

Past Evening Programs of the Laughing Whitefish Audubon Society

2019

January 9, 2019 *"Travels with Max and Gizmo: In Search of the U.P."*

Presenter: Steve Lindberg

In a tongue in cheek photo homage to John Steinbeck's "Travels with Charley in Search of America," Steve will present photos selected from his "photo-a-day" on Facebook – a sampling of the flora, fauna, landscapes and whimsy found in his backyard.

Feb. 13, 2019 *"Birding and Traveling in Papua New Guinea"*

Presenter: Jeff Knoop

On August 12, 2018 Jeff Knoop and 3 friends began a 25-day journey through Papua New Guinea, looking for birds from sea-level to 10,000 ft. Join Jeff as he shares the scenery and amazing birds of this remote and exotic tropical island.

March 13, 2019 *"Wildlife Spectacular of Tanzania, East Africa"*

Presenter: Jeff Towner

Jeff and his son Daniel spent three weeks in October in northern Tanzania and the islands of Pemba and Zanzibar. His presentation will focus on the mammals and birds of Tanzania, as well as some of the wildlife conservation challenges in Africa.

April 10 *"Travels in Patagonia"*

Presenter: Geoff Smith

This presentation will explore Chilean Patagonia near the southern tip of South America. It is an otherworldly landscape of intense winds, ever-streaming clouds, and changing weather. Highlights of our trip were bird and wildlife viewing in the Patagonian Steppe grasslands, hiking in the glorious mountain and glacier terrain of Torres de Paine National Park, glimpsing a puma and fly-fishing for brown trout. Join us for this unforgettable trip below 50 degrees south latitude.

September 11, 2019 *"Birding Adventures in Spain"*

Presenters: Mark and Joanie Hubinger

Mark and Joanie spent close to a month in Spain in the spring of 2018, traveling from Madrid to the Pyrenees, the Mediterranean coast and finally ending up in Barcelona. Their presentation will cover the birds and natural landscape of Spain, plus the cultural and historic aspects of Madrid and Barcelona.

2018

January 10, 2018 *"Photos from Thirty-three Years of Life in the Back Country"*

Presenter: Thom Skelding

This program is a photo essay featuring Thom Skelding's excellent photographs of the landscapes, animals and birds that he has encountered in the woods near his home during the last 33 years – scenes that may be familiar to many in the audience.

February 6, 2018 *"Winter Adventures in the Southwest"*

Presenter: Gary Palmer

Last winter Gary Palmer joined Skye Haas and Louie Dombroski for a rambling five-week road trip birding their way through California, Arizona, and Texas. Beginning with a stunning drive down the renowned California Highway 1 in search of California Condor, winding through the alien landscape of Joshua Tree National Park on the way to the Elegant Trogons and more of Arizona's sky islands, wrapping up with Green Jays and a rare Rose-throated Becard in Texas' lower Rio Grande Valley, this program will recount the incredible birding and breathtaking vistas of their dash through the Southwest.

March 13, 2018 *"Demystifying Sparrow ID"*

Presenter: Nate Martineau

This presentation on sparrow identification is aimed at helping people prepare for the sparrow migration that starts in April. Hopefully it will help people to realize that the challenge of sparrow ID isn't as daunting or insurmountable as it may seem at first.

April 11, 2018, *"The JP Chickadee Project: Big Data from Little Local Birds."*

Presenter: Dr. Alec Lindsay, NMU Biology Department

Alec and his troupe of undergraduate and graduate students have been working on a new project in the Marquette area. They have been placing color bands on chickadees (and nuthatches), including bands with small RFID chips. In this talk he and some of his students will tell us about what they are finding with their work, what other questions they might try to answer, and how students and the community can get involved.

November 14-Annual Membership Meeting

2017

January 11, 2017 – *"South Africa to Victoria Falls, via Botswana: A Thousand Mile Safari"*

Presenter: Jeff Knoop

Join Jeff as he travels through the game preserves of South Africa, Botswana and Zimbabwe to the edge of Victoria Falls.

February 8, 2017-Movie "The Earth from Above"

March 8, 2017-Presenter: Zach Gayk: "Documenting Warbler Migration in the Keweenaw Peninsula"

April 12, 2017 (Wednesday) *"Tips on Identifying Warblers"*

Presenter: Dr. Tom Noren

Tom will discuss tips for identifying the many warblers that can be seen in the Upper Peninsula during the spring. In addition, he will talk about the various habitats in which warblers can be found .

September 6, 2017 *"The Grace of Birds"*

Presenter: Scot Stewart

This program will feature a look at the beauty of birds as they go about their anything but-routine daily activities. Most of photographs were taken in the Upper Peninsula.

November 8, 2017 *Annual Membership Meeting and Social Gathering*

2016

January 13: "Dinosaurs Among Us" by Dr. Alec Lindsay

February 10: "Fifty Hikes in Michigan's Upper Peninsula" by Thomas Funk

March 3: "The Migratory Bird Treaty: Celebrating 100 Years of Migratory Bird Conservation" by Katie Koch, US Fish and Wildlife Service

April 13: -"Michigan Kirtland's Warbler Program: Update on Delisting a Conservation-reliant Species" by Christie Deloria-Sheffield, US Fish and Wildlife Service

September 14:"George Shiras: His U.P. Connections and the Migratory Bird Treaty" by Jim McCommons, English Dept. Northern Michigan University

October 12: "Birding Adventures in Florida" by Mark and Joanie Hubinger

November 9: Annual membership meeting

2015

January 8: "Experiencing Eden: The Birds, Wildlife and Prehistoric Life of Northern Tanzania" by Jim Hayward

February 11: "Queen of the Sun: What Are the Bees Telling Us?" film presented by the UP-Land Conservancy and the Laughing Whitefish Audubon Society

March 11: "Changes in Population and Habitat of Spruce Grouse on the Yellow Dog Plains" by Laurel Hill

April 8: ""Spring Birding in the Lower Peninsula" by Beth Olson

September 9:"Highlights from the Peninsula Point Bird Survey 2013-2015"by Gary Palmer

October 7:"Birding Trinidad and Tobago, "by Mark and Joanie Hubinger

November 12: Annual membership meeting
2014

Jan. 8: "Birding Arizona's Sky Islands" by Gary Palmer

Feb. 12: "Green Fire" –a film on the life of environmentalist Aldo Leopold (presented with UP Land Conservancy)

March 12: "Moose and Plants on Isle Royale: Drivers of Change on an Island Wilderness" by Mike Rotter

April 9: "The Acadia Birding Festival, Mt. Desert Island, Maine "by Debbie and Clyde Hecox

September 10: "Birding and Traveling in Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands" by Mark and Joanie Hubinger

October 15: "Australia –from Tasmania to Darwin." By Mark and Joanie Hubinger

November 12: Annual membership meeting

2013

Jan. 9: "Costa Rica –Natural History and Culture" by Ann Joyal

Feb. 13: "Birding the Texas Coast and Lower Rio Grande Valley" by Gary Palmer

March 13: "Potpourri of Recent Keweenaw Bird Research" by Joe Youngman

May 22: "Birds and Lemurs of Madagascar" by Jeff Knoop

September 11: "Overview of the Chocoy Raptor Rehabilitation Center" by Jerry Maynard

October 9: "The Lost Bird Project." A film commemorating the five North American birds lost to extinction.

Nov. 13: Annual Membership Meeting

2012

Jan. 18: "Discovering Waterbird Migration Routes in Northern Lake Superior" by Joe Youngman and Greg Cleary

Feb. 8: "Field Studies of Zambia: Birds and Other Beasts" by Alec Lindsay

March 14: "The Escanaba Migratory Bird Enhancement Initiative" by Joe Kaplan

April 11: "Birding Whitefish Point" by Tony Janisch

May 2: "Spring Tune-up: Birding ID Program" by Greg Cleary

Sept. 9: "Birding on Attu Island -So far West You're East" by Scott Hickman

Oct. 17: "Natural History of Southeast Asia & Tropical Ecotourism" by Ryne Rutherford

Nov. 14: Annual Membership Meeting

2011

Jan. 12: "Great U.P. Birding Spots and Green Birding" by Scot Stewart

Feb. 9: "Let Photography Revitalize Your Birding" by J.D. Phillips

March 9: "Birding on Attu Island -So far West You're East" by Scott Hickman

April 13: "An American Icon: Utah's Red Rock Canyonlands" by Clayton Daughenbaugh

May 11: "Spring Tune-Up: Bird ID Program" by Greg Cleary

Sept. 14: "The Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas: Birding and Volunteering" by Mark & Joanie Hubinger

Oct. 19: "A Brief Natural History of South America: a 4-Month Journey" by Ryne Rutherford

Nov. 11: Annual Membership Meeting