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DECEMBER MEMBER MEETING

In Defense of Crows

with **Clay Christiansen**, "The Birdman of Lauderdale"

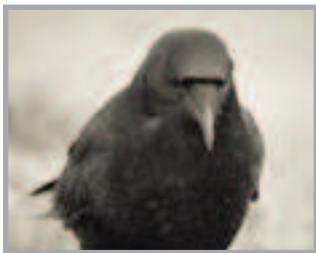
December 13, 2012

Crows often get a bad rap. As far back as the 15TH century, the term "murder" was used to describe a flock of crows. This talk will cover the corvid family, their family life, the "dark side," and other topics about these common but interesting and intelligent birds. Expect to hear a good deal of humor sprinkled throughout the talk!

Clay Christiansen is the writer of the "Birdman of Lauderdale" column for the *St. Anthony Park Bugle*. He has also been a Field Trip leader for Saint Paul Audubon for many years, and is our very special "owl caller" at our Spring Warbler Weekend.

You can read the "Birdman of Lauderdale" columns on the Park Bugle website at www.parkbugle.org. > Columns.

Everyone is invited to this free Saint Paul



Audubon program on Thursday, December 13TH at 7:00 PM at the Fairview Community Center, 1910 West Cty Rd B in Roseville, just west of Fairview

Avenue. The event is open to the public with free parking. Social time with refreshments begins at 6:45.

Our meetings begin at 6:45 with social time, 7:00 PM for the program, at the Fairview Community Center, 1910 W. County Road B, in Roseville. Free and open to the public. Free parking available. *Bring a friend!*

JANUARY MEMBER MEETING

"Today's Office"

with **Sharon Stiteler**, Bird Blogger and Storyteller

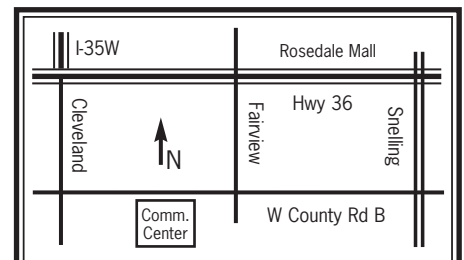
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Sharon's goal is to get paid go bird watching. Her "offices" have been in such places as laying in the middle of a corn field watching eagles, flying 100 ft above the Mississippi River to count ducks. Her talk is based on her popular blog entries, including the "Horned Guan Death March" (climbing 4 hours up a volcano in Guatemala to search for a rare tree chicken), trying to find a reasonable bathroom while birding in Kazakhstan, or misadventures while searching for an Ivory-billed Woodpecker.

Ms. Stiteler was given a *Peterson Field Guide to Birds* when she was seven years old and has loved birds ever since.

Since 1997, her goal has been to get paid to go birding. She writes the popular birding blog, www.birdchick.com. Her storytelling has been included in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*,

WildBird Magazine, *Outdoor News*, *Birds & Blooms*, and seen on the NBC *Nightly News*. For several years she has made regular appearances on Twin Cities' TV and radio stations. She wrote the books *Disapproving Rabbits* and *City Birds/Country Birds*. She has also worked as a National Park Ranger, and has managed a Wild Bird Store.



BOARD MEETINGS

Saint Paul Audubon's Board Meetings are held at the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed Office at 2665 Noel Drive, Little Canada. Exit 35-E at Little Canada Rd, go east to Noel. Meetings are held 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

Upcoming dates: **Dec 3, Jan 7.** Officers are: **Louis Asher, Barb Lindeke, Lisa Hartwig, Richard Newmark.** Board Members are: **Craig Andresen, Dean Doering, Mark Bearss, Ben Wilson, Monica Wiese, Laurel Stiebler, Tom McCarthy, and Deb Bachrach.**



The Christmas Bird Count is coming...

Saturday, DECEMBER 15TH

And this year its FREE! Sign up now to lead or be a counter in one of 15 areas in St. Paul Audubon's circle, or to count birds at your feeders! Make plans to attend the Tally Potluck Party in the evening.

Contact **Bill Stjern** at **norskestar@comcast.net**

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ABOUT OUR CHAPTER

Founded in 1945 as the 'St. Paul Bird Club' with 12 members, the Saint Paul Audubon Society now serves the entire East Metro region of the Twin Cities area, and has around 2,600 members. We hold 9 Member Meetings a year. Feel free to contact those listed at left for more info, or write to SPAS at PO Box 7275, Saint Paul, Minnesota, 55107 or visit our website at www.saintpaulaudubon.org

ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER

The Cardinal is published 6 times a year. Articles are due on the 5TH of January, March, May, July, Sept, and Nov. Submissions may be edited. Send to **hpbirdscouter@msn.com**

THE CARDINAL Electronic Version Members may now receive the newsletter by download from the website. To sign up, contact Webmaster **Ben Wilson** online.

LOCAL SUPPORT

Audubon members who don't live in the East Metro Area who want to receive *The Cardinal* may send \$15 for a 1 year's subscription to **John O'Connell**, 2184 Larry Ho Drive, Saint Paul, MN 55119

ADDRESS CHANGES

Please call **1-800-274-4201** to change your address for National Audubon Society mailings, including *Audubon Magazine* and *The Cardinal*, or to sign up for Audubon's paper-free renewal program.

Nat'l Audubon Soc. www.audubon.org

President's Message

Last September my wife, Lisa, and I were on the shore of Lake Superior just north of Duluth enjoying a wonderful sun-filled day. While soaking in the power and magnificence of the lake, we noticed that there were literally thousands of dragonflies circling over head. This breathtaking view was enhanced by what I had learned at the April 12, 2012 St. Paul Audubon members' meeting by Ron Lawrenz, Director of the Lee and Rose Warner Nature Center at Marine-on-St. Croix. His title was, "Dragonflies: Masters of Water and Air."



I remember many facts about dragonflies and how they have evolved incredible capabilities and functions including: being able to propel in six directions, that they are one of the fastest insects, they have a small "weight" towards the end of their wings that provides stability and that they spend most of their lives in the larval water stage (two months to three years for smaller species and up to five years for the bigger species).

I love to attend the members' meetings and am impressed by their breadth and diversity. I congratulate the Program Committee for finding such high quality, fascinating speakers/talks.

With warmest regards,
Louis Asher

SPAS ANNUAL FUND DRIVE + By-Laws Changes

Greetings!

Time Again for our ANNUAL FUND DRIVE!

This is the only time of year that we seek your support for the great work done by the Saint Paul Audubon Society. There are no phone calls to disrupt your dinner and no annoying computer pop-ups. All you do is: Submit a check for your contribution in the remittance envelope provided with this issue of *The Cardinal*, or, donate on-line at www.saintpaulaudubon.org. (If there is no envelope, you may use the box on this page.)

SPAS is a volunteer driven organization—none of the Board members, field trip leaders or committee members are paid, but there are still expenses that must be covered and this Annual Fund Drive is our largest source of income.

Expenses include producing and mailing *The Cardinal* newsletter. Our programs involve speaker honoraria and meeting space rental fees. We maintain a website and a dedicated phone line to help answer your questions. There are expenses related to an array of educational programs for people of all ages, from presentations at schools to a birding class for adults offered through the Maplewood Nature Center.

SPAS has provided grants to organizations which support our mission, such as purchasing binoculars for field trips at area nature centers, wood for birdhouses,

education programs for youth, and restoration of natural areas including buckthorn removal. Our Conservation committee is active in restoration activities at Como park, educational presentations, environmental initiatives, and the publication of a *Native Plants* booklet. St. Paul Audubon sponsors Warbler Weekend in Frontenac in the spring, and numerous birding trips throughout the east metro area.

This year we offer a new option for you to designate where you would like your donation to be spent: **Habitat Protection**. These funds will be used for such purposes as breeding bird surveys, donations for land acquisition in the name of SPAS, and other appropriate worthy causes as determined by the Board.

Our mission is to keep common birds common, and to protect species that are in decline. That mission is especially important in an era when development regularly destroys bird habitat and climate change threatens unknowable consequences. When you consider what Saint Paul Audubon has done this year to promote our mission, I am confident that you will pledge your support for our continuing effort in the year to come.

Donors (unless they wish to remain anonymous) are recognized in the April issue of *The Cardinal* at the Egret (under \$50), Bluebird (\$50 - \$99), or Cardinal (\$100 and above) levels. On behalf of the Board of Directors I sincerely thank you for your support.

Thank You!

ANNUAL FUND DRIVE CHAIR DEAN DOERING

Saint Paul Audubon Society • Annual Fund Drive

Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution for the Saint Paul Audubon Society to be used for:

\$_____ Annual Operating Fund
 \$_____ Endowment Fund
 \$_____ Habitat Protection (new!)
 \$_____ Wherever Needed

This gift is given:

___ in memory of _____

___ in honor of _____

Thank You Very Much for Your Support

Donor Name _____

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If your contribution was given in memory of or in honor of someone, we will gladly send an acknowledgement card to be sent to:

Name _____

Address _____

PLEASE SEND YOUR CHECK TO:

Dean Doering, 1901 No. Victoria St, Roseville, MN 55113

Or, you may go to the Website: <http://saintpaulaudubon.org> and click on "Support Us."

Proposed By-laws Changes

This is a notice of a proposed change to our Bylaws. The membership must be notified through our newsletter of any proposed Bylaws changes. The Board must then vote on the proposed changes at their next meeting. The vote will be held at the January 7, 2013 board meeting.

Section 4.4 reads as follows: *No one individual shall serve for more than five consecutive years as a Board member, except (a) that the terms of Secretary and Treasurer shall be exempt from limits and (b) pursuant to Section 5.4.*

The proposed modification would change one word in Section 4.4: the "five" (as in: *No one individual shall serve for more than "five" consecutive years...*) The desire is to change this word to "six."

Board officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer) are elected for one year terms, but the eight at-large Directors are elected for 2 year terms. The "five" year restriction creates a problem for the two year terms. It essentially forces the at-large Directors to step down after four years. A change to six years would allow them to complete a full third term.

SPAS Nominating Committee Announces 2013-2014 Officers and Board Openings

There are 12 members on the SPAS Board. The present Board members that are running for election this May are: Barb Lindeke for President, Lisa Hartwig for Secretary, Richard Newmark for Treasurer, Craig Andresen for Director and Deb Bachrach for Director. There are also two open positions for the May 2013 election: Those of Vice President and Director. Director terms are for two years; the vice-president position is for a one year term. Terms run from June 1 to May 31 of the following year.

Responsibilities include attending monthly board meetings, and possibly taking part in a committee. In the absence of the president, the vice-president runs the Board meeting.

Board members usually receive about 8-10 Emails a week—most are informational, some require responses. These include information on policy issues and general information from Minnesota and National Audubon.

The Board meetings are held on the first Monday of the month, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM in the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District Building at 2665 Noel Drive, Little Canada, MN 55117, 651-792-7965.

Our members are welcome to attend a Board meeting to see it in action. We handle the items at hand and also include fun into our approach.

Please contact our Nominating Committee to indicate your interest: **Laurel Stiebler**, at goat_wrangler@hotmail.com, 651-653-5635; or **Monica Wiese**, at Wiese67@comcast.net, 612-280-0438.

SPAS Members: Here is a just-published story written by NAS' President **David Yarnold**, regarding what should be done to fix both human and natural environments after Hurricane Sandy. Find it at: <http://sustainability.thomsonreuters.com/2012/11/06/executive-perspective-audubon-ceo-asks-who-will-lead-after-superstorm-sandy/>

This "Sustainability" website, gleaned by Thomson Reuters employees from worldwide sources, contains very interesting articles, and is worth a good, long read.

SPAS' E-Alert!

Members with Email should sign up for our online notification system! You'll receive announcements about upcoming events and other Audubon happenings between issues of *The Cardinal*. If you change email addresses, please let Chase Davies know. You may unsubscribe at any time. ccdavies@aol.com

A Towering Victory for Migrating Birds

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has announced it will provide new lighting standards for communication towers and other tall structures that will have an immediate and lasting benefit for birds, particularly night-migrating songbirds. According to a recent study, collisions with tall towers—some of which can reach heights of 2,000 ft—result in some 7 million bird deaths annually in the United States. Night-migrants navigating by the stars are drawn to lights on the tops and down the sides of towers over 199 ft tall that are mandated by the FAA for aircraft safety. Confused by the lights and trapped in their glow, the birds collide with the structure, each other, or the ground, or circle until they drop from exhaustion. Research has shown that flashing lights are far less likely to result in bird deaths, but until now, the FAA has required steady-burning or slow-pulsing red side-marker lights on towers, which are particularly deadly.

The results showed that flashing the sidemarker lights was acceptable for small towers (up to 350 ft. tall) and that they could be omitted altogether on taller towers (over 351 ft. tall) so long as the additional bright flashing lights on top of the tower were operational. The study also found that LED lights were more effective.

Gleaned from "Bird Calls," the newsletter of the *American Bird Conservancy*, June 2012, vol 11, No. 2, p. 1.

American Eagle Compact

Because
Conservation does
not have a Party...
Conservation is not
left, right or center—
it's common sense.



Let's send our
leaders a message: Stop playing politics
with the planet.

We all live under the same sky, breathe the same
air, drink the same water.

We believe protecting the wild is part of our
responsibility to future generations.

We believe that common sense stewardship of
America's resources is everyone's responsibility.

We pledge to work together to conserve our
nation and our planet.

For our children's children.

Go to www.audubonaction.org to sign the Compact.

KESTREL NESTING SITES PLUS BANDING NEWS

The American Kestrel breeds throughout the Americas wherever it finds tree cavities for nesting and open areas with short ground cover for hunting. It is our smallest falcon, roughly the size of a Blue Jay. In urban and suburban areas, it often hunts for insects, small mammals, and small birds along roadsides or undeveloped patches. It usually hunts from a utility wire or other perch. It often hovers on the wind while scanning the ground below.

Kestrels are not rare in our area, but Breeding Bird Surveys show that they have declined 2.1% per year in Minnesota over the past 43 years—a total decline of 59%. Audubon Minnesota's Guide to Urban Bird Conservation features the American Kestrel as one of the target species.

Where natural cavities are not available, Kestrels will use nest boxes. Audubon Minnesota is participating in a partnership with the Peregrine Fund and others to develop a state-wide kestrel nest box program.

At the Arden Hills Army Training Site (AHATS), St. Paul Audubon board member Craig Andresen has installed 13 nest boxes for kestrels over the past 14 years with great success. In a typical nesting season, seven or eight pairs of kestrels occupy Craig's nest boxes, producing about 35 to 40 young kestrels each year.

In the fall of 2011, the city of St. Paul installed a surplus utility pole at Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary (BVNS) for use as a kestrel nest site. Craig attached a nest box to the pole last February. Minnesota kestrels migrate south for the winter, and return in March or April. The males return first to claim a nesting territory, followed soon by the females.

When April rolled around, I visited BVNS weekly to see if any kestrels were showing interest in the nest box. On April 17TH, I was thrilled to see a kestrel looking out of the box. A week later I saw both a male and a female kestrel enter the box. On later visits, it was clear that the female was incubating eggs. Occasionally the male took a turn incubating, but he mostly provided the food, calling loudly and gliding in slowly to show off his latest catch. (He became sneakier after the eggs hatched.)

Kristin Hall and Ron Windingstad of Audubon Minnesota arranged for the Raptor Center at the U of M to band the BVNS kestrel chicks. The ideal age for banding is about 17 days after hatching. Earlier, the band

may be too loose; later, the chicks might jump out of the box when it is opened, and, they can be ornery when handled. I visited more frequently toward the end of the 30-days of incubation to try to determine a hatching date.

The adults began taking food into the nest box on about May 29TH, so on June 15TH, the banding crew arrived. Kristin climbed to the nest box while Ron steadied the ladder. Kristin reached into the box and brought five chicks down to the banders, who weighed and measured each chick. While all of this was going on, the parent kestrels were nowhere to be seen or heard. About fifteen minutes after Kristin returned the chicks, the parents approached the box warily, and mom took a mouse inside.

The last of the young kestrels left the nest box on June 27TH. I never saw the whole family together, but the adults and the fledglings were still in the area for at least two more weeks. In October, Craig cleaned the wood chips and mouse bones from the nest box and replaced the wood chips.

If you visit BVNS next spring, look for me standing at a spotting scope trained on the nest box. I'll be hoping for another happy kestrel family.

SPAS MEMBER
JULIAN SELLERS

For information about Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary, visit
<http://www.lowerphalencreek.org/ventosanct.html>.

For information about American Kestrels, including a terrific photo gallery, visit
<http://kestrel.peregrinefund.org/>



Above L: Ron Windingstad with 2 of the young;
Above R: Kristin Hall with 1 of the young;
Lower R: Up Close and Personal...

The Fledging Birders' Institute

The *Fledging Birders Institute* sponsored a "Focus on Diversity" conference at the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge in Bloomington on Oct. 13, 2012. The National Audubon Society and the US Fish and Wildlife Service were the other lead sponsors of the conference.

Several distinguished speakers from across the country discussed the issue that is facing many nonprofit groups across the country because they have not been successful attracting minorities to their events and membership. Paul Baicich (Bird Education Network, MD) gave the first lecture and pointed out that the United States is now 63% Caucasian, 17% Hispanic, 13% African American, 5% Asian, whereas Birders are at least 92% Caucasian. Although Minnesota has far fewer minorities than the U.S. population as a whole, Minneapolis comprises 35% minorities and Chicago 64%.

The purpose of this conference was to offer examples of Hispanics and African Americans who have become active well-known bird watchers, and to propose programs to encourage more participation in bird watching by minorities.

Some metro programs mentioned at the Conference includes Belwin Nature Center, which holds a 3M grant to bring in students from every 5TH grade classroom in St. Paul. The students participate in bird-watching activities. They also highlighted a program at the MN Valley Nature Center that brings students in for programs via Light Rail Transit.

Roy Rodriguez described several events in Texas attracting many Latino 5TH grade students. He spoke about the need for centers, such as the one he works with in south Texas, to attract local bird watchers, not just wealthy Caucasians from outside of the state. Roy works with local area teachers and students. He claims parents will not bring their children to visit nature centers, but children will bring their families!

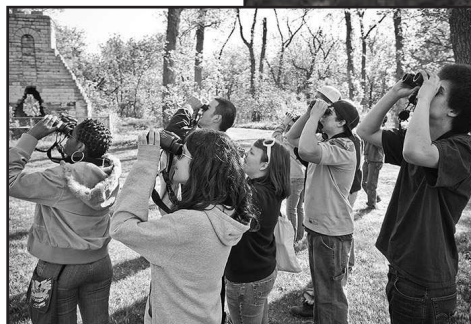
Several minority participants talked about concerns for their safety in state parks and other bird watching areas from Texas and Arizona to Duluth. For example, Dudley Edmondson, a world class photographer, was hassled by neighbors when photographing fireweed along railroad

tracks for a photo assignment in his neighborhood in Duluth. They thought he was using his binoculars to look into their houses.

Kenn and Kim Kaufman, from the Black Swamp Bird Observatory near Toledo, Ohio, discussed liaisons with local businesses to support a birding weekend they run in May which has been very successful in raising awareness and bringing in more people, including minorities. Kenn writes the *Kaufman Field Guide* series.

Dan Kunkle runs the Lehigh Gap Nature Center at the base of the Kittatinny Ridge in Pennsylvania, and, he used Audubon's Together Green funding to encourage nature activities in nearby Bethlehem and Allentown. Since money was not available to transport children to Lehigh, he worked with minority parents in the nearby cities to become involved in nature and birding and work with children in their neighborhoods.

SPAS MEMBER RICHARD NEWMARK



NOTE: SPAS's Education Committee does classroom visits all year around with many St. Paul elementary and middle school science classrooms. They recently held a Birdathon competition that involved quite a few minority kids. This year they worked with the National Park Service's *Big River Journey* program, that served hundreds of area school kids.

Every summer, they hold a week-long Bird Camp for Kids at Como Park (right photo), and twice a year, help an area High School Science curriculum with a birding field trip at Audubon Woods in Como Park (left photo).

BOOK REVIEW

Birdology: Adventures with Hip Hop Parrots, Cantankerous Cassowaries, Crabby Crows, Peripatetic Pigeons, Hens, Hawks, and Hummingbirds



Here's another find at the used book store... What a great batch of stories! The title says it all. Each chapter has a treasure trove of information about a different species of bird, all mentioned in the title! I have only delved into 1-2 of these chapters so far, but I can't wait to read the rest.

Birdology, by Sy Montgomery, © 2010, \$15.95, Free Press, a division of Simon and Schuster.

The GBBC is Going Global!

In 2013, people from anywhere in the world will be able to participate in the **Great Backyard Bird Count!** Save the dates, and participate in the first worldwide Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC), **Friday, February 15 through Monday, February 18, 2013.**



More accurate GBBC location data will make your observations more useful and easier for you to track over time. Although the GBBC is a four-day project, you will be able to use your account to track your bird sightings year round in the **eBird** database at www.ebird.org. Interactive maps allow you to explore bird observations in much greater detail than ever before. If you have never submitted a checklist to **eBird** before, you will need to create a user name and password. You'll be able to keep the same user name and password for the Great Backyard Bird Count in February!

Even if you don't participate in the GBBC, check out the Website for great info on winter bird feeding.

✧ Reaching Our Leaders

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MN Reps	To find your representative, call the MN House at 651-296-2146, or go to www.house.leg.state.mn.us

★ Bookmark These Sites!

Saint Paul Audubon Society is at

www.saintpaulaudubon.org

and on Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/Saint-Paul-Audubon>

- Chapter Member Meetings • Field Trips
- local Conservation issues • Education news/happenings
- "The Cardinal" newsletter archives

Audubon Minnesota is at **www.mn.audubon.org**

- National and state-wide Conservation info
- map and contacts for all Audubon Chapters in MN
- State Breeding Bird Atlas info

National Audubon Society is at: **www.audubon.org**

- NAS Science research and reporting
- National Environmental & Conservation issues & action,
- NAS Education opportunities • *Audubon at Home* features
- National Centers & State Chapters clickable map

Minnesota DNR is at **www.dnr.state.mn.us**

or call 651-296-6157 or 888-MINNDNR

- **State Parks:** A-Z clickable map, historical and natural info, visitor centers, reservations, bird lists
- State Forests • Wildlife Mgmt Areas
- Scientific & Natural Areas • "Minnesota Volunteer" subscriptions • lake maps & fishing guides • wildlife info
- **invasive species** alerts and eradication information

Nat'l Wildlife Refuges **www.fws.gov/midwest** (click state)

National Parks are at **www.nps.gov** (clickable map)

Minnesota Ornithologists' Union is at **www.mou.mn.org**

- state-wide birding lists/serve • migration and nesting occurrence maps • 87 County bird lists • RBA (Rare Bird Alert) • seasonal reports • Where to Bird in MN

Minnesota's Rare Bird Hotlines are:

Metro/Statewide	763-780-8890
Duluth/No. Shore	218-728-5030
Northwestern MN	1-800-433-1888

Ramsey County & Saint Paul Audubon have collaborated to publish "A Guide to Birding Ramsey County." Find it online at: <http://www.co.ramsey.mn.us/parks/NaturalResources/BirdingInRamseyCounty.htm>

Northwest MN's *Pine to Prairie Birding Trail* website is at **www.mnbirdtrail.com**

The *Minnesota River Valley Birding Trail* is at **www.birdingtrail.org**

Mississippi River from Itasca to Iowa, the *Great River Birding Trail*, is at **www.greatriverbirding.org**

MNBirdNet Statewide Electronic Bird Club, is at: **mnbird-request@linux2.winona.msus.edu**

Find a list of Minnesota birding events and checklist at: **<http://home.rconnect.com/~ekblad/MN-Event.htm>**

Get Involved in saving/restoring habitat: Buy Duck Stamps! **<http://www.fws.gov/duckstamps/stamps.htm>**

Cornell Lab of Ornithology is at **www.birds.cornell.edu**

SAINT PAUL AUDUBON SOCIETY

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December January 2012

February March Deadline 1/5/2013

Welcome... To the Saint Paul Audubon Society. We're a chapter of the National Audubon Society. Our Mission is to conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife, and their habitats for the benefit of humanity and Earth's biological diversity.

CALENDAR

DECEMBER

Board Meeting3
Monthly Member Meeting:13
Christmas Bird Count15

JANUARY

Board Meeting7
Monthly Member Meeting:10

Non-profit Organization
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Twin Cities, Minnesota

**Time Dated Material
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Welcome to Facebook!

SPAS has created a Facebook page to help communicate with members. Please "Like" us next time you're on Facebook.
<https://www.facebook.com/Saint-Paul-Audubon>

Sign up to go paperless!

Go to www.saintpaulaudubon.org, and look for the 'Go Green' button.

Watch Bird Banders

Carpenter Nature Center, Washington Co., 4th Fridays, 8 - noon. For info and directions, call 651-437-4359.

Springbrook Nature Center, Fridley, Anoka Co.; for dates and times to www.springbrooknaturecenter.org

**You may be allowed to release birds.
Dress for the weather!**

National Audubon Society Membership

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Yes! I will become a new member or give a new gift membership in the National Audubon Society. I will receive *Audubon Magazine* and Saint Paul Audubon's *The Cardinal* newsletter. Please fill in the form, make a check for \$20 out to National Audubon Society, and send it to the address below. *Thank You Very Much!*

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please sign gift card: _____

Mail to: National Audubon Society, P.O. Box 422250, Palm Coast, FL 32142-2250
(Write on envelope: "Attention: New Membership — please process immediately")

St. Paul Audubon Society Local Sponsorship

Yes! I want to be a sponsor of my local chapter, Saint Paul Audubon, by donating \$15, for which I will receive *The Cardinal* newsletter and other online news. Please fill in the personal information, make a check for \$15 out to Saint Paul Audubon Society, and send it to the address below. *Thank You Very Much!*

- I'm a NEW member! Please send my Welcome Packet right away!
- I currently receive National's *Audubon Magazine*.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please sign gift card: _____

Mail to: Saint Paul Audubon, c/o John O'Connell, 2184 Larry Ho Drive, St. Paul, MN 55119