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Bring literature to meetings, share your photos and recent sightings!

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Birding Connection reports contact: Robert or Liz



**HOLLAND
AUDUBON
CLUB**

APRIL 2017

Tuesday, April 11th, 7:00 PM

(Social time 6:15pm)

Hope Church ~ Commons Hall

77 W. 11th Street ~ Holland

"Field Experiences Photographing Birds"
by John M Fleming

Settle in for an evening with local photographer John M Fleming as he visually explores the abundant bird life of southwest Florida. This presentation will include the behavior, nesting activities and feeding strategies in several different habitats. Verbally intertwining tales of courtship rituals and the mating activities that Mother Nature orchestrates- Fleming will both humor and enlighten you with the natural history facts from his latest field experiences. He will include the technical challenges of a creative composition while capturing some of nature's most intimate, yet visually stunning moments.

Retired from his corporate finance position John pursues his dream of fine art nature photography full time. His work has appeared in several publications including Birder's World, Michigan Audubon Society's The Jack-Pine Warbler and Wyoming Wildlife. A sampling of his fine art images can be viewed on-line at www.johnmfleming.com.

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JUNIOR AUDUBON PROGRAM Update:

We've started! Members are signing up, yay! Let us know if you have someone interested.

For more information contact Nancy Berg:

269 -355 -0508

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Birding Hike at Upper Macatawa, April 6, at 8am. Meet in the 84th street parking lot. Lead by Jamie Krupka and Liz Notman. Come enjoy some great birding!

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NOTE: Ric and Bill did an outstanding job at our meeting last month, but wanted all to know, although the birding is often rewarding, there isn't always a bird under every Muskegon County bush. But do enjoy your birding experience, wherever you happen to be.

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ALSO NOTE: Our May meeting will be at the Hemlock Crossing Nature Education Center in West Olive.

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The North American Migration Count is being discontinued, after 25 years of collecting data. The information gathered through eBird and the International Migratory Bird Day (same second Saturday in May) have replaced this program, but do keep reporting your sightings to eBird, and to IMBD, especially that day. (May 13)

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HAC Board positions requiring election this year are Treasurer and Publicity/Newsletter Editor. Elections will be held at the May meeting.

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Birdathon will be May 13, this is another opportunity to support DeGraaf Nature Center by sponsoring birders who go all out to get the most birds in 24 hours. More info and signup sheets will be at the meeting. Or contact DeGraaf.

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Swifts are due back soon; report any sightings at the meetings and to Liz. Thanks!

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Recent Avian Sightings: Barred Owl, Short-eared Owls Northern Shrike, Sandhill Cranes, Cedar Waxwings,

Canvas Backs, Redheads, Red-tailed Hawk, Canada Geese, Shovelers, Mergansers(Hooded & Common & Red-breasted), Snow Geese(white, & Blue-phase), House Finch. (Flint had an Ivory Gull-which later was deceased)

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REWARD! : for your bird sighting reports: Write down your sightings on the cards provided at the meeting, one lucky winner will be drawn at each meeting and receive something wonderful! Keep track, win stuff!

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The Financial Report for 2016-17 will be available at our April meeting. Ask if you don't see one.

<u>Mtg</u>	<u>Speaker:</u>	<u>Topic:</u>	<u>People Feeders:</u>
<u>April 11</u>	<u>John Fleming</u>	<u>Field Experiences Photographing Birds</u>	<u>Carol Vinnedge & Marty Keirnan</u>
<u>May 9</u>	Curtis Dykstra	Birding Adventures	Cathy Brown & ???



Screech Owl at Stu Visser Trails. By Marty Keirnan
White Pelican at Dauphin Island by Mila Walters

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
April 1; 8-10a; Bird Walk; Gr River Pk OCP	1; 11a; Raptor Madness Final Four ODC	1; 9a-12p; Waterfowl Watch DNC
1; 7:30p; Woodcock Walk; Hemlock OCP	2; 1pm,2,3,4; Eagles of Gr Ravines Walk OCP	5; 8-10a; Bird Walk/ Upper Mac-84th OCP
5; 11a; Picnic with the Birds ODC	6; 8a; HAC Birding Hike; Upper Mac HAC	6; 8p; Woodcock Watch ODC
8; 10-12p; Bird Walk-beginner; Hemlock OCP	12; 8-10a; Bird Walk; Hemlock OCP	15; 8a-12p; Bird Walk; Prt Sheldon Lk Watch OCP
15; 3-4p; Wildlife-Woodpeckers; Hemlock OCP	19; 8-10a; Bird Walk; Gr Ravines N OCP	22; 10a-12p; Bird Walk-beginner; Hemlock OCP
7; 8:30p; Owl Prowl; Gr Ravines N OCP	8; 8:30p; Owl Prowl; Pine Bend OCP	26; 8-10a; Bird Walk; Crockery Crk OCP
29; 7a; Mist-Netting Songbirds ODC	29; 8-10a; Bird Walk; Upper Mac-84th OCP	30; 1pm,2,3,4; Eagles of Gr Ravines Walk OCP
May 3; 8-10a; Bird Walk; Kirk Pk OCP	6; 8:30a-12p; Birding Allegan St Game Area DNC	13; Southwest MI Birdathon Fundraiser DNC

Annual Memberships: 2016/17

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

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**HAC Birding Hike
April 6, Upper Mac!**

