



Wisconsin Bird Conservation Initiative Newsletter

WBCI is a cooperative partnership to deliver the full spectrum of bird conservation emphasizing voluntary stewardship.

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Birds in the News contributed by Noel Cutright

In late September, Congress approved legislation that will protect America’s native migratory birds when they travel south to Latin America and the Caribbean during migration.

Known as the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Improvement Act, its chief supporter, Wisconsin U.S. Rep. Ron Kind (D) introduced it last year. By updating six-year-old bird legislation, it passed through Congress without significant opposition. Its two main achievements are that it increases conservation program funding from \$5 million to \$6.5 million; and it allows Canada to apply for conservation grants.

Representative Wayne Gilchrest (R-MD), and Senators Lincoln Chafee (R-RI) and Jim Jeffords (I-VT) have also been strong supporters of the bill. The bill has the support of other prominent conservation groups.

From the Editor

Welcome to the second edition of the WBCI newsletter. This newsletter is a project of the Outreach Committee and it is our intention to use it to provide updates on WBCI related activities and bird conservation in general for the benefit of our partners and the public. Each issue will contain announcements, upcoming events, featured columns, and other topics of interest. We will also provide information on the many ways you can contribute to conservation here in Wisconsin as well as on national and international fronts. We invite you to submit articles, photos, upcoming events, and suggestions on how we can improve future issues to **Lynn Ratkowski (lynn@typea.net)**, Editor. For more information about WBCI, please visit our website at: <http://www.wisconsinbirds.org>



Solitary sandpiper

photo by Thomas Nicholls

WBCI Coordinator's Corner

contributed by Andy Paulios

After a brief hiatus from my previous role as WBCI coordinator, I'm back on the job and couldn't be more excited to help WBCI lead Wisconsin partners forward on important bird conservation projects and initiatives in Wisconsin and abroad. The summer of 2007 has brought exciting developments for Wisconsin's rare and endangered birds. I was fortunate to observe pairs of Trumpeter Swans on both of my federal breeding bird survey routes this year, which speaks to the wonderful recovery effort for this state threatened species. Piping Plovers, a federally endangered species, had a record year in Wisconsin with at least four nests recorded and a record number of chicks. In June, we were all treated to the exciting news of at least three Kirtland's Warbler nests in central Wisconsin. This makes Wisconsin the first state outside of Michigan to have nesting Kirtland's Warblers and continued high counts in Michigan gives promise to more opportunities for this imperiled species in Wisconsin.

In the midst of this good news we are reminded by Audubon's annual State of the Birds report that many species are experiencing severe population declines throughout their range. Once common species like the Eastern Meadowlark, Whip-poor-will, Grasshopper Sparrow, and American Bittern have declined by more than 50% since the late 1960s. This indicates widespread changes in habitat quality and quantity for a whole host of species of concern.

In response to these challenges WBCI has undertaken an effort to update its goals and objectives. In addition, we are working on adjusting the organizational structure of WBCI to better serve our 160+ partners and take on the big conservation challenges necessary to keep our common birds common throughout the state. Look for more on these changes at the upcoming October coordinating council meeting and expect multiple opportunities to provide feedback on WBCI through the newsletter, website, and conversations with me!

It's an exciting time to be involved with the Wisconsin Bird Conservation Initiative. Many of WBCI's early efforts are starting to take shape and mature. I look forward to working with all of the WBCI partners to implement the All-bird Conservation Plan, protect Important Bird Areas and implement new monitoring programs for the betterment of bird populations across the state.



Andy Paulios

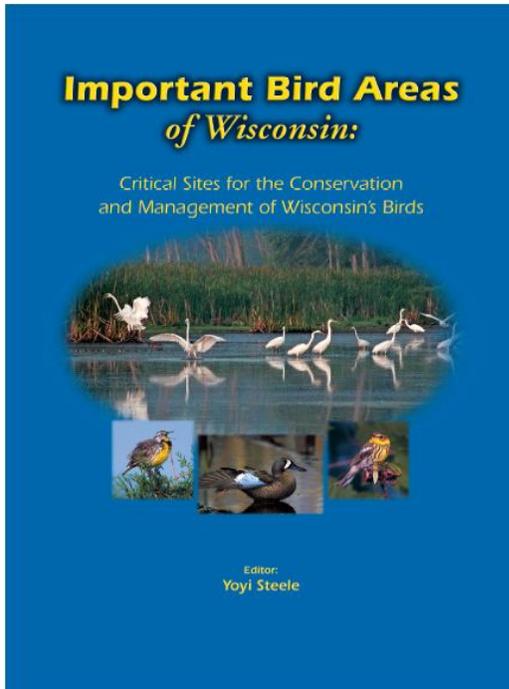
WBCI coordinator

Announcements

- ▶ The Wisconsin IBA Program is pleased to announce the publication of "Important Bird Areas of Wisconsin: Critical Sites for the Conservation and Management of Wisconsin's Birds". Books are available as of July 27, 2007.

The 240-page full color book is an essential reference for land managers and landowners, conservation practitioners, policy-makers, birders, and nature lovers. It features: detailed site descriptions of 86 IBAs across Wisconsin, including habitats, birds, and management/stewardship issues; maps and a site index; an overview of the IBA Program and explanation of how sites were selected; and many lovely photographs of birds and habitats.

Books are \$21.50 each plus postage. Ordering information will be posted on the IBA website, at <http://www.wisconsinbirds.org/iba>. Or, contact IBA Coordinator Yoyi Steele at 608-266-8169 or yoyi.steele@wisconsin.gov



- The Wausau Bird Club recently built and installed a Chimney Swift Tower at the Raptor Rehab Center in Antigo that is run by Marge Gibson. The last work session was June 5. Not only will Chimney Swifts be able to use this 12' high tower for nesting, but Marge will also be able to put her rehabbed fledged chicks in the bottom so they can join the colony. A total of 11 club members helped with this project over 6 work sessions. Wausau Bird Club paid for the project and donated it to the Raptor Center. Thanks everyone for your help!
- **Birding Trail at Mosquito Hill Nature Center** guides visitors on an impressive birding trail through a variety of habitats to increase the sightings of birdlife. This well marked path has interpretive signage of both resident and migratory species found in the area. Signs share common field marks using color photos, where species is typically found in the forest, and/or interesting information on mating behavior, name origin, comparisons to similar species, and vocalizations. Binoculars are available during regular business hours at the building. Signs are displayed from early spring through late fall.

Birds Without Borders – a project of the Foundation for Wildlife Conservation and the Zoological Society of Milwaukee, is proud to announce the completion of our manual for Belize and Mesoamerican landowners: *The Birds Without Borders – Aves Sin Fronteras® Recommendations for Landowners: How to Manage Your Land to Help Birds*

You can also download a pdf copy at <http://www.zoosociety.org/bzlandowner>

Our manual is the result of more than seven years of field research in Belize by Birds Without Borders – *Aves Sin Fronteras®* staff. It provides information on habitats and plants that we have found to be important to birds. It also includes other information on how to help birds. We are distributing the manual free-of-charge in Belize and have a limited number of copies that can be mailed to those who will use the manual for conservation in other Mesoamerican countries. Please contact me at vickip@zoosociety.org if you need a copy of the manual or the Spanish summary mailed to you.

- The Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin recently announced the launch of their new Bird Conservation Campaign, in partnership with the Wisconsin Bird Conservation Initiative and Department of Natural Resources. Through this annual giving program, NRF aims to develop substantial financial resources for “big picture” conservation programs that will protect and enhance Wisconsin’s bird populations and their habitats long-term. Priority projects will be established by NRF, WBCI, and DNR on an annual basis, which will include a mix of long- and short-term initiatives. NRF will then seek funding from individuals, foundations, organizations, and businesses to support specific projects or the general campaign. This campaign will offer donors a variety of interesting and continually changing informational resources and opportunities over the years. Donors will also be informed about WBCI projects and programs.

Through the end of 2008, the Bird Conservation Campaign aims to raise \$230,000 in support for the following projects:

- Whooping crane reintroduction program
- Important Bird Areas – conservation planning
- Conserving migratory bird stopover areas in the Great Lakes basins
- Osprey surveys and management
- Wetland bird surveys and monitoring (including trumpeter swans)
- Conserving important wintering areas in four South/Central American countries
- Great Wisconsin Birding & Nature Trail guidebooks
- Reprinting *Checklist of Wisconsin Birds*

Visit www.wisconservation.org to donate or find more information on this campaign. Questions should be directed to Barb Barzen at 608-261-4381.

- The **2007 Prairie Chicken Festival** was a great success! This photo was taken at Mead Wildlife Area April 21, 2007. "Boomer" visited the Prairie Chicken Festival compliments of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. "Boomer" is being worn by Master Bird Bander Bob Welch. With him in the picture is Savanna Dahl. Photo by Greg Dahl. The 2008 festival is scheduled for April 18-20, 2008.



- Don't forget to pick up your copy of the **Atlas of the Breeding Birds of Wisconsin**. Copies are still available for this definitive guide. For further info see <http://www.uwgb.edu/birds/wso/>
- The **Issues Committee** is currently working on or would like to develop new white or "issues" papers on the following topics: pesticides and birds, climate change, mute swans, and the effects of deer herbivory on ground-nesting birds. To learn more, contact Issues Committee Chair Bill Mueller at iltlawas@earthlink.net or any Issues Committee member. We are waiting to hear from you!
- New low price for the Birds of Wisconsin Placemats!** The price of these colorful placemats has been reduced to \$2.47 wholesale and \$4.99 retail while supplies last. The placemat illustrates 32 common Wisconsin birds on the front and fun facts about them on the back. For further information, contact Lynn Ratkowski at 262.492.4329 or lynn@typea.net



- Wanted - Outreach Committee Members.** Are you looking to contribute some volunteer time for a worthwhile cause? Are you recently retired and find yourself with some extra time on your hands? Are you a birder that would like to give something back? If so, please consider joining the WBCI Outreach Committee.

The committee helps to get important information out to our partners and the public via newspapers, e-mail, radio, workshops, and conferences. If you are interested, please contact Jamie Nack, Chair jlack@wisc.edu or 608-265-8264

Upcoming Events

Fall Events

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| AUG 21-SEP 1 | ECUADOR |
| Mindo Birdathon | |
| <i>This event will raise money to save habitat for birds in the Choco Bioregion of northwest Ecuador. Guaranteed to be an equatorial hoot! For further info contact Craig Thompson at 608.785.1277 or craig.thompson@wisconsin.gov</i> | |
| SEPT 8 and 15 | NORTHERN WI |
| Mosquito Hill Nature Center | |
| <i>Naturalist led hikes start at 7:30AM and run until 10:00. No charge however donations are appreciated.</i> | |
| SEPT 22 9:30-3:00 pm | BUFFALO CTY |
| Train Ride into Tiffany Wildlife Area | |
| <i>Hosted by Wisconsin Wetlands Association</i> | |
| <i>Take a ride in an antique open-air train approximately eight miles into Tiffany Bottoms State Natural Area's extensive lowland hardwood wetlands and open wet prairies near the mouth of the Chippewa River. For registration and further info call 608-250-9971 or see http://www.wisconsinwetlands.org/TiffanyTrainTripRegistration.pdf</i> | |
| SEPT 13 - 16 | BARABOO |
| Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association Annual | |
| <i>This promises to be a superior event. Saturday events include a Bike Tour, a Prairie workshop, a LEAF workshop, a Scrapbook workshop, and a Master Woodland Stewardship session on working with your legislator as well as pre-conference</i> | |

tours to the International Crane Foundation, the Aldo Leopold Legacy Center and Shack, Ralph and Becky Heiser woodlands, Dave Hatz property as well as a boat ride on the Wisconsin River. Keynote speaker, Paul DeLong, Chief State Forester of Wisconsin will talk about the future of private forestry assistance and other discussion topics include the Emerald Ash Borer, Whitetail deer, Consulting foresters, Baraboo Hills Birds, and Wisconsin's timber in the world marketplace. An award presentation and an ice cream social will follow the evening banquet.

On Sunday, Tom Powers will host the field day on his property near White Mounds County Park in Southwestern Sauk County. This year a special Raffle will be held for a 4 X 4 ATV. Please let your chapter members know that this year's Annual Meeting is something special. The Planning Committee is asking all members who attended last years event to attend this years meeting and to personally invite a WWOA member who has not attended an Annual Meeting in the past. For further info contact Ed Moberg <mailto:hetrees@wctc.net>

OCT 18-20, 2007 STEVENS POINT
Midwest Environmental Education Conference
Urgent call to all Midwest environmental educators to help ensure that "No Child is Left Inside". For further info see:
www.uwsp.edu/cnr/waee/Events/fall07.htm

OCT 27 & 28 10:00AM-3:00 PM
Mosquito Hill Nature Center
Bird seed sale. Stock up for the season, a variety of seeds, feeders and more. For further info call (920) 779-6433

NOV 9-11 WESTERN WI
6th Annual Rivers & Bluffs Fall Birding Festival.
The enormous concentration of fall migrating birds that congregate here this time of year is a nationally recognized wildlife spectacle. This popular 3-day event focuses on the Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, and on the scenic nearby blufflands of the Driftless Area. The relaxing, family-oriented, festival is headquartered in the quaint river-town community of Lansing, Iowa – just across the bridge from Wisconsin. Two half-day field trips will explore nearby natural areas in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa. Visitors will also be able to go out onto the Mississippi River in heated excursion boats to enjoy eye-level views of the enormous concentrations of water birds, plus Bald Eagles and many other species that are here at this time of year. For full itinerary and registration details, see
www.lansingiowa.com/ then click on Upcoming Events

DEC 14 NORTHERN WI
Shiocton Christmas Bird Count:
To participate contact Steve Petznick at Mosquito Hill Nature Center, New London. (920) 779-6433 or
petznisj@co.outagamie.wi.us

Join the WBCIng Yahoo Group!

WBCIng is a discussion group created for WBCI partners and other bird enthusiasts as a means to communicate bird conservation news, questions, events, etc. in real time. For more information visit:

www.wisconsinbirds.org/

WBCI Partner Profiles contributed by Barb Barzen

Note: if you would like your organization's or agency's profile to appear in a future issue of the newsletter, please send a brief write-up to Lynn Ratkowski (lynn@typea.net), editor.

Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin

The Natural Resources Foundation (NRF) was incorporated in 1986 when several individuals on the Natural Resources Board and on the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) administrative staff were concerned about the effects that increasing state budget cuts were having on the quality of DNR-related conservation programs in Wisconsin. They patterned the Foundation after university foundations and foundations that existed for other state conservation agencies. (Over 30 states now have such foundations.)

NRF has a formal "Friends group" relationship with the Wisconsin DNR, providing support in the form of cash donations and public outreach programs. NRF also provides support for grassroots conservation projects and programs through our Besadny Conservation Grants program.

Since its inception, NRF has provided over \$2 million in cash to DNR-related programs and \$273,000 for 368 grassroots conservation projects statewide. It has also developed many public outreach programs and publications for DNR projects.

Today, NRF is an organization with over 2000 members. Its mission is to create opportunities for people who care about Wisconsin's lands, waters and wildlife to deepen their understanding and appreciation for these natural resources, to support state and local conservation programs, and to establish conservation endowments. NRF focuses on conservation priorities and projects such as: rare and endangered species, environmental outreach and education, community-based conservation, and habitat protection and restoration.

To create long-term, sustainable funding for conservation of Wisconsin's natural resources, NRF recently developed the **Wisconsin Conservation Endowment**, a vehicle through which individuals and organizations can create a named, endowed fund for the conservation program of their choosing. For example, the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology recently created the **Important Bird Area Fund** to support the IBA program. Anyone can donate to the IBA Fund to help it grow.

NRF communicates to its members through its *Bridges* newsletter, periodic project reports, and its website at www.wisconservation.org.

NRF continues to work closely with WBCI on fundraising initiatives that benefit a broad array of bird conservation initiatives in Wisconsin. For more information on NRF, visit our website or contact Charlie Luthin, Executive Director, at 608-261-4384.

Featured IBA: Spread Eagle Barrens

contributed by Yoyi Steele

A rolling landscape of shrubs, grasses, and scattered trees will greet the adventurous visitor to Wisconsin's newest Important Bird Area (IBA), Spread Eagle Barrens. This site, located in Florence County in far northeast Wisconsin close to the Michigan border, also is a State Natural Area and is not "barren" at all but full of life, avian and otherwise. Spread Eagle features a diverse mosaic of bracken grassland, pine barrens dominated by scattered jack pine, red pine, scrub oak, and quaking aspen, and occasional large forested blocks. Under story plants include sedges and grasses such as slender wheat grass and muhly grass, ferns such as bracken fern and sweet fern, and shrubs such as serviceberry and blueberry. Frost pockets—treeless depressions where frost may occur year-round—are scattered throughout and are dominated by sedges, lichens, and other plants. The Pine River flows through the site and the Menominee River forms part of the site's eastern boundary.

The breeding bird community at Spread Eagle is made up of species favoring large, open landscapes and grass-shrub habitats. Northern Harrier and Upland Sandpiper can be found here; there are records of Sharp-tailed Grouse. The lazy, insect-like buzz of the Clay-colored Sparrow, sweet, rapid whistle of the Chestnut-sided Warbler, and 3-note "drink your teeeeee" of the Eastern Towhee will greet a June visitor throughout the barrens. Black-billed Cuckoo, Common Raven, Brown Thrasher, Eastern Bluebird, Veery, Nashville Warbler,

Mourning Warbler, Vesper Sparrow, Field Sparrow, and Brewer's Blackbird all can be found as well. Other wildlife includes badger, black bear, coyote, fisher, and red fox.

Spread Eagle Barrens is owned by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and We Energies and is managed to restore and maintain the barrens/grassland communities. We Energies recently committed to a 3-year pledge of financial support for management of Spread Eagle Barrens through the Natural Resources Foundation's Adopt-a-State-Natural-Area Program. Barrens communities require regular disturbance, typically fire, to maintain their open character. Managers at Spread Eagle use a variety of techniques, including prescribed burns, hand-cutting and chemical treatment of stumps, and restoration timber sales, to control invasive species and woody encroachment. These activities will maintain and enhance habitat for shrub and grassland birds, many of which are considered to be of conservation concern. Visitors can find maps, a Spread Eagle Barrens exhibit, and other information at the Wild Rivers Interpretive Center in Florence. Spread Eagle Barrens was officially dedicated on June 2nd, 2007 at a ceremony at the scenic LePage Creek Overlook. It is Wisconsin's 50th IBA.



Badger at SEB photo by Stu Boren



Spread Eagle Barrens

photo by Yoyi Steele

Issues of the Season: Climate Change and Conserving Biodiversity contributed by William Mueller

Climate Change

If you'd like to learn more about climate change and its affect on birds, here are two excellent references...

- ▲ S. N. Matthews, R. J. O'Connor, L. R. Iverson, and A. M. Prasad. 2004. Atlas of Climate Change Effects in 150 Bird Species of the Eastern United States. USDA Forest Service. Northeastern Research Station. General Technical Report NE-318.
- ▲ S. H. Schneider and T. L. Root. 2002. Wildlife Responses to Climate Change. Island Press. Washington, D.C.

Conserving Biodiversity

Studies show that conserving biodiversity involves the elimination of poverty. "Nine case studies from around the world outlined in a new BirdLife publication have shown that poverty elimination and biodiversity conservation are issues that must be tackled side-by-side." See the following link:

http://www.birdlife.org/news/news/2007/06/conserving_biodiversity_improving_livelihoods.html

The future of healthy populations of birds and wildlife, human poverty, climate change, and "ecosystem services" are inextricably linked.

For those who are interested in an explication of the ecological principles that include information on "ecosystem services", why they are critical not only to birds and other wildlife, but also to all human societies, an excellent overview can be found in the Island Press publication "Nature's Services: Societal Dependence On Natural Ecosystems", published in 1997, and edited by Gretchen Daily. Understanding why the "services" provided by global ecosystems are critical to our wellbeing is a sound basis for anticipating global changes of many kinds, including those of a political and sociological nature.

All Bird Plan contributed by Kim Kreitinger and Andy Paulios

Whether you enjoy observing Connecticut Warblers in spruce swamps or Henslow's Sparrows in large

grassland tracts, Wisconsin supports an impressive diversity of birds and habitats of importance. Each of these species requires different conditions to survive and may be limited by different factors. Considering the variety of management and conservation issues associated with Wisconsin's bird communities, how do we choose and implement the actions that will have the highest conservation value? Enter the WBCI All-Bird Conservation Plan...

The WBCI All-Bird Conservation Plan (Plan) strives to set the direction and identify opportunities and priorities for bird conservation in Wisconsin. Moreover, the Plan synthesizes relevant bird conservation information from a variety of sources into one unifying document. This includes national and regional planning documents from each of the four major bird conservation initiatives (i.e., Partners in Flight, U.S. Shorebird Conservation Plan, North American Waterbird Conservation Plan, and North American Waterfowl Management Plan) as well as species-specific management plans. As the name implies, this Plan encompasses all bird groups and focuses on those species with the greatest conservation need. It outlines the needs and conservation opportunities of 116 priority bird species in four main sections: *Priority Species*, *Priority Habitats*, *Key Sites*, and *Ecological Landscapes*. Because this is a web-based plan, a reader can enter from any of these sections and be directed to other pertinent sections.

The Plan is written for a broad audience and will be useful for a wide variety of partners. Aside from compiling this valuable information into one source, it is our intent that this information will guide local and landscape level decision-making that will result in important regional benefits to bird species of concern. For instance, the Plan provides recommendations to land managers establishing both short-term and long-term management goals for their properties. Foundations can maximize their grants' contribution to local and regional conservation by reviewing this document. Scientists researching Wisconsin's avifauna can identify and address some of the significant information gaps pertaining to these species by consulting this plan.

The *Priority Species* section is nearly complete and the remaining sections will be finished by the end of 2007. Although not yet complete, many individuals have already contributed their time and expertise. I would like to thank those who have been involved with conceptualizing the plan framework as well as all of the authors and reviewers. Because there is still work to do

before the final product is realized, I encourage anyone interested in contributing to the effort to contact me at the email address below. The Plan can be viewed at: <http://www.wisconsinbirds.org/plan/>.

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Kirtland's Warbler
photo by Ron Austing

Birding Enthusiasts Create Endowment for Important Bird Areas contributed by Yoyi Steele

The Wisconsin Society for Ornithology (WSO), a statewide association of professional scientists and birdwatchers, recently created an endowment with the Natural Resources Foundation to support Wisconsin's Important Bird Areas. The newly created Important Bird Areas Fund will provide annual support to select sites throughout the state that provide essential habitat for birds.

Dr. Noel Cutright of Ozaukee County, a renowned birdwatcher and long-time board member of WSO, undertook an ambitious journey in summer 2004 to raise funds for bird conservation. He spent 33 consecutive days doing 33 breeding bird surveys in a four-state area, securing over \$53,000 in sponsorships that were gifted to WSO.

The Important Bird Areas (IBA) Program is a global initiative that links local and state conservation efforts to national and international efforts to identify and protect important bird habitat. Although the program places special emphasis on birds, IBAs also benefit other non-bird species that share the same habitat. Horicon Marsh in Dodge County became Wisconsin's first IBA in October 2004. Wisconsin currently has 50 official, 47 approved and 11 nominated IBA sites, and a Wisconsin IBA book has just been unveiled. (*see announcement on p 2 of this newsletter*)

"Maintaining these habitats for birds into the future is the most important part of the IBA process", says IBA Coordinator Yoyi Steele. "We are deeply indebted to Dr. Cutright for this effort to secure the long-term future of Wisconsin IBAs."

"Now that so many Important Bird Areas have been identified and approved in Wisconsin, it is imperative that conservation and management strategies be implemented for long-term conservation of these priority bird species and their habitats," says Dr. Cutright. "Creating the Important Bird Areas Fund through the Natural Resources Foundation will provide critical, long-term financial support for this program, including development of public education and outreach opportunities."

The Natural Resources Foundation offers individuals and organizations the opportunity to endow a conservation issue of their choosing through the Wisconsin Conservation Endowment. Donors can create an endowed fund for a particular region of the state or habitat, a specific species of wildlife, a conservation program, or organization.

"We are very excited to hold this Important Bird Areas Fund," says Charlie Luthin, executive director of the Natural Resources Foundation. "Our state is fortunate to have a rich diversity of bird habitats, and numerous individuals - from casual observers who enjoy attracting birds to their homes to those who pursue field study or ornithology professionally - care deeply about the preservation of our native bird populations."

The Natural Resources Foundation (NRF) is a nonprofit organization that creates opportunities for individuals and organizations who care about Wisconsin's lands, waters, and wildlife to: deepen their understanding and appreciation for these resources; support state and local conservation programs; and create conservation endowments. For more information on NRF, visit www.wisconservation.org or call (866) 264-4096.

Flying Wild Initiative contributed by Susan Gilchrist

Flying WILD Education Program Fledged in Wisconsin

March 2-3, 2007 Wisconsin educators flocked to the International Crane foundation in Baraboo for the first Flying WILD workshop in the state. Twenty educators

participated in the basic workshop; 19 in the Facilitator Training. Participants were very enthusiastic about the experience and the general consensus is that the workshops were a great success and lots of fun.

Flying WILD is a national bird conservation education program that targets middle school-aged students. The activity guide, "Flying WILD: An Educator's Guide to celebrating Birds" doubles as a manual for planning a student-directed bird festival. The guide provides teacher-led activities for the classroom and student and volunteer -led activities for a festival.

Committed to the successful implementation of this new program, the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology (WSO) and the Wisconsin Bird Conservation Initiative (WBCI) Education Committee have obtained a grant from the Wisconsin Environmental Education Board (WEEB) to deliver additional bird conservation education workshops. The workshops will be presented in different locations around the state at different times. Many of the Flying WILD workshops will be coupled with training on use of the One Bird – Two Habitats program.

One Bird – Two Habitats is an interwoven, interdisciplinary unit about migratory birds and the issues they face. Like Flying WILD, One Bird – Two Habitats was designed for the middle school level. It was developed in Wisconsin but has been adapted for use in a number of other states, as well as several Latin American countries, including our partner of the Americas, Nicaragua.

As Flying WILD is new in Wisconsin and One Bird – Two Habitats workshops have not been available for several years, this is a rare and exciting opportunity to obtain two great bird conservation education programs at once. Please share the information with teachers, non-formal educators, and youth group leaders. The tentative Wisconsin workshop schedule follows:

- Sep. 15 - Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center, Ashland
- Oct. 26 – Wehr Nature Center, Milwaukee
- Nov. 10 – International Crane Foundation, Baraboo
- Feb. 2, 2008 – Kickapoo Valley Reserve, LaFarge
- Late Feb. or Early Mar. – Mead Wildlife Area in Central WI, near Stevens Point

For further information, contact Susan Gilchrist via email but COPY BOTH e- addresses to be sure of reaching her, as this is a time of transition: Susan.Gilchrist@sbcglobal.net AND susan.gilchrist@wisconsin.gov. or call 608-249-5030.



Flying Wild participants

photo by Steve Kupcho



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JAN 1 Submission deadline
FEB 1 Newsletter release

Summer/Fall Issue

MAY 1 Call for submissions
JUL 1 Submission deadline
AUG 1 Newsletter release

Coordinating Council Members

American Transmission Co.

Ducks Unlimited

National Wild Turkey Federation

Partners in Flight - Midwest Region

Pheasants Forever

Oshkosh Bird Club

Ruffed Grouse Society

The Nature Conservancy

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

U.S. Forest Service

USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service

UW-Madison - Department of Wildlife Ecology

WI Audubon Council

WI Conservation Congress

WI County Forests Association

WI Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection

WI Department of Natural Resources

WI Joint Venture Steering Committee

WI Partners in Flight

WI Sharp-tailed Grouse Society

WI Society for Ornithology

WI Waterfowl Association

WI Woodland Owners Association

WBCI Partners

About Place Consulting	Ducks Unlimited	Lakeland Audubon Society	Otus Asio Tours
Aegolus Bird Club	Eagle Optics	Lawrence University	Ozaukee Washington Land Trust
Aldo Leopold Audubon Society	Ellwood H. May Environmental Park	Loon Watch	Partners In Flight - Midwest Region
Aldo Leopold Foundation	Enderis Park Bird Watching Club	Linwood Springs Research Center	Pheasants Forever
American Transmission Co. LLC	Ferry Bluff Eagle Council	Madeline Island Chamber of Commerce	Prairie Enthusiasts
Applied Ecological Services, Inc	Foundation for Wildlife Conservation	Madison Audubon Society	Prairie Enthusiasts - West Central Chapter
Baraboo Range Preservation Association	Friends of the Cedarburg Bog, Inc.	Madison Gas & Electric	Prairie Future Seed Co.
Bay Area Bird Club	Friends of Milwaukee's Rivers (FMR)	Milwaukee Audubon Society	Prairie Nursery
Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary	Friends of the Bird Sanctuary	Milwaukee County Dept. of Parks and Recreation	Rainforest Biodiversity Group
Bayfield Regional Conservancy	Gathering Waters	Mississippi Valley Conservancy	Raptor Education Group
Beaver Creek Reserve	Glacial Lakes Conservancy	Muskego Lakes Conservancy	Ripon College
Benjamin F. Goss Bird Club	Glacierland Resource Conservation & Development, Inc	National Audubon Society - Upper Miss River Campaign	River Alliance of Wisconsin
BIRDLorian LLC	Grantsburg Business Improvement District	National Park Service - St. Croix Nat. Scenic Riverway	Riveredge Bird Club
Bird Conservation Network	Green-Rock Audubon Society	National Wild Turkey Federation	Riveredge Nature Center
Birders World	Heart Lake Conservation Associates LLC	Native American Tourism of Wisconsin	Rock County Parks
Bluebird Restoration Association of Wisconsin	Highbridge Hills Northern Lights Educational Center	Natural Heritage Land Trust	Rock River Coalition
Blue Heron Boat Tours	Horicon Marsh Bird Club	Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin	Ruffed Grouse Society
Cable Area Chamber of Commerce	Hoy Audubon Society	Nature Education Center - Fifield, WI	Savanna Oak Foundation, Inc.
Carpenter Lake Association	Hunt Hill Audubon Society	Navarino Nature Center	S. Paul Jones Naturalists Society
Cedarburg Science	Ice Age Park & Trail Foundation	Ned Hollister Bird Club	Schlitz Audubon Nature Center
Central Wisconsin Environmental Station	International Crane Foundation	North American Bluebird Society	Science Kit & Boreal Laboratories
Chappie Rapids Audubon Society	Izaak Walton League of America - Wisconsin Division	North Central Conservancy Trust	Sheboygan County Audubon Society
Chequamegon Bay Birders	Jacamar Birding Tours	North Lakeland Discovery Center	Sierra Club
Chequamegon Audubon Society	Kenosha/Racine Land Trust	Northeast Wisconsin Birding Club	Society of Tympanuchus Cupido Pinnatus Ltd.
Chiwaukee Prairie Preservation Fund	Kinnickinnic River Land Trust	Northeast Wisconsin Land Trust	Spruce Grouse Society
Clean Wisconsin	Krab Hill Cranberries LLC	Northeastern Wisconsin Audubon Society	The Nature Conservancy
Couderay Waters Regional Land Trust	Kumlien Bird Club	Northern Thunder	The Ridges Sanctuary
Coulée Region Audubon Society	Lake Koshkonong Wetland Association	Northland College	Tirimbina Rainforest Center, Inc.
Daniel Boone Conservation League, Inc.	Lake Superior Alliance	Oshkosh Bird Club	Town & Country Resource Conservation & Development
Door County Land Trust, Inc.	UW-Madison Kemp Natural Resources Station	Winnebago Audubon Society	Wisconsin NatureMapping
Trout Unlimited - Green Bay Chapter	UW-Milwaukee Field Station	Wisconsin Audubon Council	Wisconsin Outdoor Communicators Association
Ulao Creek Partnership	Waupaca Field Station	Wisconsin Conservation Congress	Wisconsin Sharp-tailed Grouse Society
Upper Green Bay Basin Partnership Team	Wausau Bird Club	Wisconsin Council of Trout Unlimited	Wisconsin Society For Ornithology
Urban Ecology Center	We Energies	Wisconsin County Forests Association	Wisconsin Wetlands Association
USDA - Natural Resource Conservation Service	West Wisconsin Land Trust	Wisconsin DATCP	Wisconsin Wildlife Federation
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	Wild Bird, Wildlife & Backyard Habitat Expo	Wisconsin DNR	Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association
U.S. Forest Service - Chequamegon-Nicolet NF	Wild Ones Natural Landscapers	Wisconsin Elementary & Middle Level Science Teachers	WWOA Foundation, Inc - Seno Woodland Center
USGS Upper Midwest Environmental Sciences Center	Wildlife Society - Wisconsin Chapter	Wisconsin Environment	Woodland Dunes Nature Center
University of Wisconsin Press	Wings Over Wisconsin	Wisconsin Humane Society - Wildlife Rehabilitation Center	Xcel Energy - Northern States Power Co. - Wisconsin
UW-Green Bay Cofrin Center for Biodiversity	Wisconsin Association of Lakes	Wisconsin Metro Audubon Society	Zoological Society of Milwaukee
UW-Madison Dept. of Wildlife Ecology			