

Bring literature, share your photos and recent sightings!

Birding Connection - email Liz to get current outing updates.



HOLLAND AUDUBON CLUB

May 2010

Tuesday, May 11th, 7:00 PM
(Social Hour and building tours 6:00pm)
Nature Education Center at Hemlock Crossing (SPECIAL PLACE)
8151 West Olive Road in West Olive (see below)

"A Naturalist's Guide to Ottawa County Parks"

Join Naturalist Chip Francke for a revealing peek at some of the best Parks properties in Ottawa County for birding, wildflowers and hiking and year round family fun. Ottawa County has 5,600 acres of parks and natural land for nature lovers to enjoy. Chip will share with us his love for nature as we also learn about some of the projects the parks department is currently working on. We will also have time to tour the new Nature Education Center before and after the program. Chip has been an interpretive naturalist in Michigan since 1976 and has been with Ottawa County Parks since 1998. He holds a MS in entomology and science education from MSU and has led birding excursions throughout North America, conducted birding workshops and led many local bird trips and walks.

warbler, towhee, etc. Good time had by all, despite the rainy forecast, which failed to show. Robert says when he goes, he checks the radar before he leaves, not the forecast. Hopefully you can attend the May 1st outing at Outdoor Discovery Center at 8:30am.

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The North American Migration Count will be Saturday, May 8th, all day. Please contact Carl Manning for details; you can count part or all day, and from your easy chair! What a great way to contribute! (oias@oias.org)

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BIRDATHON MAY 15: Thank you to those who made a pledge to Dr. Steve and Mike's team benefitting DeGraaf Nature Center. The pledge sheet will be made available again at the MAY meeting. Please consider making a pledge to benefit DeGraaf. You may also make a pledge by emailing Mike at jamgow2131@att.net or calling 616-399-6769. 100% of all money raised will go directly to DeGraaf Nature Center. A post-event report will be sent to all donors.

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Bob Gamble would love to train someone new in the Publicity department; if this sounds interesting, call Bob and chat with him.

DIRECTIONS TO NATURE CENTER:

Proceed north from Holland on US-31 or 136th Ave (West Olive Rd.) to about 3 or 4 miles north of Port Sheldon Road, watch for Hemlock Crossing Park signs. It is on West Olive Road immediately south of the Pigeon River (south of Croswell Street). Come early and bird with friends!(5:30)

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Great bird outing April 24th was enjoyed by all in attendance, with 31 species found, including kingfisher, loon, pine

Holland Audubon Club Officers

President	Robert Vanderkamp
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Annual Memberships: 09/10

Single \$12 Sponsor \$25
Family \$18 Patron \$50

Your dues help cover the expenses, like meetings and newsletters and speakers, etc.
Thanks for your support!!!

(If this box is checked, we don't show a current membership paid yet.)

Meeting Schedule: Presenter: Topic: People Feeder:

May 11 Chip Franke A Naturalist's Guide to Ottawa Co Parks Dave & Jan Chase
This May meeting will take place at Ottawa County Nature Education Center!

Next Season: Sept 14 (MARK YOUR CALENDARS)

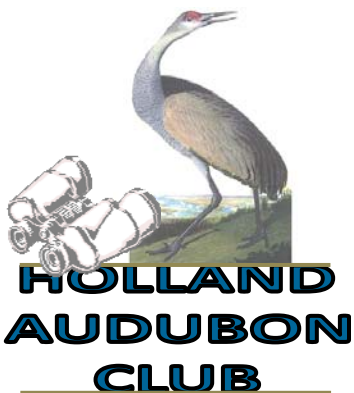
Recent Birds Spotted: Chipping Sparrows, Brown Creepers, Pileated Woodpecker, Pied-billed Grebe, Common Loons, Purple Martins, Kingfisher, American Coots, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, White-crowned Sparrow, Killdeer, Cormorants, Mute Swans. Also, from the traveling sector, a Road Runner courting it's reflection in a glass door (Arkansas), and a Great Lizard Cuckoo in the Bahamas.

Holland Audubon Club sponsored Birding Hike will be **May 1st** at Outdoor Discovery Center; start at 8:30am to 11am; contact Robert for more info. Check Radar for immediate weather update before you go. Down pour will cancel it.



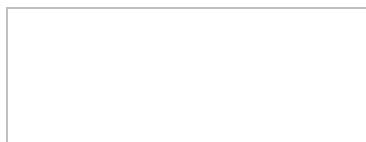
Outdoor Discovery Center: www.outdoordiscoverycenter.org
 ~ call for details; 616-393-WILD jamie@outdoordiscovery.org ~must register~
DeGraaf Nature Center degraafnaturecenter@cityofholland.com
 ~ call for info or to register 616-355-1057 ; small fees involved ~must register~
May 1; 2p; Junior Birding School
May 8; 8:30a-noon; Migratory Bird Day at the VanRaalte Farm
May 15; Southwest Michigan Birdathon Fundraiser (incl. Sarett below)
Ottawa Co Parks: www.miottawa.org/parks; call 616-738-4810
Lfrancke@miottawa.org ~may need to register~
May 5,12,19,26; 8a; Wed. Morning Bird Walks with Chip Francke
 May 7; Songbird Trip; 7a-5p; throughout west Michigan w/ Chip Francke
May 25 Big Day Birding Trip; 7a-4p; Ottawa Co with Chip Francke
Sarett Nature Center: www.sarett.com; 269-927-4832
May 15; Berrien County's Annual Birdathon; Team event All day.
June 26; 9am; Birding for Grassland Birds; at Allegan State Game Area

The Board will be meeting this summer to discuss business and will deliberate about raising the dues for our membership. A financially responsible organization is one goal the board will strive to maintain. If you have anything for board consideration, please let Robert know before mid-June. The Board thanks for your support.



C/O 175 EAST 39TH STREET
 HOLLAND MI 49423-7015

We promote the appreciation of nature and the responsible use of our natural resources.



SPECIAL MAY MEETING LOCATION:
NATURE ED CTR~HEMLOCK CROSSING