



CHAPTER CONNECTION

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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

Regional Chapter Meeting (Southwest Region) Sept 12

9:00 am – 12:00 pm Bunker Interpretive Center on the campus of Calvin College in Grand Rapids

The group will share information about their chapters and enjoy a presentation by Wendy Tatar of Michigan Audubon regarding organizing Junior Audubon programs.

For more information contact Ric Pedler at 231- 739-7000 or e-mail oakridge35@yahoo.com.

Laughing Whitefish Audubon Society (Upper Peninsula) Sept 12

Presque Isle bird walk- This is a peak time for songbird migrants along Lake Superior.

8:00 am- Meet at the bog walk at Presque Isle Park, Marquette.

For more info contact Greg Cleary at g.cleary@sbcglobal.net

Oakland Audubon Society (Southeast Region) Sept 24

Crane Viewing Field trip

3:00 pm Meet at Haehnle Sanctuary

Benzie Audubon Club (Northern Region) Sept 26

Bird walk led by Brian Allen

8:00 am- Meet at the pull-off for Arcadia Dunes Grasslands on Keillor Road

Jackson Audubon Society (Central Region) Sept 26

Join our workbee to get the sanctuary ready for visitors coming for Sandhill Crane viewing.

9:00 am Haehnle Sanctuary

Call Lathe Claflin at 522-3949 for more information.

IN MEMORIAL – Carl H. Haussman Jr.



It is with sad regret that we share news of the passing on September 4, 2009 of one of Michigan Audubon's staunchest supporters, Carl H. Haussman Jr. His obituary can be found on the Lansing State Journal website at :

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/ljsj/obituary.aspx?n=carl-h-haussman&pid=132348264> .

Carl had a profound love of nature. He was one of the founders of both Woldumar Nature Center and the Capital Area Audubon Society and he served, in the past, as president of each organization.

He and his wife, Marian donated many acres to preserve habitat for birds and other wildlife including Delta Township's popular Hawk Meadow Park. Their home, Hawk Valley, will become the future headquarters for Michigan Audubon.

To acknowledge and continue his legacy, contributions may be made to Michigan Audubon in memory of Carl for the Hawk Valley Endowment Fund, 6011 West St. Joseph Highway, Suite 403, Lansing, MI 48917.

Donations honoring Carl's memory can also be made on line at:

https://secure.digital-community.com/english/michiganaudubon.org/support_us/donate_secure.html

BIRDS ON LINE

Top 10 Reasons to Go to a Birding Festival
By Bill Thompson, III, Editor *Bird Watcher's Digest*
<http://tinyurl.com/nuzpsb>



ON LINE CHAPTER EVENT CALENDAR AVAILABLE

Add your chapter events to the Michigan Audubon online calendar. To see the calendar listings for chapters go to http://michiganaudubon.org/news_events/calendar.html, click on the drop down menu to right above the calendar. Select "Chapter programs and activities".

Send your chapter program schedule to birds@michiganaudubon.org or submit individual special events by using the on line form found at http://michiganaudubon.org/news_events/calendar/index.html.

The website also has an area dedicated to information about chapters. Each chapter is listed and there is a link to an information splash page. If your chapter has a website, there is a link to it from your splash page. We can add additional information to these pages. Just let us know and we will gladly post contact information or other details about your chapter. To check your chapter's listing go to http://michiganaudubon.org/about_us/chapters.html.

MICHIGAN AUDUBON SANCTUARIES THIS FALL

Celebrate Migratory Shorebirds at Lake Bluff

The Second Annual Migration Celebration will be held at the Lake Bluff Bird Sanctuary on Saturday, September 12 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Experts from the Manistee Audubon Society and other organizations will be on hand to lead hikes on the sanctuary's trails and along the shore of Lake Michigan. Activities for children will make this a family-friendly event.

Lake Bluff is also a great location to watch the migration of Monarch butterflies. Photography opportunities abound at this picturesque location. For more information on Migration Celebration contact Wendy Tatar at 517-886-9144 or Rich Krieger at 231-723-4042. Make sure to check out the latest details on the [festival page](#) of our website.

Wildflower Walk Scheduled for Baker Sanctuary

Join local wildflower enthusiasts Sue Anderson and Nancy Boyce as they lead a walk on the sanctuary trails Saturday, September 12 at 1:00 p.m. Sue and Nancy will help participants locate and identify wildflowers along the sanctuary trail network on the west side of Big Marsh Lake. The walk will last approximately two hours.

Pre-registration is required to participate in this walk. No equipment or experience is necessary. Participants are encouraged to bring a wildflower field guide if they own one. Trips depart from the west entrance of Baker Sanctuary at 1:00 p.m. The cost to participate is \$2 per person, or free for Michigan Audubon members. Registration is limited to 20 participants. To register, contact Wendy Tatar at the Michigan Audubon office in Lansing, 517-886-9144.

Catch the Harvest Moon in Bellevue

A Harvest Moon Hike is scheduled for Saturday, October 4. Observe the moon through binoculars and spotting scopes and discover the story behind the meaning of "harvest moon." Watch and listen to Sandhill Cranes converging on Big Marsh Lake. Observation will take place at the Kiwanis Youth Area on Sunday, October 4, 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Limited to 15 participants. Registration is required; \$5 per person, free for Michigan Audubon members.

Crane Photography 101 Workshop to be Part of CraneFest

Join nature photographer Wayne Pope for a one-day photography workshop focusing on Sandhill Cranes and other large birds. This one-day workshop combines a morning lecture held at the Convis Township Hall and an afternoon field trip to Big Marsh Lake/Baker Sanctuary, where you can hone your skills. This workshop is geared for the more experienced photographer.

The workshop will be held on Friday, October 9 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The cost to participate is \$85 per person, \$75 for Michigan Audubon members. A box lunch will be provided. Registration is limited to 20 participants. Call Wendy at 517-886-9144 or download details and the registration form on the [CraneFest page](#) of our website.