

Peoria Audubon Member Communication - Fall / Winter 2018

Hopefully everyone had a great summer and could get out and enjoy the weather – and the birds!

Our Spring Bird counts went very well, with the following results:

- Peoria County: 152 species
- Tazewell County: 148 species – the highest in the past 10 years
- Fulton County: 139 species
- Marshall County: 90 species

Our Christmas Bird Counts are coming up in December, so save the dates:

- 12/15/2018 Peoria County – Contact Mike Miller: 309-681-2825
- 12/22/2018 Chautauqua – Contact Sig Bjorklund: 309-968-6502
- 01/05/2019 Chillicothe – Contact Tracy Fox: 309-369-5331

We had some exciting announcements this year, including the opening of our two new conservation properties – Oak Bluff Savanna in Marshall County, and Brimfield Railroad Prairie in Peoria County.

Also, our Chillicothe Bottoms property is now fully transferred to Illinois Audubon Society from Ducks Unlimited, with Peoria Audubon as the stewards of this fabulous 230-acre wetland nature preserve.

Please come on out and enjoy these beautiful natural areas! If you would like to help contribute to the management of these properties, included below is a form you can use to donate – we can continue to do even more to protect birds and preserve these wonderful locations!

We have some great speakers lined up this season, so please come on out to our meetings, which are held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at Forest Park Nature Center. We love to see our members!

Information on Oak Bluff Savanna and Brimfield Railroad Prairie, along with detailed information on all Peoria Audubon events are posted on our website at the Calendar: peoriaaudubon.org/calendar.

And, check us out on Facebook. Become part of our community: [Facebook.com/PeoriaAudubon](https://www.facebook.com/PeoriaAudubon)

Looking forward to seeing you this Fall and Winter!

Carol Beatty, President Peoria Audubon Society

There has been recent media coverage about Peoria Audubon's sanctuaries and openings to the public. As a necessary step in doing this, we have needed to purchase insurance coverage. This is a new and rather expensive cost burden to us. Please consider making a fall or year-end gift to Peoria Audubon to help defray some of the costs?

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Amount of Donation: _____

Do you work for a matching gift company? Yes/No Name of matching gift company _____

Send completed form to: Peoria Audubon Society, PO Box 3535, Peoria, IL 61612

Peoria Audubon Society – 2018 Calendar of Events

Check peoriaaudubon.org/calendar for more detailed information

Date	Time	Type	Program	Location
September 23, 2018	1:00 PM	Work Day	Oak Bluff Savanna - Maintenance and Invasive Removal	Oak Bluff
September 29, 2018	7:30 AM	Bird Hike	Morning Bird Hike	FPNC
October 6, 2018	Varies	Bird Count	The Big Sit [fundraiser birdcount @ Tawny Oaks]	Tawny Oaks
October 10, 2018	7:00 PM	Meeting	John Cebula: Nurturing Wildlife in Your Garden	FPNC
October 13, 2018	9:00 AM	Hike	Birding Hike for Learning Native Sparrows	Tawny Oaks
October 13, 2018	1:00 PM	Bird Count	Hawk Watch @ Tawny Oaks	Tawny Oaks
October 20, 2018	9:00 AM	Hike	Birding Hike for Learning Native Sparrows	Tawny Oaks
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November 14, 2018	7:00 PM	Meeting	Vera Leopold: BioBlitzing at the Dixon Waterfowl Refuge	FPNC
December 12, 2018	7:00 PM	Meeting	James McGhee: Photographing Owls of Illinois	FPNC
December 15, 2018	Varies	Bird Count	Christmas Bird Count: Peoria	Peoria
December 22, 2018	Varies	Bird Count	Christmas Bird Count: Chautauqua	Chautauqua
January 5, 2019	Varies	Bird Count	Christmas Bird Count: Chillicothe	Chillicothe
January 9, 2018	6:30 PM	Meeting	Annual Potluck and Slide/Media Night	FPNC
February 13, 2018	7:00 PM	Meeting	Meeting not yet finalized	FPNC
March 13, 2018	7:00 PM	Meeting	Meeting not yet finalized	FPNC



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