

Holland Audubon Club



November 2024
Newsletter

Meeting Nov 12th at Hope Church, 77 W. 11th St.

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

"The Natural History of Oaxaca Mexico" by Michael Kielb

Lying in the southern hip of Mexico, Oaxaca (Wah,Hah,Ka) is a vastly diverse state, both in culture and environment. Ranging from coastal Pacific regions to mountainous heights over 12,000 feet, the wide variety of flora and fauna is impressive. Join us as Michael shares his experiences visiting this delightful area, named after the local trees. His program will include an impressive variety of the birds found here, as well as breathtaking scenery and his experiences traveling in the many cities and historical towns throughout the region. Another fine program you won't want to miss. Michael Kielb is a retired Biology Faculty at Eastern Michigan University, where he taught neuroanatomy and human anatomy & physiology; and ornithology and entomology, for fun. He has lead natural history tours throughout North America, including Costa Rica. He may have even written a book or two and hailes from the Ann Arbor area. *~Red Warbler courtesy of Michael*



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Enter our BIRD SIGHTINGS DRAWING for a special prize.

Windmill Island has Purple Martin houses in need of care and monitoring; several members will be at Windmill Island this Friday at 10am to assist staff in cleaning these out. Please contact Steve if you plan to help, or are willing to in the future. We expect this to be at least an annual project.

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You can still support Michigan Audubon with a purchase of Stormy Kromer hats, available with the Michigan Audubon logo, until Nov 8th. Half the proceeds support MA.

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You can continue your birding experiences and contributions throughout the winter months by participating in several ways; The Christmas Bird Count (CBC) has been going on for over a century, happening Dec 14 to Jan 5th, stay tuned for that. Also the Great Backyard Bird Count happens in February, watch for that info. Then there's Project Feederwatch, which runs Nov 1 through April 30. As always, eBird is great for recording all your counts.

Check out any of these online for more information.



Ottawa County Parks & Recreation Commission

616-786-4847 ~ www.miottawa.org/parks ~

- 11/6; 10a; Bird Walk, Riley Trails
- 11/20; 10a; Bird Walk, Stearns Creek
- 11/26; 7-9pm; Coffee With the Birds Mug reveal.
- 12/7; 9:30a,11:10a; Coffee with the Birds; Hemlock



616-393-0453 www.outdoordiscovery.org ~

Trails are open daily, Visitor Center: Mon-Sat.



616-355-1057 ~ www.degraaf.org ~

Trails are open, the building is closed for renovations.

Bird City Michigan (similar to Tree City) is a new spinoff from the American Bird Conservancy, with certification for communities helping birds; by improving bird habitats, reducing threats, engaging & educating people, and promoting sustainability. Michigan Audubon is spearheading this connection and certification; if you're interested in being involved, let any board member know.

Your membership support really helps keep this club going, **thank you!**

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Our good friend Ed Post has been on the move again...



Trumpeter Swans in Michigan, Then a little farther away...



Can you name these two?



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MDNR Parks is asking for input for VanBuren State Park; Friday at 10am at South Haven Township Hall; let Steve know if you have an interest in this.

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