



Seven Ponds Nature Center Birding Club

The Seven Ponds Nature Center Birding Club provides a forum for people to learn about and enjoy birds and birdwatching. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month. There are no meetings in July or August. Meetings are held in the nature center's Interpretive Building at 7:00 p.m. and feature a scheduled program, and a variety of short segments including recent bird sightings, identification tips, field trip plans and conservation news. Meeting refreshments are provided by club members. Annual membership dues are \$10.00, payable to Seven Ponds Nature Center. Visitors are welcome to attend meetings. There is a \$3.00 admission fee for those who are not Seven Ponds Nature Center members.

November 18

2000 Days in the Field!

For more than 30 years, musician and amateur naturalist, **Jeff Backe** has dedicated one day every week to immersive nature study. Armed with hiking boots, books, video camera, and an appreciation of nature and knowledge, Jeff spends the entire day outdoors. As he approaches 25,000 hiking miles, he looks forward to sharing some of the experiences and video that he has collected. Jeff will also share great ideas for creating habitat in our own yards.

December 16

Birding Club Christmas Party

Bring a dish to share, and a jolly birding tale or two, and join us for a celebration of another great year of bird appreciation. Brush up on your birding trivia knowledge—or your best guesses—for another spirited Birding Trivia challenge!

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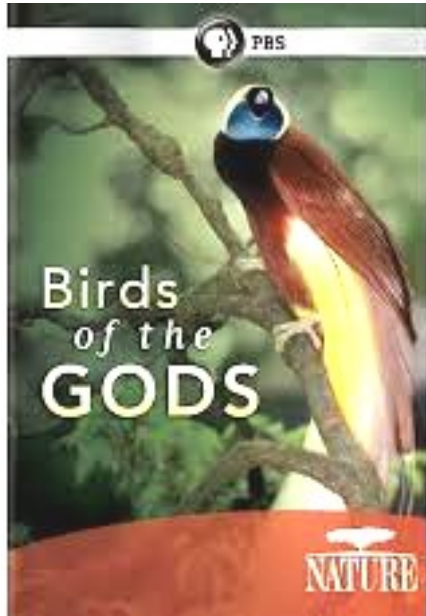
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2025 Schedule

January 21

Movie Night: *Birds of the Gods*

Come along with New Guinean scientists—and David Attenborough—on a grueling expedition to find and film New Guinea’s breathtaking, extraordinary Birds of Paradise. Bring your favorite beverage, I’ll pop the corn!



February 18

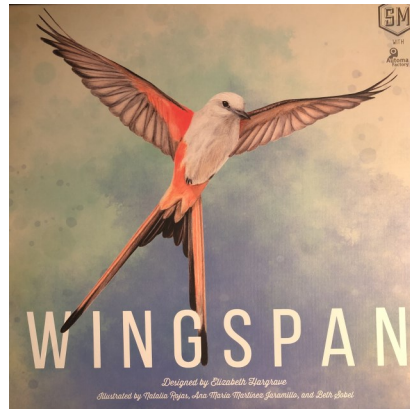
Tales of a Wildlife Rehabilitator

Tonight, **Linda Born**, founder of Spirit Filled Wings will share her experiences as a wildlife rehabilitator in SE Michigan. She will explain what a wildlife rehabilitator does, the training, licenses, and permits required, along with the difficulties and rewards of her 36 years of dedication to raptors. Linda will bring a few live birds to give attendees a close-up look at the kinds of birds that she works with on a regular basis.

March 18

Wingspan

Come out this evening for a chance to learn and play this challenging, fun game about birds lives, and their “costs” of survival.



April 15

Remote West Papuan Islands

Off the west coast of New Guinea, Indonesia has many small islands that have become favorite birding destinations. Their attraction is due, in part, to the fact that individual islands have endemic species that are only found on each one of these. Tonight, come along with **Don Burlett** on a cruise to visit these islands, and see the fabulous birds that reside there.

May 20

An Evening on the Trails

Birding at Seven Ponds in May is a wonderful time to see and hear lots of birds! Tonight we are sure to find flycatchers, swallows, warblers and more, back in Michigan to raise families, or refuel and rest on their way to northern nesting grounds. Dress for the weather, bring binoculars if you have them. Walk starts at 7:00.

June 17

Field Trip: Lapeer County Hotspot

TBA...Seven Ponds Nature Center is the top hotspot in Lapeer County, but there are several others that offer great birding opportunities. Tonight we will carpool to a hotspot that we chose, based on recent bird sightings!

September 16

Patagonia, Pampas, and Beyond

Southern Argentina is a wonderful mix of habitats ranging from semi-arid Patagonia, wet Pampas grasslands, coastal shores, and mountains clad with glaciers. Join **Nancy Buck** as she shares her whirlwind tour of this region, where we will experience the beautiful scenery, wildlife, and birds of the southern tip of the Americas.

October 21

Feathers

Fabulous, functional feathers are not only the beauty markings that help us identify birds. They are also extremely important for a bird’s success. Tonight Seven Ponds Naturalist, **Madison Christol** will show us the how, what, and why of feathers. This program will focus on the different structures of feathers and how birds use them to survive. Seven Ponds’ feathers and microscopes will allow us to get some great looks too!



Drawing by Anne Lawson