

# Holland Audubon Club



March 2025  
Newsletter

**Meeting March 11<sup>th</sup> at Hope Church, 77 W. 11<sup>th</sup> St.**

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

Peoplefeeder: Gwen Shavaliar

**"Photography in Rocky Mountain National Park"**

**by John M Fleming**

Join nature and wildlife photographer John Fleming as he shares his passion for capturing the natural world—a journey he has pursued for over fifty years. A lifetime member of the Michigan Audubon, John will take you on a visual and storytelling adventure through Rocky Mountain National Park, where he has spent countless hours observing and photographing its incredible landscapes and wildlife. Spanning 415 square miles, the park is home to nearly 150 pristine lakes, 450 miles of winding streams, and 60 towering peaks over 12,000 feet. It is a land of striking diversity, where meadows meet mountains, wetlands blend into forests, and the delicate alpine tundra thrives. With breathtaking views at every turn, it's a paradise for both photographers and nature lovers.

*Bull Elk by John M Fleming*



John's program highlights the dramatic beauty and rich wildlife of the fall season. As temperatures drop, the mountains glow with golden aspens, and the air fills with the haunting bugle of bull elk in the midst of the rut. >>

Wildlife activity is at its peak, offering incredible opportunities to witness rare glimpses of amazing creatures and vistas.

Throughout the presentation, John will also share expert insights on the best times and places for wildlife viewing, as well as tips for photographing nature's captivating beauty. Whether you're a photographer, a wildlife enthusiast, or simply someone who appreciates the wonders of the natural world, this program promises to inspire and deepen your connection to the great outdoors.

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.

~{< ~{< ~{<

Michigan Bluebird Society will be holding their big **Spring Bluebird Festival** Sat. **March 15<sup>th</sup>**, at Calvin Uni. In Grand Rapids, 9am-4:45pm. Lots of fun programs and great educational opportunities for all.

Free; see their web page: [michiganbluebirds.org/springfestival](http://michiganbluebirds.org/springfestival) for more info.



Ottawa County Parks & Recreation Commission

616-786-4847 ~ [www.miottawa.org/parks](http://www.miottawa.org/parks) ~

~Check out our YouTube channel~

**Mar 8: 9:30a & 11:10a; Coffee with the Birds/Hemlock**

**Mar 28; 7:30p; Woodcock Walk; Grand River Park**

**Mar 29; 7:30p; Woodcock Walk; Hemlock Crossing**



616-393-0453 [www.outdoordiscovery.org](http://www.outdoordiscovery.org) ~

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

**Mar 8 & 15; 11a; Maple Sugar Time; Van Raalte Farm**

**Mar 22; 10a; Birding for Beginners; ODC**

**Apr 5; 11a; Live Birds of Prey; Final Four; ODC**



616-355-1057 ~ [www.degraaf.org](http://www.degraaf.org) ~

*Trails are open, the building is closed for renovations.*

~{< ~{< ~{<

Project Feederwatch is ongoing until April 30<sup>th</sup>, another way you can assist global efforts to gather bird info from your own home. Relax, and count, and enjoy the show.

~{< ~{< ~{<

Michigan Audubon's Young Birders Camp will be June 22-27, sign up by March 8<sup>th</sup>.

~{< ~{< ~{<

**Enter our BIRD SIGHTINGS DRAWING for a special prize.**

*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.*

Marty was able to capture some great images of the Barnacle Goose in Allegan:



**Holland Audubon Club**

**Board of Directors**

President Steve Hamberg

Vice President Gail Berner

Treasurer Gwen Shavallier

Secretary Robin Pintar

Publicity /Newsletter Editor Mila Walters

Hospitality Marty Keirnan

At Large Martin Blagdurn

[www.HollandAudubon.com](http://www.HollandAudubon.com)

HollandAudubon@gmail.com

Holland  
Audubon Club



PO Box 8364 Holland MI 49422

***Migration is happening; get out and enjoy!***