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Kenn Kaufman is an American author, artist, naturalist, and conservationist, known for his work on several popular field guides of birds and butterflies in North America. Born in South Bend, Indiana, Kaufman started birding from the age of six, and by sixteen, inspired by birding pioneers such as Roger Tory Peterson, he dropped out of high school and began hitchhiking around North America in pursuit of birds. Three years later, in 1973, he set the record for the most North American bird species seen in one year (671), though this record included regions like Baja California that are no longer ornithologically considered part of North America. His cross-country birding journey, covering some eighty thousand miles, was eventually recorded in a memoir, *Kingbird Highway*.

Subsequently, he focused his work on creating and expanding birding field guides. In 1992, he was given the Ludlow Griscom Award by the American Birding Association.

Kaufman currently resides in Rocky Ridge, Ohio. He is author of *Kaufman Focus Guide to Birds of North America*, the *Peterson Field Guide to Advanced Birding* and *Lives of North American Birds* - a reference not for identifying birds but a one-volume encyclopedia for understanding their fascinating lives.



John Hartig - Refuge Manager: Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge

“The Return of Detroit River’s Charismatic Megafauna”

As a young boy in the 1960’s, John Hartig relished his days spent fishing in the Detroit River in southeast Michigan. In 2004, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced that the Trenton, Michigan native would become the first full-time refuge manager at the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge.

He spent 14 years working for the International Joint Commission on the Canada-USA Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement. He has authored or co-authored more than 70 publications on the Great Lakes, including co-editing the book, *UNDER RAPS: Toward Grassroots Ecological Democracy in the Great Lakes Basin* and a new book, *Honoring Our Detroit River, Caring for Our Home*.

As refuge manager, Hartig oversees operations on North America’s only international wildlife refuge which will conserve, protect and restore habitat for 29 species of waterfowl, 65 kinds of fish and 300 species of migratory birds on more than 5,000 acres along the lower Detroit River in southeast Michigan. “I’m thrilled to be a member of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and help shape the future of this magnificent resource,” Hartig said. “The Detroit River refuge is a huge source of community pride.”



Caleb Putnam – Coordinator: Michigan Important Bird Areas

“Important Bird Areas and the Detroit River IBA”

Caleb Putnam is coordinator of the Michigan Important Bird Areas (IBA) program for Audubon. He earned a B.S. in Biology from Alma College in 1999 and an M.S. in Environmental Studies from the University of Montana in 2003. A lifelong birder, Caleb has extensive knowledge of Michigan’s birds and places. He currently chairs the Michigan Bird Records Committee.

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

By Jack R. Smiley

As you likely realize, the Detroit Audubon Society relies on volunteers to lead the organization and to carry out its many programs and activities. As one of the largest Audubon chapters in the country, there certainly are plenty of things to do.

From field trips to *The Flyway*, to programs and to Board meetings, volunteers step in every day to make sure that the Audubon voice is heard. Unfortunately, as in many organizations, Detroit Audubon has a relatively small group of volunteers who do all of the work. Many people, myself included, have been involved with Detroit Audubon for over 20 years. While the long-time friendships built through Audubon will endure, it sure would be good to have some “new blood” in the organization. DAS could really benefit from a few more people who could bring some fresh ideas and new energy. Might one of those people be you?

Please give some thought as to how you might get involved. Particular skills and interests are always of value, but the greatest requisite is simply to have an interest and passion for helping out...for the benefit of nature, people and birds. Please contact the office (or me directly at daspres@detroitaudubon.org) to let us know of your interest. Make it a New Year’s resolution to get involved!

If your time simply doesn’t permit your involvement, please do the next best thing: contribute financially to support Detroit Audubon. A tax-deductible year-end contribution would be greatly appreciated. Use the form on the bottom of the next page, or watch for the annual appeal which should be in the mail soon.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve as DAS President for the past two years. I can’t believe how quickly the time has flown by! I especially appreciate that the DAS Board of Directors was able to establish an Endowment Fund, and I am thankful that DAS saw fit to protect another 26 acres of migratory bird habitat in Wayne County. Like friendships, these, too, will endure. Thank you...and I hope to see you out in the field sometime.

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Send email to: detas@bignet.net; put “FLYWAY Online” as the subject. We will confirm receiving it.



ANNUAL PROGRAM SCHEDULE SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2011

By Richard Quick

“Spend a Day on the Detroit River” is the theme of the 2011 annual program featuring Kenn Kaufman, the very popular bird book author and noted birder. The program will have something for everyone. This is a chance to see one of the icons of the birding world. Kenn will be doing a fund raiser bird walk (reservations only) and then entertain with one of his many talks on his experiences with birds all over the world.

We expect the Matrix Theater to present their *Ghost Waters* play using giant puppets. This presentation will take us back to the days before Detroit was settled.

The Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge director, John Hartig, will speak on the changes being brought to the Detroit River as once lost wildlife is welcomed back. The efforts being made in the DRIWR to restore the river are truly amazing.

In concert with the progress on the Detroit River, Caleb Putnam, coordinator of the Michigan Important Bird Areas program, will show us how the Detroit River IBA fits in to the international IBA program around the world and its importance to our bird populations.

Don't miss this opportunity to come down to the Detroit River waterfront to see how it is developing, hear some great presentations and share lunch with other like-minded bird lovers. Members of any Audubon group, local or national pay \$35.00 and non-members pay \$45.00. We hope to have over 300 attendees so send in your registration soon. See the speaker's page and register on the last page.

Let's make this the best program DAS has ever done. See you on March 26th!

DAS BOARD MEMBERS RETIRE

Two longtime DAS Board members retired in 2010.

Rosemarie Attilio has been a DAS member since 1990 and joined the Board in 2003, serving two terms. Using her artistic and gardening skills, she was active in many areas including the Detroit Zoo and Metro Girl Scouts and illustrated many books and publications on plants and birds.

Rosemarie was a very active Board member, serving as Secretary and on several committees and helping wherever she was able. As a graphic illustrator she designed the logo for the Safe Passage program and was a valued member of the committee. She became a very good photographer and used her photos to present birding programs on several occasions on behalf of DAS. She co-chaired the Memorial Day Weekend many times and was very active with the Annual Program, organizing the first silent auction.

Thanks Rosemarie for your contributions to DAS and best wishes for the future.

Rosemarie Fielding has been a member of DAS since 1988 and became a member of the Board in 1991. Working for the Detroit Board of Education, she taught middle school until retiring in 2009.

Serving as Vice-President and Secretary on the Board, she was active as the chair of the Education Committee for several years. In that capacity she led efforts to put *Audubon Adventures* in classrooms and she developed a teacher scholarship program that supported several teachers at summer outdoor workshops. She worked on the Annual Program and is always available to assist with the booth at various shows. Rosemarie continues to proofread the *FLYWAY* and will help wherever needed.

Thanks Rosemarie Fielding for all of your efforts for DAS and we wish you a great retirement.

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DETROIT AUDUBON SOCIETY FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE SPRING 2011

Note: These are the trips planned for January to June of 2011 so please tear this out to keep for reference.

Please call the DAS office by the Thursday before each trip so that we can know how many will be coming and to notify you of any changes. Leave your name, number coming and your phone number. Also, indicate if you can help with someone needing a ride. Call (248) 990-1316 or (248) 354-5804.

Belle Isle, Detroit

February 5, 2011 (Saturday) 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

Leaders: Steve Santner and Fred Charbonneau

The Detroit River is one of the key wintering areas for waterfowl in North America and Belle Isle is a very convenient location to take this in without having to go too far from your vehicle.

Directions: Take Jefferson to the Belle Isle bridge. Cross over and drive to the east end of the island and meet in the Nature Center parking lot.

Owl Prowl, Indian Springs Metropark

March 5, 2011 (Saturday) 7:30 p.m.

Leaders: Justin Smith, Metropark Naturalist, and Jim Bull

Great Horned Owls will have been nesting since early February and Barred Owls will just be beginning to nest. Screech Owls will be getting ready to nest. Since they are defending territories, playing an owl tape or imitating their calls will likely bring a response from them. There is a good chance that they will come in where we can see them in the beam of light from a lantern.

Directions: From M-59 go North on Ormond Road. Turn right (East) on White Lake Road. The park entrance is about 2 miles from Ormond Road. Meet at the Environmental Discovery Center which is 2.5 miles into the park. A Metropark sticker or day pass is required. Please call the Detroit Audubon office at (248) 354-5804 to make reservations.

Frog Symphony, West Bloomfield Nature Preserve

April 14, 2011 (Thursday) 7:30 p.m.

Leaders: Sally Petrella, Jim Bull and Lauren Zoet, West Bloomfield Naturalist

Join us for an evening of listening to and searching for frogs. We often see salamanders, Wood Ducks, herons and owls. This field trip is co-sponsored by Friends of the Rouge and is especially good for children.

Directions: From Orchard Lake Rd, go to Pontiac Trail. Go west on Pontiac Trail and look for the sign "West Bloomfield Nature Preserve" at Arrowhead Road. Follow signs to the preserve parking lot.

Woodcock Watch, Oakwoods Metropark

April 15, 2011 (Friday) 7:45 p.m.

Leaders: Kevin Arnold and Jim Bull

Right at dusk these sandpipers, with their long beaks and huge comical eyes, come to open areas to do their spectacular aerial courtship display. This program is especially good for families with children.

Directions: From Detroit, go south on I75 and exit at West Road, then go west. Go south on Telegraph (M-24), west on Van Horn, then east (left) on Huron River Drive to the entrance to Oakwoods Metropark. You will need a Metropark sticker or a daily pass.

Magee Marsh and Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, Ohio

April 16, 2011 (Saturday) 8:00 a.m.

Leader: Richard Quick

Think spring thoughts and venture to this famous birding locale. Spend the morning on the boardwalk and then go to Ottawa NWF and Metzger's Marsh. Visit the Black Swamp Bird Observatory while you are at Magee.

Directions: Take I-75 to Toledo then go south on I-280 to Highway 2. Follow Hwy 2 east about 18 miles and turn north at the Crane Creek entrance, 13229 W. Route 2. Drive to the west end of the beach parking lot at the beginning of Bird Trail.

Point Pelee National Park, Ontario

April 30, 2011 (Saturday) 8:00 a.m.

Leaders: Chris Goulart and Richard Quick

Pelee in the spring! It does not get any better for a birder. Of course in late April, this will be before the main rush of warblers but there will still be plenty to see, including shorebirds in the Hillman Marsh area.

Directions: Cross the Ambassador Bridge and follow Rt. 3 to Leamington. Follow signs to Point Pelee National Park (fee required: about \$12). Meet in the Visitor Center parking area. Remember to bring your passport for entry into Canada and back into the U.S.

Metropolitan Beach Metropark

May 8, 2011 (Sunday) 8:00 a.m.

Leader: Joanna Pease

Metropolitan Beach is a famous migrant trap well worth the trip for spring songbirds.

Directions: Take I-94 east and exit on Metropolitan Parkway. Drive east into the park (entrance fee) and park on the west side of the main parking lot near the Nature Center. Meet at the Nature Center.

Suburban Park Hop

May 11, 2011 (Wednesday) 8:00 a.m.

Leader: Karl Overman

This is a chance to explore close to home with the prospects of interesting birds in unlikely locations. We will visit a series of parks in Southfield, Farmington Hills and Commerce Township on this venture.

Directions: Meet at the Carpenter Lake Park in Southfield. The park is on 10 Mile Road about a quarter mile east of Inkster Road.

Wetzel State Recreation Area, Macomb County

May 14, 2011 (Saturday) 8:00 a.m.

Leaders: Chris Goulart and Richard Quick

This is our newest trip to an area that provides a nice mixture of habitat. Breeding birds regularly observed include: Sedge and Marsh Wrens; Northern Harriers; American and Least Bitterns; Forster's and Caspian Terns;

Yellow-billed and Black-billed Cuckoos; Clay-colored, Savannah, Song and Grasshopper Sparrows.

Other regulars include: Bobolink, Orchard Oriole, Brown Thrasher, Eastern Towhee, Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, Blue-winged Warbler, and Willow Flycatchers. Waterfowl include: Ruddy Ducks, Redheads and Pied-billed Grebes.

This trip will require walking 3 to 4 miles on trails over several habitats and will last about 4 hours. For those who are interested afterwards, we may try to track down other Macomb County rarities such as: Dickcissel, Vesper Sparrow, White-eyed Vireo, Acadian Flycatcher, Carolina Wren and Peregrine Falcons.

Directions: Take I94 east to Exit 247: M19/New Haven Rd. Take M19 north to 27 Mile Road. Go east on 27 Mile past Werderman Rd. Meet in the parking lot at the end of 27 Mile Road. Park outside the radio controlled airplane field.

Humbug Marsh

May 22, 2011 (Sunday) 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Leader: Jim Bull

See this natural gem of the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge in spring.

Directions: Take I-75 to Gibraltar Road. Go east toward Gibraltar, turn left on Jefferson and drive north past Vreeland Road and park on Jefferson Avenue at the gate on the right.

Detroit Audubon Memorial Day Weekend Nature Get-Away

May 27-30, 2011 (Friday thru Monday)

Don't miss this weekend with wonderful people and fine birds. Besides an array of notable breeding birds in the area (including Kirtland's Warbler), nearby Tawas Point should be hopping with migrants. A few years ago our group even found a new bird for the Michigan list - Couch's Kingbird. There will be great food, music, educational programs and children's activities including a challenge course, all amid beautiful surroundings. In addition to the camp, there will be trips to the scenic Rifle River area, Tawas Point and Au Sable River Overlooks. Watch the Flyway and the website for registration information.

Port Huron State Game Area

June 5, 2011 (Sunday) 7:30 a.m.

Leader: Joanna Pease

An exceptional diversity of breeding birds, especially warblers, may be found in this area: Hooded, Louisiana Waterthrush, Mourning Warbler, Golden-winged Warbler, etc. Insect repellent is mandatory. This trip will last 5 to 7 hours.

Directions: Take I-94 to the last exit in Port Huron (on left) before crossing into Canada. Proceed north on M-25 to M-136. Drive west on M-136 five or six miles to Wildcat Road and park near the baseball diamond in the park on the northeast corner of Wildcat and M-136.

SAFE PASSAGE GREAT LAKES

DAS presented a certificate of appreciation for DTE's participation in our Safe Passage Great Lakes program in September, 2008. The program aims to reduce migratory bird mortality. The certificate was accepted by Bert Urbani, DTE's Environmental Planner. The certificates have been presented to the operators of many buildings in Southeast Michigan. Buildings over five stories that control the lighting of the upper stories during spring and fall migration periods are eligible for consideration.

If you work in a building over five stories and feel the company may want information on participation, please call our office at (248) 354-5804.

OCTOBER "FIRST" AND "LAST"

By Leonard Weber

October, 2010

Birders tend to be record keepers. Since 1985, I have been recording the "first" Dark-eyed Junco that I see in our northwest Detroit neighborhood. Then I can quickly let someone know that I saw my "first" junco on October 8, 1988, then it was October 10, 1998 and October 4, 2008. This record keeping contributes, I think, to my knowledge of the migrating pattern of this fascinating and reliable winter visitor.

What I have been increasingly aware of over the years, however, is that I have no similar records of the "last" junco I see in the spring. I cannot tell you the date of my "last" junco sighting in any of the last 26 years. As a result, I don't have the same sense of or connection to the junco's spring migrating pattern.

It is, of course, much easier to note the "first" of the season than it is to note the "last." When I see that "first" Dark-eyed Junco or the "first" Yellow-rumped Warbler in the spring (after months of not seeing them), I know it is the "first." I don't have to stop and wonder if I saw it previously. I can immediately record the date. When I see a junco in April or a Yellow-rumped Warbler in late October, however, I don't know if it is the "last" of the season. I may see one again the next day or in a few days. We only know we have seen the "last" after the fact, when we look back.

On my birding visits to Eliza Howell Park in the fall of 2008 and again in 2010, I regularly saw several Wood Ducks at a bend in the river. In 2008, I was still seeing them at that location on October 19. When I didn't see them on my next visit on October 22, I thought that they may have moved on, but I didn't know for sure. It was only after no sightings on subsequent visits (Oct. 26 and Oct. 30) that I felt pretty sure that Wood Ducks were gone for the year and that the date of the "last" for 2008 was Oct. 19. In 2010, the date of the "last" Wood Duck was October 17.

It is only because I bird Eliza Howell regularly and keep records of what I see on each occasion that I am now beginning to become aware of the "last" of the season, even though I don't know it in the field that day.

My personal list of birds of special interest includes several that I expect to see for the "first" time in October: American Tree Sparrow, Fox Sparrow, Purple Finch and Dark-eyed Junco. And there are several that I expect to see for the "last" time of the year this month: Eastern Phoebe, Gray Catbird, Orange-crowned Warbler, Blue-headed Vireo and Wood Duck. In October 2008, and again in 2010, I found myself particularly focused on "last" and "first."

Every year as the end of September approaches, I begin to wonder how much longer the Gray Catbird will be around. I know that soon after September becomes October, it will be gone. For this very common September bird, the departure always seems to be sudden because I have gotten so used to seeing several on every visit. While I never know, for example, which migrating warblers I might see on a September walk in the park, I do know that I will have an opportunity to watch and listen to catbirds as they move around the thickets and forage for berries. I sometimes wonder how many migrating warblers the catbirds have seen that I have missed. Until the last three years, however, I had not examined my records to see exactly when I saw the "last" of the season. In 2008, it was on October 5. In 2009, it was October 8 and in 2010, it was October 6. Catbirds are around for about five months, when they are suddenly gone.

The "first" and the "last" Purple Finch and Fox Sparrow are much closer together. The "first" is typically in October and the "last" in November. There is something special to me about these two migrants. In recent years, I have seen more of them than ever before, either because they have become more common or because I am getting better at knowing where and when to find them. They always grab my attention and seeing both on a birding walk is always a treat. Seeing several of each on the same day is a special treat. Part of the excitement is, no doubt, the fact they, like other migrants that breed to the north, are only around Detroit briefly twice a year. An additional part of the attraction to me is that they are late migrants. As the number of songbird species fall with the falling leaves, the Fox Sparrow and the Purple Finch make my birding days rewarding. It helps, of course, that they are strikingly lovely to look at any time of the year.

I saw my "first" Fox Sparrow in the fall, October 19, 2008. In 2009, it was October 25; in 2010, October 24. For the Purple Finch, the dates were October 19, October 10, and October 13. Since both species still tend to be in the area at the end of October, it will take a look back at the records of November visits to identify the dates when I saw the "last" of each.

Some might call this attention to seasonal "first" and "last" a phenological approach, phenology being the study of the times of recurring natural events. Whatever it is called, I think it is an approach which has made my birding more enjoyable and is contributing to my being a more informed lover of nature.

BONG ZONES

By Dan Gertiser

In our connected society, just about everyone now has a cell phone, or if you don't have one, you know someone who does. While I don't want to go into the benefits of these awful devices, I do want to write about one of their great features. When they don't work and you are out of range of a tower, that means you are in the bong zone. These insidious devices emit a bong or another wonderful sound when they no longer work when you are in the bong zone.

If you are a birder, that is a great place to be. When an area is out of range of the towers, that means it is usually a great place to bird. One of my favorite bong zones is the Stonington Peninsula in the UP - due east of Escanaba across the bay. It is my contention that the Point (the southernmost tip) on the Stonington is one of the best places to bird in Michigan. In the spring, I would call it the third best location in Michigan after Tawas Point and Whitefish Point. This is pretty high praise, but the birds don't lie. It is possible in the small area that is the tip to see over one hundred species on a good spring day.

Now, I shouldn't tell anyone, but there is one spot at the point where, without moving, you can see more birds closer than anywhere that I know of in Michigan. If you bring a lawn chair and sit quietly at the old water pump, you will get spectacular views of all the migrants. This pump provides a source of good water to the birds in a safe setting secure from the Merlins that patrol the point. While Lake Michigan is close by, it is not a source of safe water. The pump is. Be sure and check it out.

To find the Stonington, go to the ***Birder's Guide to Michigan*** and on page 510 it describes Peninsula Point. My favorite time to visit is around the Memorial Day weekend. This gives the birds a chance to get up north from down south and it gives me a chance to bird down state. There are only pit toilets and a couple of picnic tables at the Point so be sure and pack your lunch. You will want to continue your birding on the road back up the peninsula as you explore the fields and the lakeshore. During the day the migrants move north as they leave the point, so you can follow them north. One place I like to check out is the DNR boat launch on Swede Road just west of 513. The residents on the peninsula call this the Farmers Dock from when boats would transport produce to Escanaba. Another spot to check out is a mile north where School Road drops down to Lake Michigan. Be sure to purchase and use a good map as this small area of public property is surrounded by private property.

I would be remiss not to mention three other important facts about this area. First, in the fall, the Point is a great place to watch the Monarch butterfly migration. Secondly, as you drive on the Stonington, you will see dozens and dozens of deer. Not only will there be a risk of running into the little critters, but they are host to hundreds of the meanest ticks in the state. Don't wear shorts, seal your pant cuffs, and take reasonable precautions and you will be fine. Finally, be careful with the poison ivy that is at the Point. Again, if you take reasonable precautions you will have no problem. Enjoy the bong zones!

FEATHERED TALES

By Bev Stevenson



Doug Sturtz called at the beginning of July to report a hawk's nest in his mother's back yard located by Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. There were 5 babies in it at the time. He was pretty certain they were Broad-winged Hawks.

Goldie, who lives in Huntington Woods at Woodward & 11 Mile Rd., has had Screech Owls in her yard for the last two years. Her concern was that she had a rodent problem and, without thinking, put out poison to get rid of them. She then realized her beloved owls just might eat one of them and they might get poisoned. What's done is done and we'll have to wait. She will not use the poison again.

Frank Swica had his backyard pond relined and greenery planted all around it. He put in a fake alligator to deter the herons from eating his fish - but now he has a family of Cooper's Hawks. He's not sure if the trade off for his songbirds is a good thing or not. He is thrilled to see these hawks and got some excellent photos. He lives in Farmington around Grand River and Farmington Rd.

In the middle of September, I got a call from **Barb Bullock** who spotted several Swainson's Thrushes in her backyard hedge.

Migration is a wonderful time to spot birds not usually found in the area.

'Spend a Day on the Detroit River'

with the Detroit Audubon Society

Saturday, March 26, 2011 - 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Cobo Center, Detroit

Registration Form

Attendee(s): _____

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Cost of Program and Lunch is \$35.00 for Audubon members, \$45.00 for non-members

Number of persons attending: _____ Lunch preferences: # of Vegetarian _____ # of Meat _____

Optional! Take a pre-program Birding Walk with Kenn Kaufman: \$25.00 per person donation to DAS

Spaces are limited, so call the office to reserve your spot

Amount enclosed (total for Program and Birding Walk): \$ _____ (Sorry, No Refunds)

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