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Birds of Sanibel Island

Tuesday, March 8, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

Bob Clement

OAS member Bob Clement is an outstanding photographer, as we learned from a previous program he presented for us in 2013.

Join us this evening as Bob takes us to Florida's Sanibel Island for another photographic feast.



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Attu Island Birding

Tuesday, April 12, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

Don Burlett

Back by popular demand! In January 2008, OAS President Don Burlett showed us what birding is like on remote Attu Island in the Aleutians. Several people have asked Don to repeat that program, and tonight's the night.

Attu Island is a location for hard-core birding, and this evening Don will again show us why.



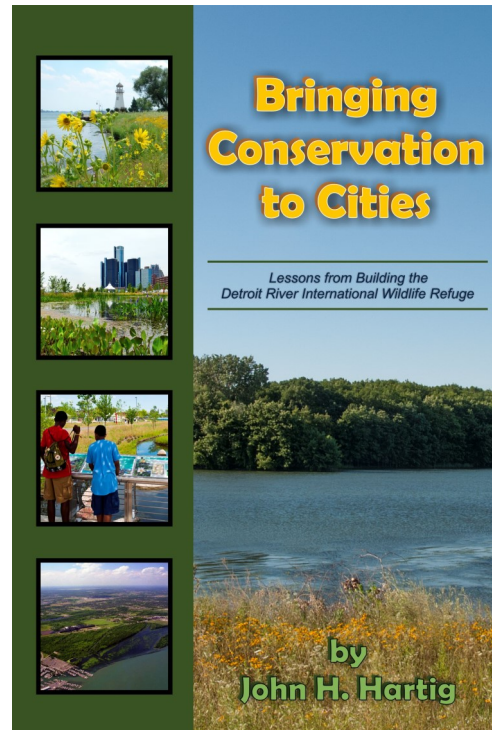
Bringing Conservation to Cities

Tuesday, May 10, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

Dr. John Hartig

The Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge is an innovative public-private partnership, but bringing it into being was not easy.

Dr. John Hartig, who manages the refuge, will be with us this evening to tell us the inspiring story of how the many obstacles were overcome, resulting in a one-of-a-kind conservation success right in our own backyard. Dr. Hartig's book on this subject will be available for purchase the night of the presentation.



OFFICER/CHAIR POSITIONS AVAILABLE

If you are motivated to contribute to the Oakland Audubon Society, there are a couple of positions open as these folks are moving on for different reasons. Here is a listing of open positions and a brief description of the roles. Please contact Don Burlett if you have interest. We want motivated people who want to make a difference in our organization.

Program Officer – This job involves scouting out speakers for programs and working with a small committee to assure that our monthly program schedule is flush with good programs. Our current schedule is complete for the next several months so the pressure is low when this position is filled.

Co-Coordinator of the Young Birders Club – This position involves working with another coordinator to assemble programs that will attract young birders to participate in nature/birding activities. Some publicity and communication skills will be useful. This will be coordinated with the President. An imagination and understanding of young people are essential for this role.

Please contact President Don Burlett to express interest in any of these positions. The Program Officer spot needs to be an Oakland Audubon member while the Young Birder's Club Co-Coordinator is encouraged to be a member. You can always join when you take a spot also.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Do you ever get tired of me rattling on about the organization, how great it is, how we are doing all these activities for you or how I'd like to change a few things? I certainly get tired of writing my column every once in a while and I struggle for inspiration. As I now move into the part of my life where I don't work full-time any more, I do have more time to do things but I still need some inspiration. We recently completed a membership survey and many of the results were sort of "expected". We are an older group of folks, we like birding, our newsletter and website are first class and we do a lot of activities (programs and field trips). Can't argue with most of that! We have recently begun paying more attention to supporting some of our local and state-based organizations both financially and activity-wise.

And so, now what? Where do we go from here? Obviously, we have a certain amount of membership turnover with a very solid core of members. Our attempts to get a Young Birders group going has been frustrating, largely because we don't have a great way to "advertise" to this group and their parents. And it is difficult to expect parents to always encourage activity in nature, especially when we demand that parents take part in the activity. School activities, sports, computers, phones and games all draw more attention than a group like ours. And we aren't like a major county organization. So I think about this and think about it and here I am again without a major answer.

So, as the New Year comes to us, we will continue to do what we do well and see what comes along as new ideas and opportunities. I'd also like to suggest that if someone wants to offer an editorial for the newsletter in place of my column, if it is thought provoking, novel or very useful for our members, I'd gladly give up this space for an issue. Think about it.

This is my eighth year as President and I have enjoyed every moment of it. Great folks, fun activities – very much worth all my effort. I'll still be here for a bit but we do need to keep adding active people, preferably a bit younger than me, to keep the organization vital and progressing. I know, we still have a couple of board openings that haven't been filled. But any organization is only as good as the members make it. So it's up to you and me to make the changes necessary to keep us going strong.

I'd also like to say that our field trip programs are getting almost too popular. The size of the groups on our outings is getting more difficult to handle. Thank god we have multiple leaders on most trips. We had 20 people on our latest outing and that was a long train of cars driving along the river. But we are still keeping it fresh and trying new things.

Please drop me a line and let me know your thoughts – aside from the membership survey. I'd love to hear from you and can always use some inspiration!!

Don Burlett

Page one banner credits: Hermit Thrush—Joan Tisdale, Sandhill Cranes, Yellow Warbler, Blue-spotted Salamander—Mike Dougherty

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

(Details of these outings are on the Field Trips page of our website at www.oaklandaudubon.org)

Date	Event	Trip Leader(s)
Sunday, March 6 3:00 PM—7:00 PM	Shiawassee NWR Meet at parking lot off W. Curtis Rd. at the start of auto-drive	Don Burlett
Sunday, March 20 8:00 AM—Noon	Belle Isle Park Meet in Nature Center parking lot State Recreation passport required	Mike Mencotti
Wednesday, March 23 8:00 AM—Noon	Local Parks—Bird Behavior Meet at Robert Long Nature Park lot On 14 Mile, just west of M-5	Mike Mencotti
Saturday, April 2 7:30 AM—Noon	Maple River SGA Meet at Park and Ride on South Williams Rd. off US-127 (exit 91)	Jeff Stacey
Sunday, April 10 7:00 AM—Noon	Spring Migration in the Thumb Meet at the Big Boy in Imlay City Exit 168 off I-69	Ed Lewandowski
Wednesday, April 13 8:00 AM—Noon	Local Parks –Birdsong Meet at Robert Long Nature Park lot On 14 Mile, just west of M-5	Mike Mencotti
Sunday, April 17 8:00 AM—Noon	Searching for Salamanders Meet in Goose Meadow lot at Highland State Rec Area	Allen Chartier
Wednesday, April 27 8:00 AM—Noon	Kensington Metropark Meet at Nature Center lot Metropark pass or daily fee required	Mike Mencotti
Friday, April 29 6:00 PM—8:00 PM	Frog Stroll—Rose Oaks Meet at Buckhorn Lake Rd. lot OCP pass or daily permit required	Kathleen Dougherty

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS—continued

(Details of these outings are on the Field Trips page of our website at www.oaklandaudubon.org)

Date	Event	Trip Leader(s)
<p>Saturday, April 30 8:00 AM—Noon</p>	<p>Stony Creek Metropark Meet at Eastwood Beach parking lot Metropark pass or daily fee required</p>	<p>Jeff Stacey</p>
<p>Saturday, May 7 8:00 AM—3:00 PM</p>	<p>Point Pelee National Park Meet at tram stop at Visitor's Centre Entrance fee and tolls required</p>	<p>Jim Koppin</p>
<p>Sunday, May 15 8:00 AM—Noon</p>	<p>Pointe Mouillee by Bike Meet at Mouillee Creek parking lot just north of Labo Rd.—bring a bike</p>	<p>Dave Frye</p>
<p>Saturday, May 21 8:00 AM—1:00 PM</p>	<p>Tawas Point State Park Takes place during but is not part of the Tawas Birding Festival State Park Pass required</p>	<p>Jeff Stacey</p>



Photo Credits: Mike Dougherty

FIELD TRIP REPORTS

Niagara Falls, Ontario – December 5-6, 2015

With a mild fall and early winter, this trip to Niagara Falls was certainly an interesting one. Ten avid birders came along, traveling to Niagara Falls on Friday afternoon. On Saturday morning, after a warm breakfast, we proceeded to the Ft. Erie end of the Niagara River to scout the entrance area for waterfowl and whatever was around. There were thousands of ducks on the river and on Lake Erie at the entrance. A highlight at this end of the river was two Peregrine Falcons on a bridge that went hunting pigeons in tandem. No success at that time but it was spectacular.

Along the river there wasn't much but what we had seen already. Above the falls, we had Glaucous Gull, Lesser Black-backed Gull, thousands of Bonaparte's Gulls and others. We also stopped for passerines but didn't get a Tufted Titmouse. At the falls, again, there were many of the gulls seen above. At the Whirlpool, we got our Little Gull and had a striking leucistic Bonaparte's Gull. Further down, we got Black Vultures across the river on a church on the American side and a young Harlequin Duck below Adam Beck along with an Iceland Gull. At the river mouth at Lake Ontario, we got a Common Loon and other birds.

On Sunday, we moved down the river again seeing many of the same birds. We then worked our way west along the edge of Lake Ontario to Hamilton. In Hamilton at the Fruitland Rd. outlook, we got all three scoters, a female King Eider and a Red-throated Loon. Those were a very nice end to a great weekend. All totaled, we had 20 species of ducks, 2 loons, 1 grebe, 8 gulls and a total of 60 species. Very well done. Everyone had a great time and the fireworks Friday night and interesting dining experiences added to the ambience. We'll definitely have to go again.

Trip Leader—Don Burlett



The Ten Avid Birders—Niagara Falls Field Trip

Photo Credit: Don Burlett

FIELD TRIP REPORTS

St. Clair River – January 16, 2016

With our mild winter, Lake St. Clair was only partially frozen and the river was wide open. This obviously affects what you can expect. A few passerines were observed at Lake St. Clair Metropark and no Great Horned Owl. We did get very good looks at Red-shouldered Hawk found along Rt. 29 near Anchorville. There were very few places with ducks along the river. We did find one large group (several large groups actually) of Redheads with a single Canvasback and one Ruddy Duck. Mallards and a few Long-tailed Ducks made up the rest of the river ducks. We did not find any Peregrine Falcons at the bridge in Port Huron and we only had a few Bufflehead, one White-winged Scoter and Long-tailed Ducks at the river mouth. The numbers of Long-tailed Ducks were also much lower than when the lake is frozen. Seeing that it was cool and breezy, we then adjourned for lunch. We had 33 species for the day but the Red-shouldered Hawk was worth the day.

Trip leader – Don Burlett



Photo credit: Jeff Stacey

Wednesday Morning Field Trip – Beaudette Park and E L Johnson - Jan. 20, 2016

Oakland Audubon's new midweek workshop/field trip series got off to a fine start Jan .20, as 11 birders braved the snow and mid-teen temperatures to hone their birding skills. We started at Beaudette Park to observe waterfowl and were rewarded with a chance to compare Trumpeter Swans with Mutes, and Ring-necked Ducks with other divers and with Mallards. A Belted Kingfisher was a delightful surprise in midwinter. On to EL Johnson Nature Center to discuss the finer points of sparrow ID. The group compared Fox, White-throated, Song, American Tree, House and a wide range of plumages on Juncos. Special thanks to Blanche Wicke, who opened up the center so we could watch in comfort. A few participants persevered to Heritage Park to enjoy more feeder-watching. Participants were encouraged to share their ID strategies throughout the trip, benefiting all who attended. Although a long list was not the point, we managed 31 species, not too shabby for a mid-January morning in Oakland County.

Trip leader – Mike Mencotti



Photo credit: Joan Tisdale

FIELD TRIP REPORTS

Sarnia, Ontario/Pinery Provincial Park—January 30, 2016

Cold and windy conditions prevailed as 11 Members and guests crossed over into southern Ontario and followed the Lake Huron coastline up to Pinery Provincial Park. Highlights among the 34 species observed included Bald Eagles that were "cheap as chips", as well as Pine Siskins, Snow Buntings, a very nice Red-headed Woodpecker, Tundra Swans, Long-tailed Ducks, and just a few Redhead ducks (maybe 2500, if our counts were accurate -- LOL!)

Trip Leaders—Dave Frye and Jim Koppin



*Photo credits: Joan Tisdale (Long-tailed Ducks)
Robert Epstein (Pine Siskin)*

Great Backyard Bird Count Feeder Tour—February 13, 2016

We observed 12 species from indoors and 66 individuals at our stop at Moose Tree Preserve. The American Goldfinches were stunning. They filled every perch on a 12 perch feeder which was amazing to see. This was Goldfinch Central with 40 individuals observed. Jamie Huhta, the naturalist at Moose Tree, welcomed the group with Valentine cookies, coffee and other treats. That morning the temperature was below zero. I think it was the coldest day of the year thus far. A small group of nine watched the feeders for about 1 hour at each facility. At Moose Tree a smaller group of six hiked to the Moose Tree which is a tree with the abnormal growth on its trunk shaped like the head of a Moose - hence the name of the nature center. Moose Tree is owned and operated by the Lake Orion School district, but is open to the public during the week. GREAT FEEDERS :)

Trip Leader—Kathleen Dougherty



Photo credit: Kathleen Dougherty

A Fantastic Winter Backyard Find - Jeff Stacey

February 17, 2016 was a very special day in my birding life. I decided to work at home in order to take a birding lunch at Kensington Metropark. That went very well, but it was what happened afterward that made the day memorable.

Upon returning from Kensington, I had some lunch and was cleaning up when I looked out the window and noticed a strange bird in the backyard next to my feeders. I scrambled to grab my binoculars and got a decent view of it.

The bird was sitting erect, facing me. About the size of a House Sparrow, it had a black chevron on the breast bordered by white and yellow. The throat was white and it had a lot of yellow on the face as well. It looked just like a Dickcissel. I ran to get my camera and the bird was still there! Just as I pointed the lens at it, it flew away. My heart sank.

I called a couple of knowledgeable friends. One of them spent a great deal of time trying to figure out what it could be – because there was NO WAY it could be a Dickcissel!

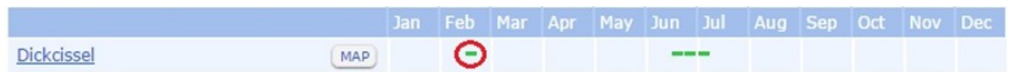
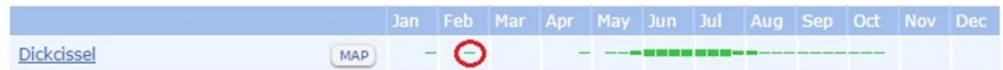
Dickcissels are relatively uncommon in Oakland County, even in the summer. They are late migrants and should be in Central and South America in February, as can be seen in the range map, courtesy of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

Dickcissel
Spiza americana



<https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Dickcissel/id>

According to eBird, there had never been a report of this bird in Michigan in February or even in March.



I spent the next two hours plus watching every bird that came into view. A Cooper's Hawk was in the area and made several passes during that time, making it less likely the bird would come back. Doubt began to creep in. Did I really see that or was it just imagined?



Then suddenly, there it was again! I never saw it come in, but it was on the ground in clear view – a male Dickcissel. This time the camera was handy and I was able to get some shots through my kitchen window. Not great shots, but good enough to allow for a definitive identification.

I posted the pictures on several birding groups and everyone agreed. That was quite a rush! It was late in the evening, but several people expressed interest in coming over to see it the next day. I rearranged my schedule so I could work from home again.

I didn't sleep much that night because I was so excited. The next morning some friends were there bright and early to see the bird. Everyone hoped it was not a one-day wonder. After

over three hours of watching, it just magically appeared – exactly like the first time. The one remaining viewer was able to see it and I was thrilled that it not only came back, but someone else could verify it.

This bird was feeding among about two dozen House Sparrows. From the side, there isn't a whole lot that makes a Dickcissel stand out from them. Only by looking closely or seeing it from the front is it identifiable as something different.

Had this bird just shown up that day? I don't think that was the case. Most likely it had been around the feeders for a while and when it was mixed in with the other birds, I never noticed it. Although from most angles, it's not easy to differentiate it from a House Sparrow at a glance.

Why is this bird still here? The most common theory is that it chose not to migrate due to the very warm fall and early summer we've had in Southern Michigan. It probably found food at bird feeders like mine for a couple months.

Once I was confident that it was going to stick around, I went outside and got some photographs that were not through the kitchen windows. The bird happily obliged - I guess it thought it owed me for all the bird seed it had eaten.

As of this writing fourteen people have seen this Dickcissel. Some of them were present less than five minutes and were extremely lucky. Some stayed all day when it didn't show, returned and saw it the next day in under an hour. Some weren't so lucky and never saw it.

I didn't realize how invested I would become in other people seeing the bird. I was heartbroken for those that were not able to see it and euphoric for those that did. I met quite a few excellent birders (and also pleasant people) which was a great added bonus.

In a way, it is strange that so many people put so much effort into seeing this bird. For me, it's probably the best yard bird I'll ever get and the first time I'd seen one in Oakland County. But for state listers, it's a very easy bird to get later in spring and summer on the west side of the state. There are even some places closer to Oakland County that offer good prospects for seeing it in summer (e.g. Willow Run, the Antenna Farm, Shiawassee NWR).

I think part of the excitement is just the sheer novelty of seeing this bird at a feeder in Michigan in the winter. But novelty is a big part of what makes birding enjoyable, right?



Photo Credits—Jeff Stacey

OAKLAND AUDUBON CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

December 19, 2015

DUCKS, GEESE AND WATERFOWL

Canada Goose – 1052
Mute Swan – 80
Trumpeter Swan – 4
American Black Duck – 9
Mallard – 967
Northern Shoveler – 1
Northern Pintail – 2
Redhead – 1
Ring-necked Duck – 28
Bufflehead – 41
Common Goldeneye – 17
Red-breasted Merganser – 1

TURKEYS

Wild Turkey – 131

GREBES

Pied-billed Grebe – 2

NEW WORLD VULTURES

Turkey Vulture – 26

HAWKS, EAGLES AND KITES

Sharp-shinned Hawk – 2
Cooper's Hawk – 7
Bald Eagle – 5
Red-tailed Hawk – 61

RAILS

American Coot – 52

CRANES

Sandhill Crane – 160

GULLS

Ring-billed Gull – 2986
Herring Gull – 149

PIGEONS AND DOVES

Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon) – 168
Mourning Dove – 257

OWLS

Eastern Screech-owl – 11
Great Horned Owl – 1
Northern Saw-whet Owl – 2

WOODPECKERS

Red-headed Woodpecker – 1
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 103
Downy Woodpecker – 131
Hairy Woodpecker – 33
Northern Flicker – 5
Pileated Woodpecker – 3

FALCONS AND CARACARAS

American Kestrel – 1
Merlin – 1

SHRIKES

Northern Shrike - 1

CROWS, JAYS AND MAGPIES

Blue Jay – 345
American Crow – 546

LARKS

Horned Lark – 6

CHICKADEES, TITMICE AND NUTHATCHES

Black-capped Chickadee – 578
Tufted Titmouse – 189
Red-breasted Nuthatch – 3
White-breasted Nuthatch – 151

CREEPERS

Brown Creeper – 2

KINGLETS

Golden-crowned Kinglet – 2

THRUSHES AND ALLIES

Eastern Bluebird – 55
American Robin – 339

STARLINGS

European Starling – 7543

WAXWINGS

Cedar Waxwing – 364

BUNTINGS AND SPARROWS

Snow Bunting – 30
American Tree Sparrow – 179
Dark-eyed Junco – 504
White-throated Sparrow – 1
Song Sparrow – 16
Swamp Sparrow – 2

SALTATORS, CARDINALS AND ALLIES

Northern Cardinal – 222

SISKINS, CROSSBILLS AND ALLIES

House Finch – 228
Purple Finch – 1
American Goldfinch – 430

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

House Sparrow – 1161

Total species: 63

Total Individuals: 20,207

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HIGHLIGHTS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 21, 2016

Treasurer Elaine Ferguson reported that our finances are in good shape at present. The board approved a list of charitable donations to a number of wildlife/conservation organizations and nature centers based on results of our recent membership survey. These donations will be sent out periodically throughout the year.

Membership Officer Dave Frye reported that our membership number is down a bit but our revenue is up compared to the previous year, as some of our members have been very generous in increasing their membership level.

Preorders for OAS hats are coming in well.

The number of "likes" of our Facebook page has increased to 575.

We are still looking for a Young Birders Club Coordinator and a new Program Officer.

Programs have been scheduled through January 2017.

We are looking into ways to increase the number of field participants and feeder-watchers for our next Christmas Bird Count.

The hotspots page on our website now includes a total of 69 parks and nature centers.

Doris Applebaum, Secretary

It is a week before my submission deadline for this column, and I have not received any questions from OAS members. Supporters of this column will understand the importance of a steady flow of questions in order for it to continue. You can send your questions to the *Nuthatch* editor, the OAS president, or to me personally by email, or snail mail (see addresses below). Please send in your questions!

For this column, I thought that I would revisit one topic from a previous edition, and address another topic that I'm surprised hasn't been brought up yet. First, in the last issue of the 2014 *Nuthatch*, I answered the following question:

I used to see Red-headed Woodpeckers at my feeders every year. Now they are very rare. Why is that?

A recently published paper in *The Wilson Journal of Ornithology* provided yet another piece of information about the decline of this species. This paper (Frei et al. 2015) looked at breeding productivity at the northern edge of its range, in southern Ontario and adjacent northern New York State. The researchers monitored 90 Red-headed Woodpecker nests over four years. They found that reproductive success may be too low to offset annual mortality, and was too low for this population to be considered self-sustaining. The number of eggs produced in this northern population was comparable to more southern areas, so the potential productivity was no different in that aspect, but they were fledging fewer young. The reasons for lower productivity were not entirely clear, and the authors indicate that predation rates, as well as nest sites being taken over by European Starlings, were similar throughout the species' range. Southern populations of Red-headed Woodpeckers are double-brooded, so the single-brooded northern populations may have a more difficult time maintaining their numbers, which is an additional cause of declines in this species.



Many OAS members might know that I have been studying hummingbirds in the Great Lakes region, mostly in Michigan, since 2001. There are many aspects of their biology, and population dynamics, that are being studied. Several individuals have been documented as reaching an age of at least 7 years, and two individuals recently have tied the documented record longevity of 9 years, 1 month; both of them in Jackson County, Michigan. There is a fairly high rate of site-fidelity, with more than 15% returning from one year to the next, most often to exactly the same property where originally banded. And, in southwestern Michigan, we have documented summer territory sizes nearly twice as large as currently published, but also have evidence for much higher breeding densities than previously known (7 nests found on a single 2-acre plot in 2015)! I imagine some of you have other questions as well, some of which I might be able to answer, and others perhaps not. Send your questions to me, about hummingbirds, or any other natural history topic...

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UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS

Date	Time	Program	Location
Tues., Mar 8	7:30 p.m.	Birds of Sanibel Island	First United Methodist Church (see below)
Tues., Apr 12	7:30 p.m.	Attu Island Birding	First United Methodist Church (see below)
Tues., May 10	7:30 p.m.	Bringing Conservation to Cities	First United Methodist Church (see below)

Monthly membership meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month (except December, June, July and August) at 7:30 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church, 1589 West Maple Road, Birmingham, Children's Center (Room 132). The facility is located on the south side of Maple Road between Southfield and Cranbrook Roads. There is plenty of lighted, free parking and barrier-free access. Our meetings are free and open to the public. For meeting cancellation information, check our website, call a board member or call the church at (248) 646-1200.

MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE

Our membership drive for 2016 is in progress! Please use the form on page 15 to pay your dues, or bring them to the next membership meeting.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST OAKLAND AUDUBON MEMBERS!

Gary Good

Candy and Steve Petrick

Jerry Rogers

Hannah Dunbar and Family

Thanks to everyone who helps sustain OAS with your membership contributions. We would be nowhere without you!

OAKLAND AUDUBON SOCIETY
2015 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Assets (as of 1-1-2015)

Citizens Bank checking account **\$8,083.57**

Income

Dues \$4,120.00

Donations 575.00

Young Birders Nuthatch Open 125.00

Total Income \$4,820.00

Expenses

Bank Charges \$ 24.00

Charitable contributions 600.00

Hospitality 193.30

Mail fees and postage 122.44

Michigan filing fee 20.00

Printing - Nuthatch and survey 308.72

Programs and field trips 325.00

Rental fees 800.00

Website 288.00

Young Birders 31.80

Total Expenses \$2,713.26

Net Worth as of 12-31-2015 \$10,190.31

Your Membership at Work

Donations have been made to the following organizations this quarter:

Osprey Watch of Southeastern Michigan

Hawk Woods Nature Center

BIRD ID QUIZ (Spring 2016)
Who Am I?



a) _____



b) _____



c) _____

Last issues photo quiz answers:

- a) Little Gull,
- b) Iceland Gull and
- c) Glaucous Gull

Photo credits: a) Allen Chartier, b) Joan Tisdale and c) Joan Tisdale



OAKLAND AUDUBON SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM



Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Mobile: (____) _____

Email address: _____

Please indicate with an (X) in the box any personal information above you do not want listed in the OAS membership directory.

Check also if you are a member of:

____ National Audubon Society

____ Michigan Audubon Society

OAS needs and welcomes volunteers — please participate if you can!

Check if you have the skills to help:

____ Become a board member

____ Lead a field trip or present a program

____ Fill an open position (Position: _____)

Please check appropriate line:

____ Member renewal

____ New member

____ Change of address

OAS Membership Fees

- Individual \$15
- Family \$20
- Contributing \$25
- Supporting \$50
- Benefactor \$100

Our Mission

- To provide, on a local level, access to the natural world through educational programs such as meetings and field trips.
- To advocate the preservation of wildlife habitats and endeavor to create interest in native birds, other animals and plants in Michigan.

Please make checks payable to:
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