

Holland Audubon Club



January 2026
Newsletter

Meeting January 13th at Hope Church, 77 W. 11th St.

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

Peoplefeeders: Sharon LeBlanc & ??

"Birdin in Chile" by Steve Hamberg

Chile is a country of wide variety, both in climate as well as birds. Situated in South America between the Pacific Ocean and the western slopes of the Andes mountains, it is a long, narrow country, 2700 miles from north to south but only at most 220 miles wide. Habitats of almost all types exist within this stretch: barren desert, lush grasslands, thick forests, soaring mountains, picturesque coastlines, and windswept southern steppes, all of which accommodate over 500 species of birds, all though only 12 are endemic. In addition, it is one of South America's most stable and prosperous countries, clean and safe, has good roads, good accommodations, and, of course, good food. Join us as Steve takes us from one end of the country to the other, showing some of its spectacular scenery while seeking out its varied and interesting birdlife. The images are amazing, the stories are delightful, and this glimpse into life in Chile is not to be missed.



Steve Hamberg is a retired local physician who enjoys birding all over the world, as well as sharing his passion with others through his many programs. Historically accompanied by his

wife and photographer Angie, he has been to 95 countries in about 40 years and has a staggering life list of 8233 species of birds. Encouraged by Angie, he hopes to continue pursuing this avian passion as long as he can.

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The 126th Annual Christmas Bird Count (CBC) is all done for this season, reports and compilations are coming in, look for final numbers and details of this vital work in the next issue, or maybe even this meeting...thanks for your help and support. ...in the meantime...this little Yellow-bellied Sapsucker seemed



hesitant to heed migration's call in the Dowagiac CBC...

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Ottawa County Parks & Recreation Commission

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

~Check out our YouTube channel~

Jan 8; 7p; Snowy Owls – Hemlock Crossing NC
Jan 10; 9:30a & 11:10a ; Coffee with the Birds, Hemlock
Feb 5; 7p; Snowy Owls – Hager Park



616-393-0453 www.outdoordiscovery.org ~

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

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

Jan 10; 9a; Winter Birding at Holland State Park
Jan 20; 6p; Owl Prowl at Stu Visser Trails
Jan 24; 10a; Birds of Prey photo shoot at ODC
Jan 29; 6p; Owl Prowl at New Richmond Park
Feb 6; 6:30p; Superb Owl Prowl at Farview Park



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

Come see the new changes,

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

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A new park in Saugtuck! Riverside Park, joining Schultz Park and River Bluff Park, along the 'Douglas/196' bridge corridor, recently received funding to move forward in 2026 to enhance interactive areas, like parking, hiking, prairie trails, restrooms, kayak launch, and of course, wetlands and marshes to support birds. Yay! Another great public location for birding will soon be available.

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Is an Olympic Peninsula trip in your future? Olympic Birdfest 2026 will happen April 16-19, in Sequim, WA, if you're interested... Olympicbirdfest.org for more info.

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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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In appreciation of our Owl Prowls this month...

Chorus of Hoots

*In twilight's hush, where shadows weave and play,
The owls emerge, a chorus in the night,
With solemn grace, they call in soft ballet,
Nature's symphony, under silver light.
Their hoots resound, a haunting lullaby,
Each note a whisper of the ancient wood,
In moonlit realms where*



*secrets softly sigh,
They guard the dreams of the darkened neighborhood.*

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

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