



Northwest Illinois Audubon Society

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NIAS MONTHLY MEETINGS

Join us the first Tuesday of every month, September through May. All of our meetings are open to the public.

Most meetings are held at the St. John United Church of Christ, 1010 Park Blvd. in Freeport.

Most meetings begin at 7PM with announcements, followed by the program at 7:30 and then refreshments.

Check the current newsletter or our website (nwilaudubon.org) for specific monthly details, special events or any changes to the usual time and place.

Please join us!

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August - September 2017

Baltimore Oriole *Icterus galbula*

On their breeding grounds in eastern and east-central North America, you'll most often find Baltimore Orioles high in leafy deciduous trees, but not in deep forests; they prefer open woodland, forest edge, river banks, and small groves of trees. They also forage for insects and fruits in brush and shrubbery. Baltimore Orioles have adapted well to human settlement and often feed and nest in parks, orchards, and backyards. On their winter range in Central America, Baltimore Orioles occupy open woodlands, gardens, and shade-grown coffee and cacao plantations. They frequently visit flowering trees and vines in search of fruit and nectar.



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM AND POTLUCK

Wildlife History and Change on the Upper Mississippi River

September 5th at 6:00 PM

St. John United Church of Christ, 1010 Park Blvd. Freeport

Start the evening with a delicious potluck meal. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service. NIAS will provide beverages. After the meal, there will be a short business meeting with announcements. The program will follow at approximately 7:15 pm.

Our program for the evening will be presented by Ed Britton, District Manager for the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge. Ed will share a history of changes on the river from early steamboats challenged by rapids to the modern day lock & dam system and how these changes directly impacted wildlife populations. Climate change and exotic invaders such as flying fish also now present challenges to river managers and users. Join us to hear more about past and current challenges facing the wildlife on the Upper Mississippi River.

A September Concert is coming that you won't want to miss!

"...a rich voice with equally rich lyrics to weave a tapestry of life and hope."

– Associated Press

"...a prairie mystic."

– The Boston Globe

"...Carrie Newcomer is much more than a musician. She's a poet, storyteller, snake-charmer, good neighbor, friend... and minister of the wide-eyed gospel of hope and grace."

– Barbara Kingsolver

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, September 30, 2017 – 2:00 PM

"A Gathering of Spirits and A Festival of Friends"

A concert by Carrie Newcomer



Northwest Illinois Audubon Society is proud to be the primary sponsor of this concert thanks to an anonymous donor.

See page 5 to find out more about this unique opportunity to spend an afternoon engaged with Carrie Newcomer. Join us!

CALENDAR CONSIDERATIONS

August 1 – Stewardship session at Silver Creek Biodiversity Preserve, 8-10 a.m. Leader: Mary Blackmore, 815-938-3204.

Tools, gloves, water and snacks provided. Carpool from the Staples lot at 7:15 a.m. The preserve is about 2 miles south of Leaf River in the southwest corner of the intersection of Leaf River Rd. and West Grove Rd. Parking is off of Leaf River Rd. (S. Main St. crosses HWY 72 in Leaf River and becomes Leaf River Rd.).

August 3 – Field Trip: Local Food, Pastured Poultry and Berries Grown in the Hills, 8:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. See page 3 for more information.

August 8 – Stewardship session at Silver Creek Biodiversity Preserve, 8-10 a.m.

Tools, gloves, water and snacks provided. Carpool from the Staples lot at 7:15 a.m. The preserve is about 2 miles south of Leaf River in the southwest corner of the intersection of Leaf River Rd. and West Grove Rd. Parking is off of Leaf River Rd. (S. Main St. crosses HWY 72 in Leaf River and becomes Leaf River Rd.).

August 10 – Perseids Campfire at Elkhorn Creek. We hope to catch the beginning of this annual meteor shower. Prairie walk at 7 p.m.; campfire at 8:00. S'mores and water will be provided. Bring a lawn chair and flashlight.

Carpool from the Staples lot in Freeport at 6:30 p.m. The preserve is located about 3 miles southwest of Forreton in the southeast corner of West Grove and Freeport Roads. The parking lot is off of West Grove Rd. If weather is questionable, call Mary at 815-938-3204.

August 12 – Field Trip: Hanley Savanna Prairie – 7:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. See page 3 for more information.

August 23 - Audubon in the Library - 10:30 a.m., Dragonflies and Damselflies. See page 4 for more details.

September 5 – Join us for the potluck at 6:00 pm and the first membership program for the season at 7:15 pm. See page 1 for details.

September 6 - Audubon in the Library - 10:30 a.m., Bees. See page 4 for more details.

September 9 – Field Trip: Amboy Marsh – 8:00 a.m. – mid-afternoon. See page 3 for more information.

September 11- Monday 7:00 p.m. Board meeting at St. John United Church of Christ in Freeport.

September 19 – “Talking About the Issues” monthly discussion session, 7-9 p.m. at the home of Fred and Carol Redmore, 1809 Parkview Circle, Freeport, 815-721-3375.

The first hour topic will be “What ‘Bird Friendly’ Looks Like,” an exploration of the plants and wildlife found in shade-grown coffee forests in Central America and why it is important for bird lovers to encourage this type of farming through their coffee purchases. For a copy of the article contact the Redmores or pick one up at the September potluck. The second hour will be a discussion of whatever issues are brought forth by participants. **All are welcome to attend.**

September 22 – Autumnal Equinox Campfire at the Silver Creek Biodiversity Preserve. Stroll the trails at 6:30 p.m.; campfire at 7:30.

S'mores and water will be provided. Bring a lawn chair and flashlight. Carpool from the Staples lot at 5:45 p.m. The preserve is about 2 miles south of Leaf River in the southwest corner of the intersection of Leaf River Rd. and West Grove Rd. Parking is off of Leaf River Rd. (S. Main St. crosses HWY 72 in Leaf River and becomes Leaf River Rd.). If weather is questionable, call Mary at 815-938-3204.

September 23 - 10:00 a.m., Oakdale Nature Preserve, Kid's Nature Hike, First day of Fall hike. See page 4 for details.

September 24 – Prairie Seed Collecting at Elkhorn Creek, 2-4 p.m. Tools, water, snacks and guidance provided. Carpool from the Staples lot in Freeport at 1:30 p.m.

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September 26 – “Public Lands Management and Climate Change” presentation at Severnson Dells Nature Center, 8786 Montague Rd., Rockford, 7 p.m. Christine Anhalt-Depies from the University of Wisconsin – Madison’s Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology will share her research on how climate change is forcing land managers to take new approaches to their work. The program is free but call the nature center to register at 815-335-2915.

September 30 – A Gathering of Spirits and a Festival of Friends: A Concert by Carrie Newcomer, 2 p.m., sponsored by our chapter. See front page and page 5

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE CHANGES

The November membership meeting will be on the second Tuesday of the month, November 14th.

St. John United Church of Christ is a voting site and November 7th is election day so we decided to move the meeting to Tuesday, November 14th at 7 PM. The speaker will be Sarah Shcumuecker from the Fish and Wildlife District in Moline. Sarah will speak on the use of telemetry to monitor Bald Eagle migration.



June campfire at Silver Creek Biodiversity Preserve

FIELD TRIPS AUGUST - SEPTEMBER



Pastured Poultry and Berries Grown in the Hills

Local Food Tour to Arnolds Farm and Fieldview Farm

Thursday, August 3, 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Lunch at Stella's Restaurant in Stockton for those who wish.

Coordinator: Laura Dufford (815)947-2720.

Email: lauradufford@gmail.com

Carpool from Staples parking lot at 8:00 a.m. return approximately 2:00 for those who lunch at Stella's.

Our second Local Foods Tour of the year takes us to Arnolds Farm near Elizabeth. Tom Arnold will show us his pastured turkey operation along with his chicken pasturing set-up. NIAS uses Tom's turkeys for our banquet each spring. Tom will also have some hogs/piglets for viewing and will discuss his marketing process and explain why he farms/markets as he does.

After Arnolds Farm we will head down the road to Fieldview Farm which is off Highway 20 near Woodbine. Amy Dehn, along with her family recently opened their farm to the public. They are primarily in the berry growing business, but also grow herbs, vegetables and have done some cut flower gardening. Amy will show us her operation and will share her vision for their future. If we're lucky, there may be berries available for picking. Bring a cooler if you wish to purchase meat products from Tom or berries and veggies from Amy.

Please contact Laura (815)947-2720 if you plan to eat lunch at Stella's, so she can give them a rough estimate of how many will be eating.

Local Waste Disposal Option

Are you hanging on to old oil-based paint, pesticides and other household hazardous waste, waiting for a local collection day to be organized? Wait no longer! There is a permanent free drop-off location for household hazardous waste and tires (limit of 4) at the Rock River Water Reclamation District, 3333 Kishwaukee St., Rockford. Hours are limited to weekends: Saturdays, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Sundays, noon – 4 p.m. They are closed on the weekends closest to federal holidays.

For information on accepted items visit
<http://www.rwrwd.dst.il.us/>
or call the District anytime at 815-387-7400.
Wait for the prompt to press 4 and a recording
will provide accepted items information.

Hanley Savanna Prairie

Saturday, August 12, 8:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Coordinator: Laura Dufford (815)947-2720

Email: lauradufford@gmail.com

Carpool from the Staples parking lot at 7:00 a.m. We will return to Freeport around 12:30.

Enjoy a walk around Hanley Savanna Prairie near Hanover. This 160 acre property is owned by Northwest IL Prairie Enthusiasts. There are many types of restoration on Hanley: dry to wet sand prairie, dry to mesic sand savanna, sand blowouts, and woodlands. We will focus on the prairie areas and hope to get to the dry sand and oak savanna areas.

The walk will be level, but there are no benches or shade, so be advised!! The prairie should be in full bloom and the butterflies and dragonflies should be plentiful. If we're lucky we'll see a Yellow-Breasted Chat. Wear long pants, and appropriate sun protection. Please bring water, and bug spray is also advisable.

Amboy Marsh

Saturday, September 9, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
(approximately)

Coordinator: Laura Dufford (815)947-2720.

Email: lauradufford@gmail.com

Leader: Bill Handel, IL Natural History Survey

Carpool from Staples at 8:00 a.m., we'll return by mid-afternoon.

Get an up close look at Amboy Marsh with Botanist, Bill Handel. Bill works with the IL Natural History Survey and is excited to show off Amboy Marsh, a 302 Acre Preserve owned by IL Audubon Society. Bill will show us the many plants growing on this unique site; wetlands, sedge meadow, black oak savanna and dry sand prairie. The walking will be easy. Dress appropriately to be in the prairie. Sun protection and bug spray are advisable. Please bring a lunch and ample water/drinks. We'll eat at the prairie and return back to Freeport early-mid afternoon.



June Field Trip, Local Foods:
Grow Freeport with FACC

KIDS & FAMILIES

Audubon in the Library

Freeport Public Library
100 E. Douglas Street, Freeport

Wildlife Wednesday

10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

*Appropriate audience is
two- to seven-year olds*

Ms. Juliet hosts a monthly series called Wildlife Wednesdays at the Freeport Public Library. Each month has a different theme related to nature and wildlife. She will read various books related to the theme and then show the children specimens that they can touch. There are also activities that can be done at home to continue the learning!

August 23 - Dragonflies and Damselflies
September 6 - Bees



Kid's Nature Hike

at Oakdale Nature Preserve
4433 S. Cranes Grove Rd.
Meet at the Mogle Center

First day of Fall hike

Saturday, September 23
10:00 a.m. to approximately 12:00 p.m.

Leader: Juliet Moderow

The autumn equinox is September 22. Let's celebrate the first day of fall by being outside. We will take a hike around Oakdale and use nets and jars to collect insects along the way. All organisms will be observed briefly and released immediately for their safety. Open to kids of all ages. Parents must be present with the children during the event.

Kids should dress appropriately for the weather (long pants recommended) and should wear waterproof shoes or boots that can get wet in case we look for aquatic organisms. Sign-ups are required. Contact leader Juliet Moderow at 201-233-0946 to register and/or if weather is questionable. Meet in the parking lot near the Mogle Center by 10:00am. Hike will start promptly on time.



Join our e-mail list!

Would you like to receive notifications about NIAS events, cancellations, calendar changes, and other updates by e-mail?

Note: This is NOT an online newsletter and will NOT replace your newsletter mailings. As a paying member, you will always continue to receive the newsletter in the mail.

If you are interested, send an e-mail to nwilaudubon@gmail.com with the subject line "Add me to list" and you will be given further instructions.

How often will you receive an e-mail?

- Once a month at the beginning of the month to remind you of upcoming event.
- Any time there is a cancellation or change to an event.
- Two additional times for our big events during the year:

In October to remind you about the bird seed order deadline.

In April to remind you about the Annual Banquet RSVP deadline.

You can unsubscribe anytime from these e-mails if you no longer wish to receive them.

Visit our Kids and Families section on our webpage at:
nwilaudubon.org/kids-families.asp



**A GATHERING OF SPIRITS
AND A FESTIVAL OF FRIENDS:**

**A CONCERT
BY CARRIE NEWCOMER**

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2017**

**Highland Community College - 2998 West Pearl City Road
Student Conference Center, Room H201, Freeport, IL**

Concert begins at 2:00 PM (*doors open at 1:00 PM*)

Event is **FREE** and open to the public – NO Reserved Seating
- General Admission. Want to find your favorite spot to sit?

Come early when doors open at 1:00 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon with Carrie Newcomer for “a gathering of spirits and a festival of friends.” We will all unite on this day and dedicate it to stories of hope and gratitude, but also to be in the present moment, a moment that will take place in a room filled with the beautiful voice and words of Carrie Newcomer. Carrie is a songwriter, recording artist, performer and educator. She has been described as a “soaring songstress” by Billboard and a “prairie mystic” by the Boston Globe. The Austin Statesman described her as having “a voice as rich as Godiva chocolate” and Rolling Stone once said, she “asks all the right questions.” Most simply put, the Dallas Morning News said, “she’s the kind of artist whose music makes you stop, think and then say, ‘that is so true.’”

Because the concert is General Admission, Audubon will track the number of participants expected so we can prepare the seating; we ask that you register online via www.eventbrite.com (search for Carrie Newcomer).

For more information about Carrie Newcomer, visit her website at www.carriewcomer.com or you can visit the Northwest Illinois Audubon Society website at www.nwilaudubon.org.

The Audubon community is ‘jumping up and down excited’ about bringing Carrie Newcomer to the Freeport area. Some of us have heard Carrie sing live, in concert and share these observations with you:

Mary Blackmore - “I’ve been a big fan of Carrie Newcomer for years. Through her beautiful music and lyrics she reveals to us the extraordinary in the ordinary. Her themes of inclusion, compassion, gratitude and unity are needed now more than ever.”

Don Miller - “Carrie Newcomer’s voice is grace in sound. Everything about what she brings to a show is uniquely Carrie. The images she paints with her words; the mood she sets with her guitar; the message she sends home with listeners. She is a one-of-a-kind artist.”

Kara Gallup - “When I first heard Carrie sing live in Rockford last year, tears welled up in my eyes. The beauty and clarity of her voice and the strong messages of hope felt like a small therapy session...I left feeling immensely happy and grateful to have found her music.”

CHAPTER RECAP



Eleven participants had a great time on the NIAS Magee Marsh field trip in May.

Over 120 species were observed (including 22 warblers) as well as many interesting bird behaviors. We'll never forget all of those up-close and singing Black-throated Blue (left) and Black-throated Green Warblers.



Bernard Lischwe and Mary Blackmore pose in front of the their massive pile of white sweet clover.

The new NIAS board met June 24th at Oakdale Nature Preserve.

*Pictured (L) to (R):
Tim Smith, Teresa Smith,
Candy Colby, Laura Dufford,
Fred Redmore, Nancy Ocken,
Gay Brooks, Richard Benning,
Mary Blackmore, Rex Sides,
Linda Black
(and Eastern Phoebe in her nest)*

*Not present for photo:
Juliet Moderow (photographer!),
Betty Mickel, Steve Simpson, Henry
Simpson, Mark Keister*



CONSERVATION COMMITTEE NEWS

For those who may not know about the recycling center in Rockford, here is the information:

**Location: Rock River Water Reclamation District,
3333 Kishwaukee Street, Rockford, IL**

**Hours: Saturdays 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.,
Sundays 12:00 noon – 4 p.m.**

Items such as aerosols, oil-based paint, thinners, solvents, oil, antifreeze, old gasoline, mercury thermometers, insecticides, pesticides, herbicides, other chemicals, household and rechargeable batteries (“D” cells, 9-volt, etc.), corrosives, oxidizers, poisons and fluorescent bulbs accepted. Four tires per weekend are also accepted for recycling.

Items which will not be accepted are: explosives, ammunition, radioactive materials, compressed gases, garbage, yard waste, farm chemicals, business wastes, propane tanks, needles/syringes, lead-acid batteries and medical waste. Latex paint should be solidified and disposed of with your regular pick-up.

Eco-Tip: Dispose with disposables.

Previous generations didn’t dream of single-use razors, forks, cups, bags, and food storage containers, but these days, you can find a plastic version of almost any object and then throw that object away after you use it.

When you make a purchase, consider the item’s life expectancy: How long can the item be used? Will it have more than one use? When you’re done with it, will it end up in the trash? Start investing in reusable products for the items you most often throw away.

If you have ideas to share and would like to be more involved in conservation issues, please consider joining the conservation committee. We will be planning to meet an hour before the Audubon board meetings.

For more information contact Candy Colby at 815-616-8258 or e-mail at candacecolby@aol.com.

Candy Colby
Conservation Committee Chair

Earth Friendly Recipe

“Let them eat tofu.”

With apologies to Marie Antoinette, the unfortunate French queen, (when told the French people had no bread, she reportedly said “Let them eat cake” – historians now question that she ever said that), have you ever found yourself in the grocery store staring at that white cake of tofu and wondering what you could possibly do with it?

Tofu, or bean curd, is a popular food derived from soy. It is made by curdling fresh soy milk, pressing it into a solid block and then cooling it – in much the same way that traditional dairy cheese is made by curdling and solidifying milk. The liquid (whey) is discarded, and the curds are pressed to form a cohesive bond. A staple ingredient in Thai and Chinese cookery, it can be cooked in different ways to change its texture from smooth and soft to crisp and crunchy.

One of the healthiest changes you can make in your diet is to incorporate soy foods on a regular basis. Soy is rich in protein, iron and compounds called isoflavones, which seem to protect against hormone-driven cancers such as prostate cancer in men and breast cancer in women. Soy also helps protect your heart.

Tofu can be found in individual packages, which are refrigerated. Tofu is also sold in sealed containers kept at room temperature, which do not need refrigeration until they are opened. When opened, all tofu needs to be rinsed, covered with water and kept in a refrigerated container. To keep the tofu fresh for up to one week, the water should be changed often. If kept in the original package, you can freeze tofu for up to five months.

Tofu is versatile. It can be baked, broiled, deep fried, shallow fried, marinated, stewed, scrambled, added to soups and casseroles, stuffed into tacos, made into dips ... the list goes on and on.

The USA grows two thirds of the world’s production of soy beans, yet almost the entire crop is inefficiently converted to protein by feeding it to animals. An acre of soy beans converted to tofu could provide twenty times as much protein as an acre devoted to cattle production.

*Here is an easy tofu salad recipe
that can take the place of tuna or egg salad:*

TOFU SALAD

Ingredients

*1 pound firm tofu (preferably organic)
1 teaspoon ground turmeric
1 tablespoon prepared mustard
1 tablespoon sweet pickle relish
3 tablespoons chopped celery
3 tablespoons chopped onion
1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
Dash paprika
Salt to taste
Hot-pepper sauce or salsa (optional)*

Instructions

- 1. Drain the tofu well and mash it roughly in a bowl.*
- 2. Add the turmeric, mustard, sweet pickle relish, celery, onion, parsley and paprika, and salt to taste.*
- 3. Mix and mash well. Correct seasoning.
Add hot-pepper sauce or salsa to taste.*

FALL PRAIRIE SEED COLLECTING

Every September and October we collect prairie seeds at our preserve for planting in degraded areas of those same sites. Our only long-range scheduled collecting outing at our Elkhorn Creek Preserve is September 24, 2-4 p.m. (see calendar).

An October date for Silver Creek will be in your next newsletter. However, we will be seed collecting on many more days on shorter notice as weather permits. To get on the call list for the spontaneous seed collecting outings, sign up at the September meeting, call Mary Blackmore at 815-938-3204 or e-mail Nancy Ocken at rnocken@gmail.com.



Bernard Lischwe and Mary Blackmore collecting seed with NIAS issue "Milk Jug Seed Baskets"
photo by Dan Barron

When contacted you may join us if you are available, or if not, we will catch you another time. We typically gather seeds for about two hours at a time during afternoons. This is a wonderful way for you to volunteer to help our restoration efforts!

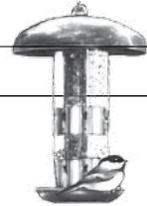
Seed collecting is an easy, leisurely task. Novices are welcome. There will always be a leader to point out which plants to pick seed from. Water, snacks, and equipment will be provided. Wear long pants and long sleeves. It's a fun way to spend a couple of hours on nice fall afternoons. We hope you can join us!

Bird Walks Delightful

Our series of spring bird walks got off to a wonderful start this year when participants of the first walk were able to observe a big flock of Cedar Waxwings in the carpool area at Staples. It only got better! Favorite species and behaviors included nesting Rough-winged Swallows, a nesting Sandhill Crane, Hooded Merganser, Hermit Thrush, Great Horned Owl, Forster's Tern, American White Pelican, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Veery, Great-crested Flycatcher, Scarlet Tanager, Least Flycatcher, Blackpoll Warbler, Bobolink and Orchard Oriole.

Each walk averaged 8 participants and 41 species. Most of the 8 sites were in Stephenson county except for the Pecatonica River Forest Preserve and our Elkhorn Creek Biodiversity Preserve. Besides great birds, the Pec River Forest Preserve provided stunning wildflowers, especially masses of Bluebells.

Many thanks to the NIAS members who led the walks: Richard Benning, Mary Blackmore, Somer Bozovsky, Laura Dufford, Juliet Moderow and Anne Straight. We hope you can join us next year when we'll once again enjoy the beauty and wonder of the spring migration.



BIRD SEED SALE ALERT

This year's Bird Seed Sale will be held October 19 - 21. Sale fliers will be mailed in September.

If you can volunteer to help sort orders or deliver seed, please call 815-238-9259 or 815-938-3204.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

John Mueller - Tucson AZ
Sarah Mandel - Schamburg
Barry Bergeman - Stockton
Phyllis Bergagna - Freeport
Martha Wolf - Freeport

Would you like to join Audubon as a NEW Member or give a GIFT membership?

Two types of membership are available:

1. Northwest Illinois Audubon Society and National Membership
includes this local newsletter, local mailings and the national "Audubon" magazine.

_____ National Membership \$20

All renewals for national memberships need to use the national membership form.

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- Sharon McArthur for her donation in memory of Edna Yahnke.
- The many friends and relatives of Juliet and Adam Moderow for donations in their honor.
- Dan Barron and Sarah Arnold for their donation in honor of Magee Marsh field trip leaders Richard Benning, Mary Blackmore and Laura Dufford.
- Mary Blackmore and Lynne Wilburn for their donations in memory of Warren Burstrom.
- Prairie stewardship volunteers from May 4 through June 28: Judy and Harlan Corrie, Mary Blackmore, Kara Gallup, Larry Seffrood, Dave Derwent, Candy Colby, Bob Remer, Merry Blake, Anne Straight, Carol and Fred Redmore, Nancy and Randy Ocken, Charlie Corrie, Deb and Bernard Lischwe, Anita Nienhuis, Max Metcalf, and Carrie Govek.
- Lynn Feaver for mowing trails at our preserves and mowing sweet clover at Elkhorn Creek.
 - Sterling Taylor for field mowing thistles at Silver Creek.
- The NIAS Board Retreat Committee: Mary Blackmore, Juliet Moderow and Teresa Smith.
- Recent field trip leaders/coordinators: Richard Benning, Laura Dufford, Pam Steinhaus, Cindy and John KcKee and Mary Blackmore.
- Thank you to Shey Lowman for putting our calendar items on the webpage each month.

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