

Sault Naturalists, General Meeting, March 9, 2010

Location: United Methodist Church, SSM, Michigan, USA

Call to order: 7:30 p.m.

Attendance 26 persons

The speaker was Geoffrey B. Steinhart who gave an illustrated presentation entitled "Fishy Business", Research and Education at the Aquatic Research Lab, Sault Michigan. The mandate of this laboratory involves education, outreach and research. The lab is open 365 days a year and hosts a fish camera at www.lsu.edu/ar1/fishcam. It is a real hands on project with networking opportunities for collaboration. They celebrate their success stories of students.

Observations:

-Dieter Ropke saw 55 Bohemian Waxwings in a crab-apple tree across from his house 1 week ago.

-Hawks have been migrating along Hwy 40 in southern Ontario

-There is open water at Pumpkin Point

-A Boreal Owl at Don and Vivian Hall's was seen for one day.

Dave mentioned that the book "A Sound Like Dripping Water" by Soren Nielsen was a good read and might be of interest to folks.

Environment:

Don Hall mentioned there is a Workshop planned for Lake Superior on March 30 and 31 in SSM, Ontario. The workshop is for anyone interested in the management of Lake Superior. Groups such as Land Trusts, MNR, DNR, Parks Canada etc. are expected to attend. The workshop is free if you pre-register. Also there is a March 10, deadline for comments on wetland dredging at the Point Estates Project out at Point Louise in Ontario (near airport).

Programs:

John L. informed the club that the program has changed for the April Meeting. Caleb Putnam from the National Audubon Society will talk on Birding areas in Michigan and the IBA, Important Birding Areas.

Outings:

Note the change in the ski outing this weekend due to the early spring weather. It has been changed to a walk.

Next Meeting: April 13, 2010

Meeting closed at 8:55 p.m.