Will County Audubon

EVENTS

Field Trips
(Public Welcome)

For more information, contact Rita Renwick 815-725-2934 or check our website.
Field trips take place on the Saturdays immediately following monthly meetings. Destinations are chosen to highlight best birding locations in Will and surrounding counties. Details for meeting places and departure times can be found on our website. Travel times are usually 20 to 60 minutes and carpooling is often available.

People at all levels of birding expertise are welcomed. We enjoy sharing bird sightings and outdoor excursions in our region's best natural settings.

Members assist others in bird identification as well as sharing their knowledge of plants, butterflies, dragonflies, etc. If you are an expert, you can lend a hand. If a beginner, you can gain insight into the natural world.

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Meetings (Public Welcome)

Meetings are held at the Pilcher Park Nature Center, 2501 Highland Park Dr. Joliet, IL on the second Thursday of every month from September to May except for December.

Meeting format
6:00 pm Social time-Refreshments
6:15 pm Bird Sightings and Q&A
6:30 pm Business Meeting
7:00 pm Program

Programs feature experts in scientific research and notable authorities in the fields of ornithology, botany, zoology, and environmental studies as well as speakers who share wildlife adventures in all parts of the globe.

For more program details, see www.willcountyaudubon.org

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Volunteer opportunities in which Audubon members are currently involved include:

Serving as interpreters at Lake Renwick Heron Rookery on behalf of Will County Forest Preserve District

Guiding birding tours at Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie

Assisting with bird and frog monitoring programs at Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie

Maintaining the Wildlife Viewing Area at the Pilcher Park Nature Center

Conducting various youth and adult educational programs on birding and the environment

Staffing the annual Hummingbird Festival at Sagawau Learning Center, a facility of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County

Participating in the Annual Spring and Christmas Bird Counts
Our History

In the mid 1940's, a group of birders formed a local Audubon Club. In 1971, the group officially became the Will County Chapter of the Illinois Audubon Society (IAS). IAS is a not-for-profit conservation organization chartered by the State of Illinois in 1897. Both organizations are dedicated to conserving wildlife and habitat in Will County and throughout the state. Our Chapter facilitated the acquisition of the 80 acre Hoberg Tract which is now an Illinois Nature Preserve and part of Pilcher Park in Joliet.

Benefits of Membership

- Monthly Meetings and Programs
- Monthly Saturday field trips
- Monthly Newsletter
- Joint membership with IAS provides Quarterly Illinois Audubon Magazine
- Admission to IAS sanctuaries

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www.willcountyaudubon.org
www.illinoisaudubon.org

Join Us Today!

Membership in the Will County Audubon Chapter requires membership in the Illinois Audubon Society (IAS) which is our parent organization. Dues paid to Will County Audubon pay for our speakers, projects and other chapter expenses. Dues paid to IAS are used for land acquisition, habitat preservation and stewardship.

IAS Membership Categories

- Friend ($25)
- Friend Plus ($30)
- Steward ($50+)
- Guardian ($100+)
- Advocate ($500+)
- Benefactor ($1000+)
- Legacy ($5000+)

IAS Membership ___ required
Will County dues $10
Total $___

You may join both organizations online at:
www.illinoisaudubon.org/join

Or, you may mail this form with your contact information including e-mail address with a check to:
Illinois Audubon Society
PO Box 2547
Springfield, IL 62708

This form is for new members only. IAS sends annual renewals directly to members.