

KANE COUNTY AUDUBON PRESS RELEASE – SEPTEMBER 2026

Saturday September 5, 7:30 a.m.

Bird Walk at Nelson Lake/ Dick Young Forest Preserve

Nelson Lake Road, Batavia. Meet in the parking lot by the silo.

Kane County Audubon invites you to their monthly bird walk around Nelson Lake, a leisurely walk to observe birds and nature in general. You don't have to be an expert to enjoy the outdoors in the company of fellow nature-lovers.

If you have questions, contact Tim Klimowski, at 630-802-1153.

Wednesday September 9, 6:00 p.m.

KCA Potluck and Photo Sharing, Geneva American Legion Hall, 22 South Second Street, Geneva (across the street from the old library)

KCA will provide the main entrée and members will provide the sides. Members are also invited to share their favorite nature and bird photographs with the group. Please limit your selection to a maximum of 15 images. Contact John if you have images to share before the meeting.

If you have questions, contact John Sprovieri, at 630-776-0924.

Thursday September 10 Swift Sit - 6:45 p.m.

Location to be determined. A Chimney Swift roosting site will be identified, and the public invited to enjoy this amazing aerial show as the Swifts head to their roost in the evening. Bring a lawn chair and sit back and enjoy this amazing sight.

Please note, Chimney Swift migration is unpredictable and date may change.

For more information, contact Marion and Rich Miller at 630-291-2690.

Saturday September 12, 7:30 a.m.

Bird Walk at Montrose Point Bird Sanctuary, Chicago

200 W. Montrose Harbor Dr. Chicago. Free parking is available on Montrose and Simonds. Do not turn and go past the bait shop onto West Montrose or you will have to pay for parking starting at 8 a.m. The sanctuary entrance is on West Montrose. Meet at the entrance.

Enjoy a visit to Montrose Point also home to the famous Magic Hedge. Over 300 bird species have been recorded here. Come see how many you can find!

If you have questions, contact, Diane Hansen, at 847-567-8044.

Saturday September 19, 7:30 a.m.

Bird Walk at Burnidge Forest Preserve, Elgin

Meet in the lot off Coombs Road.

Prairie, woods and a lake equals great species diversity!

If you have questions, contact James Cain at 815-545-3713.

Saturday September 26, 8:00 a.m.

Bird Walk at Dixon Waterfowl Refuge at Hennepin & Hopper Lakes, Putnam County

For most of the 20th century, Hennepin and Hopper Lakes in Putnam County were drained to make way for cropland. But these backwater lakes in the floodplain of the Illinois River, roared

back to life in 2001 when the Wetlands Initiative turned off the drainage pump and began restoration.

Today the 3,000-acre Refuge is one of the premier natural areas in the state. Where once only corn and soybeans grew, a mosaic of lakes, marshes, seeps, savannas, and prairies now supports a huge range of native flora and fauna. In 2012, the Refuge was designated a Ramsar Wetland of International Importance.

This designation recognizes the Refuge for the rare wetlands, endangered species, native fish populations, and large numbers of migratory waterfowl it supports.

The refuge is about an hour and 45 minutes from Geneva.

We'll start at 8 instead of 7:30. Carpooling encouraged!

If you have questions, contact Regina and John at 630-715-0428.

Kane County Audubon is the local chapter of the Illinois Audubon Society and meets at 7:00 pm on the second Wednesday of each month September through May.

Field trips, bird walks, and nature hikes are scheduled on Saturdays throughout the year and in lieu of the meeting on the second Wednesday of June, July and August. Enjoy nature? Want to learn more about the birds you see in your backyard and elsewhere? Events are open to the public and newcomers and families are always welcome.

For more information on Kane County Audubon call John Sprovieri at 630-776-0924 or visit the website, www.kanecountyaudubon.com

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