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Dear Winnebago Audubon Members and Friends,

The road to normalcy seemed to shorten dramatically in 2022. Many things in our daily lives are back to where they were before Covid struck. Let's all hope it continues in the right direction.

Winnebago Audubon had reason to celebrate. At the annual meeting in June, we recognized the 40th anniversary of the chapter's establishment. Many charter members were in attendance, including 92-year-old Louise Coumbe. We shared our memories of great field trips and remembered friends we've made along the way. To help celebrate everyone was able to enjoy some of the cake decorated with our swan logo. Throughout the entire evening a continuous slide show ran of historical photos of members, outings, programs, and other important events.

Long time Board member Carla Hansen passed away this year. Carla's family and friends responded by donating nearly \$10,000 to Winnebago Audubon. Discussions with the family ensued and it was their feeling that the donations should fund education. In August, the Board of Directors unanimously agreed to match the significant gift and we established the Winnebago Audubon Education Fund within the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation. On an annual basis, earnings will be used to fund ecology-based programs within Winnebago County.



In 2022, Winnebago Audubon made donations of \$300 to Bird City Wisconsin, \$500 to Evergreen Retirement Complex for trail signage at a new native prairie planting, and \$250 to Girl Scout Troop 2414 to support a Silver Award project about Monarch butterflies. The Sullivan's Woods Fund continues to grow in spite of it's continued closure due to storm damage and the need for trail improvements. As of now, the Oshkosh Area School District is

reviewing options on how the area can be best utilized for environmental education. We continue our commitment to Project SOAR (Snowy Owl Airport Rescue) with an annual donation of \$1,000.

To make up for the ongoing lack of school and indoor public programs we scheduled more outdoor field trips. There was a field trip each month and even more during the peak migrating month of May. We explored the Rat River Wildlife Area, Jefferson Park, Heckrodt Wetland Reserve, Wiouwash Trail, Sawyer Creek Nature Trail, Uihlein Marsh WPA, Coughlin Community Natural Area, Bohn Farms Restoration Area, Mascoutin Valley Trail, Sheldon Nature Area, Miller's Bay and Norbert Rich School Forest. Of course, many of you participated in the annual events such as the Great Backyard Bird Count, Midwest Crane Count, Oshkosh Bird Fest, May Bird Count, Monarch Tagging, and September and Christmas Bird Count.

If you would like to make a donation to our chapter, we would be very grateful. Please see the instructions on the reverse side to mail a check or donate online on our website: winnebagoaudubon.org. As a Board, we will continue to strive to take action that is effective and member-based. Your continued support of our local chapter is, and will always be, greatly appreciated.

We wish all of you a wonderful Holiday Season! May the new year bring us awesome adventures in our natural world!

Yours in Nature,
Winnebago Audubon Board of Directors



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Winnebago Audubon encourages people to enjoy and protect birds, other wildlife, and their habitats through recreation, education, conservation, and restoration of the natural environment.

We participated in STEM nights offering owl pellet dissection and hosting Ann Rosenberg and Fran, a great horned owl.

Calendar of Events

- Jan 1 New Year's Day Walk
- Jan 14 Owl Prowl on Shady Lane
- Feb 18 Winter Birding at Kimberly Pt. and Wilderness Park
- Feb 17-20.. Great Backyard Bird Count
- Mar 25 Miller's Bay Waterfowl
- Apr 15 Midwest Crane Count
- Apr 29 Woodcock Walk at Bohn Farms
- May 6 Oshkosh Bird Fest

Check website (winnebagoaudubon.org) and newsletter for details and more events.

