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**HOLLAND
AUDUBON
CLUB**

MAY 2017

Tuesday, May 9th, 7:00 PM

(Social time 6:15pm) Peoplefeeders: Cathy Brown & Mila W.

**Special Location : Hemlock
Crossing-Nature Ed. Center**

8115 West Olive Rd. ~ West Olive ~ 8 miles north

"Birding Adventures" by Curtis Dykstra

Join Naturalist and avid birder Curtis Dykstra as he shares some fun, personal stories from his many birding adventures that will resonate with birders of all types, including wonderful images you will thoroughly enjoy. He'll draw from the experiences that drew him to birding, strengthening his love for the hobby, and keep him coming back for more; and also the ones that would seemingly drive him away from it! Curtis will reveal, through this diverse array of stories, the power that birds have in captivating the human spirit, and bringing us to appreciate the natural world around us. Curtis graduated from Dordt College in Sioux Center, Iowa with a degree in Environmental Studies. In his over 17 years of experience as an educator and naturalist, Curtis has been a teacher, a State Park Ranger in eastern North Carolina, and Assistant Director of Outdoor Education at Camp Roger in Rockford, MI. As a Parks Naturalist for Ottawa County Parks, Curtis strives to connect people to the outdoors in practical and enjoyable ways. He is an avid birder and delights in sharing this passion with others.

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Recent Avian Sightings: Mature Bald Eagle;

Virginia Rail; Peregrine Falcon; American Bittern; Wood Ducks; Great Blue Herons; Hermit Thrush; Phoebe; Kingfisher; Golden-crowned Kinglet; Purple Finch; Cedar Waxwings; Yellow-rumped Warbler; Upland Sandpiper; (then elsewhere: Cuban Tody; Golden Warbler; Black-footed Booby; Gambles Quail; Black-bellied Whistling Ducks. The Ruff was seen locally by some of our members, Ed Post managed to capture him in full regalia.



HAC Birding Hike at Mt. Pisgah and Black Lake Boardwalk May 20. 8am, Meet at BL boardwalk east parking lot. Join us for a great time, we're hoping for lots of birds, above and below...beware, Mt. Pisgah has lots of stairs.

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HAC Board Elections: In an effort to maintain continuity among the Board, the bi-annual elections should be divided as follows: Even years: V.P./ Sec./ Pub-NL.Ed. And Odd years: Pres./ Treas./ At Lg. This will minimize functional disruption, and return us to the original schedule set in earlier years. As this is an Odd year, we need to elect Treasurer and At Large positions. A nod to Jamie, who just filled the President position, should suffice, confirming his term. Elections will be held at the May meeting. The Hospitality, Librarian, and Junior Audubon Leader are Committee Chair positions, appointed by the Board.

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HAC Financial Report for 2016-17

Beginning Balance: 2338.00
(-455.00 for prior season trip expense)
Income: 2282.00 Expenses: 2556.00
Ending Balance: 1609.00
(Expense detail: web hosting:164; Venue:400; PO box fee:84; Speakers: 600; donation to ODC:1000; Newsletters/Brochures postage/etc:296;prizes:12) Respectfully submitted by Carol Vinnedge, Treasurer.

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SW MI Birdathon is a fundraiser for DeGraaf Nature Center, on May 13th. Your dollars go directly to DeGraaf, nowhere else.

After the Birdathon, your donation amount will be billed to you by DeGraaf, no need to pay anything at our meeting. A clipboard will circulate at our meeting allowing you to commit your donation amount, either so much per bird, or a fixed amount. The teams have great fun finding birds, beginning in the wee hours, and usually have tallies upwards of 140 species in a 24 hr period.

American
Bitten
By Marty
Kiernan
At Stu Visser



REMINDERS: SEND US STUFF! Heard a good speaker? Let Gail know. She contacts speakers for us to use. ~ Send in Bird Sightings throughout the summer, to Birding Connection or post it on our Facebook page. SAVE MAGAZINES, and share them at our meetings.

Junior Audubon Club Report:

Our official first meeting of the Junior Audubon was held at DeGraaf Nature Center from 10:00-noon on April 1st and 'no fool in', it was great! We had two officially age appropriate members, and two younger siblings, (honorary members), a total of four! We used our two hour meeting to learn about the House Wren, how to spot it, what its habitat is, and where it likes to nest.....which is pretty much anywhere! We then took time to construct a simple wren house made from recycled, kiln-dried pallet wood. Our last hour was spent on the Nature trails and with the assistance of a pictorial- scavenger hunt, were able to spot many of the common birds which frequent the center. An exciting morning of birding was had by all! Special Junior Audubon T-shirts have been ordered for our members and membership cards and journals were handed out. One of the members shared some amazing artwork of an eagle on the nest! Our next meeting will be held on May 6, new members are always welcome to join. Application forms are located at area nature centers, local library branches, at our website, and at monthly Audubon meetings or call Nancy Berg at [269-355-0508](tel:269-355-0508).

Annual Memberships: 2016/17

Single \$12 Sponsor \$25 Family \$18 Patron \$50
Benefactor \$100

Your dues help cover the expenses, like meetings and newsletters and speakers, etc. *Thanks for your support!!!*

~ **Holland Audubon Club :**

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



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Special Mtg Location:
Hemlock Crossing NEC

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 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; 8-10am; Bird Walk; Hemlock-beginner** **OCP**
- 6; 8:30a-12p; Birding Allegan St Game Area** **DNC**
- 10; 8-10a; Bird Walk; Mt. Pisgah** **OCP**
- 13; 7-9am; Early Birds Hike** **ODC**
- 13; Southwest MI Birdathon Fundraiser** **DNC**
- 13; Pigeon River Birding Blitz (all day)** **OCP**
- 14; 3-4:30pm; Woodducks-(kids)** **OCP**
- 17; 8-10a; Bird Walk; N.Ottawa Dunes** **OCP**
- 18; 8-11a; Birding at Outdoor Disc Ctr** **ODC**
- 19; 7a-4p; Big Day Birding Field Trip** **OCP**
- 20; 10-12p; Bird Walk; Hemlock-beginner** **OCP**
- 20; 3-4p; Woodducks** **OCP**
- 24; 8-10a; Bird Walk; Grand River Pk** **OCP**
- 27; 8-10a; Bird Walk; Crockery Crk Nat.Area** **OCP**
- 31; 8-10a; Bird Walk; Eastmanville Farm** **OCP**
- June 9; 9-11pm; Whistle of the Whip-poor-will** **OCP**

THINGS TO DO

*Next Season begins Sept. 12th, Mark your calendar.
Plz, let Marty know if you can Peoplefeed that date.*

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