WILL COUNTY AUDUBON HOSTS
Conserving Migrating Birds from Illinois to the Tropics.

Presented by Dr. Mike Ward

Dr. Ward is originally from Jacksonville, IL and received his PhD from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign in 2004. He is currently an associate professor in the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences, in the College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences at the University of Illinois and an Ornithologist at the Illinois Natural History Survey. Before taking his position as a professor, he was the coordinator of the Critical Trends Assessment Program at the Illinois Natural History Survey. He and his students are working on a variety of projects throughout the Midwest as well as in Mexico and Cuba. In summary, Dr. Ward studies the ecology and behavior of birds in natural and modified ecosystems in order to inform conservation.

March 12, 2020
Social time  6:00pm
Bird Q&A/Sightings  6:15pm
Business Meeting  6:30pm
Program  7:00pm

Pilcher Park Nature Center
2501 Highland Park Drive
Joliet, IL 60432

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Migratory birds are one of the fastest declining species in North America. Due to their use of various habitats across a large geographic area, management and conservation of the species can be challenging. Dr. Ward will provide an overview of a study he conducted on the migration of birds (thrushes, hummingbirds, and vireos) across the Gulf of Mexico. He will then present an overview of a program to create habitat for migratory shorebirds in wet agricultural fields in Illinois. He will conclude with what “we” in Illinois can do to conserve migratory birds.

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