



2010-2011 ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Jackson Audubon Society meetings and programs are held at the Ella Sharp Museum, 3225 S Fourth St., Jackson, except where otherwise noted. Regular meetings begin with a social time at 7:00 p.m. with meeting and program to follow. Bring recyclables (magazines, books, feeders, etc.) to the programs. For more information call: 517-782-3453.

FIELD TRIPS

Saturday, September, 11: Falling Waters Trail - Come experience the beautiful trail area near Lime Lake. We will meet at 8 am at the intersection of Teft Road and the trail just south of Spring Arbor. You may want to bring your bike and take a ride into Concord (about five miles) for an early lunch. Call Gary Mason at 750-3439 for more information.

Saturday, October, 16: Crane Driving Tour - Meet at the Haehnle Sanctuary Observation Hill parking lot at 4 p.m. Call Gary Siegrist at 782-3453 or 937-1095 for more information.

February 5 and --6 Birding in the Soo - Take a winter birding trip to Michigan's Upper Peninsula. See Snowy and Great Gray owls, Sharp-tailed grouse and other winter wonders. Cost for the trip is \$20.00 plus your food and lodging. Call Gary Siegrist (522- 5990) or Lathe Claflin (522-3949) for **NEEDED RESERVATIONS**.

Saturday, March 19-Early Waterfowl trip around the Jackson Area. The trip will be from 8 am to 1 pm. Meet at the Eastside Meijer parking lot. Parking is limited at the lakes and ponds so carpooling will be necessary. Call Don Henise at 517- 795-7752 for more information.

Wednesday, May 11-Crane Creek field trip- Join us on this Ohio day trip to one of the top hotspot places in the country for migration. Meet at the Eastside Meijer parking lot at 6:00 am . This will be an all day trip so **BRING YOUR LUNCH**. Call Joyce Peterson at 517-563-8725 for more information.

Saturday, June 18-Breeding Birds of Waterloo field trip- Join us on this Jackson area trip to find breeding cerulean, hooded, and chestnut- sided warblers along with many different breeds of sparrows. We will meet at the

Eastside Meijer parking lot at 6:45 am. Call Lathe Claflin at 517-522-3949 for more information.

Saturday, July 9: Garden and Bird Carving field trip- We will meet at Don and Mary White's house at 9575 Hanover Rd just a mile and a half through Hanover on the left side of the road at 10:00 am. Join us for an outstanding tour of a summer garden and a room full of carvings. Call Connie Spotts at 517-529-9031 for more information.

Saturday, August 27-Shorebirds at Point Moulee field trip: This is a great opportunity to find migrant shorebirds in a locked wildlife management area. **RESERVATIONS ARE ESSENTIAL AS A SPECIAL PERMIT IS REQUIRED TO ENTER THE REFUGE BY VEHICLE.** Call Don Henise at 517-795-7752 to reserve a spot.

WORKBEES

Saturday, September,25: Haehnle - Sanctuary 9 am to 12. Meet at the Wing Overlook area off the main parking lot on Seymour Rd. Contact Lathe Claflin at 522-3949 for more information.

Saturday, March 26: Workbee at Haehnle Sanctuary 9 am to 12. Meet at the Wing Overlook area off the main parking lot on Seymour Rd. Contact Lathe Claflin at 517-522-3949 for more information.

Saturday, April 9:-Workbee at Kate Palmer Sanctuary- Meet at 10:00 am at the parking lot on O'Brian and McCain Roads. Call Joyce Peterson at 517-563-8725 for more information.

MEETINGS

Thursday, September 9: “Conifer Mutations And Horticultural Gems” - Hidden Lake Gardens propagation and growing staff Jon Genereaux will introduce you to trees that are seldom seen out of arboretums. Jon will also demonstrate a method of propagation called Grafting, to reproduce a Hidden Lake Gardens treasured secret.

Thursday, October 14: “Jackson Tower Birds” - Steve Shotwell who was instrumental in making sure our Jackson Peregrines had a nest to build on and watched over them throughout the nesting season, will give us the complete story of our famous birds.

Thursday, November 11: Annual Meeting and Program: “Exploring The Florida Peninsula” - Herons, egrets, eagles and alligators; Oh My! Retired Naturalist Tom Hodgson will show images and tell the stories of some of the most colorful, exciting, and interesting birds, mammals, and reptiles that he has encountered in his travels throughout the sunshine state. He has paddled Florida’s rivers, lakes and estuaries with camera in hand, in search of remote rookeries and elusive species. If you’re not a “snowbird” now, you may want to be after seeing this program.

Thursday, January 13: “Of Birds and Berries” - Researcher, Julie Craves from the Rouge River Bird Observatory - UM of Dearborn, will share her knowledge of the fall migrating birds and what fruit they eat to gain fat for their Southerly trip. She will focus on her work

with Thrushes (Bluebirds & Robins). This will be a joint program with the Dahlem Center and the program will take place at the DAHLEM CENTER on South Jackson Road.

Friday, February 11: “Backyard Birds An Beyond” - Doug Leffler will present a photo program at THE VISTA GRANDE VILLA showing typical backyard birds that we see at home bird feeders, as well as birds seen on area hiking trails. PLEASE BRING A DESSERT

Thursday, March 10: “East Africa” Chris Vanlonkhuyzen will take us on a visit to the high East African plateau which includes Tanzania and Kenya. These areas have the world’s greatest concentration of bird and animal life on our planet. The program will end with a musical synopsis of many of the programs that Chris has done for the Audubon. Also, Chris will present, “Remembering Bob,” a tribute to Bob Whiting.

Thursday, April 14: “Simply Dragonflies” - Through beautiful photos, Don Henise will teach us the basics of identifying the common dragonflies of Southern Michigan.

Saturday, June 25-Purple Martin and Audubon Party Pot Luck-. Meet at Connie Spotts’s house at 2023 Crispell Rd at 11:00 am for lots of fun, rain or shine. Bring a passing dish or snack, along with a nature item for a free drawing. Call Connie at 517-529-9031 or 517-230-2707 for more information

OTHER EVENTS

Saturday, April 2: Martin workshop at the Dahlem Center at 2:00. Call the Dahlemat 517-782-3453 to register.

Saturday, April 30: Jackson Area Outdoor Coalition’s “EARTH DAY CELEBRATION” at the Cascades Falls Park 1:00- 4:00 pm. Jackson Audubon will have a booth and lead birding walks. There will be many family activities. Contact 517-782-3453 for more information.

Friday through Sunday, May 3-5-Cerulean Warbler Weekend-Call MAS for more information.

Saturday, August 20: Birds, Blooms, and Butterflies Festival at the Dahlem Center. There will be programs, booths, and guided birding trips. The event runs from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Friday through Sunday, May 13-15: MAS Conference at Tawas Point. Make your own arrangements. Contact MICHIGAN AUDUBON at 517-886-9144 for more information. www.tawasbirdfest.com

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Saturday, December 18: Join Jackson area birders on this important and fun citizen science activity, followed by the get together dinner, to hear the exciting sightings and counts. See “<http://www.jacksonaudubon.org/christmascount.htm>” for details, Everyone is welcome to both (or either) activity.