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A Quilting Field Trip Through the Natural World

Thursday, Nov. 16, 2023

6:30 pm Social; 7:00 pm Program

Evergreen Retirement Community
1130 N. Westfield St., Oshkosh

Naturalist, Anita Carpenter, and author of Winnebago Audubon's Badger Tracks nature column for forty years, is also a quilter. For 20 years, she has created original, scientifically-correct, nature-themed quilts. Tonight she will lead us on a field trip as we visit a boreal forest, desert, coral reef, and so much more.

You won't need sunscreen or insect repellent for this field trip!

Please join Anita at Evergreen in the Sitter W&PAC near the main entrance.

This program is in partnership with Wild Ones Fox Valley Area Chapter. 🐿

LATE FALL BIRD WALKS

Asylum Point Park & Picnic Point

Saturday, Nov. 11, 2023

9:00-11:00 am

Asylum Point Park/Picnic Point Wildlife Refuge (The Carp Pond) is about 170 acres of grassland, brush, woods, and marsh on the shores of Lake Winnebago. We hope to observe late fall migrants such as waterfowl, kinglets, and sparrows, but you never know what we may find.

Directions: From Oshkosh take Bowen St. (Co. Rd. A) north to East Snell Road. Turn right/east on East Snell Road to the T intersection with Sherman Rd. We will meet in the parking lot at this intersection. 🐿

Norbert Rich School Forest

Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023

10:00 am -12:00 pm

Join us for a winter bird walk at Norbert Rich School Forest. The spruce, pine, and swamp hardwoods on this property provide habitat for deer, turkeys, nuthatches, and various winter bird species. We will meet at the front gate and walk on the mown trails. Sections of the trail may be uneven or muddy, so sturdy hiking shoes or boots are recommended.

Location: Norbert Rich School Forest, 5007 Ginnow Rd, Omro, WI 54963

Directions from Oshkosh: From Hwy 41 North, take Hwy 45 North for approximately 5 miles. Take the WI-116/County Road GG exit and turn left to go into Winneconne. Follow WI-116 South for approximately 7 miles. Turn right onto Oak Hill Road. Drive for 1 mile and turn left on Ginnow Rd. Proceed to park along Ginnow Road. 🐿



Photo by Kelli Bahls.

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Save the Date for a
NEW YEAR'S DAY BIRD WALK
Look for details in the January newsletter,
on our website and on Facebook
along with more winter activities!

Our Mission:

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

Christmas Bird Count Saturday, Dec. 16, 2023

Here is a great excuse (if you need one) to go birding for the day. Maybe time alone with the birds is what you need. Or go with a friend or two to share time outdoors together. Either way, you will be a citizen scientist for the day and be helping the birds.

On the annual Christmas Bird Count (CBC), observers record all birds seen or heard within a fifteen mile diameter circle around Oshkosh on one day (24 hour period) in mid- to late-December. In addition to the count day, species seen during the count week (3 days before and 3 days after the count day) but not recorded on the count day are also included in the results. The Oshkosh Christmas Bird Count has been conducted every year since 1964. The final results are submitted to the National Audubon Society.

Anyone can participate in the bird count. The amount of time that you wish to commit is up to you. You can watch your feeders/yard for an hour or all day. For the more dedicated birder, surveying one of the 7 county areas in the count circle is also an option.

As a volunteer you will be required to record the number of each species seen or heard; time spent watching; distance travelled and document unusual species and numbers.

If you are interested in participating PLEASE contact Tom Ziebell for more information and to discuss the area you intend to cover to reduce duplication of birds counted: cziebell@new.rr.com or 920-312-1976. 🐦

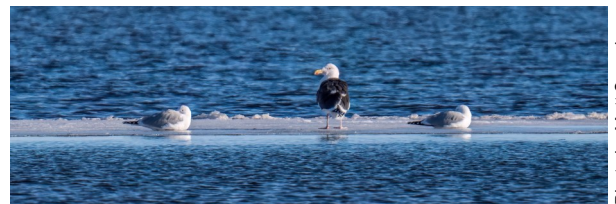


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