



Northwest Illinois Audubon Society

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NIAS MONTHLY PROGRAMS

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

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

Most programs begin at 7 PM 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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OCTOBER – NOVEMBER 2019

Pied-billed Grebe

Podilymbus podiceps

Part bird, part submarine, the Pied-billed Grebe is common across much of North America. These small brown birds have unusually thick bills that turn silver and black in summer.



These expert divers inhabit sluggish rivers, freshwater marshes, lakes, and estuaries. They use their chunky bills to kill and eat large crustaceans along with a great variety of fish, amphibians, insects, and other invertebrates. Rarely seen in flight and often hidden amid vegetation, Pied-billed Grebes announce their presence with loud, far-reaching calls.



OCTOBER PROGRAMMING

WINTER IS FOR THE BIRDS

7:00 PM TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

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

While we find Sandhill Cranes throughout the Midwest between spring and late fall, visiting one of their southern winter habitats provides quite a different spectacle. Photographers Wolf and Linnea Koch will share pictures and stories of their visit to Bosque del Apache, NM, a Federal Wildlife Management area along the Rio Grande River. The presentation will provide outstanding photos of Sandhill Cranes and

other birds found at Bosque del Apache. They will also share information on the migration patterns and habits of Sandhill Cranes.

Wolf and Linnea Koch are from Sterling, IL and teach photography seminars including seminars on capturing wildlife with your camera. Join us for an evening of spectacular photography and details about the birds of Bosque del Apache, New Mexico.

NOVEMBER PROGRAMMING

STRATEGIES FOR BLANDING'S TURTLE RECOVERY IN ILLINOIS

7:00 PM TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH

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



The Blanding's Turtle is an Illinois endangered species with a distribution limited to the northern third of the state. Its conservation and management is made challenging by a long lifespan (sexual maturity is not reached until 14-17 years of age) and its use of large expanses of both wetland and upland habitat. Dr. Richard King, Biology Professor at Northern Illinois will share information about the biology and status of this charismatic turtle in Illinois and what is being done to promote its recovery.

For information about these programs contact Teresa at 815-238-3963

CALENDAR CONSIDERATIONS

September 27 – Almost-a-New-Moon Campfire at our Silver Creek Biodiversity Preserve. Stroll the trails at 6 p.m.; campfire at 7:00. S'mores and water will be provided. Bring a lawn chair and flashlight.

Carpool from the east portion of the Harbor Freight lot in Freeport at 5:15 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.

October 1 – Conservation Committee, 6:00 p.m. prior to regular program/meeting. Open to any NIAS member (see page 4 for details)

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October 3 – Issues discussion, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the home of Richard Benning; 704 N Davis St in Davis; 815-865-5279.

The topic for the first hour of discussion will be announced at the October 1st general membership meeting. During the second hour we will discuss topics brought forth by participants. All are welcome to attend this discussion.

Carpool from the Harbor Freight east parking lot in Freeport at 6:30 or call Richard for directions.

October 5 – Know-Know-Know Your Oaks, 10:00-11:30 a.m. at Oakdale Nature Preserve (see page 3 for more information)

October 6 – Prairie Seed Collecting at our Silver Creek Biodiversity Preserve, 2-4 p.m. Tools, water, snacks and guidance provided.

Carpool from the east Harbor Freight lot in Freeport at 1:15 p.m. The preserve is about 2

miles south of Leaf River on the west side 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.

October 10 – NIAS Preserves Reflections and Potluck Lunch for Elkhorn Creek and Silver Creek preserves volunteers at 10:30 a.m. We'll gather at the home of Randy and Nancy Ocken (815-440-5768), 3445 N. Union Rd., Polo. Bring a dish to pass; beverages and table service will be provided. We'll discuss 2019 preserves stewardship and consider ideas for 2020 before we have lunch.

All preserve volunteers from stewardship or educational activities are welcome to participate. Carpool from the east Harbor Freight lot in Freeport at 10:00 a.m. or call Ockens for directions. Please RSVP to Ockens if you plan to attend.

October 17 and 18 – NIAS annual Bird Seed Sale Fundraiser: Freeport pickups and deliveries.

2019 Bird Seed Sale Fundraiser fliers were mailed in September. Please contact Mary Blackmore if you didn't receive a copy or visit www.nwilaudubon.org for more information.

October 19 – NIAS annual Bird Seed Sale Fundraiser: Stockton, Forreton, Dakota and Davis pickups.

October 21 – Stewardship session at our Silver Creek Biodiversity Preserve, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Tools, gloves, water, snacks and guidance provided. We'll be working primarily on Multi-flora Rose and honeysuckle, but may do some seed collecting.

Carpool from the east Harbor Freight lot in Freeport at 12:15 p.m. The preserve is about 2 miles south of Leaf River on the west side 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.

October 22 – Local Food Tour: Gretta's Goats. 12:30-1:45 p.m. (see page 3 for more information)

October 25 – Almost-a-New-Moon last campfire of 2019, Elkhorn Creek

Biodiversity Preserve. Prairie stroll at 5:30 p.m., with the campfire to follow at 6:00. S'mores and water will be provided. Bring a lawn chair and flashlight.

Carpool from the east Harbor Freight lot in Freeport at 5:00. The preserve is located about 3 miles southwest of Forreton in the southeast corner of West Grove and Freeport Rds. The parking lot is off of West Grove Rd. If weather is questionable call Mary at 815-938-3204.

October 28 – Stewardship session at our Elkhorn Creek Biodiversity Preserve, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Tools, gloves, water, snacks and guidance provided. We'll be working primarily on Multi-flora Rose and honeysuckle. Carpool from the east Harbor Freight lot in Freeport at 12:30.

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October 30 – Stewardship session at our Elkhorn Creek Biodiversity Preserve, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Details same as October 28 (above).

November 2 – Audubon Council of Illinois meeting hosted by our chapter at Mary Blackmore's home, 9024 W. West Grove Rd., Forreton, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

For agenda information call Mary at 815-938-3204.

November 3 – Field trip: Migrating Waterfowl on the Mississippi. 12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. (see page 3 for more information)

November 5 – Program at 7:00 p.m. at St. John United Church of Christ, 1010 Park Blvd. (see page 1 for details)

November 8 – Prairie Seed Processing at the Nienhuis Deluxe Heated Shed! Join us from 9:00 a.m. to noon for a fun morning as we process our seed collection in preparation for planting. No experience is necessary and refreshments will be provided. Seed processing is sort of like a botanical quilting bee, with lots of good conversation.

Anita and John live at 3350 S. Mill Grove Rd.,

Questions About Your Membership?

Contact Teresa Smith at 815-238-3963
or timtreesmith@gmail.com

CALENDAR
CONSIDERATIONS
CONTINUED

Pearl City, about 8 miles west of Freeport. Carpool from the east Harbor Freight lot in Freeport at 8:30 or call Anita for directions at 815-443-2401.

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November 10 – “Talking About the Issues” monthly discussion session, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the home of Mary Blackmore, 9024 W. West Grove Rd., Forreton (815-938-3204). The first hour topic will focus on solutions for addressing climate change. In this year of record high temperatures, floods, fires and ice melting, we need action more than ever.

There is no article to read. We don't need more information; we need action. Bring with you your ideas for solutions on the local, state, national and international levels, as well as meaningful steps we can take in our personal lives. Everyone is welcome.

November 12 – Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at St. John United Church of Christ, 1010 Park Blvd, Freeport

November 13 – Prairie Seed Processing and Potluck Lunch, 9:00 a.m. *Details same as November 8, except bring a dish to pass and table service for lunch after our work.*

November 16 – Stewardship session at our Elkhorn Creek Biodiversity Preserve, 1:00-3:00 p.m. *Details same as October 28.*

November 19 – Stewardship session at our Silver Creek Biodiversity Preserve, 1:00-3:00 p.m. *Details same as October 21.*

November 21 – Stewardship session at our Silver Creek Biodiversity Preserve, 1:00-3:00 p.m. *Details same as October 21.*



Attendees of the 2019 board retreat, held at Oakdale in the Mogle center on August 9th.

(photo by Juliet Moderow)



FIELD TRIPS AND EVENTS
OCTOBER – NOVEMBER

Know-Know-Know Your Oaks

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

10:00-11:30 a.m.

Oakdale Nature Preserve

Leader: Richard Benning 815-865-5279

Not a repetition error, but rather the lyrics of a song to the tune of “Row-Row-Row Your Boat.” Oak trees are an integral part of several ecosystem types in our area. This program will cover both the natural and cultural history of oaks, including their importance to wildlife. We will be walking to see several species of oak trees, so dress accordingly. You may even learn the song. Meet at the main parking lot at Oakdale (near the Mogle Center).

Call Richard Benning 815-865-5279 for more information on this program.

**Sand Bluff Bird Observatory
Donor Appreciation Breakfast**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

RSVP Required

Coordinator: Chris Kruger at 815-239-9259

Join us on Saturday, Oct. 12th for an open house at Sand Bluff Bird Observatory located at Colored Sands Forest Preserve, 10602 Haas Rd. Rockton, IL.

Meet the carpool at Harbor Freight in Freeport at 7:30 am or join our group at Sand Bluff at 8:15 am. We are invited to come for breakfast, visit with their group and observe banding. There are also trails to explore in the 300+ acre preserve. Expected return time to Freeport approx. 11:30 am. Reservations for the breakfast required by September 30.

Call Chris Kruger at 815-239-9259 for reservations, carpool or other information. More info. available on Sand Bluff Bird Observatory at sandbluff.org

Local Food Tour: Gretta's Goats

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

12:30 – 1:45 p.m.

*Leader: Laura Dufford
815-541-8958 or lauradufford@gmail.com*

Enjoy a tour of Gretta's Goats near Pecatonica. Gretta raises goats to make artisan cheese and soap. We'll get a view of their small creamery and hear about their commercial cheese operation. We'll also get a glimpse of their soap making process. And of course, we'll get to meet the goats themselves! The farm also has bees for honey and pastured chickens for eggs. We'll have time to visit the store to purchase cheese, soap, eggs, and honey (if available). Gretta also offers Goat Yoga, so it's a chance to inquire about that activity.

Please confirm your attendance with Laura. We will meet at the Harbor Freight Parking lot at 12:00 for carpooling. We should arrive back in Freeport by 2:30. If you'd like to meet us at the farm the address is: 498 Farwell Bridge Rd., Pecatonica. The tour begins at 12:30.

**Migrating Waterfowl
on the Mississippi**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

12:30 – 5:30 p.m.

RSVP Required

*Leader: Laura Dufford
815-541-8958 or lauradufford@gmail.com*

We'll start our trip at Spring Lake Wildlife Area south of Savanna to view migrating waterfowl. There should be ducks arriving from their northern nesting grounds. We'll make several stops along the river for additional viewings, ending up at Lock & Dam 13 for further waterfowl observations.

Carpool from Harbor Freight at 12:30 p.m. or meet at Spring Lake location at 1:30. Please let Laura know if you plan to attend this trip and if you plan to carpool from Freeport. And remember to set your clock backs as daylight savings time ends!

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE NEWS

JOIN US

As you know, NIAS is not just about birds. Many of us are very interested in birds, but our chapter also has a broader view and we realize that everything in this world is connected. And as we all know, there are MANY things happening in our world - country, state, and locally - that are affecting our environment at this time. And although NIAS is a small part of this planet, we feel that we can do our part to educate and activate people to make change.

Our chapter has a conservation committee that focuses on conservation/legislative issues. We would love to have you part of this committee. If you are interested in becoming more involved with environmental awareness in our community, please join us at one of our committee meetings. Beginning in October we will meet before the monthly Audubon meetings at 6:00 at the church (unless otherwise noted). We hope you will join us!!

Laura Dufford

Changes to the Endangered Species Act are a pathway to more extinctions

Imagine a world without Bald Eagles, humpback whales, California Condors. If it were not for the Endangered Species Act (ESA) you would not have to imagine it, because it would be reality. On December 28, 1973, President Richard M. Nixon signed into law the Endangered Species Act. Since that day over 1,600 plant and animal species have been protected. Over the last 46 years, 99 percent of the species protected by the Act have been saved from extinction. Only 10 species protected have been declared extinct and quite possibly eight of those ten were extinct before they made the list.

Why alter something that seems to have had so much success? Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross said that the new rules “fit squarely within the President’s mandate of easing the regulatory burden on the American public, without sacrificing our species’ protection and recovery goals.” As of this writing (August 16) Attorney



Generals from California and Massachusetts disagree with that statement and have already pledged to file lawsuits to block the changes and numerous other environmental organizations will most likely follow suit with their own legal challenges.

With the changes that are being suggested for the ESA, one of the more significant one comes with the removal of the line that states, listing a species comes “without reference to possible economic or other impacts of such determination.” It seems pretty obvious which interest groups will benefit from this omission and it is not the biodiversity of the planet.

A survey done through Ohio State University on public opinion on the Endangered Species Act found 4 out of 5 Americans support the ESA. A very short time ago both the United Nations and the International Union for Conservation of Nature released two separate reports on how human activity and climate change are pushing hundreds of thousands of species closer to extinction. The support is here for a strengthened Endangered Species Act not a weaker one!

There is much information out there on the subject so I encourage you to educate yourself further. However, we need to get to work while there is still time to convince our representatives that these changes to the Endangered Species Act are not wanted or needed. Let’s put the binoculars down, or the canoe paddles back in the bin for a moment and pick up the phone or a pen and paper and let our intentions be known. (All our representatives’ numbers and addresses are found in the newsletter and on the webpage.)

Let’s protect those things that don’t have a voice and we know are priceless!

Don Miller

Update on Clean Energy Jobs Act/Action needed

The Clean Energy Jobs Act (CEJA) has been introduced in the Illinois legislature. To recap, the goals of CEJA are:

- Promote jobs and economic opportunity across the state.
- Put Illinois on a path to 100% renewable energy by 2050.
- Reduce the equivalent of 1 million gasoline and diesel-powered vehicles from the road.
- Achieve a carbon-free power sector by 2030.

As of the time of this article’s writing, there are 52 State representatives and 30 senators co-sponsoring CEJA with more signing on every day.

As you are also probably aware, July 2019 was the hottest month in recorded history; 197 billion tons of ice melted in Greenland (3 times more than expected), temperatures in Anchorage, Alaska hit 90 degrees for the first time ever, and major wildfires were burning in the Amazon rainforest. More locally, it’s predicted that the Midwest will continue to see increasingly severe cycles of drought and flooding.



To address climate change, passing CEJA would be a major step that we can take right here in Illinois. Please continue to write letters, call and/or email your State legislators and ask them to co-sponsor this important legislation (SB2132/HB3624) and talk to your family and friends and ask them to do the same.

Candy Colby

ILLINOIS WATER WIN

This past spring after years of work, advocacy and grassroots organization, the Illinois General Assembly passed landmark legislation that will help protect the rivers and groundwater of our state from coal ash, the toxic by-product of burning coal. Our chapter was proud to support these efforts by making special donations for the past two years to one of our affiliates, Prairie Rivers Network, an organization that has taken the lead on this issue.

The majority of coal ash ponds in Illinois are unlined, allowing the harmful pollutants of coal ash, notably heavy metals such as arsenic and lead which are potent neurotoxins, to leach into groundwater and surface waters. With the passage of SB9, The Coal Ash Pollution and Prevention Act, Illinois has taken a historic step toward regulating toxic coal ash.

While passage of SB9 is a moment to celebrate, it is not the end of the fight against coal ash pollution. The IEPA will begin drafting necessary rules to guide the law's implementation. Prairie Rivers Network and their partners and contributors, including our chapter, are going to continue efforts that ensure Illinois waters are permanently protected from coal ash pollution.

For more information go to prairierivers.org to access their report "Cap and Run: Toxic Coal Ash Left Behind by Big Polluters Threatens Illinois Water."

Mary Blackmore

*Adapted from Prairie Rivers Network
Summer 2019 newsletter.*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Diane Westerverp
and Jeff Pape – *Galena*
Gene McGee – *Mount Morris*
Irene Broaddus – *Lena*
Margaret Isaac – *Freeport*
Beverly Tyrcha – *Freeport*
Maria Gilfillan – *Rockford*



Our chapter is very grateful to the anonymous donors who fully funded the wonderful Carrie Newcomer concert on August 24th. What would we all do without this 'festival of friends'? (photo by Juliet Moderow)

NIAS PRESIDENT'S TWEET – SUMMER

It is a new year – well for me at least! I've been a student or teacher my entire life and I still think of my "new year" as September instead of January.

But it also feels like a new year for NIAS because we have started our September programs again and offering many events this fall. We have seed-collecting days, field trips, fall campfires, and important conservation efforts that are going full-force now.

We have fresh ideas that we hope you will be a part of this year. Our new conservation chair, Laura Dufford, is following the great momentum of past chair, Candy Colby (thank you), and has new approaches to get our members more involved in this time of serious environmental issues. I encourage you to be a part of the Conservation Committee, which will now have meetings prior to the general meetings to help you with your schedules. In order to help fix our problems, we need people to come together. Fall is a beautiful time of year. Let's enjoy this beautiful planet together and keep it beautiful!

*Juliet Moderow
nwilaudubon@gmail.com*



*Judy Corrie collects seed during an early-September workday.
photo by Kara Gallup*

FALL PRAIRIE SEED COLLECTING

It's not too late to help with prairie seed collecting!

With the exception of the scheduled seed collecting days, September 22 and October 6 (*see calendar*), we will also collect on short notice as weather permits.

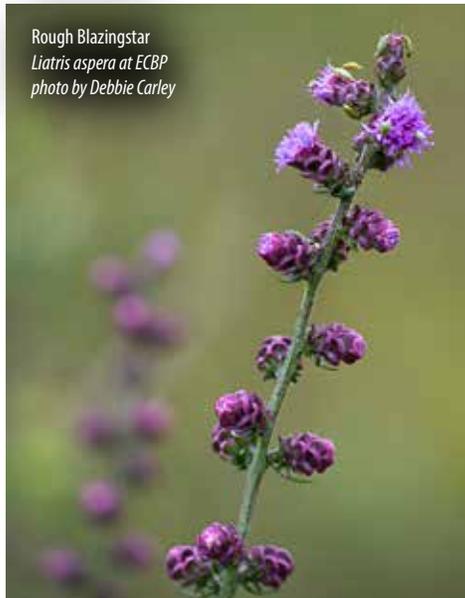
To get on the contact list, e-mail Nancy at rnocken@gmail.com or call Mary at 815-938-3204. When contacted, join us if you are available, or if not, we will catch you another time. No experience? No problem! Seed collecting is an easy, leisurely task. Novices are welcome. There will always be a leader 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!

ELKHORN CREEK BIODIVERSITY PRESERVE

20TH ANNIVERSARY

Volunteer Reflections

In this issue, Elkhorn Creek volunteer comments are from Carol and Fred Redmore (Freeport), Jeremy Dixon (Davis), Paul Brown (rural Dakota) and Mary Blackmore (rural Forreston).



What do you enjoy most about volunteering at our Elkhorn Creek Biodiversity Preserve?

Fred: I like volunteering at the prairie because I am glad to belong to an organization that actively works at an important project instead of just holding meetings and talking.

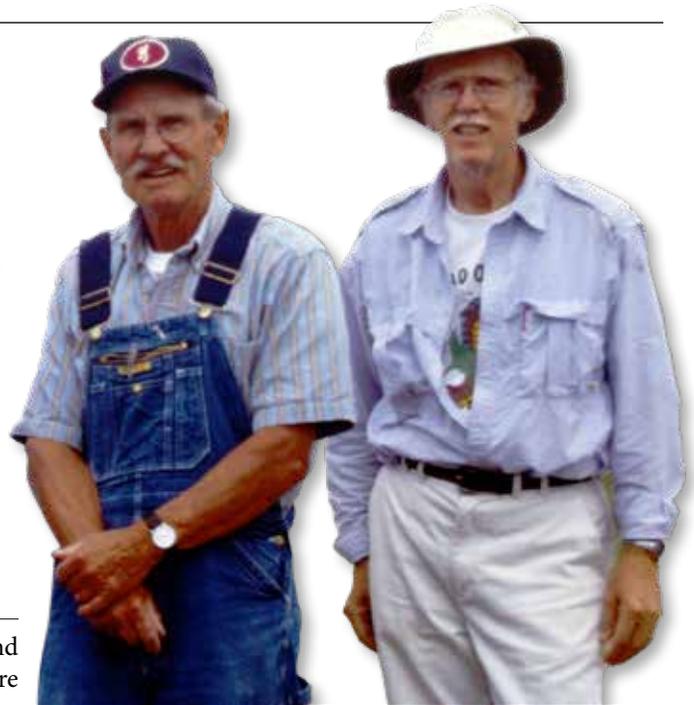
Carol: I like volunteering at the prairie because it is good to be part of working on preserving and nurturing this valuable resource – it is a treasure that cannot be allowed to die out. And it is a joy to work with a community of great people, all working toward a common goal. P.S. We both like going out for breakfast afterwards – more community plus good food!

Jeremy: I enjoy being able to see the changes our hard work makes over time.

Paul: Being outdoors in nature with a great group of people, learning about various plants and different bird species.

We will be forever grateful to Jim Akins and Keith Blackmore for their inspiration, dedication, persistence, creativity, great humor and countless hours of hard work. Without them there would not be an Elkhorn Creek Biodiversity Preserve. They showed us we could do it!

Jim Akins and
Keith Blackmore



Mary: Being a part of building communities within amazing diversity: plant communities, the animal communities that find plant habitats and our community of volunteers.

Jeremy: Wild Bergamot and all the rest of them.

Paul: The coneflowers and Big Bluestem. Overall my favorites are the eagles and large raptors.

Mary: Oh my, that's like having to choose my favorite goat. So I'd say that among my many favorites are Long-bearded Hawkweed and Eastern Screech Owl.

What are one or two of your favorite species?

Fred and Carol: We both love the vibrant purple and gold of the later summer bergamot and gray-headed coneflowers.

“I have found when I tried, or looked deeper inside, What appears unadorned, might be wondrously formed.”

Carrie Newcomer
“Geodes”

Common wood-nymph
photo by Keith Blackmore



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THANK YOU!



Jim Richards for chainsawing and clearing downed trees from trails at both preserves.

Prairie stewardship volunteers for July and August: Deb and Bernard Lischwe, Harlan and Judy Corrie, Paul Brown, Mary Blackmore, Nancy and Randy Ocken, Anne Straight, Anita and John Nienhuis, Kara Gallup, Jeremy and Mason Dixon, Pam and Jim Richards, Juliet Moderow, Lynn Feaver and Gary Gordon.

Molly Doolittle for her recent donation.

BIRD SEED SALE ALERT

This year's Bird Seed Sale will be held October 17-19. Sale fliers were mailed in early-September.

Order deadline October 4th.

If you can volunteer to help sort orders please call 815-938-3204.

Recent field trip leaders/coordinators: Richard Benning, Chris Kruger and Laura Dufford.

Tim Smith for designing and constructing our new wind-resistant chapter and preserve display boards, and to Teresa Smith for updating the display photos.

Butterfly Festival volunteers who helped with set-up, clean-up, refreshments, butterfly tours, hospitality, and equipment loans: Tim and Teresa Smith, Harlan and Judy Corrie, Richard Benning, John Walt, Dave Derwent, Mary Blackmore, Kara Gallup, Carol Redmore, Anita Nienhuis, Alice Akins, Chris Kruger and Mark Keister.

Alice Akins for her delicious deluxe breakfast and terrific hospitality for Elkhorn Creek volunteers after their July 24 stewardship session. It was fantastic, Alice!

Volunteers who provided snacks for our summer stewardship sessions: Mary Blackmore, Nancy Ocken, Anne Straight, Juliet Moderow, Kara Gallup, Pam Richards, Anita Nienhuis, Sandy Feaver, Alice Akins, Leah Dixon, Deb Lischwe, Carol Redmore and Judy Corrie.

Dave Derwent for his countless hours of independent work on the Freeport Prairie Nature Preserve.

The anonymous donors who funded the wonderful Carrie Newcomer concert sponsored by our chapter.

The Carrie Newcomer concert committee and concert volunteers: Don Miller, Tim and Teresa Smith, Juliet Moderow, Laura Dufford, Mary Blackmore and Kara Gallup.

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