
Spring 2013 Sycamore Audubon Calendar

Save the Dates! Program meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7:15 PM in the Lilly Nature Center in West Lafayette. People are invited to join other members and the speaker for "Dinner and Conversation" starting at 6:00 PM at the MCL Cafeteria (West Lafayette) except for September's Carry-In dinner. Field trips times vary, see below.

- March 21 & Every Thurs to late May **Early Bird Hikes.** Same location: Celery Bog Nature Park, WL, but a new day of the week, Thursday, reflecting Barny's class schedule. Same great birds and a fun start to your day. Meet at 8 a.m. at the first gravel parking lot. Usually last one hour.
- March 23 Saturday **Lake Michigan Lakeshore Field Trip. Barny Dunning, leader.** Meet at 6:30 a.m. to car-pool up to the lakeshore. We will spend the day looking for early migrants that do not show up regularly in the Greater Lafayette area, including loons, grebes, diving ducks, mergansers, etc. An all-day activity but people can leave early.
- April 5-7 Fri-Sun **Bake & Plant Sale:** Help fund the National 4-H program to be held here in Indiana and to buy lumber for Barn Owl nest boxes. Email sueandtedulrich@msn.com to volunteer. Donations of plants and gardening items needed, as well as a half dozen people to help out during the sale.
- April 11 Thursday **Program: Saving all the Pieces: Preserving Native Diversity in Great Smoky Mountains National Park.** Professor Michael Jenkins, Purdue Dept. of Natural Resources. A magnificent National Park with incredible diversity and, unfortunately, many threats. 7:15 p.m. Lilly Nature Center in Celery Bog Park, West Lafayette. Free parking and refreshments.
- April 13 Saturday **Celery Bog Early Migrants Trip.** Join us at the gravel parking lot at Celery Bog Nature Park, West Lafayette at 7:30 a.m. for a 3 hour hike through the woods and along the bog.
- April 27 Saturday **Practice for the Big Day in May.** We'll look for spring migrants and newly arrived summer residents at Purdue's Martell Forest in western Tippecanoe County. Meet at 7 a.m. at the entrance off CR 725 W. Take SR 26 to Tip Co 750 W, go south to T, turn left, go down hill, gates on the left.
- April 27 Saturday **Garden Expo:** Plants & more plants. See story page 2. Funds go for honeysuckle removal at Ross Hills Park. Plant donations and helpers needed. Contact sueandtedulrich@msn.com.
- May 3-5 Fri-Sun **IAS Spring Meetings at Mary Gray.** Chock full of programs and birding events. See info on p.6, Go to www.indianaudubon.org to register and for more details.
- May 7 & 9 Tues & Thurs **Fifth Grade Camp Bird hikes.** Great practice for the May Count. Come help the teachers find & identify birds with the students. Carpool 6:30 at Celery Bog. Or meet at camp at 7. See p 2.
- May 9 Thursday **Program: With a Wing and a Prayer.** Doug Priest. Doug has visited numerous countries on mission work and always takes time to bird along the way. 7:15 p.m. Lilly Nature Center in Celery Bog Park, West Lafayette. Free parking and refreshments and you can sign up for the Big Day in May Bird Count to cover an area of one of the four counties or just do your yard.
- May 11 Saturday **Big Day in May Bird Count.** An exciting day to get out and look for birds with four local counties to choose from. Any bird seen between midnight and midnight counts. Contact Compilers, see p 1 to get a territory or sign up at the May 9th meeting. Feeder Watches needed.
- May 18 Saturday **Mind BOGGLING Event III 9-5 p.m.** May is national wetland month, and a great time to celebrate and learn about Celery Bog Nature Park. Loads of fun activities for families and lots to explore and enjoy. See page 5 for more information.
- June 8 Saturday **Prophetstown Birds of Summer.** Kick off the Summer Breeding Bird count by exploring the birdlife at Prophetstown with Chuck Tuttle. We'll hope to find some lingering migrants as well as summer residents. Meet at Celery Bog at 7:45 to carpool, or be at the Bobolink Shelter at 8 a.m. Birds seen will be included in Tippecanoe County's Summer Bird Count.
- June & July Every day **Summer Breeding Birds.** Sightings and nesting records are collected by county boundaries across Indiana. See something interesting? find a nest? Report it to Barny Dunning, p.7.