



WASHTENAW AUDUBON SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

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Washtenaw Audubon's May Count Brings Together 105 Volunteer Birders, Counts 173 Species!!!

Juliet Berger, May Count Compiler and President, Washtenaw Audubon Society

The big story of the 2019 Washtenaw May Count is YOU, the volunteers. This year on Saturday, May 11, we turned out an absolutely astounding number of volunteers—105 of us—counting every township, every bird, every species, and posting it all to eBird. Organizing, recruiting, and helping you find your places to volunteer to bird the Count was a delight for me, with so many new volunteer individuals and groups joining in. Thank you to the new group of Feibai and Jack Yang, Judy Wade, and Maryse Brouwers who turned up our County's only Ruddy Ducks and many warbler species at Gallup and Furstenberg Parks. Dominick Fenech, a new WAS member, happened to bird several under-birded areas in Superior Township and was able to make a super contribution to that township's tally. Ann Arbor had several new volunteers like Edgar Otto and Craig Perdue, birding Matthaei Botanical Gardens and South Pond. Keith Dickey, Ben Winger, Jason Contrucci, and Dan Ezekiel made first time contributions in Ann Arbor, as well. Lima and Freedom Townships had a new area leader, Jim Law, who recruited several great birders for a good count. Thanks to Mike Bowen for volunteering for the first time in Lima Township. Thank you to Carol Watson, who came back as a volunteer with Dawn Holloway in Saline Township. I can't mention all 105 birders. However, I also can't stress enough how much your efforts mean to this count. Several years ago, State birders stopped compiling an annual Michigan bird migration count, but we kept counting in Washtenaw. With our data now being shared with eBird, we're making a significant citizen science contribution to understanding bird migration in our area.

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President's Letter

Warblers were the next big story in this year's Count. Probably because of the spring's wet and cold weather, and north winds preventing northward migration, many of the early warblers were still around during the second Saturday of May. For example, we posted a record number of Palm Warblers (187) which are usually only in low double digits by our count day, and more than twice our usual number of Yellow-rumped (442), also usually on the downswing by this time. Orange-crowned Warblers posted in double digits at 10, for the first time in recent memory. Other warblers were here in record numbers, as well, on their way up North for breeding, though perhaps because of the cold, many were not singing. Good thing the experienced birders knew where to look in their traditional hotspots. Here are some examples of our astounding numbers of warbler species— Northern Parula, 278, up from 75 last year, Nashville Warbler, 214, doubled from last year, Northern Waterthrush, 33, usually scarce but found in 12 of 20 townships this year, Black-and-White Warbler, 119, up from 43 last year, Black-throated Blue Warbler, 127, nearly quadrupled from last year, and Black-throated Green Warbler, 251, more than doubled from last year's 108. Karen Markey posted our only Louisiana Waterthrush and Prothonotary Warblers at Hudson Mills, for Dexter Township. It was a good day for warbler lovers, like me.

Shorebirds were a big non-story. The cold, wet conditions apparently sent them on their way, many missing Washtenaw altogether. Normally common on the second Saturday of May, Least Sandpipers were totally absent. Roger Wykes' discovery of 6 Short-billed Dowitchers on Arkona Rd. was the single unusual shorebird species for the count. However, though they're wading birds, not shorebirds, a record 2 American Bitterns were found by Dave Borneman and Linda Ar's crew in Sharon and by Silas Bialecki and Jeremy Siegrist, in Manchester. My husband, Scott, and I found a Least Bittern in Lodi, near where one was found last year.

The last fact I'll mention is our Scarlet Tanager total, 71, substantially below our six-year average of 87, but up from last year's low of 63. We'll have to see what the long-term trends show for my favorite bird. Check our tallies for details on other bird species.

We are looking for area leaders in Dexter, Webster, and Northfield Townships, and in Ann Arbor, for 2020. I'm hopeful the other area leaders will continue to participate! The date will be May 9th, the second Saturday of the month. Please message me if you are interested in one of these positions (president@washtenawaudubon.org). Now that we use eBird, the Area Leader position is mostly about recruiting and organizing volunteers, and less about crunching numbers, and it doesn't take an inordinate amount of time. My heartiest thanks go out to the area leaders, Jim Law, Greg Jacks, Dave Borneman and Linda Ar, the Bialeckis, Juliet Berger, Tim Gacloch, Dan Thiry and Susan Falcone, Mike Sefton, Ben Hack, and Roger Wykes. Without all your help, this count would be impossible to conduct. Thanks to the many, many returning volunteers, one and all, and to the new volunteers, who helped so much. Kudos to David Amamoto for continuing to help with the computer side of this work in progress, especially for his patience with me. And, undying love to my husband who spends the best day of the year with me, birding every single minute.

Check for details in the tally spreadsheet, published on pages 3, 4, and 6 of this newsletter, and posted on the WAS website. I'm already looking forward to the 2020 May Count and I'm counting on all of you to be there!!!

As always,

I am for the birds,

Juliet Berger

Washtenaw County 2019 May Count	Number of Common Species: 134											Number of Rare Species: 39							v06a4		
	Number of Rare+Common Species: 173																				
Number of Common Species	134	111	63	68	104	92	70	105	99	102	16	90	28	92	107	112	93	84	60	93	68
Number of Rare Species	39	10	1	1	10	2	2	5	10	6	1	5	0	5	6	17	3	1	1	6	1
Number of Rare+Com Species	173	121	64	69	114	94	72	110	109	108	17	95	28	97	113	129	96	85	61	99	69
Species Name	Indiv Birds	Ann	Aug	Bri	Dex	Fre	Lim	Lod	Lyn	Man	Nor	Pit	Sal	Sln	Sci	Sha	Sup	Syl	Web	Yor	Yps
Domestic goose sp. (Dom type)	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
Canada Goose	1550	215	10	58	67	36	68	98	36	117	2	176	48	72	121	36	228	43	15	47	57
Mute Swan	92	7	0	2	3	1	6	1	7	8	1	0	0	0	7	0	2	5	2	3	37
Trumpeter Swan	12	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Wood Duck	110	14	1	9	6	4	1	6	10	8	0	10	0	4	13	5	8	2	0	9	0
Blue-winged Teal	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Mallard	421	136	1	6	13	10	13	43	4	11	3	56	0	12	30	13	23	6	4	11	26
Mallard (Domestic type)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hooded Merganser	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
duck sp.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ring-necked Pheasant	43	0	0	2	2	6	0	9	0	0	0	0	1	5	2	11	0	0	0	5	0
Wild Turkey	187	1	11	7	13	4	4	30	8	25	0	19	0	4	14	9	16	3	10	9	0
Pied-billed Grebe	19	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	10	0	3	2	0	0	0	0
Rock Pigeon	86	7	0	2	0	14	4	21	2	7	0	0	0	4	1	9	6	0	0	1	8
Mourning Dove	506	47	1	25	22	15	21	68	19	38	0	43	5	37	28	22	50	25	2	24	14
Chimney Swift	276	84	0	9	12	1	0	3	0	0	0	10	0	3	4	4	113	1	0	32	0
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	50	9	0	1	7	0	1	7	3	4	0	0	0	0	6	2	6	1	0	3	0
Virginia Rail	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
Sora	32	0	0	2	0	3	0	7	1	0	0	4	1	5	2	2	3	0	0	1	1
American Coot	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sandhill Crane	253	0	0	6	22	13	33	15	36	14	0	0	2	6	10	61	13	14	4	4	0
Killdeer	196	10	0	2	2	16	6	45	0	14	0	24	10	12	8	5	21	5	1	12	3
Pectoral Sandpiper	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
peep sp.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
American Woodcock	17	0	0	0	2	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	6	0	0	0	3	0
Wilson's Snipe	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1
Spotted Sandpiper	53	11	0	0	1	1	1	8	0	3	0	5	0	4	4	3	7	0	1	0	4
Solitary Sandpiper	13	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0
Greater Yellowlegs	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lesser Yellowlegs	75	0	23	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	45	0	2	0	0	0	0	1
Greater/Lesser Yellowlegs	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Ring-billed Gull	96	7	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	0	0	13	0	0	2	0	62	0	0	1	5
Double-crested Cormorant	42	2	0	0	18	2	12	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4
Great Blue Heron	124	16	1	3	9	10	5	4	11	6	0	7	0	3	12	6	8	4	2	13	4
Great Egret	32	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	1	0	1	2	0	1	4	11	1	0	1	1
Green Heron	32	11	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	4	0	0	2	0	7	1	0	0	1
Turkey Vulture	473	43	8	23	17	60	17	54	59	18	0	18	2	42	23	24	15	20	6	12	12
Sharp-shinned Hawk	5	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cooper's Hawk	17	3	0	0	2	1	0	4	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
Bald Eagle	15	2	0	2	1	1	2	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
Broad-winged Hawk	11	4	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Red-tailed Hawk	103	23	2	3	3	5	3	10	16	7	0	13	0	2	3	2	4	1	0	3	3
Buteo sp.	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
hawk sp.	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Screech-Owl	8	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	0
Great Horned Owl	15	1	3	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	2	0
Barred Owl	9	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0
Belted Kingfisher	21	3	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	2	2	0	2	3	0	0	0
Red-bellied Woodpecker	318	73	2	6	22	7	9	32	11	20	0	22	0	17	44	17	18	7	4	6	1
Downy Woodpecker	224	61	3	2	14	2	7	19	6	18	0	16	0	8	34	9	13	2	1	7	2
Hairy Woodpecker	58	18	2	0	8	4	1	4	4	2	0	2	0	2	3	1	3	1	2	1	0
Pileated Woodpecker	39	4	0	0	8	0	0	4	6	2	0	1	0	1	8	2	2	0	0	1	0
Northern Flicker	200	54	3	3	12	12	2	17	6	10	0	14	0	6	19	9	16	6	1	6	4
woodpecker sp.	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
American Kestrel	5	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Merlin	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Peregrine Falcon	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Wood-Pewee	17	4	0	0	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	0	0	1	0
Willow Flycatcher	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Least Flycatcher	38	7	1	1	2	0	0	5	2	1	0	6	0	0	6	2	1	1	1	1	1
Empidonax sp.	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Eastern Phoebe	113	15	1	4	5	2	0	13	4	19	0	6	0	3	17	9	5	3	3	4	0
Great Crested Flycatcher	93	18	3	0	9	3	2	11	1	8	0	7	0	3	12	5	3	2	0	5	1
Eastern Kingbird	190	10	0	3	2	8	4	3	16	15	0	0	5	6	10	10	76	1	2	7	12
flycatcher sp. (Tyrannidae sp.)	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow-throated Vireo	71	6	0	0	16	0	2	1	17	3	0	0	0	0	3	4	8	8	1	2	0

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Species Name	Indiv Birds	Ann	Aug	Bri	Dex	Fre	Lim	Lod	Lyn	Man	Nor	Pit	Sal	Sin	Sci	Sha	Sup	Syl	Web	Yor	Yps
Blue-headed Vireo	38	16	0	0	4	0	0	4	1	1	0	1	0	1	9	1	0	0	0	0	0
Warbling Vireo	112	41	0	1	6	2	2	5	2	3	0	13	0	2	13	11	1	7	0	2	1
Red-eyed Vireo	31	5	0	0	7	0	1	4	6	1	0	1	0	0	3	1	2	0	0	0	0
vireo sp.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blue Jay	993	208	5	9	58	21	33	135	47	71	0	88	0	37	99	14	43	16	11	79	19
American Crow	522	55	9	14	27	29	31	78	53	30	1	21	6	19	40	11	61	14	5	14	4
Horned Lark	81	1	0	3	1	2	0	9	0	3	0	4	16	3	4	2	24	0	0	9	0
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	288	53	0	23	21	30	0	15	4	3	0	26	0	2	26	9	52	1	0	21	2
Purple Martin	97	0	0	22	6	16	1	3	15	6	2	0	0	10	0	8	0	8	0	0	0
Tree Swallow	887	133	0	24	35	16	11	40	65	58	0	63	6	10	17	35	235	9	26	23	81
Bank Swallow	59	0	0	0	10	0	1	26	4	1	0	4	0	10	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Barn Swallow	1213	121	6	34	96	48	21	169	61	78	0	79	38	75	42	79	125	26	0	36	79
Cliff Swallow	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	21
swallow sp.	263	78	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	1	0	154	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Black-capped Chickadee	457	96	2	8	58	6	9	53	18	29	0	15	0	10	67	12	27	27	5	11	4
Tufted Titmouse	322	68	3	0	33	5	4	39	23	12	1	10	0	17	38	9	16	22	3	12	7
Red-breasted Nuthatch	40	11	0	0	5	0	0	4	1	2	0	0	0	8	2	2	3	2	0	0	0
White-breasted Nuthatch	257	70	2	1	24	3	4	16	14	24	0	12	0	6	41	13	7	7	2	6	5
House Wren	238	38	6	1	7	10	1	57	6	25	0	11	0	7	19	10	18	2	0	16	4
Carolina Wren	49	21	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	2	11	4	1	0	0	2	0
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	223	52	3	1	33	2	3	17	10	22	0	6	0	1	22	15	11	11	2	10	2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	110	47	2	0	6	3	0	11	3	1	0	7	0	1	20	0	1	1	0	1	6
Eastern Bluebird	167	17	0	14	10	9	8	26	13	14	0	5	0	4	2	16	14	3	4	6	2
Veery	88	8	0	0	10	0	0	8	37	4	0	1	0	1	6	2	0	8	3	0	0
Swainson's Thrush	32	12	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	12	1	0	2	0	0	0
Hermit Thrush	7	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
Wood Thrush	121	8	7	0	8	1	0	7	34	12	0	0	0	2	17	1	2	18	0	4	0
American Robin	2227	374	20	44	84	55	115	359	62	93	5	180	12	111	178	36	210	78	24	103	84
Gray Catbird	502	85	7	11	20	15	9	72	20	42	0	37	0	20	55	17	39	13	3	19	18
Brown Thrasher	26	0	0	1	1	3	1	2	2	2	0	2	0	1	0	5	1	0	1	4	0
European Starling	1147	161	25	38	32	50	34	222	12	75	0	82	0	69	98	65	32	25	9	61	57
Cedar Waxwing	166	21	0	15	50	0	0	3	8	41	0	0	0	0	4	11	12	0	0	0	1
House Finch	234	55	0	2	5	7	3	71	7	8	1	27	0	9	7	2	12	10	0	7	1
House/Purple Finch	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
American Goldfinch	1060	210	7	36	56	31	13	175	17	65	1	80	15	24	84	57	112	14	6	39	18
Chipping Sparrow	310	22	3	8	33	21	7	79	23	24	1	13	4	4	6	15	11	20	3	11	2
Field Sparrow	167	12	2	9	6	3	2	30	6	18	0	9	10	4	3	21	19	2	0	9	2
White-crowned Sparrow	203	11	0	1	4	12	7	50	0	14	0	19	0	8	8	4	58	3	2	1	1
White-throated Sparrow	313	56	0	2	19	0	1	74	6	4	0	18	0	6	95	4	3	14	7	3	1
Vesper Sparrow	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Savannah Sparrow	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	1	1	0	11	8	0	8	11	7	0	0	3	0
Song Sparrow	757	98	3	17	32	27	31	157	39	59	0	59	12	27	55	29	47	20	5	33	7
Swamp Sparrow	79	2	0	4	6	1	0	2	25	5	0	2	0	0	7	15	4	5	0	1	0
Eastern Towhee	142	8	2	2	11	2	0	20	19	27	0	0	1	1	5	17	11	12	0	2	2
Bobolink	55	0	0	4	0	1	0	5	2	2	0	12	8	1	0	14	2	0	0	4	0
Eastern Meadowlark	60	0	1	4	2	7	1	11	1	6	0	4	0	4	3	12	0	0	2	0	2
Orchard Oriole	27	4	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	3	2	0	0	2	2	2	1	0	1	2	0
Baltimore Oriole	519	130	6	8	42	12	18	57	21	38	1	15	0	32	39	21	30	9	4	15	21
Red-winged Blackbird	3760	344	24	95	147	126	165	471	201	339	6	190	58	219	288	158	666	75	34	104	50
Brown-headed Cowbird	578	83	11	5	35	14	10	99	24	32	0	34	12	8	78	18	69	15	3	22	6
Common Grackle	866	136	19	47	40	43	54	150	14	32	4	82	0	34	47	25	68	14	2	35	20
blackbird sp.	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ovenbird	61	9	0	1	25	1	0	2	4	5	0	1	0	1	4	1	0	5	2	0	0
Northern Waterthrush	33	7	1	0	1	2	0	6	3	0	0	6	0	1	0	2	2	1	0	1	0
Blue-winged Warbler	44	4	2	0	6	0	0	0	11	8	0	0	0	0	3	2	5	1	1	0	1
Black-and-white Warbler	119	37	2	0	14	1	0	14	5	4	0	4	0	2	20	4	7	1	3	1	0
Tennessee Warbler	30	11	0	0	1	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	6	2	3	1	0	0	0
Orange-crowned Warbler	10	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	1	0
Nashville Warbler	214	62	2	1	20	5	1	21	34	16	0	16	0	0	4	15	10	3	1	3	0
Common Yellowthroat	430	17	7	15	22	13	7	43	40	62	0	24	11	11	36	45	41	20	4	11	1
Hooded Warbler	13	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	7	0	0	0
American Redstart	454	159	7	2	15	10	1	43	34	17	0	12	0	5	102	5	14	12	5	9	2
Cape May Warbler	43	16	4	0	3	1	0	0	5	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	6	0	1	1	0
Northern Parula	278	93	7	2	34	4	0	22	12	19	0	11	0	4	23	9	19	8	3	6	2
Magnolia Warbler	77	22	3	0	4	3	0	16	5	4	0	1	0	1	7	2	7	2	0	0	0
Bay-breasted Warbler	21	7	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	1	0	1	0
Blackburnian Warbler	68	17	1	0	11	1	2	9	5	2	0	1	0	0	8	1	4	3	1	2	0
Yellow Warbler	734	113	9	8	48	26	14	58	78	70	0	36	8	16	59	29	88	21	25	12	16
Chestnut-sided Warbler	90	28	1	0	7	1	1	13	7	5	0	2	0	0	18	0	0	5	0	1	1
Blackpoll Warbler	8	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Black-throated Blue Warbler	127	42	5	0	9	3	0	13	4	0	0	3	0	3	40	1	0	0	0	3	1

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Upcoming WAS Field Trips (August 2019 – October 2019)

Bryn Martin, Field Trip Coordinator (fieldtrips@washtenawaudubon.org)

August 16, 17, 18, 8:00 p.m., City of Ann Arbor, Saline and Chelsea Swift Nights Out

Leaders: Juliet Berger and Johannes Postma

We are looking for volunteers for our Third Annual Ann Arbor, Saline, and Chelsea area-wide Chimney Swift count, August 16-18, 2018. Watching Chimney Swifts enter their roosts at dusk is a spectacular sight. Volunteers will choose a known Chimney Swift roosting location and stake it out before dusk, counting the Swifts as they enter the chimney as darkness falls. You can sign up for one night/one location at a time, or you can count each night of the weekend. A Sign-up Genius is available. Chimney Swifts are in steep decline across North America, so let's help find out how they are doing in Washtenaw County. Bring your friends to show them how these very cool aerial insectivores share our cities and towns with us. See the WAS Web site for more information about reporting your results.

Saturday, August 24, 8:00 a.m., Pointe Mouillee, Sigler Road Parking Lot Shorebirds and Waders at Pointe Mouillee State Game Area

Leader: Jim Fowler

Pointe Mouillee, on Lake Erie near the mouth of the Huron River, is one of the premier destinations in the Midwest for viewing shorebirds and waders, but access is limited. Jim Fowler knows this territory as well as anyone and leads several field trips each year at this location. Usually, vehicles are restricted, but for this event, we will be allowed to bring in four vehicles. As a result, this trip has limited space and registration is mandatory. Registration will open on August 5 and you can find more details on the WAS web site. We will not know how many can attend until we know the vehicles that we can fill. Preference will be given to current Washtenaw Audubon members, to people who did not attend this field trip last year, and to people who are willing to drive larger vehicles that can accommodate more participants (and are willing to allow others in their vehicle). Once we have your information and know the vehicles available for the trip, we will notify you of your status (by about August 20). Bring insect repellent, wear a hat, and dress for warm weather—there is no shade or shelter at Pointe Mouillee. Bring all of the food and fluids you think you will need to sustain you for approximately five hours of birding.

Thursdays, August 29 - October 31, 8:00 a.m. Fall Migration Walks in Nichols Arboretum

Every Thursday morning from August 29 through October 31, participants will gather at 8:00 a.m. at the end of the Riverview Drive cul-de-sac (off Geddes Road) near the eastern edge of the Arboretum to observe fall migration at the Arb. The assembled birders will choose a route or routes and head out in search of migrants, many of which will be in their first-year plumage. Park and meet at the Riverview Court cul-de-sac off Geddes Road at 8:00 a.m.; the walks will end around 11:00 a.m., but participants can leave whenever they prefer.

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Species Name	Indiv Birds	Ann	Aug	Bri	Dex	Fre	Lim	Lod	Lyn	Man	Nor	Pit	Sal	Sin	Sci	Sha	Sup	Syl	Web	Yor	Yps
Palm Warbler	187	79	1	2	35	4	1	8	8	1	0	14	0	3	3	1	14	4	2	0	7
Pine Warbler	36	4	0	0	13	0	0	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	9	3	0	0	0	0	1
Yellow-rumped Warbler	442	84	0	0	114	7	2	31	21	21	0	6	0	4	64	34	31	4	14	1	4
Black-throated Green Warbler	251	77	4	1	38	6	1	11	17	16	0	8	0	2	41	11	7	6	2	3	0
Canada Warbler	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wilson's Warbler	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
warbler sp. (Parulidae sp.)	17	5	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scarlet Tanager	71	12	0	0	15	0	0	3	10	8	0	1	0	0	10	4	0	2	1	5	0
Northern Cardinal	776	153	6	13	50	12	23	106	26	51	1	52	7	34	105	9	62	22	3	31	10
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	389	91	4	21	19	7	9	51	37	27	0	16	1	18	19	12	26	7	5	15	4
Indigo Bunting	104	13	1	1	3	11	2	21	3	1	0	10	0	3	10	4	11	2	1	4	3
House Sparrow	608	123	3	8	9	19	20	215	12	21	0	53	0	27	22	5	26	15	0	30	0
passerine sp.	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Count of Common Birds	32202	5220	328	764	1962	1029	915	4161	1622	2100	33	2012	310	1470	2670	1337	3211	837	304	1115	802
Number of Common Species	134	111	63	68	104	92	70	105	99	102	16	90	28	92	107	112	93	84	60	93	68
Number of Rare Species	39	10	1	1	10	2	2	5	10	6	1	5	0	5	6	17	3	1	1	6	1
Northern Shoveler	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Gadwall	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Ring-necked Duck	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lesser Scaup	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bufflehead	30	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Red-breasted Merganser	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ruddy Duck	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ruffed Grouse	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Com. Nighthawk	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Whip-poor-will	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Common Gallinule	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Semipalmated Plover	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Short-billed Dowitcher	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
American Bittern	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Least Bittern	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Black-crowned Night-Heron	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Osprey	18	7	0	0	3	0	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Northern Harrier	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Red-shouldered Hawk	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Red-headed Woodpecker	35	2	0	0	2	4	4	5	1	3	0	0	0	7	0	3	1	2	0	1	0
Brown Creeper	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sedge Wren	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	0
Marsh Wren	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gray-cheeked Thrush	6	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Northern Mockingbird	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	2	0
American Pipit	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Purple Finch	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pine Siskin	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grasshopper Sparrow	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	1	0
Clay-colored Sparrow	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Henslow's Sparrow	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	0
Lincoln's Sparrow	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1
Louisiana Waterthrush	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Golden-winged Warbler	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prothonotary Warbler	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mourning Warbler	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cerulean Warbler	9	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Prairie Warbler	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Count of Rare Birds	211	33	1	1	15	5	5	13	35	10	5	7	0	20	7	37	3	2	1	10	1
Count of Common + Rare Birds	32413	5253	329	765	1977	1034	920	4174	1657	2110	38	2019	310	1490	2677	1374	3214	839	305	1125	803
Number of Rare Species	39	10	1	1	10	2	2	5	10	6	1	5	0	5	6	17	3	1	1	6	1

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Saturday, September 7, 8:00 a.m.
Hudson Mills Metropark Migrants

Leader: Karen Markey

Join WAS at Hudson Mills Metropark for a tour of fall migrants. We'll meet at 8:00 a.m. sharp at the flagpole in the front of the Activity Center. If the entry booth is unmanned, you can purchase a \$10 daily parking permit from Metropark staff at the Activity Center. We will be searching for fall migrants especially warblers, vireos, cuckoos, and flycatchers. The resident woodpeckers are always fun too. Please wear appropriate footwear for dewy, wet, grassy, and gravel trails, and bring insect repellent. No pets are allowed on the nature trails. Please, no strollers.

Sunday, September 8, 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Ann Arbor Natural Area Preservation walk at Mary Beth Doyle Park

Leader: Juliet Berger

On this walk hosted by NAP, and led by Juliet Berger, NAP Ornithologist, we hope to view migrating waterfowl and shorebirds. Mary Beth Doyle Park is one of the most accessible shorebirding spots, located right in the heart of Ann Arbor, and regularly hosts a wave of shorebird migrants in late summer into autumn. Bring binoculars and scopes if you have them. Meet us in the parking lot at the end of Birch Hollow Drive.

Sunday, September 29, 8:00 a.m.
Fall Migration Walks in Nichols Arboretum

Please see the Thursday morning Fall Migration Walks description for details on these walks or visit the web site.

Stewardship at Searles Nature Preserve by Taylor Myatt

Many thanks to the great crew of volunteers that came out to our volunteer stewardship event at Washtenaw Audubon's Searles Nature Preserve on June 11th. We had a blast clearing trails and chopping down invasive plants in good company! The Searles Nature Preserve is a hidden natural gem in Augusta Township, boasting incredible plant diversity identified in a recent ecological assessment of the property. The bird life isn't half bad either! Washtenaw Audubon has put significant effort into understanding this piece of land over the last year, and we will certainly need more help in the future as we maintain the trail for nature lovers and improve the habitat for our wild friends. So, if you're looking for a little dirt on your boots and a bit more solitude than some of the area's more popular parks, check out the Searles Preserve! We hope you'll fall in love with it and consider joining our team of stewardship volunteers! If you have questions about the Searles Preserve or WAS's stewardship efforts, please contact me anytime at stewardship@washtenawaudubon.org.

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Phone: _____	Email: _____	_____ Patron	\$50

We encourage you to join at a lower rate if the suggested rates would otherwise preclude your membership, or at a higher rate if you possess the means. **Note:** WAS will only use your email address to communicate with you about WAS programs, field trips, or matters of interest to you, such as membership renewal and emailed WAS newsletters (in color!). We will not give your email address to anyone else.

WAS Monthly Programs

WAS monthly events usually are held on the third Wednesday of the month. Programs begin at 7:30 p.m. at the U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor. Free and open to the public. **Please note: *The Matthaei Botanical Gardens charges for parking at the rate of \$1.20 an hour, enforced 7 days a week from 8am to 8pm. Members of the Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum park for free.***

September 18 Endless Forms Less Beautiful: Asian Prinia Species

Join Pamela Rasmussen for an informative talk on the birds in the Prinia genus, found in India and other Asian countries, an adaptation of a talk she gave at the most recent American Ornithological Society meeting. Dr. Rasmussen is an assistant professor of zoology at Michigan State University, an associate editor of *The Ibis*, the journal of the British Ornithologists' Union, and is the primary author of *Birds of South Asia: The Ripley Guide* (Smithsonian Institution/Lynx Edicions, 2012).

October 16 Birding in Ghana

Join Bryn Martin for a tour of the West African nation of Ghana, the destination of Washtenaw Audubon's most recent foreign field trip. With more than 750 bird species and interesting mammals and other fauna, Ghana is one of the top destinations in Africa. Bryn Martin teaches high school in Livonia and is an avid international birder.

November 20 Birding Belize

Join Keith Dickey for a program on birding in the Central American country of Belize. With over 600 species on its bird list, Belize boasts some sought-after birds such as Keel-billed Toucan, Jabiru, Agami Heron, and Black-headed Trogon, mammals such as Jaguar, and Mayan ruins.

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