

## WALKS 2007-2008

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### 2007

**Saturday September 8 — Montrose Harbor/Magic Hedge, Chicago @ 7:30AM** — Migrating warblers, sparrows, shorebirds and more stop here on their way south; come see the 'magic' in the Hedge and on the lakefront. From Lake Shore Dr. take Montrose Ave. east, turn right (east) at the Bait Shop (Montrose Harbor Dr.), and park along the bend in the road. *Leader:* Nolan Lameka 847-749-0610

**Sunday September 23 – Ryerson Woods, Lincolnshire @ 8AM** — This perennial Lake County favorite along the Des Plaines River is a good spot to hunt for fall migrants and residents. From Deerfield Rd., turn north on Riverwoods Rd., and drive to the Ryerson entrance on the left. Turn left on the first access road and meet in the south parking lot by the Ryerson home. *Leader:* Dan and Irene Weinman 847-967-9385

**Sunday October 7 – Illinois Beach State Park, North Unit, Zion @ 8AM** – First we'll look for late migrants on land, then we'll stop at the Hawk Watch site for migrating raptors. Come to our October 2 program to raise your raptor migration IQ! Take I-94 to Rt. 173 exit and go east 8 miles to Sheridan Rd. Turn north to 17<sup>th</sup> Street, turn right (east), take the park road into the park, turn right at the sign for the Sailing Beach, and meet in the parking lot. *Leader:* Donnie Dann 847-266-2222

**Saturday October 20 – Middlefork Savanna, Lake Forest @ 7:30AM** – Take a walk with this preserve's steward to look for migrating waterfowl, late shorebirds and more. From Rt. 60, take Rt. 43 north to the traffic light at Westmoreland Dr. and turn left onto Middlefork Dr. Go to the end and turn left into the parking lot where the street turns right onto Jensen Dr. *Leader:* Denis Bohm 847-235-2738

**Sunday November 4 – Ducks on Lake Michigan, Wilmette @ 7:30AM** —We'll start at Gillson Park in Wilmette and then go north to Park Avenue Beach in Glencoe, Rosewood and Fort Sheridan in Highland Park, and beyond. Bring a spotting scope if you have one. Gillson is located on Sheridan Rd. just south of Lake Ave. and north of the Bahai Temple. Enter the park at the south end and meet in the south beach parking lot. *Leader:* Jeff Sanders 847-657-6431

### 2008

**Saturday, February 9 – IOS Gull Frolic, Winthrop Harbor** — Hundreds of gulls and ducks "attend" the Illinois Ornithological Society's annual Gull Frolic, and you can warm up inside between viewings. 8AM-early afternoon. Small registration fee includes food. Take the I-94 toll road north toward Milwaukee, exit at Route 173, turn right (east) and go to Sheridan Rd. (Rt. 137). Turn left on Sheridan, then right on 7<sup>th</sup> Street and follow the North Point Marina signs to the Winthrop Harbor Yacht Club. See [www.illinoisbirds.org](http://www.illinoisbirds.org) for details.

**Saturday March 29 – Loons of Lake County @ 8am** – Our annual search for migrating loons and other waterfowl will begin at the Gale Street Inn parking lot and proceed to other lakes in the area. Bring a spotting scope if you have one. From Rt. 22, take Rt. 83 north to Diamond Lake Rd., turn right, and drive ½ mile to the parking lot on the right. *Leader:* Fred and Cheri Thompson 847-681-1356

**Saturday April 19 – Beginners Birding, Fort Sheridan Forest Preserve, Fort Sheridan @ 8AM** – Bring your binoculars for a Birding 101 lesson and walk at this beautiful site on Lake Michigan. Take Sheridan Rd. north of Highwood to Old Elm Rd/Simonds Way, enter on Simonds Way, turn left on Leonard Wood Drive North, then left on Gilgare Lane to parking area. *Leader:* Sonny and Rena Cohen 847-831-0331

**Thursday May 1 – Ryerson Woods, Lincolnshire @ 7AM** – The spring migration is on! Start your day with a hunt for early migrants. From Deerfield Rd., turn north on Riverwoods Rd., and drive to the Ryerson entrance on the left. Turn left on the first access road and meet in the south parking lot by the Ryerson home. *Leader:* Rena Cohen 847-831-0331

**Sunday May 4 – Bird Banding at Shaw Woods, Lake Forest @ 7:30 and 8AM** – Get bird-in-the-hand looks at migrants being banded in a Lake Forest College project, then walk the woods. If it rains, program will be rescheduled. Call 847-735-6051 to check status. From Deerpath Rd., turn north on Green Bay Rd., then left (west) on Laurel to its end at Hawkweed Lane. Parking is limited; carpool if possible. *Leader:* Coral Ackerman 847-433-4367

**Wednesday May 7-Saturday May 10 – Magee Marsh/Ohio** – One of the best spots in the Midwest for spring warblers and other migrants, who stop here before crossing Lake Erie on their way north. Arrive in Port Clinton Wednesday night, start birding Thursday morning, leave by noon on Saturday. Visit website for more details. *Leaders:* Sonny and Rena Cohen 847-831-0331

**Wednesday May 14 – Daniel Wright Woods, Lincolnshire, @ 7AM** – Who's migrating today? Come hunt for the latest arrivals. From Waukegan Rd., turn west on Everett Rd. in Lake Forest, drive to the end (St. Mary's Rd), and turn left (south) into the parking lot. *Leader:* Rena Cohen 847-831-0331

**Saturday May 17 – Skokie Lagoons, Northfield, @ 7:30AM** – Migrating songbirds love to show off their colorful breeding plumage at this oasis in the middle of the northern suburbs. Meet at the Willow Rd. entrance just east of the Edens Expressway. *Leader:* Joel Shoolin 847-835-3591

**Saturday May 24 – Illinois Beach State Park, South Unit/Nature Center, Zion @ 7:30AM** – A Lake County Forest Preserve environmental educator will help us find late migrants and early nesters. Take I-41 north toward Wisconsin, turn east on Wadsworth Rd., and drive 2 miles past Sheridan Rd. into the park. Follow the signs to the Nature Center and turn right into the parking lot. *Leader:* Mark Hurley 847-276-5375

**Sunday June 1 – McHenry Dam, McHenry @ 7:30AM** – Prothonotary Warblers nest here, along with many other species. Get a jump on your summer birding! Second stop at adjacent Moraine Hills State Park if time permits. From I-294, exit Rt. 176 and go west about 10 miles to River Road. Turn north on River Rd., drive 2.5 miles to McHenry Dam entrance, meet at south end of parking lot. *Leader:* Cyndi Lubecke 847-255-3772

**Sunday June 8 – Rollins Savanna, Grayslake @ 7:30AM** – Yellow-Headed Blackbirds, Sedge Wrens, Bobolinks, oh my! One of Lake County's best spots for grassland and marsh birds. From the northern suburbs, take I-94 north toward Wisconsin, merge onto I-120/Belvidere Rd., turn right (north) on Rt. 45, then left (west) on Washington St. Entrance is on the right at the traffic light. *Leader:* Donnie Dann 847-266-2222

## The Lake/Cook Chapter of the Illinois Audubon Society

Dedicated to the enjoyment and  
preservation of wildlife, and to  
the achievement of an ecologically  
sound environment

### 2007-2008 Season



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## Membership

The Lake/Cook Chapter of the Illinois Audubon Society is a gathering of people who enjoy watching and studying wildlife. Chapter dues pay for our website, programs and more; additional chapter funds are generated by our annual birdseed sale. IAS dues pay for habitat preservation and other IAS activities. All chapter members must belong to IAS. (Illinois Audubon Society is not affiliated with the National Audubon Society.)

### New Members only; current members get contacted.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am already a member of Illinois Audubon Society and would like to join Lake/Cook Chapter. (\$10)

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to join both Illinois Audubon Society and Lake/Cook Chapter. (IAS and chapter dues included.)

Student (\$22)	Supporting (\$75)
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Family (\$40)	Eagle Club (\$500)
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## Illinois Audubon Society State Events

IAS Annual Meeting, Rockford – Sept 21-23, 2007  
IAS Eagle Watch Weekend – January 25-27, 2008  
IAS Prairie Chicken Trip – March 7-8, 2008  
IAS Spring Gathering, Decatur – April 18-20, 2008  
IAS Southern Illinois Birding Festival – April 25-27, 2008  
IAS Southern Illinois Trip – May 16-18, 2008  
IAS Northwestern Illinois Trip – June 6-8, 2008

## Programs 2007-2008

Our programs are held at the Heller Nature Center in Highland Park. The Center is located ¼ mile north of Route 22 on Ridge Road, ¾ mile west of Route 41.

### Tuesday, Sept. 4, Heller Nature Center, 7:00 p.m.

**Ghost Bird: The Ivory-Billed Woodpecker** - Doug Stotz of the Field Museum, who participated in the search team after this bird was spotted in Arkansas in 2004 when it was thought to be extinct, will discuss the discovery, the efforts to confirm the sighting, the status of the search, and important conservation issues.

### Tuesday, Oct. 2, Heller Nature Center, 7:00 p.m.

**Just Passing Through: Raptor Migration in Northern Illinois** - Vic Berardi, founder of the Illinois Beach State Park Hawk Watch, will be discussing the fall hawk migration in northern Illinois. Migration strategies, routes, and weather for a good migration day will be illustrated along with a look at the most common species.

### Tuesday, Nov. 6, Heller Nature Center, 7:00 p.m.

**How Are the Birds Doing? Chicago Region Bird Population Trends** - Donnie Dann, past president of the Bird Conservation Network, will present a look at the results of 20 years of data on our local bird populations. The data was gathered through thousands of volunteer hours by birders throughout the area.

### Tuesday, Dec. 4, Heller Nature Center, 7:00 p.m.

**Helping Migratory Birds: Rescue and Protection** - Annette Prince, Director of Chicago Bird Collision Monitors, will describe the work of the CBCM. This group rescues birds injured from building strikes and works to reduce the risks of lighting and building designs to migratory birds.

### Wednesday, Jan. 2, Heller Nature Center, 6:30 p.m.

**Potluck Dinner and Program** - Bring a dish to share and your own place setting. After dinner, we'll exchange stories of our adventures, slides, photos, books, etc. Great mid-winter break.

### Tuesday, Feb. 5, Heller Nature Center, 7:00 p.m.

**The Coyote: Symbol of the Wilderness?** - Chris Anchor, Wildlife Biologist for Cook County Forest Preserve District, has participated in the Urban Coyote study, which is entering its seventh year. Chris will reveal details of the study and explain the habits of the coyote, including why one was a customer at a fast-food restaurant in Chicago.

### Tuesday, March 4, Heller Nature Center, 7:00 p.m.

**Those Were the Days: 110 Years of Illinois Audubon** - Tom Clay, Executive Director of IAS, will be here to present our history from the founding, when members joined together to curtail the feather trade, to our present direction and activities, including preservation of habitat in Illinois. IAS is responsible for land acquisition that has created many nature sanctuaries throughout the state.

### Tuesday, April 1, Heller Nature Center, 7:00 p.m.

**Can You Hear That? A Bird Call Program** - Bird calls and songs are important to species identification. Vern Kleen, well-known Illinois naturalist and tour leader, is a master of the art of birding by ear. Using only vocalized renditions of approximately 80 species, he'll help us learn to identify birds by their calls. With luck, we will also have a chance to catch the woodcocks in action outside the meeting room during their spring mating ritual.

### Tuesday, May 6, Heller Nature Center, 7:00 p.m.

**Birding the Midwest: Birds in Our Area** - Kathy and Bob Andriani, former educators and well-known for their nature programs and field trips, will present an "up close and personal" look at birds which are local as well as migrant visitors.

### Tuesday, June 3, Heller Nature Center, 6:30 p.m.

**Annual Potluck Dinner and Elections of Officers Program** - Bring a dish to share and your own place setting. After dinner, we will hold our annual meeting and election of officers for the coming year. This meeting is your chance to get in on planning for next year.