



Will County Audubon Society's **THE CHICKADEE**

A Chapter Newsletter

November 2025



President's Message-November 2025 **By Martha Sojka**

In October we were sad to learn that Sky, a resident red-tailed hawk at Pilcher Park Nature Center, passed away. Sky was originally rescued after an injury that prevented her from flying normally and was well-known at the Center. She was used to help educate visitors about birds of prey through up-close viewings. She will be missed.

Leadership continues to work together to bring fun and exciting ways for members to learn and mingle. We welcome all interests and levels, so take a look at what we have to offer in November and join in! If you have time, talent and/or treasure that you want to share with the Chapter, reach out with your thoughts and let's grow this bird loving community. Nature needs you!

Upcoming Events

November 13, Silent Auction/Raffle: Thursday, Nov. 13, Doors open at 6:00 pm. Silent Auction/Raffle at the Member Photo Night Meeting. Please contact Rita Renwick, uofialumni@comcast.net, to donate to the cause. This event supports our Chapter.

November 15, Saturday Field Trip to Whalon Lake. Meet at the boat launch at 9:00 am.

December 20th, Christmas Bird Count. Detail to come.

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MEMBER PHOTO NIGHT

In addition to being a great bunch of bird loving and environmentally minded folks, Will County Audubon also includes a number of passionate amateur photographers. Join us for an hour of photo viewing presented by our talented member photographers showing their finds from not only around the corner, but around the world!

Silent Auction/Raffle

Bid on exciting items to raise funds for our chapter!

Doors Open: 6:00pm

Business meeting: 6:45pm

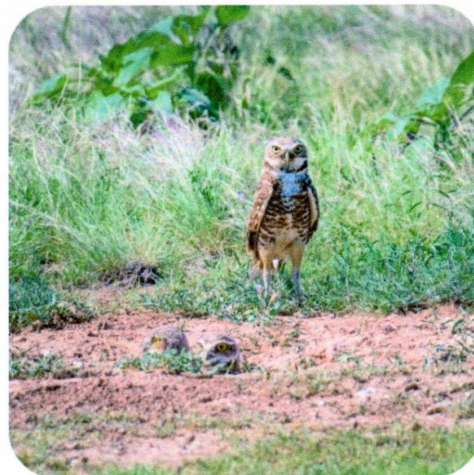
Program to follow

Will County Audubon programs are free and open to the public.
Refreshments will be served.



More Information

www.willcountyaudubon.org
oisaudubon.org



13
NOVEMBER

**PILCHER PARK
NATURE
CENTER**

2501 HIGHLAND PARK DR,
JOLIET, IL 60432

Silent Auction and Raffle:

Doors open at 6 pm for this special biennial event to support the chapter.

Silent Auction baskets will be offered along with raffle items.

Tickets for the raffle will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Cash or checks made to Will County Audubon Society will be accepted.

Here's a sneak peak at some of the items available.



Mugs will be available for purchase for \$7.



Field Trips

By Kara Morales

11/15: Join us for our November hike around one of Will County's up and coming birding hotspots- Whalon Lake! In recent years this lake has become a popular winter stopover for ducks, geese, grebes, loons and even gulls and various raptors. We will meet at the pavilion next to the boat launch at 9am.

The walk will be on a paved bikeway. It is usually cold and windy so please dress accordingly. Scopes and binoculars for long-distance viewing of birds on the lake are recommended.

Free and open to the public. No registration required. Any questions can be emailed to WCAS Field Trip Chair Kara Morales at karamorales727@gmail.com

12/20: Audubon Christmas Bird Count. The Will County Chapter organizes and participates every year in this community science program covering a 15-mile diameter circle centered at Larkin Ave and I80 in Joliet. More info will be forthcoming about how to participate. To read about the Audubon CBC, go here: <https://www.audubon.org/community-science/christmas-bird-count>



Treasurer's Report

By Janet Schleeter

Balance as of 9/20/25	\$4,993.75
Income:	
Feeder Cleaning	317.00
Total	317.00
Expenses:	
	0.00
Total	0.00
Balance as of 10/20/25	\$5,310.75



October Meeting Minutes

Submitted by: Leigh-Anne Clark

Date: October 9th, 2025
Time: 6:45pm
Location: Pilcher Park Nature Center, Joliet IL
Meet called to order by: Martha Sojka, President

In Attendance

Welcome visitors and guests. Total Number: In person twenty-two

Agenda Items

Approve Meeting Minutes of September 11th as posted in the newsletter. The meeting minutes were approved apart from adding an amendment to include additional detail for the vote to support Greg DuBois and the flyers for the Bird Friendly coffee. We voted and approved to contribute \$500 for the printing of flyers that will be distributed at various Bird festivals. This amendment was approved.

Motion: [Diane Sniegowski](#) **Second:** Carol Cooley

Treasure's Report: Janet Schleeter

Janet communicated the balance update and various transactions for the account - \$4,099.75.

Newsletter: Michele Olson

Deadline for the October issue is October 20th. We would like to include a "Spark Bird" column in each issue and are looking for volunteers to submit an article each month. What was the first bird and memory of that bird that "sparked" your interest in birding? Please email directly to Michele with your article – molson0726@gmail.com

IAS Rep: Frank Ibarra

Frank gave updates at the IAS level. At the June Board of Directors meeting a new committee and staff position were approved.

Programs: Greg DuBois

On October 18th at Wild Birds Unlimited there will be a photoshoot. This will be held outside in the bird observation area.

At the next monthly meeting (November 13th) we will be having our Member Photo night and Silent Auction. Two deadlines will be observed for the photo night – First deadline is October 24th to communicate to Kara that you want to participate, and the final photo submission deadline will be October 7th. Please reach out directly to Kara - karamorales727@gmail.com. We are looking for donation items for the silent auction. If you would like to contribute please reach out directly to Rita - uofialumni@comcast.net. Item can be delivered to Rita beforehand or bring a small number of items day of. Cash or cheques will be accepted on that night if you would like to bid on any item.

Membership/Communications/Ways to connect on Social Media platforms: Maura Carlisle (not present)

October Meeting Minutes Continued

Field Trips: Kara Morales

On October 11th there is an outing at Little Red School House. Details can be found on Facebook.

On October 25th we will be heading into Chicago to Montrose Point Bird Sanctuary. A special guest will join us – Matthew Dolkart. This field trip will be centered around photography with the special guest giving pointers on how to get the best shots at Montrose. Please reach out to Kara directly by October 24th to let her know if you are going - karamorales727@gmail.com.

Conservation: Rita Renwick

Rita spoke about the Silent auction donations. See details in the Program section.

Hospitality: Leigh-Anne Clark

Multiple people brought snacks this meeting and was greatly appreciated! Request for November volunteers were asked for and received.

Old Business: Nothing to discuss.

New Business: Nothing to discuss.

Announcements: Open forum

On October 14th there will be a free program hosted by the International Crane Foundation at the Morton Arboretum. The program topic will be “Wisconsin to the World: Crane Conservation as Global Collaboration” offering an inspiring look at the cranes we know and love here in the Midwest, as well as the Foundation’s global work to protect these incredible birds. This is a free event, but you must register with Morton Arboretum to attend.

Save the date! The Christmas bird count will be on December 20. More details to come closer to the date.

Adjourn: Motion: Rita Renwick **Second:** Ruth Meyer **Vote:** Approved

Tonight’s Meeting Program: Greg DuBois

A live virtual presentation was given by Anne B. Clark, PhD. She discussed the topic “Through the Eyes and Lives of Crows: Facing the Challenges of Anthropogenic Change.”

November Meeting:

Next meeting will be November 13th in person at Pilcher Park Nature Center.



IAS REPORT November 2025

By: Frank Ibarra, IAS Board Representative

September Board of Directors Meeting: A new slate of officers was presented. Approved for the upcoming year were Kevin Richards (President), Frank Ibarra (Vice-President), Adam Reiss (Secretary) and Francine Appleton (Treasurer). Three of our newest Board Members attended their first meeting, Andrea Tolzmann, Evan Smith and Dan Williams.

Luis Arguello, IAS financial advisor from Northern Trust, joined the Finance Committee during their break-out session and also presented to the full Board after lunch.

The Board approved changes to the membership levels as presented by the Membership and Education Committee. The Friend-Plus level will be discontinued, and the Affiliate level will be split into two new categories of nonprofit and for profit to better suit our growing number of Affiliate supporters. In addition, the former use of “ranges” for certain levels of membership will now reflect one, static amount (Steward \$50, Guardian \$100, Advocate \$500, Benefactor \$1,000, and Legacy \$5,000). While the current use of ranges poses no problems, this change is necessary to accommodate a new perk for our members. Starting in November, our online process will provide our members with the option of setting up annual recurring payments.

The YES (Youth for Environmental Stewardship) Program at Community Development Corporation of Pembroke & Hopkins Park was highlighted at the Board Meeting. Frank Ibarra, Chair, DEAI Committee, presented a report from Christine Foster, who oversees the YES Program. Earlier this year IAS donated

\$10,000 to support this program which accomplished the following:

- *Six young men from the surrounding high schools in Kankakee County participated.
- *Students were trained and certified in CPR, food safety and tool management.
- *They participated in field work alongside mentors in removing invasive species, collecting seeds, removing debris and trash, fixing signage, tracking endangered species and creating trails.
- *Students worked on an entrepreneurial project where they are asked to create and market a “green” product. The result was manufacturing two products made from native plants that grow in Pembroke; a body mist and an herbal tea.
- *Students also volunteered with “A More Excellent Way” as a service project. The nonprofit organization is located in Pembroke Township and provides healthy food choices to seniors in the community.

New Stewardship Building at Adams Wildlife Sanctuary: Plans have been submitted to the City of Springfield for approval and permitting. Nine contractors showed up for the “bid party” on October 1st. The project should begin soon, with a completion date of May 2026.

Urban Bird Festival: IAS sponsored and participated again this year. Jo and Nathan tabled, and Nathan presented a program titled, “Birding Across Illinois.” Our booth featured an interactive game which required players to match either migrating or breeding birds to a location on a map of Illinois where they would be mostly like to be seen. Judging by the non-stop activity at our table, the game was a hit. Everyone who gave it a try was eligible to win a free IAS membership, and we gave 3 away.

Illinois Big Sit: 132 people participated across 41 teams for 310 hours from September 26-28. The winning team was The Empire Shrikes Back with 81 species followed by Rollins Rocking Robins with 77 species and Just Wingin It with 71 species.

Conservation Notes-November 2025

Rita Renwick

The latest “hot” conservation topic is the siting of data centers throughout the region.

Environmental concerns abound. Providing vast amounts of electricity to data centers without increasing costs to the average consumer needs to be addressed. Ample sources of power may currently exist, but predictions are that data centers will soon outstrip the current supply and providing additional generation should not be on the backs of households and small businesses. The current suggestion is called BEYONCE, “Bring your own clean energy.” This would put the onus on the data centers to create their own energy supply.

The use of gray water for cooling purposes has been suggested instead of using massive amounts of water designated for residential consumption. Noise mitigation for data center operation and back-up generators (currently mostly diesel powered) must be considered. Diesel exhaust negatively affects air quality.

Local governments have much to consider when data centers come calling. Your community may be having hearings about data center proposals. Consider attending and voicing your opinion.

Milkweed Pods: You can bring dried milkweed pods to the Nov. 13 meeting or to me personally by then. I’m not sure if IDOT is still accepting them from Kay MacNeil. The other choice, which Kay suggested last year, was to find a suitable location and release the seeds into the air!

2026 Calendars: Do you have an overabundance of 2026, Calendars? I will accept them at the Nov. 13 meeting to donate to Veterans Homes in the area. An Auto Garage in Manhattan IL collects them and brings them to Manteno every year. I’ve also dropped some off to the LaSalle, IL Veterans Home.



Bird Friendly Coffee

Love your morning cup of joe? Consider using coffee that is certified Bird Friendly by the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center.

Smithsonian Bird Friendly coffee is shade-grown, USDA organic and provides habitat for birds and wildlife that survive in the rich understory of rainforests. Monoculture plantations -where only coffee is grown, lack plant and wildlife diversity and are more susceptible to pests and diseases requiring greater use of pesticides and synthetic fertilizers.

Bird friendly coffee can be purchased at Wild Birds Unlimited-Essington Rd Joliet, Will County Forest Preserve Nature Centers (Four Rivers, Isle a la Cache, Plum Creek) and through Audubon member Greg DuBois who offers it as a quarterly fundraiser for his church. Greg’s contact info is in this newsletter for more information.

My Spark Bird

By Janet Schleeter

I consider my having grown up on a farm one of the best things that ever happened to me. The family farm was established by my German great-grandparents in the 1880's and was located a couple of miles west of Manhattan. I became familiar with all kinds of animals, wild and domestic. During my years there we had bantam chickens, guinea fowl, mallard ducks, dogs, and lots of cats. Chasing all the feathered critters into the chicken house in the evening kept me fit. If I didn't get the guineas chased indoors at night they would be squawking under my window in the wee hours of the morning. One year my dad brought home a hat full of pheasant eggs from a nest he had found in the field. We stuck the eggs under a broody hen, and I raised pheasants!

As far as the wild bird population, there wasn't a big variety. House sparrows were the most common, and there were robins, mourning doves, the occasional cardinal, and red-winged blackbirds down by the creek. But there was one bird that I always looked forward to arriving around the first week of May—the barn swallow! The other birds were just there; they didn't do much, but the barn swallows were fun to watch. They were entertaining. There were plenty of old buildings for the barn swallows to nest in. One year they even nested in the chicken house, requiring me to adapt to their presence and be sure they had access to their nest at any time of day. They would sit on the power lines and chatter at each other, taking advantage of rain to take a shower. They swooped behind the riding lawn mower, eating the bugs that were stirred up. The most fun was watching them harassing the cats. They would swoop down at any cat innocently strolling across the yard. I swear they were playing.

I live by the woods now with a much larger variety of birds that visit my feeders regularly, but there are still a few farms nearby, and occasionally I hear that chatter that tells me a barn swallow is near. They remain a favorite bird of mine, bring back many happy memories.



BLISSFUL GIFTS FOR BIRDERS

Compiled by Diane Sniegowski



Holiday gift giving is right around the corner. Do you know a birder (or is it yourself?) who would love to receive a bird-related gift? Here are some ideas to get you started on the search for that special gift. Wild Birds Unlimited also has a beautiful store in Joliet where you can browse for unique gifts.

CALENDARS

[Audubon](#)

[Aldo Leopold](#) phenology calendar. For over 90 years, the Wisconsin family has kept calendar records of seasonal changes including migration, plant cycles, and wildlife events.

[Birds in Shoes](#) The artist, Jim Sorensen, has a whimsical style. Find him on [Redbubble](#) for more gift ideas.

[Many Bird Calendar selections](#) This link will lead you to an array of calendars, for the wall or desk.

BOOKS Titles and authors listed here are a few of my recommendations. There are numerous places to buy books (besides Amazon), so you can search for who you would like to support, including Barnes & Noble or independent book sellers in your area or online.

[Birdpedia](#) by Christopher W Leahy

[Birding Without Borders](#) and [The Thing with Feathers](#) by Noah Strycker

[The Ravenmaster: My Life with the Ravens at the Tower of London](#) by Christopher Skaife

[Welcome to Subirdia](#) by John M Marzluff

[The Hummingbird's Gift](#) and [Birdology](#) by Sy Montgomery

[Adventures of a Louisiana Birder](#) by Marybeth Lima

[Mozart's Starling](#) by Lyanda Lynn Haupt

[Bright Wings: An Illustrated Anthology of Poems](#) edited by Billy Collins with paintings by David Allen Sibley

[The Birds that Audubon Missed](#) by Kenn Kaufman

[The Backyard Bird Chronicles](#) by Amy Tan

VARIOUS GIFT IDEAS

[Ceramic Mugs from Etsy](#)

[Mugs from Zazzle](#)

[Jigsaw Puzzles](#)

[Bird Houses and Feeders](#)

[Bird Field Guides](#) There are field guides for many regions across the world. My favorites are any of the Peterson guides as well as Sibley.

[Bird Shirts](#)

Happy Birding and Happy Shopping!

Field Trip Report

by Bob Soukup



Eleven WCAS members and guests met at the Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center in Willow Springs on Saturday October 11, a beautiful autumn morning. We started at the gigantic chair just outside of the Nature Center, hiked past the Farm Pond and beehives, and picked up the Black Oak Trail, where we birded along Longjohn Slough which is adjacent to the trail. Our sharp-eyed birders (not me) identified a total of twenty-eight species during our hike, including at least 200 if not more wood ducks on the slough, stopping over during their fall migration. Another highlight was a pair of Red Headed Woodpeckers, one mature and one immature, in the trees near the slough. In addition, we spotted a Bald Eagle flying above the water. We also explored the smaller concrete trail adjacent to the Nature Center, which includes entry to the original Little Red Schoolhouse which was in use up until the 1930's.

Thanks to Michele Olson for supplying the group picture, and much thanks to Kara Morales for her exceptional birding and supplying the final species list. If you have never visited the Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center or have not been there recently, I would highly recommend that you check it out, especially at this pleasant time of the year.

The species that were identified included: Wood Duck, American Wigeon, Mourning Dove, Pied-billed Grebe, Great Blue Heron, Turkey Vulture, Bald Eagle, Red tailed Hawk, Red Headed Woodpecker, Red Bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Blue Jay, Black-capped Chickadee, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, American Robin, Cedar Waxwing, House Finch, Dark-eyed Junco, White-crowned Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, Red-winged Blackbird, Common Grackle, Tennessee Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Cape May Warbler, Palm Warbler, and Yellow-rumped Warbler.



2025 ILLINOIS AUDUBON SOCIETY GATHERING

Submitted by Diane Sniegowski

In September, I attended the IAS weekend gathering near Zion, IL. The field trips were guided by Red Hill Birding. Beautiful weather contributed to an amazing birding experience. On Friday night we searched Illinois Beach State Park and found 33 species. The highlight was seeing two Eastern Screech Owls after dark. They were very cooperative, and we were able to take a long look.

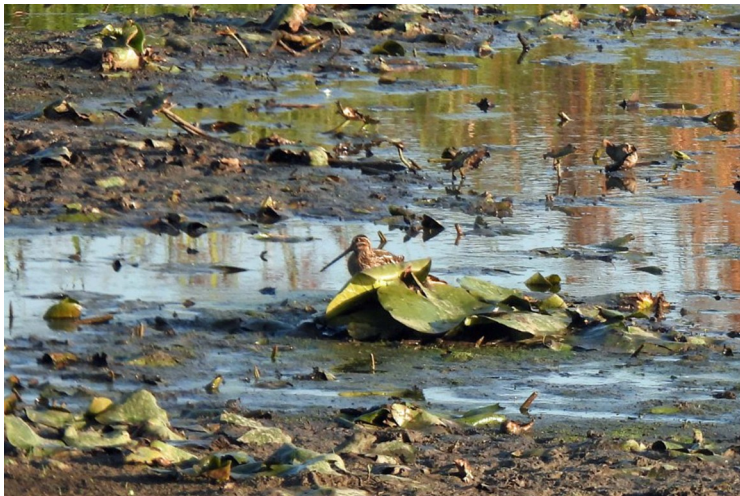
On Saturday I opted for the Field trip to Pine Dunes and Van Patten Forest Preserves. Early in the morning we were greeted by Sandhill Cranes landing in a nearby field, and several Dark-eyed Juncos welcomed us to autumn. Some other highlights of these locations were a Green Heron chomping on a frog, 4 Wilson's Snipe, a plague of about 100 Common Grackles, 15 fall warblers, and 5 Lincoln's Sparrows fueling up on insects and small seeds.

Lunch was at the Hawk Watch Pavilion at Illinois Beach State Park. Numerous raptors were giving us a show, and volunteers were busily counting them as they migrated through. Later, we attended a presentation by Vic Berardi, founder of the Illinois Beach State Park Hawk-watch. It was interesting and informative to learn about the 25 years of data collection at that site.

The dinner/presentation was at the gorgeous Winthrop Harbor Yacht Club. I had the pleasure of dining with WCAS members Rita Renwick and her husband Bruce, Carrie Rock, Ruth Meyer, and Mike Rzepka. Our trivia team, "The Willets," had a fun time answering bird-related questions fielded by Brian "Fox" Ellis. The featured speaker was Scott Weidensaul, author of *A World on the Wing*. His insightful presentation gave us an understanding of the astonishing feats that birds embark



Green Heron



Wilson's Snipe

on during migration. He focused on the climate and habitat changes that are challenging bird survival around the earth. He signed my copy of the book, and I intend to read more of his bird-related books.

This was my first weekend gathering with the Illinois Audubon Society, and I look forward to more! There will be another gathering in the spring. Our total trip species was 83. Thank you to Jo Fessett, staff of IAS, and Red Hill Birding for a fun-filled birding experience.

WCAS Volunteers Hard at Work!

By Michele Olson

Thanks to all our hardworking volunteers who showed up to support the Wild Birds Unlimited Feeder Cleaning event. Patrons of WBU brought their messiest feeders in to be cleaned and we did our best to get them back in shape after a busy summer season. We are very grateful to WBU for giving us this opportunity to connect with members of the birding community. They sponsor two events a year. We are always in need of extra volunteers. Please consider joining us sometime. It is always a fun event!



Area Coordinator Needed for BCN Monitoring Efforts

(Check out the Bird Conservation Network website for more information about monitoring.)

More than 200 monitors survey breeding birds each year across six counties in northeast Illinois for the Bird Conservation Network. To facilitate the survey, volunteer Area Coordinators are assigned to each of these counties. **Will County currently does not have an Area Coordinator.** The objective is to monitor sites and work with land managers (Forest Preserve Districts, etc.) to manage land to improve habitat for birds.

Duties include:

Serving as the point of contact between Survey monitors and the land manager key contact, usually the Volunteer Coordinator for the Forest Preserve District. Works directly with Volunteer Coordinator to:

- Evaluate unmonitored sites within the area for potential monitoring

- Identify priority sites

- Assign monitors to sites & determine monitoring points.

- Resolve conflicts/process questions

Reviewing and vetting monitor applications that have passed initial screening and have been forwarded by the BCN Survey Coordinator. Talk with the applicant to assess depth of birding skill and readiness to do field surveys and decide if applicants are ready to join the Survey team. Upon acceptance, work with the new monitor and Volunteer Coordinator and Regional Ecologist to secure an appropriate site assignment. Share new monitor list with BCN Survey Coordinator.

Onboard new monitors. Review Survey protocols and data input guidelines and visit the site with the monitor to confirm point locations.

Maintain list of monitors and sites. Maintain a list of active monitors, their contact information, and the sites to which they are assigned. Sites should include point names with GPS coordinates. Share information with Volunteer Coordinator and BCN Survey Coordinator. Periodically confirm sites are being monitored consistently, and assign resources as needed.

Welcome New Members

Alexandria Dimitralias

Friends of Pilcher Park Nature Preserve Update

By Martha Sojka

Friends continue to meet to work on restoration efforts at Pilcher Park. On October 18th, members took a break from restoration work to learn chainsaw safety. Restoration efforts at Pilcher are important because invasive species left unmanaged reduce biodiversity and threaten critical habitat. This work is particularly important for the redheaded woodpeckers at Pilcher.

To learn more about Friends, follow at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61555719195591> or <https://friendsofillinoisnaturepreserves.org/event-organizer/friends-of-pilcher-park-nature-preserve/>

Source: Friends of Pilcher Park Facebook





Preparing Your Yard for Winter Birds

By Ellen Green, Owner of Wild Birds Unlimited of Joliet

As autumn fades and the days grow shorter, life in our backyards begins to change. For birds, winter brings a season of challenges defined by extreme cold, wet weather, and long nights that test their ability to survive. With a little preparation, you can turn your yard into a haven that helps them not only survive but thrive through the toughest months of the year.

When snow and ice cover natural food sources, birds rely heavily on dependable feeders. Offering high-energy foods like suet, peanuts, nyjer, and seed blends high in sunflower seeds can make a real difference. These nutrient-rich foods provide the fat and protein birds need to maintain their body

heat. Keeping feeders clean and filled ensures a reliable source of nourishment, especially during cold snaps when survival depends on every calorie.

Water is another essential need that becomes harder to find in winter. Birds require it not only for drinking but also for keeping their feathers clean so they can stay properly insulated. A heated bird bath or a simple bird bath de-icer can provide a vital source of unfrozen water, even on the coldest days. Positioning it near shelter gives birds a safe place to land and drink without being too exposed to predators.

Shelter is just as important as food and water. Birds seek protection from wind, snow, and icy rain wherever they can find it. Dense shrubs, evergreens, brush piles, and even leaf litter can provide much-needed refuge. Leaving up your nesting boxes or adding roosting boxes gives small birds an inviting place to huddle together and conserve warmth through long, frigid nights.



Creating a bird-friendly winter yard not only helps wildlife survive, it also brings joy and color to your days. There's something uplifting about watching a bright red cardinal against fresh snow or hearing a chickadee's cheerful call on a frosty morning. For local bird lovers, **Wild Birds Unlimited of Joliet** offers expert advice and practical solutions to help you turn your yard into a year-round refuge. Whether you're new to bird feeding or a seasoned enthusiast, a few thoughtful steps now can make winter a season of simple beauty—for both you and the birds who share your space.

Montrose Harbor

By Martha Sojka

Thanks to our field trip chair Kara for organizing this photography focused outing with Matthew Dolkart (check him out on Instagram! [thebirdherder](#)). Matt shared a few photography tips and tricks which made for a memorable morning. We were among good company and enjoyed watching the snow buntings.

Photo Credits: Martha Sojka



NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

ILLINOIS AUDUBON SOCIETY, WILL COUNTY CHAPTER (WCAS)

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

(It is IAS & WCAS's policy not to divulge your personal information)

Illinois Audubon Society Membership Categories:

Friend (\$25)	Friend Plus (\$30)	Affiliate (\$100)	Steward (\$50+\$99)
Guardian (\$100+\$499)	Advocate (\$500+\$999)	Benefactor (\$1000+)	Legacy (\$5000+)

IAS Membership (Choose a category from above.)

\$ _____ required

Will County AS dues

\$ 10

Total \$ _____

Make check payable to: **Illinois Audubon Society**

Cut this completed application from this sheet and mail to: **IAS, PO Box 2547, Springfield, IL 62708-2457**

Or: Use the online form to join right now: <http://illinoisaudubon.org/join/>

Please do not use this form to renew your membership.

Annual renewals will be sent out approximately one month in advance of membership expiration.

If you mail this form, you may also include an additional donation to benefit **WCAS's** local conservation efforts. Please write a separate check payable to: **WCAS, PO Box 3289, Joliet, Illinois 60434**

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