

Holland Audubon Club

October 2026

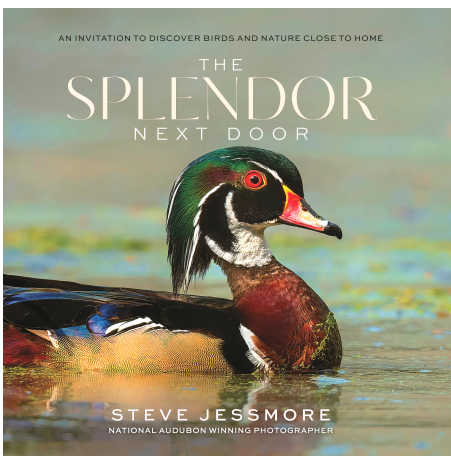
Newsletter

Meeting Oct 13th at Hope Church, 77 W. 11th St.

Holland MI; at 7pm. Masks optional but encouraged if you're sniffly
Peoplefeeders: Karen Dunn & Mila Walters

"The Splendor Next Door – Finding Birds Close to Home"

by Steve Jessmore



The endangered Piping Plover journey has seen many ups and downs and one photojournalist has spent a good deal of time documenting this hopeful adventure. Join us as Steve Jessmore shares his encounters with these elusive little creatures, along with the many

visually stunning images he has captured throughout his amazing 35 year career as a photojournalist published in National Audubon magazine, Smithsonian, Ducks Unlimited, among others. His insight on bird behavior and their habitats are revealed in the stories and award-winning pictures he will share with us. His stunning images of our beautiful wetlands and freshwater habitats will be a real treat not to be missed.

Steve Jessmore is an award-winning Alto, Michigan bird and conservation photographer and creator of Birds Doing Stuff®. A five-time Michigan Photographer of the Year and recipient of three National Audubon Photography Awards, his work documents birds, freshwater ecosystems, and vanishing habitat throughout the Great Lakes region. His first

book "The Splendor Next Door", An Invitation to Discover Birds and Nature Close to Home, was created over five years and more than 250 mornings at Reeds Lake, and encourages us to slow down, notice the small changes and find a nearby place worth knowing—and protecting.



Wood Duck plus himself courtesy of Steve Jessmore

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Cranefest happens Oct 10-11 at the Kiwanis Youth Conservation Area at 22300 15 Mile Rd. Bellevue MI. Lots of activities plus thousands of Sandhill Cranes arrive at dusk to roost in the wetlands; an amazing site to experience.



Ottawa County Parks &
Recreation Commission

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

~Check out our YouTube channel~

Oct.7; 9a; Bird Walk; Crockery Creek

Oct 21; 9a; Bird Walk; Grand River Park

Nov 4; 10a; Bird Walk; Ottawa Sands

Nov 7; 8a & 1p; Waterfowl Watching Field Trip



616-393-0453 www.outdoordiscovery.org

~Donations appreciated for ongoing
improvements to facilities.

Trails are open; Visitor Center: Mon-Sat.

Oct 6; 5:30p; Birds of Prey at ODC

Oct 10; 8:30a; Birding Walk at Bysterveld in Wayland

Oct 17; 2p; Treats and Trails at ODC

Oct 22; 6p; Wine & Canvas: Painting with Owls (ODC)



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

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

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Michigan Audubon is again
partnering with Stormy Kromer for
fundraising this fall, and you can
have this lovely or several other
items and support Michigan
Audubon at the same time. Limited
time, go to MichiganAudubon.org
and follow the IStormy Kromer link.



Robin and Martin attended the MA
Leadership conference last month,
gaining a good deal of club information and networking.

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Feel free to pass on any birding/ nature books or items at the
next meeting, letting others enjoy the next stage of their life.

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Piers Feed will host us again for their Customer
Appreciation day on Wednesday Oct 7 from 10a-2p; if you'd
like to spend a couple hours representing our club, let Mila
or Steve know.

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HAC's 2026 volunteer monitoring of **Windmill Island's
Purple Martin houses** saw a slight increase of fledglings
this season, compared to 2025, yay, Team! The task

involved cleaning houses and
monitoring activity periodically during
the season. Anyone interested in
helping with this effort next year
should contact Martin Blagdurn.



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a special prize.

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