

Holland Audubon Club



February 2025
Newsletter

Meeting Feb 11th at Hope Church, 77 W. 11th St.

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

Peoplefeeder: John & Cynthia Fulenwider

"Birding Slovakia & Hungary"

Presented by Curtis Dykstra

In June of 2024 Curtis made his first trip 'over the pond' to Europe to visit his brother and experience a whole new world of birds. Come along as he shares his adventures as he visits the heart of Europe in Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Austria and Hungary. From riverside castles, commercial fishponds and a 'sea of reeds,' to majestic mountain tops and the remote Hungarian countryside, the amazing images of his new birds will delight you and the stories of his adventures will be sure to excite and entertain! Don't miss this one.

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. 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.

Michigan Bluebird Society will be holding their big Spring Bluebird Festival Sat. March 15th, at Calvin Uni. In Grand Rapids, 9am-4:45pm. Free; see their web page: michiganbluebirds.org/springfestival for more info.

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Project Feederwatch is ongoing until April 30th, (half price til the 28th) another way you can assist global efforts to gather bird info from your own home. Relax, and count...AND check out Outdoor Discovery on Feb. 15th, for a Great Backyard Bird Count session, 10:30a-12n. This can also be done from your own feeders, the GBBC is Feb 14-17th... Just be sure to report your info on ebird as well as birdcount.org.

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Michigan Young Birders Camp will be June 22-27, sign up by March 8th.

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Update on Bird City Michigan status: This is a goal brought to our attention by Michigan Audubon to promote cities doing bird friendly things, like encouraging window construction that mitigates bird strikes, encouraging low



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lighting “dark sky” in communities, and promoting bird friendly habitat, etc. We are in touch with other local key players in this goal and need to determine if this is within our scope and ability to participate, both in time and money, as a group. Stay tuned.

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Looking for an adventure? Olympic Bird Fest 2025 will happen April 10-13, in Sequim, WA. Plan ahead...

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And, the Rosy Mound acquisition development is on track, with good input from fellow nature lovers, to become another feather in the Ottawa County Parks department cap.

Looking forward to enjoying it as plans unfold.



Ottawa County Parks & Recreation Commission

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

Feb 8; 9:30a & 11:10a; Coffee with the Birds/Hemlock
Feb 22; 10a-1p; Winter Waterfowl: meet at Hemlock
Feb 22; 2p-5p; Birding the Barrens
Mar 8; 9:30a & 11:10a; Coffee with the Birds/Hemlock



616-393-0453 www.outdoordiscovery.org ~

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

Feb 7; 6:30p; Superb Owl Prowl; Wolters Woods
Feb 15; 10:30a; Great Backyard Bird Count; ODC
Mar 8; 11a; Maple Sugar Time at Van Raalte Farm



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

Trails are open, the building is closed for renovations.

Your membership support really helps keep this club going, **thank you!** \$20 for the season covers your whole family. \$5 more for this on paper.

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Please consider providing snacks for our meetings, if you are able. Two persons per meeting is best, and it really is appreciated by our attendees and enhances our meeting fellowship. Sign up at the meetings or contact our Hospitality guru, Marty, who deserves a huge thanks for all he does.

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