

No Bird Left Behind

Bird interactions with tall structures and how to reduce the risk

Friday, October 13, 2006

Ho-Chunk Conference Center, Wisconsin Dells, WI



A G E N D A

- 8:00 a.m. Registration
9:00 Light continental breakfast provided
- 9:30 **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**
- *Peter Cannon*, Madison Audubon Society and regional director, National Audubon Society
- KEYNOTE**
- A Bird's-eye View of Hazards to Migration**
- *Noel Cutright*, We Energies / Wisconsin Society for Ornithology, West Bend, WI
- 10:15 **PLENARY PANEL: BIRDS and BUILDINGS**
- The problem: Bird collisions with tall buildings**
- *Daniel Klem, Jr.*, Ornithologist, Department of Biology, Muhlenberg College, PA
- Solving the problem: Glass coatings**
- *Rick Voelker*, Viracon, manufacturer of glass coatings, Owatonna, MN
- Solving the problem: Chicago's *Lights Out* program as a model for other cities**
- *Judy Pollock*, Director of Bird Conservation, Audubon Chicago Region, Skokie, IL
- Questions & Answers**
- 11:30 **PLENARY PANEL: BROADCAST COMMUNICATION TOWERS**
- Communication towers as an avian hazard and progress toward reducing the risk**
- *Joelle Gehring*, Program Leader for Zoology, Michigan Natural Features Inventory, Lansing, MI
- Solving the problem**
- *John Laabs*, President, Wisconsin Broadcasters Assn., Madison
- Questions & Answers**
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch provided
- 1:30 **PLENARY PANEL: WIND ENERGY and ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION/DISTRIBUTION LINES**
- Understanding the impacts of wind energy on birds (and bats)**
- *Leakhena Au*, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Green Bay, WI
- Bird collisions and electrocutions at power lines: USFWS efforts to avoid or minimize impacts**
- *Al Manville*, Senior Wildlife Biologist, USFWS-Division of Migratory Bird Management, Arlington, VA
- Using Science to Reduce Bird Collisions with Utility Structures**
- *Rick Carlton*, Senior Project Manager, Electric Power Research Institute, Palo Alto, CA
 - Wind energy representative- to be announced.
- Questions & Answers**
- 3:00 Break
- 3:20 **FINDING COMMON GROUND.** Facilitated discussion groups identify priority issues and action that can be taken.
- 4:35 **WRAP-UP.** Report out from discussion groups, dialogue; commitments for the future
- 5:00 Adjourn for dinner
- 5:15 Cash bar
- 5:45 Dinner (hearty hors d'oeuvres) provided
- 6:30 **SPEAKER**
- Avian Migration and Human Technologies Birds Must Face: Traversing the gauntlet of tall structures**
- *Al Manville*, USFWS, Arlington, VA
- 7:30 Adjourn for the day

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Saturday, October 14
Sunday, October 15

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SATURDAY, October 14

7:00 a.m. Registration; continental breakfast provided

8:00 **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

- **Peter Cannon**, Madison Audubon Society and regional director, National Audubon Society

CONFERENCE KEYNOTE SPEAKER

- **John Flicker**, President, National Audubon Society, New York, NY

9:00 **WORKSHOPS – Part 1**

- Birdscaping in the Midwest – Mariette Nowak, Lakeland A.S. (WI)
- Statewide Bird Conservation Initiatives: Wisconsin and Minnesota – Ron Windingstad, Audubon MN, and Karen Etter Hale, Madison A.S. (WI)
- Tools and Resources for Starting a Lights Out Program in Your City – Judy Pollock, Audubon Chicago Region (IL), and Joanna Eckles (MN)
- What's New at Audubon? Q&A about National Audubon Programs & Activities – Lynn Tennefoss, National A.S. (MT), and Roger Still, National A.S. (MO)
- Optics Workshop – Kate Fitzmier, Eagle Optics (WI)

10:00 **WORKSHOPS – Part 2**

- Audubon's Mississippi River Campaign – Roger Still, National A.S. (MO)
- Important Bird Areas: The Challenges of Multi-state Bird Conservation – Mark Martell, Audubon MN
- How to be an Effective Advocate for Your Issues – Karen Orenstein, Taldi Walter, Audubon National Policy Office (DC)
- Connecting Children (and Parents) to Nature with Wildlife Field Trips – Randy Korb, WI Audubon Council
- Impacts with Tall Structures and Declining Bird Populations – Al Manville, USFWS (VA)

11:00 **WORKSHOPS – Part 3**

- Forest Certification & the Leopold Pines – Jedd Ungrodt, Community Forestry Resource Ctr. (MN)
- Important Bird Areas: Grassroots Bird Conservation – Mark Martell, Audubon MN
- Involving Citizens in Bluebird Production – Kent D. Hall, Aldo Leopold A.S. (WI)
- How to Develop Multi-State, Multimedia Wildlife Education Programs – Dan and Cindy Bertalan (WI)
- Confusing Bird Songs – John Feith (WI)

12:00 Lunch provided – networking

1:30 p.m. **FIELD TRIPS** – Destinations include: International Crane Foundation, Leopold Shack, Necedah Wildlife Refuge, Muir Park / Observatory Hill, Upper Dells Boat Trip, Parfrey's Glen. See field trip information sheet for details.

5:30 Cash bar – social hour

6:30 Dinner provided

7:30 **SPEAKER**

In Search of the Ivory-billed Woodpecker — **Jim Fitzpatrick**, St. Croix Valley Nature Center, Hastings, MN

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7:00 a.m. Breakfast buffet provided

8:00 **SPEAKER**

Birds at Risk: Conservation Strategies for Midwestern Birds — **Greg Butcher**, National Audubon Society, Washington, DC

9:15 **WORKSHOPS – Part 4**

- Ecosystem Restoration: National Priorities in Your Back Yard – April Gromnicki, Audubon National Policy Office (DC)
- Birds at Risk: Conservation Strategies for Midwestern Birds – Greg Butcher, National A.S. (DC)
- How to Be an Effective Advocate for Your Issues – Karen Orenstein, Taldi Walter, Audubon National Policy Office (DC)
- Characteristics of Healthy Chapters – Storme Nelson, Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary (WI) and Lynn Tennefoss, National A.S. (MT)
- Bird Conservation Mentor Program – Barbara Duerksen, Madison A.S. (WI)
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10:15 **WORKSHOPS – Part 5**

- Bring Back the Whoopers! – Joan Garland, International Crane Foundation (WI)
- Milwaukee County Avian Migration Monitoring Partnership – Bill Mueller, WI Society for Ornithology
- Chapter Leadership – Lynn Tennefoss and Storme Nelson (continuation of 9:15 workshop)
- Wisconsin eBird: Harnessing the Power of Birders for Conservation – Andy Paulios, Wisconsin DNR
- Roundtable – To be announced

11:15 Wrap-up, Evaluation, Plans for Next Year

Drawing – *you must be present to win!*

12 noon Adjourn – Lunch on your own

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