

Holland Audubon Club

May 2024
Newsletter

Meeting May 14th at Hope Church, 77 W. 11th St.

Holland MI; at 7pm. Masks optional but encouraged if you're sniffly

Peoplefeeders: Mary Foster & Diane Taylor

"Through the Viewfinder" by John M Fleming

Join us as John Fleming shares his passion for nature and wildlife photography, which he has pursued for the past forty-five years. As a Life Member of Michigan Audubon he will share his many field experiences and observations captured by his lens from early spring through early summer. His primary focus will be on birds, although an occasional mammal may slip in. He will treat us with amazing images from three vastly different geographic areas, Florida, Southern Michigan and North Park, Colorado. These areas provide a wide variety of habitats, combined with the wide range of bird behavior and you have a recipe for some stunning images. True to form, birds in migration offer a myriad of photographic opportunities, and not surprising, most of his migration images are right here in the bird pathways of Michigan. Beyond migration, the courtship and mating behavior of his winged subjects are altogether another joyful collection of endearing images, especially the opportunity to catch a glimpse of nest site activities and foraging techniques in diverse environments.

As an experienced photographer John will also share tools and tips for identifying birds and capturing beautiful images.

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.



~~ Images courtesy of John

Our Annual Meeting this month will include elections for the following positions: Vice President, Secretary, and Newsletter Editor/Publicity Director. Gail, Robin and Mila are willing to continue in their positions, respectively. If anyone wants to apprentice with Mila for either of her positions, please let her know.

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The (1st Annual?) Ottawa County Birding Scramble was a huge success, April 27th, with 141 species reported for the day, and 1 team reporting 111 of those. With over 3 dozen folks participating, Great fun was had by all, weather was pretty good, if a bit windy (gusts over 25mph, Mike says felt like 50...) and given a few common local missing birds, a remarkable count for the day. Thanks to Chip Franke, Curtis Dykstra and Mike Overway for pulling this all together. And also Doug Wassink for the use of Tanglewood Winery for the celebration festivities. Let's hope for a 2nd annual OCBS next year.

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Ottawa County Parks & Recreation Commission

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- 5/8; 8-10a; Bird Walk- Upper Macatawa NA-west
- 5/10; 7a-4p; Big Day Birding Field Trip
- 5/12; 1p;2p;3p;4p; Bald Eagle Walk; Grand Ravines-North
- 5/15; 8-10a; Bird Walk- Grand River Park
- 5/18; 7-9a; Greenway Birding Blitz- Windsnest Park
- 5/18; 9:30-11a; Greenway Birding Blitz- Pine Bend Pk
- 5/18; 12-2p; Greenway Birding Blitz- Hemlock Crossing Pk
- 5/18; 2:30-4p; Greenway Birding Blitz- Pigeon Creek Pk-S
- 5/19; 2-3:30p; Beginning Bird Walk
- 5/22; 8-10a; Bird Walk- Crockery Creek NA
- 5/25; 10-11:30a; Beginner Bird Walk-PawPaw Park-west
- 5/29; 8-10a; Bird Walk; Hemlock Crossing Park



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- 5/6; 8:30-9:30a; Mon Morning Bird Walks- Stu Visser Trl
- 5/13; 8:30-9:30a; Mon Morning Bird Walks- at ODC
- 5/20; 8:30-9:30a; Mon Morn B. W.- Rabbit River Preserve
- 6/7 & 6/21; 10:30a-12p; Banquet for the Birds at ODC



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Trails are open, the building is closed for renovations.

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Enter our BIRD SIGHTINGS DRAWING for a special prize.

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Financial Report for 2023-24

Beginning balance: 2040.13

Exp. (to 4-9): 1722.01

Income: 1603.00

Balance(4-9-24): 1921.12

(May Exp:122.00 anticipated)

Thank you all for your support over the years, we're still a little lower than pre-covid times, but slowly regaining. Your support really helps keep this club going, thank you!

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Holland Audubon Club was featured in the Jack Pine Warbler-a Michigan Audubon member publication...dues are just \$30

