



# Heron Tracks

The Quarterly Newsletter of Seven Ponds Nature Center

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## In Memory of Michael Champagne

*November 13, 1951 - August 2, 2024*

The Seven Ponds Nature Center family lost one of its giants recently with the passing of Mike Champagne, who passed away at home after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Mike was the executive director of Seven Ponds from 1992 until his retirement in early 2017. During his 25-year tenure as director, Mike led the nature center through much of its biggest growth.

Mike graduated from Michigan State University in 1973 with a Bachelor of Science in Zoology and earned a Master of Zoology from MSU in 1975. He was the chief naturalist at Fernwood Nature Center in Buchanan, Michigan from 1976-1992 before taking the reins at Seven Ponds. While he was the executive director at Seven Ponds, Mike remained a lifelong naturalist. He openly shared his vast knowledge of the natural world with those around him, mentoring the center's naturalists and teaching visitors and participants during his trips and programs. His appreciation of the natural world was contagious.

As director, Mike welded his vision for the nature center with the mission of Seven Ponds and guided the nature center forward through both physical expansion and program growth. During his first year as director, Mike started the annual Holiday Auction & Christmas Party, a fundraiser and celebration that continues to this day. Many projects and improvements were completed under his watch, enhancing the nature center experience for all who visit.



The most ambitious project of Mike's tenure was the renovation and expansion of the Interpretive Building. Mike spearheaded the capital campaign needed to provide the funds for the construction. Despite a major economic downturn that threatened the entire project, led by Mike the effort continued, and in 2009 the beautiful expansion was completed. Without Mike, it simply would not have happened.

Mike's leadership was always steadfast, humble, and with a good helping of humor. He relentlessly promoted stewardship that resulted in Seven Ponds becoming the lovely natural area that it is today, made the nature center a self-sufficient organization so that the sponsorship of Michigan Audubon was no longer needed, developed the high quality educational programs that are best in class for nature study, developed strong community relationships that resulted in the center being able to acquire more land, and served as a mentor for countless members and students. Mike was an inspiration to many as he shared his passion for the natural world.

While he will certainly be missed, Mike's legacy is broad and his impact will continue in those who knew him and everyone who visits Seven Ponds Nature Center.



## Reflections...

Seven Ponds Nature Center is utilized by people in many different ways. Whether nature center members, casual visitors, or folks in the surrounding communities, each person finds their own niche here at Seven Ponds.

Many people participate in our various weekend programs, such as seasonal walks, canoe paddles on the ponds, pond dipping and field netting, searches for snakes, owls, salamanders, wildflowers, and more.

Parents and grandparents bring their children or grandchildren to explore, discover, create, and learn indoors in our Discovery Room or outdoors in our NatureScape.

Teachers bring their students for high quality environmental programs with our naturalists that enhance and reinforce the curriculum they are teaching.

Families take part in our special events, including WinterFest, EcoDay, Party at the Ponds, and Enchanted Woodland.

Homeowners enhance their backyard habitat for wildlife by purchasing flowers, grasses, and shrubs during our Native Plant Sale, benefitting insects, birds, and more.

Adults improve their mental and physical health with a peaceful walk on our trails, with Yoga at the Ponds, or during our Trek the Trails challenge in October.

Some people volunteer their time and talents, either as members of a volunteer group like the AsNats, Stingers, Friends of Herbs, or Butterfly Gardeners, or by helping with various tasks around the center or by participating in one of our Invasive Species Workdays.

Many folks attend the nature center through participation in one of our clubs, including the Astronomy Club, Beekeeping Club, Birding Club, and Photography Club.

The local community utilizes the expertise here at Seven Ponds to help them solve a nature dilemma they have encountered. We get phone calls nearly every day about injured animals, orphaned youngsters, invasive plants, installing songbird nest boxes, gardening for pollinators, or removing pests from their home. Most are calling because they are concerned about wildlife and want to do the right thing – and they depend on us to help them determine what that is – and we do our best.

We love that Seven Ponds is utilized in such varied fashion, and we hope everyone finds some value in who we are and what we offer. What is Seven Ponds to you?

Daryl Bernard, *Executive Director*

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## Trek the Trails with Seven Ponds!

October 1 through 31

Throughout the month of October, Seven Ponds staff will be hiking the trails in a (mostly) friendly competition with one another - here at the nature center and elsewhere, in Michigan and beyond.

You can partake in this healthy fun by hiking on your own or joining us here at Seven Ponds. Nature center staff will be leading a hiking-paced trek around the trails each Tuesday and Thursday morning throughout the month of October.

You can also follow the staff's progress throughout the month by checking the nature center's website for mileage updates and fun photos.

Through this event, we hope to encourage you to get outdoors, stay active, and be healthy. Nature is a great place to get in your daily steps!

### Tuesday and Thursday treks at Seven Ponds

October 1, 3, 8, 10,  
15, 17, 22, 24, 29, 31

9:00-10:00 AM  
rain or shine



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*The mission of Seven Ponds Nature Center is to conserve its natural environment as a sanctuary for native plants and animals and to serve as a community resource for environmental education that fosters an understanding, appreciation, and stewardship for our natural world.*

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# STINGERS CELEBRATE 50 YEARS!

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Friends of Seven Ponds, more commonly referred to as The Stingers. Originally known as the Women's Auxiliary of Seven Ponds, the group's first meeting was held on Friday, July 26, 1974. The purpose of the initial meeting was "to organize a group to aid Seven Ponds Nature Center" - and the group has been fulfilling that mission for five decades. Through various fundraising activities, including an annual rummage, bake sales, book sales, and more, this volunteer group has raised tens of thousands of dollars to benefit Seven Ponds. Members volunteer at various nature center events and always add a willing, cheerful presence to any event in which they participate. We love our wonderful Stingers!



# Seven Ponds Tributes

Memorials, Buy-a-Tree, In Honor

## ***In memory of Phyllis Schroeder***

- Steve & Barbara Altenberndt
- John Coons & Lynn Yeager
- Mary Linda Cook & John Erik Schroeder
- Rebecca Lazar & Bruce Watson
- Theresa McMullan
- Helen & Wayne Ranney
- The Springhetti & Erickson Family
- Adam Coselmon & The Horizon Group of Raymond James

## ***In memory of Russel White***

- Perry & Annette Ballard
- Marion Elliott
- Plank North Sunshine Committee Hooper
- Len & Kathy Nagy
- Marlilyn E. Shaw
- Douglas R. White
- Gary White
- Joyce Wiles

## ***In memory of Sally Suyama***

- Carl & Marion Claucherty

## ***In memory of Jocelyn Scofield***

- Mark Frank

## ***In honor of Elaine-Clampitt-McDonald***

- Candice Clampitt & Shea Ennen

## ***Buy-a-Tree in memory of Edward Loyal Cantarella***

- Sigrid Grace



## **Wandering with the Birds** *By Daryl Bernard*

Last year Laura and I purchased a small home in Gladwin County, where we plan to live during the next stage of our lives. Located on the Molasses River, the lot has proved to be quite birdy – my first “yard bird” was a Wood Thrush heard singing its heart out the day we closed on the house – and since then I’ve recorded more than 80 species of birds on the property.

Having been dedicated to “county birding” in Michigan for nearly ten years, I have extensively explored each of Michigan’s 83 counties, including Gladwin County. But now I get to dig even deeper into my new, future home county. Per eBird, Gladwin County is one of the least birded and least birdy of Michigan’s counties. But I think that’s just because many birders overlook the county in favor of more populous counties or those located along the state’s Great Lakes shorelines.

Since we purchased the house, I’ve been able to find some birds never previously recorded in Gladwin County, including Short-eared Owl, Lapland Longspur, Orange-crowned Warbler, and Semipalmated Sandpiper. Additionally, I’ve seen such uncommon birds as Golden Eagle, Forster’s Tern, Caspian Tern, Short-billed Dowitcher, and Long-tailed Duck. This past summer I was driving a gravel road through mixed fields when I came upon a potpourri of grassland birds, including Clay-colored Sparrow, Vesper Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow, and Dickcissel. There are plenty of birds in Gladwin County!

Of course, there are still more birds to find! I have yet to come upon a handful of target species, such as Common Nighthawk, Least Bittern, Brewer’s Blackbird, Upland Sandpiper, and Great Horned Owl. But you know I’ll keep searching, because you never know what you might find when you’re out there, wandering with the birds.

# 2024 CAMP SEVEN PONDS! PHOTO RECAP



# Volunteer News

## On the Trail

Thanks to all the many volunteers who helped with a variety of tasks this past summer:

- Thanks to **Claudine Zach** for her care of the animals in our Critter Corner every week - her dedication to our education animals is truly appreciated!
- Thanks to **Bob Albrecht** for his weekly devotion to caring for our large fish tank.
- Thanks to **Terry Shaw** for all of his time spent maintaining and repairing the farmhouse.
- Thanks to **Nancy Kautz** for leading the Pint-Sized Explorers during Camp Seven Ponds.
- Thanks to our **Friends of Herbs** for all their work in the herb garden this summer.
- Thanks to our **Butterfly Gardeners** for once again creating and maintaining a beautiful pollinator garden.
- Thanks to **the Stingers** for another awesome effort hosting their rummage sale to raise funds for the center. Thanks to the following Stingers: **Chris Baker, Paige Bannister, Dianne Bishop, Mary Frost, Karen Gos-sick, Lisa Benia, Barbara Holden, Darlene Johnson, Bettie Johnson, Joyce Korson, Senta Masalskis, Beth Piatkowski, Julia Raymond, Lynn Rose, and Marci Stewart.** And thanks to the following for helping with the rummage sale: **Joel Gucciardo, Madeline Gucciardo, Amy Gucciardo, and Natalie Stewart.**
- Thanks to **Marianna Fitzgerald** and **Bruce Childs** for all the work they continue to put in towards our library restructuring.
- Thanks to **Stephanie Allen** for her help with our booth at Blake's Sunflower Festival.
- Thanks to **Kathy Cole, Nancy Kautz, Karen Blaszyk, Marianne Bohm & John Ballard, Marianna Fitzgerald, Michelle & Hazel Maust, Sallie Walker, Kelly & Annabella Adamek, Lori Paravano, Michaela Whitkopf, and Chuck Sample** for all their help monitoring the nest boxes this season.

If you are interested in volunteering at Seven Ponds, contact Adrianna Allen at [aallen@sevenponds.org](mailto:aallen@sevenponds.org) or check the Volunteer page on our website at [sevenponds.org](http://sevenponds.org).

## ASSISTANT NATURALIST CLASSES

These classes are open to Assistant Naturalists only. Classes take place on the third Thursday of the month and begin at 3:00 PM. If you would like to become a part of this rewarding program in helping to educate and engage visitors of the nature center, contact Seven Ponds Naturalist Adrianna Allen at 810-796-3200 or [aallen@sevenponds.org](mailto:aallen@sevenponds.org).

SEPTEMBER 19

### Snakes of Michigan

For this class we'll learn how to identify the snakes that call Michigan home and talk about what makes each of them unique.

OCTOBER 17

### Take a Hike

Join us in some good old-fashioned trail exploration! We'll take advantage of Autumn's beauty and head to some of the best spots Seven Ponds has to offer!

NOVEMBER 21

### Trail Games

Games are a great way to teach kids about nature! Come out and learn some ways to incorporate them into your trail walk.

## 2024 Rummage Sale Results

The Stingers' Annual Rummage Sale was held during mid-June at the nature center and was a resounding success! The sale raised over \$5,500 - all from donations for items purchased. These funds directly benefit the programs and projects at Seven Ponds, and we are truly grateful for the effort of our dedicated crew of Stingers. Once again, our Stingers would like to thank everybody who donated items for the sale, and all those who came out shopping and made generous offers for the goods they took home. We will begin accepting items for next year's sale on March 1. Look for a further announcement in the winter edition of *Heron Tracks*.

## Seven Ponds Clubs!

**Astronomy Club • Beekeeping Club  
Birding Club • Photography Club  
Butterfly Gardeners • Friends of Herbs  
Friends of Seven Ponds (The Stingers)**

**Visitors are welcome at all club meetings.**

For additional information about any of the clubs which meet at Seven Ponds, please visit [sevenponds.org](http://sevenponds.org) or call the nature center at (810) 796-3200

# Around the Center

## Welcome Amy

Our new Office Manager, Amy Sadler, joined us in May. Amy is a Michigan native, spending most of her life in Lapeer County where she raised her family. She has a background in office administration/bookeeping, having worked in this field for 25+ years. Her love of the outdoors developed recently when she discovered in 2020 that she loves to hike. Seven Ponds became a favorite destination to explore along with several other hiking trails located throughout Lapeer, Oakland, and St. Clair counties. Amy has an interest in the medicinal properties of plants and enjoys learning from authors such as Rosemary Gladstar, Phyllis D. Light, and Rosalee De La Foret. During her free time, you can find Amy exploring local trails, pulling weeds in her herb garden, or enjoying coffee out on her deck. Be sure to welcome Amy to Seven Ponds next time you visit.



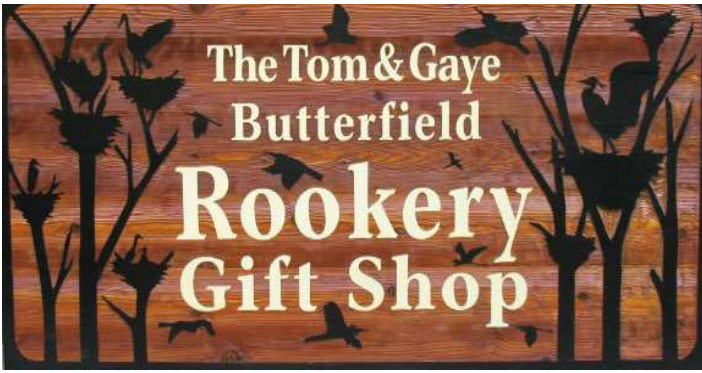
## Farewell Brenna & Jackson

The small Seven Ponds staff was augmented this summer with the addition of two seasonal employees, and we were fortunate to have both of them. **Brenna Olko** was our Summer Intern Naturalist, helping with school groups in late May and leading Camp Seven Ponds! groups throughout the summer. Brenna, a student at Oakland University, fit in right from the start and demonstrated excellent leadership skills during her time with us. **Jackson Spencer**, a student at Northern Michigan University, worked in a Summer Maintenance position, taking on all manner of tasks including (but certainly not limited to) lawn mowing, trail maintenance, and various projects around the center. We truly appreciate the contributions each of these summer employees made at Seven Ponds, and we wish them the very best as they return to their respective universities to continue their studies.

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## Holiday Auction & Christmas Party Save the Date - December 7

We are excited to announce the nature center's annual **Holiday Auction and Christmas Party** will take place Saturday, December 7 at 6:30 PM, so mark your calendars now! We are ready to celebrate the season with you - our members - and we hope all of you will consider joining us for this wonderful celebration. The evening is always a lot of fun and all Seven Ponds members and their guests are invited. Now is a good time to start thinking about items for the silent and live auctions. Auction items might include artwork, antiques, holiday decor, services, or gift certificates. Use your talents and resources to provide a unique item for the auction. This is a very important event for the nature center and we need everyone's help to make this year's auction a big success. Make a contribution and then join us for a fun and entertaining evening. Proceeds help support environmental education activities and land stewardship efforts at Seven Ponds. Contact the nature center for additional information.



The Rookery Gift Shop is open Tuesday through Sunday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Ask us about becoming a member! Members receive a 10% discount in the gift shop. Binoculars are excluded from the discount as we are already offering the lowest price possible.

*Purchases made in the Rookery Gift Shop support the nature center, including all of the programs we do and land stewardship we perform. Your purchase dollars help us do good things!*

### THINK GLOBALLY, SHOP LOCALLY

We are looking forward to the crisp mornings and beautiful colors of fall here at Seven Ponds Nature Center. Come out for a picnic, a walk on the trails, and browse through the Rookery Gift Shop to see what's new!

You will find a wonderful selection of unique cards, gifts, educational items, apparel, and so much more. You might even find a new friend!

You can feel good knowing that your purchases from the Rookery Gift Shop support all of the programs and land stewardship at Seven Ponds Nature Center. Together we can do great things.



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# Fall Programs

September - October - November  
2024

Autumn brings crisp, cool air, and glorious colors to the landscape, making it a wonderful season to visit Seven Ponds. Check out the line-up of fun and informational programs below, and join us as we celebrate the season. Programs are \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members unless otherwise noted. Pre-registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted, and registering online is quick and easy. Visit [sevenponds.org](http://sevenponds.org) to register.

## September

### **North-80 Exploration**

Sunday, September 1, 2:00 pm

Let's venture into the North-80 as we hike over bridges, through flower-covered fields, up to a tower, and down to a dock. Drop-ins welcome.

### **Citizen Science Sunday**

Sunday, September 8, 1:00 pm

Would you like to be a scientist? We will discuss how you can participate in fall citizen science projects, and then we will practice project observations on a hike.

### **Yoga at the Ponds with Peaceful Moon Yoga**

Thursdays, September 12, 19, 26, October 3 6:00-7:00 pm

Unwind, rejuvenate and relax with Cat Minolli and the 'Peaceful Moon' series. These classes are designed for newcomers and beginning yoga students and/or those who wish to become re-acquainted with the practice. Participants will experience the mind, body, spirit connection while learning basic yoga poses in a serene environment. You don't have to be able to touch your toes or twist into a pretzel to participate, however many postures are done from a seated or prone position on the floor. Participants should wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat or a blanket. Pillows, additional blankets, and any other "creature comforts" are also welcome. Fee is \$15.00 per session or \$50.00 for the full four-week series.

### **Party at the Ponds**

Saturday, September 14, 11:00 am-5:00 pm

See flier insert for complete details.

### **Invasive Species Work Day**

Sunday, September 15, 2:00 pm

Invasive species are in full swing here at Seven Ponds. These work days provide a great opportunity for people who are community-minded to come out and get some volunteer hours helping the nature center. Join our Land Steward as you learn about invasive plant species, and also help manage them. Please bring gloves and water; tools will be provided.

### **Make Your Yard a Winter Refuge**

Sunday, September 22, 1:00 pm

Your yard is just as important for insects in the fall and winter as it is in the spring and summer. Find out how you can help your yard and garden be a refuge by exploring our gardens with us!

### **Wild, Wonderful Wetlands**

Saturday, September 28, 10:00 am

Wetlands are wonderful! During this program we will talk about the plants and animals that depend on wetlands. Then, we'll explore our very own wetlands.



# October

## **Trek the Trails!**

Tuesday & Thursday mornings throughout October  
See page 2 of this edition of *Heron Tracks* for complete details.

## **Enchanted Woodland**

Saturday, October 5 - see flier insert for complete details.

## **Mythical Creature Field Netting**

Sunday, October 6, 1:00 pm

Spooky season is here! Let's find out what creatures are lurking in our prairie. Bring yourself and your imagination; insect nets are provided.

## **Invasive Species Work Day**

Sunday, October 13, 2:00 pm

Invasive species are in full swing here at Seven Ponds. These work days provide a great opportunity for people who are community-minded to come out and get some volunteer hours helping the nature center. Join our Land Steward as you learn about invasive plant species, and also help manage them. Please bring gloves and water; tools will be provided.

## **Squirrel Squad**

Sunday, October 20, 1:00 pm

It's time to store food for the long winter! Join us for a beautiful fall hike, and we will see how many nuts and seeds we can find!

## **Yoga at the Ponds with Peaceful Moon Yoga**

Thursdays, October 24, November 7, 14, 21, 6:00-7:00 pm

See September for the full yoga program description.

Fee is \$15.00 per session or \$50.00 for the full four-week series.

## **Fantasy Forest Adventure**

Saturday, October 26, 10:00 am

Explore Seven Ponds like never before! We'll make fairy houses along the trails, go on a magical scavenger hunt, and create pirate ships to launch from the dock.

## **Hike Around the Ponds**

Sunday, October 27, 2:00 pm

On this hike we'll check out Treetop Pond, Little Pond, Miller Pond, Big Pond, and Long Pond. It's all about the ponds! Drop-ins welcome.



# November

## **Picture This**

Saturday, November 2, 10:00 am

Looking for some pointers on how to improve your smart-phone nature photography? Join our naturalist for a photography hike! We will take photos along the trails and cover some tips and tricks guaranteed to help you capture those special nature moments.

## **Are You Ready for Winter?**

Sunday, November 10, 2:00 pm

Animals do a lot of different things to get ready for winter, let's learn some of their routines!

## **Prairie Seed Collecting**

Sunday, November 17, 2:00 pm

Want to add gorgeous, low-maintenance native wildflowers and grasses to your yard? Follow our naturalist on a walk in Earl's Prairie to collect local seed that butterflies and other pollinators will love!

## **Wolves and Moose of Isle Royale National Park**

Sunday, November 24, 2:00 pm

Did you know that the world's longest predator-prey study is happening right here in Michigan? Learn about the history of the program and find out what's happening right now on Isle Royale!



## **Nature Center Interpretive Building Closure**

Thursday and Friday, November 28-29

The Interpretive Building will be closed so the staff can enjoy Thanksgiving. As always, Seven Ponds members may use the trails down to dusk.

## **Gratitude Stroll**

Saturday, November 30, 10:00 am

Come along for a leisurely walk around the ponds. We will give thanks to the land and creatures that make this place truly special.

# Knee-High Naturalists Classes

**Fridays**

**10:00 - 11:30 am**

**Fee: \$7.00 per child**

For preschool children around 3 or 4 years old.

Come out and enjoy nature with your child. All classes include nature fun, like walks, crafts, games, stories, snacks, and so much more! Please make arrangements for your other children.

**Please DRESS for the WEATHER**

**Space limited. Online registration required.**

**Mushrooms** ~ September 20

**Bats** ~ October 25

**Trees** ~ November 15

**Temperature** ~ December 20

**Hibernation** ~ January 17

**Food** ~ February 21

**Water** ~ March 21

**Birds** ~ April 18

**Turtles** ~ May 16

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## Pint-sized Explorers Classes

**Wednesdays 10:00-10:45 am**

**Fee: \$7.00 per child**

For children 1 or 2 years old.

Pint-Sized Explorers (1-2 years old) will have fun exploring nature with their adults. During this special time, toddlers and their adults will be outside exploring nature with the help of stories, songs, activities, and nature discovery. Please make arrangements for your other children.

**Please DRESS for the WEATHER**

**Space limited. Online registration required.**

**Shells**

Wednesday, September 11th, 10:00-10:45 am

**Leaves**

Wednesday, October 9th, 10:00-10:45 am

**Feathers**

Wednesday, November 13th, 10:00-10:45 am

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## Nature Study Series for Homeschoolers

Seven Ponds Nature Center is an ideal outdoor classroom where children can experience nature first hand. In this series of programs, our experienced naturalists guide students toward an awareness and appreciation of our natural world, using hands-on activities, specimens, slide shows, and nature walks. These programs complement state science objectives and focus on ecological concepts.

**Please DRESS for the WEATHER**

**Space limited. Online registration required.**

**Fee: \$4.00 per person.**

**Bones**

Wednesday, September 18, 1:00-3:00 pm

Grades K-2 and Grades 3-6

**A Bird's Life**

Wednesday, October 16, 1:00-3:00 pm

Grades K-2 and Grades 3-6

**Animal Mouths**

Wednesday, November 20, 1:00-3:00 pm

Grades K-2 and Grades 3-6

## FALL BIRD WALKS

This fall we will offer three bird walks on Wednesday mornings, one for each month from September through November. Seven Ponds bird walks are open to birders of all skill and experience levels, and beginners are always welcome. Bring your binoculars, your enthusiasm, and be sure to dress for the weather. Bird walks are \$3 for Seven Ponds members, and \$5 for non-members, unless otherwise noted. Pre-registration is required, and bird walks are limited to ten (10) participants. Loaner Vortex 8x42 binoculars available upon request. Each fall bird walk will begin promptly at 8:00 AM at the trailhead of the destination park or preserve (see addresses below).

### Fall Bird Walk #1

ATLAS COUNTY PARK

Wednesday, September 18, 8:00 AM

9139 Hegel Road, Goodrich MI 48438 (Genesee County)

### FALL BIRD WALK #2

OAKWOOD LAKE TOWNSHIP PARK

Wednesday, October 16, 8:00 AM

550 E. Oakwood Road, Oxford MI 48371 (Oakland County)

### FALL BIRD WALK #3

SEVEN PONDS NATURE CENTER

Wednesday, November 13, 8:00 AM

3854 Crawford Road, Dryden MI 48428



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## \*\*\*UPCOMING SEVEN PONDS FIELD TOURS\*\*\*

### North Georgia: Waterfalls & Wildflowers

April 6-11, 2025

A natural history tour with *Seven Ponds Nature Center*

Explore the amazing landscapes of north Georgia with Seven Ponds naturalists!

### Alabama & Mississippi Gulf Coast Migration Mania

April 24-May 5, 2025

A birding tour with *Seven Ponds Nature Center* and *Nature Travel Specialists*

Daughin Island, Mobile Bay Delta, Gulf Coast wildlife refuges, and more!

*Registration for both of these field tours opens Tuesday, January 7, 2025.*

*Visit the nature center's website for full field tour itineraries and registration information.*