



ILLINOIS AUDUBON SOCIETY

FALL GATHERING & ANNUAL MEETING

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Sinnissippi Audubon Society



Four Rivers Region Fun Days

September 21-23, 2007
Cliffbreakers Riverside Resort
Rockford, Illinois
Event Information & Registration Form

The 2007 Illinois Audubon Society Fall Gathering and Annual Meeting "Four Rivers Region Fun Days" is being organized by the Sinnissippi Audubon Society. All events are open to the public. Beginning and experienced wildlife watchers are welcome and invited to attend.

The mission of the Illinois Audubon Society is to promote the perpetuation and appreciation of native plants and animals and the habitats that support them.

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2007 IAS Fall Gathering Field Trip Listing

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Field Trip ID: A Nachusa Grasslands (6:00am—11:30am) 2,500+ acres of open prairie, wetlands and oak hickory woodlands. Grassland birds, edge birds and some early migrants. Walking in tall grass and some rough ground at times will be necessary. *Distance to location: 40 miles*

Field Trip ID: B Sand Bluff Bird Observatory - Hawk Trapping & Banding (7:30am - 11:00am) A hawk trapping and banding station. Potential guests include redtails, Coopers, sharp shins. NOTE: \$20 fee for this activity. Max: 6 persons *Distance to location: 30 miles*

Field Trip ID: C Colored Sands & Sand Bluff Banding Station (7:30am - 11:00am) Sand prairie, river bottomland and dry oak hickory woodlands. Banding station will be open demonstrating a variety of birds. Visitors will be seated during presentation, walking trails are available. *Distance to location: 30 miles*

Field Trip ID: D Severson Dells Nature Education Center (7:00am - 11:00am) Mature woods with a small stream and 100 acre prairie restoration. Approximately two miles walking on mostly dirt paths. *Distance to location: 15 miles*

Field Trip ID: E Klehm Arboretum & Botanic Garden (7:00am—11:00am) Covers 155 acres and includes a 12 acre pre-settlement bur oak grove dating back 300 years. Visitors will find trees and shrubs representing all major floristic regions of the Northern Hemisphere. This facility is included in the Christmas and Spring bird counts. *Distance to location: 5 miles*

Field Trip ID: F LIB—Kishwaukee Bottoms (7:00am– 11:00am) This area lies on the banks of the Kishwaukee River and hosts flora and fauna typical of a northern Illinois river bottom. Cavity nesters, waterfowl and wading birds frequent the marsh. *Distance to location: 15 miles*

Field Trip ID: G LIB—Kishwaukee Bottoms (2:00am– 4:00am) *(see description above)*

Field Trip ID: H Sugar River Forest Preserve (2:00pm - 4:00pm) Mature woodlands, river bottoms, and a nice prairie area with open black oaks. Easy walking on short trails. *Distance to location: 25 miles*

Field Trip ID: I Nygren Wetlands Restoration (2:00pm - 4:00pm) Large prairie, wetland and creek restoration. Many wetland birds should be seen. Sandhill cranes have nested here for the last few years. Drive to different locations with short walks at each stop. *Distance to location: 15 miles*

Field Trip ID: J Burpee Museum of Natural History - Behind the Scenes Tour (10:00am - 12:00am) A behind the scenes tour of Burpee's extensive bird collection which includes ivory billed woodpeckers and passenger pigeons plus Jane (juvenile T-Rex) and Homer (tricerotps). *Distance to location: 3 miles*

Field Trip ID: K Burpee Museum of Natural History - Behind the Scenes Tour (2:00pm - 4:00pm) *(see description above)*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Field Trip ID: L Searles Prairie Nature Preserve (8:00am - 11:00am) 66 acre black soil prairie. High quality wet to mesic with good edge habitat. No trails, one mile walk. *Distance to location: 5 miles*

Field Trip ID: M Harlem Hills Prairie Nature Preserve (8:00am - 11:00am) Gravel hill prairie — one of the best and largest that remains in Illinois. No trails, one mile walk. *Distance to location: 5 miles*

Field Trip ID: N Atwood Park Prairie Restoration (8:00am - 11:00am) Restored prairie remnant in progress. Wooded river valley with plenty of brush, edge and river valley habitat. One to three miles on trails. *Distance to location: 15 miles*

Field Trip ID: O Black Hawk Springs Forest Preserve (8:00am - 11:00am) Wooded riverside trail with some open grass areas. Osprey and bald eagles are sometimes seen here. One to three miles on trails. *Distance to location: 15 miles*

NOTE: All Saturday AM Field Trips will return to Cliffbreakers for lunch. Box lunches are available — please see registration form for ordering information.

2007 IAS Fall Gathering & Annual Meeting Agenda and Registration Form

Friday, September 21

- 4:00—9:00pm Registration at Cliffbreakers Riverside Resort (www.cliffbreakers.com)
- 6:00—7:00pm Fall Gathering Kick-Off Pizza Party at Cliffbreakers Riverside Resort
- 7:00 – 8:00pm Program: “*Season of the Loon*” David C. Olson (Rockford) Award-winning nature photographer will share some of this work and experiences.
- 8:00pm Brief intermission followed by Member Slide & Power Point Show, Field Trip Announcements.
NOTE: Please contact the IAS office if you will be participating in the Member Slide and Point Show. 217.544.2473 or email jskoglund@illinoisaudubon.org

Saturday, September 22

- 7:00am Field Trips Depart from Cliffbreakers Riverside Resort
- Noon Box Lunch at Cliffbreakers Riverside Resort
- 12:45 -1:50pm **Illinois Audubon Society Annual Meeting**
- 2:00pm Afternoon Field Trips Depart, **Board of Directors Meeting**
- 6:00pm Meet & Mingle at Cliffbreakers Riverside Resort
- 7:00pm Dinner — Italian, Family Style
- 8:00pm Program: “*Adventures with John James Audubon*” by Brian “Fox” Ellis (This program is made possible in part by an award from the Illinois Humanities Council, The National Endowment for the Humanities and the Illinois General Assembly.)

Sunday, September 23

- 7:30am Field Trips depart from Cliffbreakers Riverside Resort
- Noon Box Lunch at Cliffbreakers Riverside Resort, Compilation of Checklist

**Tear off and enclose with payment (Please Fill out Parts I & II — see reverse side)
 REGISTRATION DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 14**

PART I — REGISTRATION FORM (please print clearly)

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

Phone _____ e-mail (not required) _____

PART I — CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

| | Price | Qty | Total |
|--|---------|-----|-------|
| Basic Fall Gathering Registration Fee | \$8.00 | | |
| Friday Night Kick-Off Pizza Dinner Veggie? (please check) <input type="checkbox"/> | \$9.00 | | |
| Saturday Box Lunch: <u>circle choice(s)</u> : Roast Beef Turkey Veggie | \$9.00 | | |
| Saturday Night Dinner Veggie? (please check) <input type="checkbox"/> | \$18.50 | | |
| Sunday Box Lunch: <u>circle choice(s)</u> : Roast Beef Turkey Veggie | \$9.00 | | |
| Hawk Banding Station at Sandbluff Bird Observatory (per person) | \$20.00 | | |
| Total Enclosed | | | |

****Friday and Saturday Night Guest Speaker Presentations and Member Slide & Power Point Show are Free and Open to the Public, no reservations required.**



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 Fall Gathering & Annual Meeting
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 Cliffbreakers Riverside Resort
 700 W. Riverside Boulevard, Rockford, Illinois



Hotel Information

The IAS 2007 Annual Meeting, Presentations, Members' Slide Show, and the Saturday Night dinner will be held at Cliffbreakers River Suites Hotel, 700 W. Riverside Boulevard, Rockford, Illinois.

A block of rooms has been reserved until August 20, 2007, at a rate of \$82 (plus tax) This rate also includes breakfast. Call 815.282.3033 and mention *Illinois Audubon Society* when making your reservation.

Other Accommodations Available in the area:

- Baymont Inn, 662 N. Lyford, Rockford, 877.229.6668
- Days Inn & Suites, 4313 N. Bell School Road, Loves Park, 800.329.7466
- Courtyard by Marriott, 7676 W. State, Rockford, 815.397.6222
- Holiday Inn Express, 7550 Park Place, Loves Park, 815.654.4100

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PART II — FIELD TRIP PRE-RESERVATIONS (required)

To help us plan better for field trips, we are asking that you pre-register for the field trips offered on Page 2. Please indicate field trip choices (using Field Trip ID — A, B, C, etc) for each day below.

We ask that you indicate a second and third choice in the event that some field trips become overbooked.

Confirmations will be sent out to anyone who pre-registers by the September 14, 2007 deadline.

| | Saturday AM | Saturday PM | Sunday |
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| Attendee(s) name(s): | | | |
| First Choice (list Field Trip ID) | | | |
| Second Choice (list Field Trip ID) | | | |
| Third Choice (list Field Trip ID) | | | |

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| Attendee name: | | | |
| First Choice (list Field Trip ID) | | | |
| Second Choice (list Field Trip ID) | | | |
| Third Choice (list Field Trip ID) | | | |

Make checks payable to "Illinois Audubon Society" and mail along with this registration form to: Illinois Audubon Society, PO Box 2547, Springfield, IL 62708. A confirmation packet will be sent to the address listed on the registration form. **Don't forget to fill in Part II on the reserve side of this form.** For more information call: 217.544.2473 or email jskoglund@illinoisaudubon.org