Holland Audubon Club

October 2026
Newsletter

Meeting Nov 10th at Hope Church, 77 W. 11th St.

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

Peoplefeeders: nobody...Marty will...

"In Search of Michigan Birds –

Recent Highlights Behind the Lens" by John Fleming

After retiring from his corporate finance position, John devoted himself to pursuing his love of nature and wildlife, with a particular passion for observing and photographing Michigan's birds. Through his photographic skill and unique perspective, he captures not only the beauty of his subjects but also the distinctive character and behaviors that make each encounter special.

John will treat us to a behind-the-lens look at recent birding highlights, along with a selection of memorable images from years past. Through his photography and personal experiences in the field, he will share the beauty, diversity, and wonder of Michigan's bird life through the seasons and across a variety of habitats, offering a fresh perspective on the natural treasures that surround us.





Join Holland Audubon as John shares some of his favorite images taken over the course of his travels throughout the state, capturing some amazing beauty and escapades of the world's creatures nearby. >

An experienced photography instructor, John will share insights and tips on getting that perfect shot, and some elusive places that are especially good for a breathtaking view of our great state of Michigan. Whether you're a photographer, a wildlife enthusiast, or simply someone who appreciates the wonders of the natural world, his programs always promise to inspire and deepen your connection to the great outdoors.

John's work has appeared in several publications including Birder's World, Michigan Audubon Society's The Jack-Pine Warbler and Wyoming Wildlife. *Upland Sandpiper and Spruce Grouse by John Fleming*

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Holland Charter Township has a native prairie habitat at Helder Park in danger of being overrun with Autumn Olive bushes, encroaching on one of the areas last remaining habitats for Bobolinks, Meadowlarks, etc and **you can help** by emailing council members showing your support for removal of the invasive Autumn Olive. A sample letter is at our website. Also consider attending their board meeting Nov 19th at 7p at the twp office. Russt@hct.holland.mi.us, miked@hct.holland.mi.us, vinceb@hct.holland.mi.us, and manager@hct.holland.mi.us

Thanks! And the birds thank you, too!

Ottawa County Parks & Recreation Commission

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

~Check out our YouTube channel~ reg is requested

Nov 4; 10a; Bird Walk; Ottawa Sands
Nov 7; 8a & 1p; Waterfowl Watching Field Trips
Nov 18; 10a; Bird Walk; Hemlock Crossing Park
Nov 24; 7p; Mug Club Reveal Event; Hemlock
Dec 5; 9:30a; Coffee with the Birds; Hemlock

Outdoor Discovery Center

616-393-0453www.outdoordiscovery.org
~Donations appreciated for ongoing improvements to facilities.
Trails are open; Visitor Center: Mon-Sat.

Many travel opportunities, including a Costa Rica Birding trip next March. See website for more info.

DeGraaf nature center 616-355-1057~www.degraaf.org~
Come see the new changes, walk the trails, enjoy nature! Building opens at 10am
Dec 5; 11a; A Settler Holiday (at DeGraaf)

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Michigan Audubon, with Stormy Kromer, fundraising til Nov 13. You can have a lovely hat or several other items and support Michigan Audubon at the same time, go to MichiganAudubon.org and follow the IStormy Kromer link.

Michigan Audubon is also sponsoring near and far birding excursions next year, check out their website for more info. Also more reports on Sandhill Crane counts and migration counts that are ongoing in Michigan. MichiganAudubon.org

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Feel free to pass on any birding/ nature books or items at the next meeting, letting others enjoy the next stage of their life.

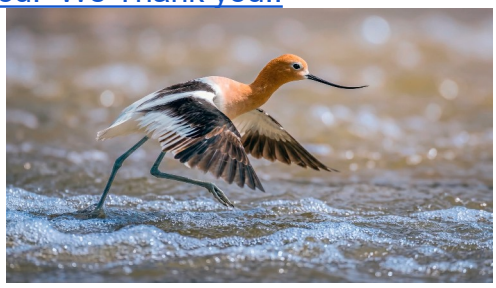
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Project Feederwatch has begun it's 40th year to watch, count and report birds around you this winter. This action helps researchers understand birds and how their populations are changing. A project of Cornell Lab, go to feederwatch.org for more info.

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I loaded a new free bird game on my phone recently, **BIRDR** and thought you'd like to try it. A guy in Europe developed it to help improve your bird ID skills and it works for all levels. Kinda fun, and you can challenge other birders around the world or just yourself. Find on your App store.

Our snacks are yummy and most appreciated, but in danger of being AWOL, please sign up to provide snacks when the clipboard gets to you. We Thank you!!



American Avocet by Ed Post~HSP

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If we have a new Treasurer by this meeting, a vote will need to happen to establish that person so our minutes can reflect the change, thanks for your support.
And if anyone is willing to assist in recording our meetings for social media, please contact a board member. (Mila is still hoping for an assistant, too. If you can help...)

ENTER BIRD SIGHTINGS DRAWING for a special prize. (Put your name on it)

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