

# Holland Audubon Club



February 2026  
Newsletter

**Meeting February 10<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

Peoplefeeders: John Fulenwider & ??

**"Central California Adventures" by Ken Cook**

Located halfway between LA and San Francisco, the cozy town of Santa Ynez is nestled in California's fertile Central Valley, home to many unique species of not only birds, but many other creatures that enjoy this hospitable environment. Ken Cook will lead a program of travel and birding as he takes



the Holland Audubon Club to this peacefully beautiful, picturesque town, as well as the surrounding terrain of rolling hills and farmland, sparsely populated and arid. As a result, a number of birds and wildlife find comfort in settling in this habitat. Join us as Ken shares some of his great opportunities resulting in amazing images of

various aspects of this intriguing area and wildlife.

A Holland native and graduate of Hope College, Cook has honed his 30-plus year photography passion to specialize in landscapes, nature and wildlife. He has traveled to many countries to pursue his passion but currently is focused on our winged friends within North America. a charter member of the North



America Nature Photography Association, as well as a member of the Holland Friends of Art, Holland Area Arts Council and the Tulip City Camera Club. You can view his work and/or contact him at [www.kencookphotography.com](http://www.kencookphotography.com).

The 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Bird Count (CBC) is all done for this season, reports and compilations are in, with the local top species counted were Common Goldeneye and European Starling, followed by Red breasted Mergansers, Mallards, and Sandhill Cranes. A Golden Eagle was spotted for the first time in the Hudsonville count, a Common Raven and Northern Mockingbird were also reported. Thanks to all who participated and big thanks to Jamie Krupka and Carl Manning for their time and commitment to coordinating the events and compiling all the data.

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Speaking of counts, the **Great Backyard Bird Count** will happen this month, February 13-16, so dust off those binoculars, fill the feeders and get comfy for this weekend long opportunity to see some great birds. [Birdcount.org](http://Birdcount.org) for more info and to report findings.

And don't forget Project Feederwatch is continuing until April 30<sup>th</sup> so keep those numbers coming. [Feederwatch.org](http://Feederwatch.org) for info.

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Ottawa County Parks & Recreation Commission

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

~Check out our YouTube channel~

Feb 5; 7p; Snowy Owls – Hager Park  
Feb 14; 9:30a & 11:10a; Coffee with the Birds; Hemlock  
Feb 28; 10a & 2p; Winter Birding Field Trip



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

Trails are open; Visitor Center: Mon-Sat.

Donations for the expansion of the Birds of Prey Center are greatly appreciated, we're adding a flight chamber, shaded amphitheater, and enhanced picnic area.

Feb 6; 6:30p; Superb Owl Prowl at Farview Park  
Feb 13; 9a; Great Backyard Bird Count; Westside Pk



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

Come see the new changes,

walk the trails, enjoy nature! Building opens at 10am

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Heads up, if you're looking for a little trip to the eastside, the **Spring Bluebird Festival** happens next month, March 28<sup>th</sup>, At Washtenaw Comm College; 9a-4:45pm. Check out [michiganbluebirds.org/springfestival](http://michiganbluebirds.org/springfestival).

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**Michigan Audubon Young Birders Camp** registration ends Feb 20, for camp dates in June. If you know a youngster age 13-18 that might benefit from this, scholarships are also available. contact Lindsay Cain at [lcain@michiganaudubon.org](mailto:lcain@michiganaudubon.org) or 517-580-7364.

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**ENTER BIRD SIGHTINGS DRAWING** for a special prize.

*Thank you to The 205 Coffee Bar (on Columbia) for our gift certificates, please say thanks next time you're there.*

Thank you to those that have signed up for Peoplefeeders, we're ever so grateful. If a few more sign up, it will fill out our season, and with 2 each time, it makes it easy to do. Marty is your man..We THANK you! >>

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The board is contemplating a donation to the Michigan Bluebird Society, provided funds allow for this season. If you'd like to contribute input or dedicated funds to this please talk to a board member or email us at [hollandauaubon@gmail.com](mailto:hollandauaubon@gmail.com)



Robin was swift enough to catch this jewel in her yard, any guesses what owl this is? It's worth 2 points...

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This little cutie was

entertaining me during a yoga session at Carolyn's rental on Dauphin Island. 2 more points...

[www.hollandaudubon.org](http://www.hollandaudubon.org)

Your \$20 seasonal family membership support really helps keep this club going, **thank you!**

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