitats that are available to explore and the birds that can be found in them throughout the year. Listen to and learn their songs and build your knowledge on how to find each species. This is a great opportunity to find out what your local parks have to offer for the birding enthusiast or nature lover!

Curtis graduated from Dordt College in Sioux Center, Iowa with a degree in Environmental Studies in 1999. Since then, his experience as an educator and naturalist includes being a teacher, State Park Ranger in eastern North Carolina, and Assistant Director of Outdoor Education at Camp Roger in Rockford, MI. Since 2013, Curtis has served as a Parks Naturalist for Ottawa County Parks. In his work, Curtis strives to engage people with the outdoors in ways that spark lifelong curiosity and excitement and create lasting memorable experiences. He is an avid birder and delights in sharing this passion with others.



Rough legged Hawk: Will Wallgren;



Birder: Jamie Krupka



HOLLAND AUDUBON CLUB

December 2017

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The **2017 Hudsonville Christmas Bird Count** will be Dec 16th. Contact Carl Manning if you're willing and able to help count. oiias@oiias.org.

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

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Recent local Avian Sightings: Snowy Owls; Northern Saw Whet Owl; Red-breasted Merganser; Red tailed Hawk; Pileated Woodpecker; Bald Eagle; Bluebird; Sandhill Cranes; Pomarine Jaeger; Wood Duck; Am. Kestral; Common Loon; Red throated Loon; Pine Siskin; Longtail Duck; Snow Goose; Cackling Goose; Roster Pheasants. Elsewhere: Glossy Ibis (FL); Pink throated Twinspot, Purple Crested Turaco (Africa).

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February Meeting change: New Presenter!

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

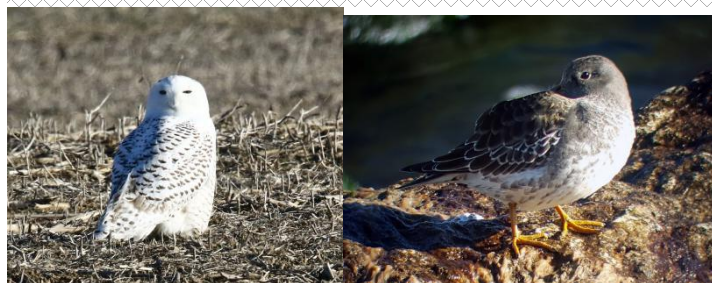
Plan accordingly.

HAC Birding the Allegan State Game Area; lead by Jamie Krupka; Dec 15; 9am;
meet at the Todd Farm headquarters on 118th Ave., come join the adventure, we hope to see some great winter birds.

<u>Mtg:</u>	<u>Jan. 9</u>	<u>Feb. 13</u>	<u>Mar. 13</u>	<u>Apr. 10</u>	<u>May 1</u>
<u>Speaker:</u>	Steve & Angie Hamberg	Doug Klein	Josh Haas	Kurt Hagemeister	Ed Post
<u>Topic:</u>	Birding the Central Amazon	Barry County Birding & Hotspots	Hawk ID	Attracting Bluebirds to Michigan	Stories from Nature
<u>People feeders:</u>	Cathy Brown & Steve Bosch	Fulenwiders & ??	Suzanne Harrington & ??	HELP ??	TREATS ??

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**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](mailto:gmail.com).



Photos: Snowy, Will Walgren; and Purple Sandpiper, Jamie Krupka



~ 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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#### **DeGraaf Nature Center** [www.degraaf.org](http://www.degraaf.org)

**DNC**

~ call 616-355-1057 ; small fees involved ~must register~

#### **Ottawa Co Parks:** [www.miottawa.org/parks](http://www.miottawa.org/parks); **OCP**

~ call 616-786-4847 free ~may need to register~

#### **Outdoor Discovery Center:** [www.outdoordiscovery.org](http://www.outdoordiscovery.org)

~ call 616-393-~must register~

**ODC**

[odc@outdoordiscovery.org](mailto:odc@outdoordiscovery.org)

**Dec: 2; 2p; Pioneer Christmas/ Cabin** **DNC**

**3; 1-4p; Open House with Santa** **OCP**

**15; 9a; HAC Birding at Allegan State Game** **HAC**

**16; 11a; Nature Ornaments** **ODC**

**16; 2p; Make Birdseed Ornaments** **DNC**

**17; 2-4p; Nature-inspired Ornaments** **OCP**

**29; 11a; Wild Birds of Prey** **ODC**

**30; 10a; Hot Chocolate at the Feeders** **ODC**

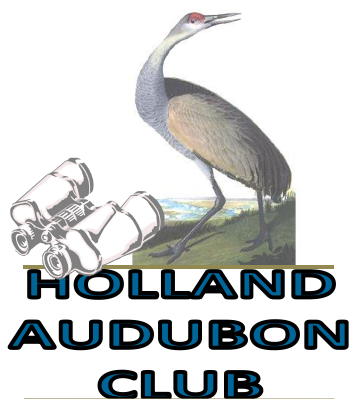
**Jan 2; 8a; Holland CBCount** **DNC**

**6; 1p; Birding the Kzoo Rivermouth** **ODC**

**6: 2p; Know Your Winter Birds** **DNC**

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Happy Holidays!  
HAC outing 12/15