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Navigating the world of birds and nature

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By Al Rothenbach
CAS Board Member

Place your order now for Chicago Audubon Society's 25th annual Bird Seed Sale, Saturday October 26th, and beat the deadline. Forty percent (40%) of your purchase is tax deductible. Proceeds finance education programs in Chicago schools and Research Committee projects such as the Breeding Bird Atlas and the nesting census.

I would like to thank all the Volunteers who have done such a great job in the past. We could not do this without you—your time and effort are much appreciated! Even if you don't feed birds, you can still help Chicago Audubon. Additional Volunteers are always needed to help distribute the seed between the hours of 8 a.m. and noon. Even an hour of your time will help.

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- White proso millet, favored by small birds;
 - Sunflower hearts, which provide the same nutrition as the whole sunflower seed without the mess of shells;
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 - Black Oil Sunflower seeds, which provides more energy than striped sunflower seed; and
 - Thistle, which is a favorite of goldfinches.
- Suet Cakes for birds like woodpeckers, and Fruit and Nut Bells for fruit eating birds will also be available.

This year you can phone in your order using Visa or Master Card, or complete the form and mail it with a check to the CAS office. **All orders must be received by Oct. 15th.** Please indicate the location where you will pick up your order, and if you can help on Bird Seed Sales Day. **We will be distributing seed between 9 a.m. and noon.**



By Gail Goldberger

If you missed Birding America V on Saturday, March 2, Chicago Audubon's biennial event, you missed a cornucopia of information about birding. One hundred and sixty people braved a blizzard to attend! Speakers came from all over the country to tell about places to go and birds to see. Breakout sessions ranged from the politics of conservation to the idiosyncrasies of bird song.

The closing session, and one of the most interesting, was given by Jim Davis, publisher/editor of *Interpretive Birding Bulletin*. Not out for numbers or rare species, Jim and other "interpretive birders" are interested in what birds are doing (i.e., in watching and understanding the behavior of birds).

According to Jim, a good birding day in St Cloud, Minnesota, his present home, is "sitting on the banks of the Mississippi River with a thermos of coffee, watching and trying to understand what I'm seeing and hearing." To Jim, a comfortable, lightweight chair is "essential" birding equipment.

Behavior watching does not require any particular skill, and can be enjoyed by both beginning and advanced observers. "Keeping a list of noteworthy behaviors can be as much fun as keeping a life-list of species seen," Jim attests. And, of course, trying to figure out why birds behave the way that they do is also rewarding and educational.

Most birds, not just exotic species, exhibit one or more extraordinary

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habits that are a delight to witness. Interpreting and recording these habits, or behaviors, is one component of interpretive birding. In his closing talk, Jim conveyed his enthusiasm by sharing some of his personal observations and interpretations. A few are listed below:

- White-breasted nuthatches frequently squash small beetles with their beak and then wipe the insect's body fluid around the entrance of their nest. **WHY?** Apparently, mammals such as squirrels are repelled by the odor of particular beetles.
- While birding in Belize, an oscil-

lated turkey charged Jim when he emerged from his pale blue car. The bird continued to chase his car for a mile after he drove away. **WHY?** Since this species has iridescent blue feathers, the car could have been mistaken as a large turkey, in more technical terms, a supernormal stimulus.

- Have you ever noticed flocks of starlings or blackbirds twisting and turning as the birds arrived at their evening roost? Why do they perform such energetically demanding acrobatics? Jim suggests that they are trying to avoid

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CONSERVATION ALERTS

By Donald Dann
CAS Board Member

A Blow in Springfield

How important is state government to environmental protection in Illinois? The Nature Conservancy is the state's largest private conservation group with an annual budget of \$5-\$6 million. By way of contrast, the budget for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) is close to \$700 million. Two programs run by IDNR are:

- Natural Areas Acquisition Fund (NAAF)—used for the acquisition, preservation and stewardship of natural areas, including habitats for endangered and threatened species, high quality natural communities, wetlands, and other areas with unique or unusual natural heritage qualities.
- Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Program (OSLAD)—a grant program that provides funding to local government agencies for acquisition and/or development of land for public parks and open space.

During the summer round of budget cuts, this is how IDNR was affected:

- NAAF's funding was reduced from \$9 to \$1 million. Since some of these funds are for staff, it's likely that little will be available for acquisition, basically eliminating the program.
- The formula used to fund NAAF has been permanently reduced from 15% of the real estate transfer tax to 5%.
- Some of the 59 staff members employed by NAAF will lose their jobs. These may be staff associated with natural heritage programs, experienced and dedicated scientists who have worked hard to protect biodiversity in Illinois for many years.
- The formula for funding OSLAD's grant program, which used to be 35% of the real estate transfer tax, has been permanently reduced to 20% of that tax.

Two other programs, Open Lands Trust and Conservation 2000 were cut \$12 million. IDNR suffered an across the board \$1.3 million dollar cut, and instituted an early retirement program, for which 400 employees are eligible.

The bottom line is that the environment got a real drubbing from the legislature.

What Can You Do?

Call your state representative and senator.

- Identify yourself as a constituent with an interest in natural resources.
- Mention that natural areas need to be protected, not abandoned.
- Tell them you recognize the need to address the budget deficit, but ask them to support these programs at the current levels after this year.
- Tell them to support HB 6294 which would revert the aforementioned funding formulas to their original percentages beginning July 1, 2003. Ask for a commitment of support when the General Assembly meets in the November veto session.

Climate Change, Revisited

Four years ago I wrote a Conservation Alert titled "Global Warming is Bunk (or is it?)." This was during the Clinton Administration. At that time the overwhelming scientific opinion was that global warming was real, and that the consequences of inaction could be disastrous for our planet.

Has the scientific evidence changed? Here are some recent developments:

- The Goddard Institute for Space Studies and the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration agree that March, 2002, was the hottest on the historical record. It was the 71st month in a row that global temperatures exceeded the 1971-2000 mean.
- The Intergovernment Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) reported "new and stronger evidence that most of the warming observed over the last 50 years is attributable to human activities." The report predicted that average global temperatures will rise by 3 to 10 degrees by the end of the century.

This opinion was reinforced by the National Academy of Sciences, reporting that "this warming has been particularly strong during the last 20 years, and has been accompanied by retreating glaciers, thinning arctic ice, rising sea levels, lengthening of growing seasons for some plants, and earlier arrival of migratory birds."

Here are the responses of the Bush Administration:

- Fired Eric Schaeffer, head of the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Regulatory Enforcement. He had accused the Energy Department and the White House of kowtowing to the power industry and interfering with EPA efforts to enforce rules that require companies to install state-of-the-art pollution controls when upgrading power plants and refineries, upgrades that cut emissions contributing to global warming.
- Blackballed Robert Watson, a respected atmospheric scientist who lost his job as head of IPCC. He had become a pariah to energy industry officials who want to weaken fundamental clean air programs and are opposed to measures that reduce the greenhouse gas emissions of vehicles and power plants.
- Weakening pollution controls for coal-powered utilities and oil refineries.
- Proposing an energy bill that increasingly relies on fossil fuels, including coal.

Contrast this with the recent action of the New Hampshire legislature, which, via a broad bipartisan coalition passed a precedent-setting bill to reduce global warming. It would require the state's largest utility to reduce carbon dioxide emissions to 1990 levels (about a 3 percent reduction) by 2007, cut sulfur dioxide emissions by 75 percent and nitrogen oxide emissions by 70 percent.

Governor Jeanne Shaheen promised to sign the bill. Federal leadership could take a lesson.

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Interpretive Birding

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aerial predators that are waiting nearby to ambush incoming birds. The fancy flying, however, isn't performed to evade a predator but more to expose weaker birds in the flock that can not keep up with the group. **WHY?** Because once a predator has made a kill, the remaining birds can settle down and roost in relative safety.

Although Jim primarily watches behavior because it is fun and interesting, he is also concerned that people are getting more and more detached from nature and consequently no longer appreciate the natural world. He hopes to reverse this trend, somewhat, by showing others how becoming an amateur naturalist can be fun and worthwhile. To do this, he gives talks around the country and publishes

a very interesting and informative publication called *Interpretive Birding Bulletin*. The *IB Bulletin* has received good reviews in several international birding magazines and is supported by numerous well-known ornithologists.

INTERPRETIVE BIRDING BULLETIN! SUBSCRIBE!

Launched as a volunteer effort, the *Interpretive Birding Bulletin* (IBB) aims to help enthusiasts acquire a working knowledge of bird behavior. The Bulletin was first published in 1997 after Jim moved to Australia. Three years ago he returned to the U.S. to start the North American edition.

According to a recent survey of readers, *IBB* is an excellent source of ideas and tips for what to look for in the field. There is no other publication that caters to birders interested in

learning about behavior. The *Bulletin* recruits respected researchers and knowledgeable amateurs to share their knowledge of avian behavior as well as their joy and insights.

Published bimonthly (6 issues/year), an annual subscription costs \$30. You can subscribe by mailing a check to **Interpretive Birding Bulletin**, 1800 11th Avenue SE, St. Cloud, MN 56304. Or subscribe online by visiting the IBB web site www.ibirding.com

Bio of Jim Davis: Studying vocal communication in kingfishers, Jim received a Ph.D. in Zoology from the University of Texas at Austin. Subsequently, he was rewarded a post-doctoral fellowship to study Amazon kingfishers at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute in Panama. Eventually, he moved to Australia where he started the *IB Bulletin*.

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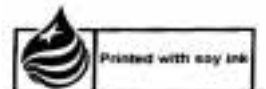
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South Shore Nature Sanctuary and Purple Martin Recovery

By Carolyn A. Marsh
Member, Chicago Audubon Society
Whiting-Robertsdale Purple Martin Society

This summer, the South Shore Cultural Center at 7059 S. South Shore Drive, marked two special events. On June 29 the South Shore Nature Sanctuary was dedicated by the Chicago Park District (CPD). Concomitant with the dedication was the successful nesting of purple martins at South Shore. At the dedication ceremony, Mayor Daley pledged to set aside wildlife areas in all city parks for birds.

When an alert was issued in mid-1999 for birders to attend South Lakefront Framework Plan meetings for South Shore, members of the Bird Conservation Network, South Shore and Jackson Park Advisory Councils, and Friends of the Parks negotiated aggressively and prevailed in claiming a section of the Cultural Center's property for a bird sanctuary.

The transformation of the 3.5-acre peninsula, which once housed an obsolete outfall culvert and collected junk, into a nature sanctuary was remarkable. The \$500,000 construction project started last summer and was completed this spring. It includes a butterfly wetland and prairie area, two Jens Jensen-style council rings of limestone, and recycled plastic boardwalk. The compact crushed sandstone trails blend perfectly with the beach environment.

Since the Purple Martin Society NA partnered with the CPD on the martin project, Terry and Ed Suchma, leaders of the Illinois-based group, were invited to attend

the dedication. After the ceremony, we checked the three martin houses located a short distance from the nature sanctuary.

Two JET (Junior Earth Team) organizers watching the dedication noticed that Mayor Daley was still in the area and approached him to go see the martin houses. The Mayor, intrigued, walked up to the houses, and I showed him a tray with a nest containing four eggs. With the mayor was 5th Ward Alderwoman Leslie Hairston, and both politicians were as delighted as everyone else that martins were breeding in the new houses.

Last December, Mary Van Haften, Natural Areas Director for the Chicago Park District and I discussed the Purple Martin Project. I volunteered to become a Purple Martin landlord at South Shore because I had seen martins in the sky there, and the conservation project would provide a focal point to help educate the South Shore community about neotropical migrant birds.

Fourteen martin houses (three at South Shore) were installed in six parks. South Shore was the first park to attract martins beginning on May 30, and had the best results with three nests, 13 eggs and nine nestlings.

On July 7, Scott Carpenter reported the first hatchling at Jackson Park; Sue Rucker observed one at Jarvis Bird Sanctuary on July 11; and I counted eight at South Shore on July 12th. Paul Clyne searched historical data and found an article by Margaret M. Nice that suggests purple martins last nested in martin houses in Jackson Park 50 years ago.



Mayor Daley and Carolyn Marsh at dedication of South Shore Nature Sanctuary. Photo by Geri Wendorf.

Chicago's Migratory Bird Route Web Site

By David Cohen

Innumerable sites exist on the Internet involving conservation, but birders in Chicago now can exploit one of the newer additions to the Web set up by the City of Chicago on its official web page. The page offers excellent images of several species and directs area birders to 47 places they can go birding.

Jerry Garden, CAS Board Member, played a role in developing the site, which was introduced in March to coincide with spring migration. "The Department of Environment called me up last year and said they were looking for someone who could answer questions and refer them to other resources," says Garden. He met with City officials several times between the fall of 2001 and last spring.

"As a city resource, I think it's great. Though this is intended for the general public, experienced birders will find it useful too."

To consult the site, type in www.ci.chi.il.us on the address bar. That's the "splash" (or opening) page of the City's official web page. Click on "city departments," which is on the right-hand side of the bar near the top of the screen. That will lead to a two-column list, and the Department of Environment is toward the bottom on the left. The Department has placed "A Bird's Eye View" near the center of its page.

The site opens with a picture of a peregrine falcon—the official city bird of Chicago—superimposed against an image of the skyline. From there you can reach all the subcategories the Department has installed, in either English or Spanish. To exploit fully the features of the site, users will need Quicktime and a Flash plug-in, along with a headset, software that will enable you engage the Bird Gallery, arguably the single most interesting part of the site.

The City presents 24 species, including the black-crowned night heron, cedar waxwing, snowy owl, loons, and snipes. The audio software produces a 23-second recording of the birdcalls of each species. The city also indicates winter and summer ranges, along with migratory routes. A "360 degree" video dimension offers you excellent pictures of each species as well.

Even without the fancy add-ons, you can find interesting things here. A "Chicago Birding Location Map" lists 47 sites, ranging from Caldwell Woods in the north to the Powderhorn Marsh and Prairie on 134th Street. The ten most popular birding sites have been starred for newcomers unfamiliar, for example, with Wooded Island. Plenty of tips are included on bird protection and welfare.

"We conceived of the project in connection with the Urban Conservation Treaty for Migratory Birds that was

signed with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 2000," says Jessica Rio, a spokesperson for the Department of Environment. "Seven million birds pass through Chicago each year. The city is an important location for them because they migrate by water and rely on Lake Michigan and the Mississippi River. One goal of the treaty was to improve bird habitat and advance public education."

"Attempts to introduce a 'Live Interactive Nest Cam' was not successful," Garden reports. The City placed a camera at North Park Village Nature Center and aimed it at a nesting box located 15 feet up a nearby tree. Planners hoped the camera would capture a nest of house finches, but no finches used the box this year, leaving the image of an empty box on the screen.

Maybe next year!

The Hawk Watch at Illinois Beach State Park

By Vic Berardi

This coming fall marks the third consecutive year that a hawk migration count will be conducted at Illinois Beach State Park. The count site at Illinois Beach is significant due to location. It is the southernmost count site in the Great Lakes region during the fall. Many of the hawks counted at our site are not counted again until they reach the Texas coast.

All data collected is sent to the Hawk Migration Association of North America (HMANA) and will be entered into a huge database containing

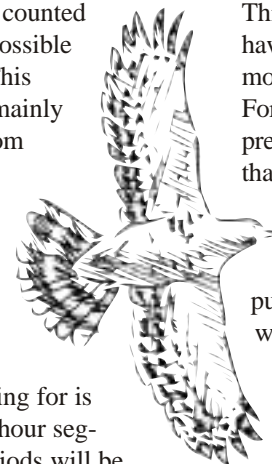
data from count sites all over the continent. This data will be used not only to monitor populations and migration routes, but also to improve or set aside migratory habitats. Though the focus of our count is on raptors, the data collected in conjunction with other migrating species including insects, will benefit the entire ecosystem.

A REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

The count this year will run from August 31 to November 30, a total of 91 calendar days. We will need volun-

teers to help with this year's count. Last year we counted 62 days out of the possible 90 days available. This year we will focus mainly on the peak days from September 9 to November 20, a total of 72 days. It is during this time period that we need the most help.

What we are asking for is volunteer time in 3-hour segments. The time periods will be



from 9AM to Noon and Noon to 3PM. This is the peak time of the day for hawk movements. If you can offer more than 3 hours, that would be great. For the most part, we have weekends pretty well covered, it's the weekdays that we need the most assistance. So if you can help with just a couple of days during our focused time period of Sept. 9 to Nov. 20 and put in a minimum of 3 hours per day, we would really appreciate it.

If you want to help please notify me at VBirdman@aol.com or call me in the evening at (847) 680-5281.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Stewardship Workdays

At the Skokie Lagoons: September 14 and October 12 at 10:00 a.m.

Chicago Audubon conducts regular monthly workdays at the Skokie Lagoons on the second Saturday of every month. Activities include buck-thorn cutting, animal and plant monitoring, cleanup and debris removal, planting, and other management activities.

Meet at the Tower Road parking lot east of the lagoon bridge. If you arrive late, look for a CAS sign near the parking lot directing you to the work site. For further information call Jerry Garden at (773)545-4632, or e-mail him at jerrygarden@sprynet.com

Member Programs

At the North Park Village Nature Center, 5801 N. Pulaski, in Chicago.

**Birds of the Chicago River
Friday, September 13, 7:30pm (7-7:30 refreshments)**

Join Jerry Garden of the Chicago Audubon Society for a slide show of Chicago's second shoreline. Jerry will cover the variety of birds that can be seen on the river and tips on where to see them.

Field Trips

**Saturday, September 21, 8:00-10:00 a.m.
Thatcher Woods Migrant Walk**

A walk to look at the fall migrants along the Des Plaines River Valley. Meet at the Trailside Museum parking lot west of the intersection of Thatcher

Rd. and Chicago Ave. (south side) in River Forest. Questions? Call Christine or Stephen Lee at (708) 485-8197.

**Saturday, October 19 at 8:00 a.m.
The Grove/River Trails Walk**

Join us at the Grove, an 82-acre site with natural ponds and an oak-hickory forest, to look for late fall migrants. There is an interpretive center here with a collection of reptiles, amphibians and fish.

Located at 1421 Milwaukee Ave (north of Glenview Rd. and south of Euclid/Lake Ave). Meet in the parking lot next to the Nature Center. Bring binoculars and dress for the weather. We will also bird at River Trails which is just a few minutes down the road from the Grove.

Questions? Call Doris Johanson at (847) 827-5930.

**Saturday, October 19
Indiana Dunes and Jasper-Pulaski Preserve**

Co-sponsored by CAS and the Field Museum. In the morning we'll visit 2-4 areas at the dunes to look for waterfowl and late migrants. After lunch, we'll view feeder birds at the Park's Nature Center. In the afternoon, we'll go to Jasper-Pulaski Preserve to see migrating sandhill cranes.

To register call the Field Museum at (312) 665-7518.

**Sunday, November 3 at 8:00 a.m.
Indiana Lakeshore**

We will bird the Indiana shoreline in the Gary area. Birds seen in earlier years include jaegers, black-legged kit-

tiwakes, all three scoters, red-throated loons, red phalarope and Sabine's gull.

Our trip leaders are Ken Brock, author of *Birds of the Indiana Dunes*, John Cassaday and Jeff McCoy.

Tentatively, we will meet at the concession stand at Marquette Park. See the October COMPASS for further details, or call the Lees at (708) 485-8197. E-mail stephenc@interaccess.com.

Bird Walks

**North Park Village Nature Center
Saturdays, Sept. 7, 14, 21 and 28
October 5, 12, 19 and 26
At 8:00 a.m.**

Meet in front of the Nature center at 5801 N. Pulaski Rd. Don Klimovich (773) 878-4421

**Wooded Island
Wednesdays, Sept. 4, 11, 18, and 25
October 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30
Saturdays, Sept. 7, 14, 21 and 28
October 5, 12, 19 and 26**

Meet at the Darrow Bridge, south of the Museum of Science and Industry. Doug Anderson (773) 493-7058

Other Events

**Chicago Lakefront Warbler
Festival
Saturday, September 21**

Sponsored by the Chicago Park District, there will be morning bird walks at Wooded Island, Jarvis Bird Sanctuary (at Addison) and Montrose Point.

The festival will also include special events in the afternoon and a program in the evening with Michael Male and Judy Fieth.

Call Jim Landing for more information-(773) 252-8417.

**CHICAGO AUDUBON BIRD
SEED SALE, SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 26,
9 A.M. – NOON (See Page One
for details)**

**Third Annual Wild Birds, Wildlife
and Backyard Habitat Expo,
November 1, 2 and 3 in West Bend,
Wisconsin.**

Held in Washington County Fair Park, a three day extravaganza, with speakers, seminars, habitat demos, etc. For more info call 1-800-324-3337 or www.backyard-birds.com

**SAVE THE DATE!
Eagle Optics Demo Day
North Park Village Nature Center
April 12, 2003**

CAS will host a demonstration day with Eagle Optics. You will be able to try out the newest binoculars and scopes. Experts on hand to answer questions. Five percent of the proceeds will go to CAS and the Center for New Birders. Details to follow.

More Birdathon! 2002 Contributors

Caleb Gordon
Linda Howell

Many thanks !!

THE SNOW GEESE

Now the snow geese come
crying down from the north like a
thousand white crosses, behold them,

the black tips of their wings, and the
red-pink bill, and the brown eye
wide open as they ride, weather-driven

over us, passing in long strings, and crying out
the music no one can fairly describe,
or ever forget. And then

the sky is empty. And then the day is over.
Before sleep, in the darkness,
I think of them, I keep thinking of them,

and seeing them, strong-winged, miles away
traveling as they have traveled
for millions of years, still robust,

still content, lovely as god-messengers,
earth-providers, spirits; in the dark
I keep thinking of them, and hearing them.

—Mary Oliver

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

For The Birds!

Do you like KIDS? Do you like BIRDS? You may like teaching kids about birds! The For The Birds! program reaches Chicago Public School students in grades 2-5 in the classroom and in the local park near their school. We are developing a training program for anyone interested in sharing their enthusiasm and expanding the minds of our youth. This program was very well received last year and is in high demand for the fall. Please call for more information.

The Wild Siders

Would you prefer to work with older students? The Wild Siders is a service learning program that offers high school students an opportunity to learn about nature in the Chicago parks while creating and maintaining wildlife habitat. This is a fun and educational way for teens to work for the service learning credits for graduation.

Lakeside Bird Sanctuary and Prairie

Join a community stewardship group at an innovative and exciting rooftop habitat located above the underground parking structure on the south side of McCormick Place. This 7-acre+ prairie and woodland is being installed now. Join us in the planning of workdays, bird walks and community outreach celebrations.

Contact Shelly Britton, Education and Outreach, Audubon - Chicago Region for information about any of these programs listed above.
847.965.1150 or sbritton@audubon.org