

Holland Audubon Club



March 2026
Newsletter

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

Holland MI; at 7pm. Masks optional but encouraged if you're sniffly
Peoplefeeders: Ken & Diane Houtman; & Karen Dunn
"Misadventures of a Wannabe Wildlife Photographer"
by Marty Keirnan

Over the past year, Marty has been quietly clicking away on his camera, all over Michigan, capturing some wonderful images of birds and wildlife near and far...some in our own backyard. Come and enjoy some fantastic glimpses of these amazing creatures, and the vistas we've appreciated over the years in our beautiful state of Michigan. Marty thoroughly enjoys returning year after year to some special places that offer the best shots and most of the time he's rewarded with wonderful pictures he's shared with us; some images you've seen in our newsletter over the years have been from him. Join us as he cracks open his vault to show us many of his greatest bird pictures from 2025 and beyond.

A Holland native, Marty earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology from Grand Valley then did some graduate work in Zoology at Eastern Michigan University, where he



briefly taught Zoology as an assistant. He ultimately found his calling in the field of Quality as a Quality Engineer and Quality Manager in Automotive and Aerospace manufacturing for about 35 years. Marty's first love of Biology was never far, however, and, drawn to nature photography, got his first SLR in college, and, honing his skills over the years, broadened his experience, especially since 2020 when forced into early retirement due to Covid. The main subjects of his "focus" are birds and wildlife, wildflowers and macro work.



Marty has been a member of the Holland Audubon Club for many years, gracing us with his Hospitality skills and treats, but this is his first presentation with the club.

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"Hope Takes Flight" features Bird Migration Night with the Experts on March 12, 6:30-8:30pm at VanWylen Library/Granberg room. The program aims to educate on protecting migratory birds, particularly the Great Lakes area. Panel discussion, films and a Great Horned Owl from ODC will be featured.

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And to keep track of our feathered friends on their long journey check out birdcast.org for updates on migration maps and patterns.

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And don't forget Project Feederwatch is continuing until April 30th so keep those numbers coming. Feederwatch.org for info.



Ottawa County Parks & Recreation Commission

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

~Check out our YouTube channel~

- Mar 14; 9:30 & 11:10a; Coffee with the Birds; Hemlock
- Mar 24; 7p; Gardening for Butterflies; Hemlock Pk
- Mar 27; 7:30p; Woodcock Walk; Grand River Pk
- Mar 28; 10a-4p; "Whacky" Woodpeckers; Hemlock
- Mar 28; 7:30p; Woodcock Walk; Hemlock Crossing Pk



616-393-0453 www.outdoordiscovery.org ~

Trails are open; Visitor Center: Mon-Sat.

- Mar 3; 6p; Unplugged Speaker – Scott Sampson; WOHS Performing Arts Ctr
- Mar 4; 8:30a-12; Unplugged Workshop; ODC
- Mar 7 & 14; 11a-3p; Maple Sugar Time; VanRaalte Frm
- Mar 17; 6p; Unplugged Speaker – Lenore Skenazy; Ridge Point Com Church
- Mar 21; 10a-12; Birding for Beginners; ODC
- Mar 28; 6p-9p; MaplePalooza at ODC
- Apr 6; 1p; Investigating Owl Pellets; Scout Hs/Allegan
- Apr 7; 8:30p; Woodcock Walk; ODC

Donations appreciated for ongoing improvements to facilities.



616-355-1057 ~ www.degraaf.org ~

Come see the new changes, walk the trails, enjoy nature! Building opens at 10am

Heads up, if you're looking for a little trip to the eastside, the **Spring Bluebird Festival** happens March 28th, At Washtenaw Comm College; 9a-4:45pm. Check out michiganbluebirds.org/springfestival.

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(HAC Lifetime Membership to the Michigan Bluebird Society will be addressed at the end of season board meeting, based on funding)

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Michigan Audubon has some great Spring Birding trips and tours planned; UP Grouse Lek, Kirtlands, ; etc, check out michiganaudubon.org for all the info.

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~ Images courtesy of Marty Keirnan ~

ENTER BIRD SIGHTINGS DRAWING for a special prize.

Thank you to The 205 Coffee Bar (on Columbia) for our gift certificates, please say thanks next time you're there.

Thank you to those that have signed up for Peoplefeeders, we're ever so grateful. If a few more sign up, it will fill out our season, and with 2 each time, it makes it easy to do. Marty is your man..We THANK you! >>

Raptor Rescue is a call or text away if you encounter any injured Eagle or raptor in your birding ventures or travels; Falconshire Raptors; 616-566-8966. Safely transported to Wildside Rehabilitation and Education Ctr in Eaton Rapids.

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Friends of Whitefish Point have announced their 2nd **Birdathon** in May, 15th-17th, new merch with logo winner will be available soon. friendsofwp.org/birdathon For more information.

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Lured by the report of 20 Bald Eagles, Marty went in search to Grand Haven bayous...

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Your \$20 seasonal family membership support really helps keep this club going, **thank you!**



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