

INTERNATIONAL MIGRATORY BIRD DAY 2010

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Saturday, May 8, 2010

Twelve energetic birders celebrated the 2010 International Migratory Bird Day on Saturday, May 10. This event was hosted by the Rice Lake Plains Joint Initiative at the Alderville Black Oak Savanna and Tallgrass Prairie. Superb birder Elizabeth Kellogg with the Willow Beach Field Naturalists led the birding expedition through the 50-hectare site. A total of 33 bird species were counted despite the rainy morning. Birds seen ranged from the Grasshopper Sparrow to Ruffed Grouse and Eastern Bluebird to Wood Duck and Loon. Perhaps the most exciting species of the day was a Sandhill Crane seen soaring high above the prairie.

Several talks were given to raise awareness about bird species throughout the Rice Lake Plains. Patrick Hubert, Avian Policy Advisor with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, spoke about bird conservation, "Protection, Partnerships and Possibilities." Janine McLeod, Alderville First Nation Black Oak Savanna Education & Outreach Coordinator helped participants learn to identify "One Little Brown Bird from Another." Her presentation highlighted the differences between the seven sparrows found on site. Mark Stabb, Central Ontario Program Coordinator with the Nature Conservancy of Canada, quizzed the audience on their knowledge of species at risk in the area.

Special thanks to Mark Rupke, Naturalist at the Laurie Lawson Nature Centre, for providing a tour of this magnificent natural area to wrap up a great birding day. Special thanks are also offered to the Nature conservancy of Canada and Environment Canada Habitat Stewardship Fund for the generous donation to Alderville, of a new digital projection unit and screen to provide quality presentations just like this. Please join us in the future for upcoming events!





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Long-billed Curlew
Burrowing Owl
Tufted Jay

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A grid of 20 small square portraits of various bird species, including hawks, owls, jays, and songbirds, arranged in four rows and five columns. The background is dark with a faint silhouette of a person at the bottom.

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