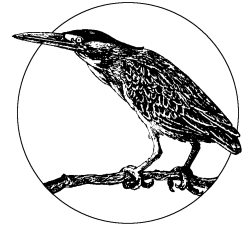


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## May Meeting

**Speaker:** On May 19, **Karen Young** will present "Birds of Prey." Karen has worked with about 125 species over the past 25 years. Come see live raptors at the final regular meeting of the year!

**Raffle:** Fine stoneware bird feeder, donated by Lucy Pentz; *America's Spectacular Northwest*, donated by Lee Grover; Chickadee votive candle, donated by Ray Rose

**Annual Raffle:** The winning ticket for the Kirtland's Warbler figurine, hand-carved and donated by Dick Case, will be drawn at this meeting.

**Hospitality:** Refreshments for this month's meeting will be provided by Sherry and Lucy Pentz, and Marge Achinger.

**Meeting Time:** Wednesday, May 19th, 7:30 pm, room 201 Life Science Building, Monroe County Community College.

## ESBA Annual Picnic

All are invited to the ESBA annual picnic, which will be held at Crosswinds Marsh on **Wednesday, June 16**. This gathering takes the place of the regular monthly meeting at the College.

**Birding will be at 5:15 pm. Dinner will be at 6:30 pm** under the large, screened-in gazebo on the water.

Grills are not available, so the menu will be pot luck. Please bring a dish to pass. Everyone should bring their own beverage, place setting, and tablecloth.

To get there, take I-275 to Will Carleton Rd. exit 8. Proceed west along Oakville Waltz Rd. Turn right on Haggerty Rd. and the park entrance is a short distance down on the left.

There is no admission charge to Crosswinds. Remember to bring your **binoculars** and **bug spray!**

## April Recap

**Attendance:** 24 people were present for the "Birding in Brazil" presentation by Todd Pepper of Ontario.

**Hospitality:** Thanks so much to Lorna & Larry Eddings, who provided the refreshments.

**Raffle Winners:** Jan Morrow won *The Mystery of Migration*; our visitor, Jessica, won the dip mix set; Sharon Leonard won the bird sounds CD.

Welcome back member Sharon Leonard!

Members reported seeing Sandhill Crane, Wilson Snipe, Prothonotary Warbler, Eastern Bluebird, albino Robin, Bald Eagle, wild Turkey, Northern Harrier, and Ruby-throated Hummingbird.





## Bird Notes

- Bob Pettit recommends checking out the new *Peterson Field Guide* (see below for a shopping hint).
- Field Trip: Bob Pettit is going to Whitefish Point May 28-31, although he won't be organizing a car trip.
- There is no trip to Tawas planned at this time.
- When shopping online, check out your favorite non-profit birding organizations' web sites; they often have goods for sale, and your purchase helps support their conservation or educational efforts. Some sites can also be used as a portal to other, larger retailers. For example, the River Rouge Bird Observatory partners with Amazon, and the RRBO benefits from books purchased from Amazon through the RRBO's web site.
- Looking for information on Michigan birding, conservation, education, news, and events? Check out the official web site of the Michigan Audubon. [www.michiganaudubon.org](http://www.michiganaudubon.org). Did you know there's such a thing as a Cerulean Warbler Weekend? Check out the Event Calendar for details.

## May Sightings

### Magee Marsh / Black Swamp Bird Observatory

[www.bsbobird.org/](http://www.bsbobird.org/)

Keep up to date by checking out their Bander's Blog, and Kenn Kaufman's birding blog.

Warblers, warblers, warblers (including Golden-winged, Blue-winged, Cerulean, and Mourning), Summer Tanager, Snowy Egret

### Point Pelee / Pelee Island

Common Loon, White-winged Scoter, Blue Grosbeak, Ruddy Turnstone, Red-headed Woodpecker

### Ann Arbor Area

Brown Thrasher, Red-eyed Vireo, Cattle Egret, Yellow-breasted Chat

### River Rouge Bird Observatory

[www.umd.umich.edu/dept/rouge\\_river/rr-latest.html](http://www.umd.umich.edu/dept/rouge_river/rr-latest.html)

Clay-colored Sparrow, Sandhill Crane, Green Heron, Orchard Oriole, Red-breasted Nuthatch



## ELECTION TIME!

The positions of **President**, **Vice President** and **Treasurer** are up for election, as are two **Delegate** positions.

*If you are interested in running for any of these positions, please contact Lucy Pentz ([lucyptz@yahoo.com](mailto:lucyptz@yahoo.com)) or Sherry Pentz ([tig2ger2000@yahoo.com](mailto:tig2ger2000@yahoo.com) or 734-848-2951) for further information. Don't be shy: your club needs you!*

**Hummingbirds** have been sighted in Michigan! Get those feeders out! Boil 1 cup water, thoroughly dissolve 1/4 cup sugar (no substitutes). Let Allen Chartier know when you see your first hummer: [amazillia1@comcast.net](mailto:amazillia1@comcast.net)

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