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and love of nature—that life may flourish in all its natural diversity.*

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General Meeting and Program — Thursday, January 11, 7:00 p.m., Unitarian Church, 6300 A St.

Energy From Heaven

by Ken Winston

Climate change is the most important issue of our time, with the potential to impact every person on the planet. **Ken Winston**, director of policy and outreach for Nebraska Interfaith Power & Light, will talk about the potential of solar energy in Nebraska at our meeting on January 11.

Nebraska is just beginning to scratch the surface of solar energy development. Ken will talk about recent developments in solar energy in Nebraska and areas for potential expansion, especially the growth in community solar projects. He will discuss its implications for Nebraska and its impact on humans and other living creatures. Increasing the use of solar energy is a very important part of mitigating the impact of climate change. Ken will also discuss legislative issues related to solar energy development.

Nebraska Interfaith Power & Light is one of 40 state affiliates of Interfaith Power & Light, a national non-sectarian organization dedicated to bringing faith voices and moral perspectives to the effort to combat climate change. Climate change is likely to have its most serious impacts on the poorest and most vulnerable people, the “least of these” who we have an obligation to protect. Nebraska Interfaith Power & Light



Ken Winston

facilitates faith communities' response to climate change through community programs, education, and advocacy.

Ken Winston is a lifelong Nebraskan. Both his passion and profession revolve around protecting the environment. He spent 14 years representing the Sierra Club, both as a policy advocate before the Legislature and in campaigns fighting the Keystone XL pipeline and promoting clean energy with Nebraska's public power districts. In 2015 and 2016, he

was the legislative aide to Senator Ken Haar. Winston currently wears several hats, including that of the policy and outreach director for Nebraska Interfaith Power and Light, policy advocate for protecting the planet, and attorney for the Sierra Club opposing the Keystone XL pipeline. He is the parent of three adult children and loves singing in the church choir, playing guitar, and running with his dog when he has time.

Join Wachiska Audubon on **Thursday, January 11, at 7:00 p.m.** for this free public lecture and discussion at the Unitarian Church, 6300 A Street, in Lincoln. Park in the church lot; there is overflow parking in the Pius High lot across the street to the west. Close, easy access to the building requires no steps to climb. There is plenty of space inside for mingling while enjoying refreshments and conversation after the program.

NOTICE

Watch this newsletter for the next Birdseed Sale order form. With the winter we are already experiencing, our birds are crossing their wings that everyone will be thinking of them soon.

Calendar

January

- 8 Conservation Committee, Wachiska office, 5:30 p.m.
- 10 Population/Environment Committee, Wachiska office, 7:00 p.m.
- 11 General Meeting, “Energy from Heaven,” by Ken Winston, Unitarian Church, 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Field trip to North Omaha to find winter birds, 12:30 p.m. (page 2)
- 15 Newsletter deadline, Wachiska office, 5:00 p.m.
- 16 Board Meeting, Wachiska office, 7:00 p.m.
- 25 Legislation Committee, DaVinci's, 11th & G sts., 6:00 p.m.

NO Education Committee meeting this month



Field Trips

by John Carlini, Field Trip Chair

Pursuit of Winter Treasures

Winter's seemingly barren landscape can pose a formidable challenge for those who seek avian treasures, but cheer up fellow birders, it's not impossible. Conditions that influence availability of food sources have pushed some great birds into our area this winter. Uncommon visitors like redpolls, crossbills, and snowy owls have all made an appearance in our region this season and potentially could be seen again throughout the winter months.



Common Redpoll

Our January field trip will take us to birding hotspots at the north edge of Omaha for our quest. Our target species will depend on who is present at the time, but hopefully common redpolls will



Snowy Owl

still be feasting on the seedy vegetation by Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuge, and winter wrens may be bopping along the wooded stream habitat in nearby park areas. If a snowy owl or red crossbills are located in the vicinity in the days immediately preceding our outing, we'll incorporate those rarities into our search as well. If we are still in the area at dusk, we'll swing by Carter Lake to watch the locally wintering trumpeter swans congregate at their nighttime roost.

Meet at **12:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 14**, in Lincoln on the south side of the Capitol at 15th and H streets across from the governor's mansion. Participants can either caravan or carpool for the 60-mile drive. Anyone preferring to meet in Omaha can join the group around 1:45 p.m. on the north edge of Hummel Park in the parking lot off Ponca Road. Dress for some winter hiking and bring a water bottle and binoculars if you have them. There is no fee and the public is welcome. If you have questions, call John at 402-475-7275.

Holiday Party Was Full of Fun for Everyone

by Arlys Reitan

For those unfortunate members who missed our holiday party in December, here is a summary of your loss: Almost 70 people attended and partook of three tables filled with delicious food of all kinds before experiencing what one member declared as "the best program he can recall having witnessed" when SCPAC's Jason St. Sauver related the "best" birds, the funniest ones, those with the craziest names, and more categories while he engaged the audience in their favorites. During the evening the silent auction brought \$483 for Wachiska's coffers.



From the Board ...

by Sam Truax

Board Rep for Legislation Committee

An article I read a while ago caused me to review my memory of experiences. One instance occurred while we were driving in Wyoming to Yellowstone Park, enjoying the sighting of an antelope with her fawn on the side of a nearby mountain. While watching the two, a golden eagle suddenly swooped down and grabbed the fawn. My kids were yelling and crying, "Save the little fawn, Daddy."—like I could run up the mountain and grab that eagle. Sure! The doe jumped toward the eagle and bumped it, and the fawn was dropped, probably because it was too heavy rather than because they got bumped. The eagle circled the site a couple of times, but the doe stood over the fawn and the eagle soon left. It was a happy ending, but the fawn had to be somewhat damaged by the strength and sharpness of an eagle's talons.

Another experience with antelope occurred when one was just standing in the prairie near Whitney, Nebraska, when a golden eagle came to the ground next to it. The antelope did not move, despite the eagle's flaring its wings and walking toward it a couple of times. From my distance, I could not tell why that spot was of interest to the animals, but the striking and memorable thing about that incident was how large the eagle with flared wings was when compared to even an adult antelope.

Then there was the time we were camping in a rather remote spot in Northern Minnesota in the early spring. When we got up, we hiked into the woods and the kids picked the many blueberries we found. Taking the berries back to camp we had blueberry pancakes with a side of berries. It is hard to say whether it was the camping or whether it was that those fresh, wild berries are much tastier, but that was probably the best breakfast we've ever had. It was great, but waking up the next morning to six inches of snow was not quite so great.

And in the process of all this recalling of such experiences many others came to mind, as they would if you engaged in such a recall process.

The article I read that initiated all of those thoughts was in the Sunday *Parade* magazine. A survey had asked their many subjects to list their most "awesome" experience. Seventy-five percent of those experiences took place outdoors. And those outdoor experiences did not include being a fan in the stadium during the game; that was an indoor experience.

Wachiska offers monthly field trips that expose participants to many notable outdoor locations. So we have a chance to expand our "awesome" outdoor experiences by participating in these Wachiska opportunities. All levels of knowledge and capabilities are welcome on these trips since a knowledgeable leader always accompanies the participants.

Consider participating in what could be an "awesome" experience for you.

Suntory Birds

by Richard Peterson

For those who collect or just like images of birds in nature here is something a bit different. The Suntory bird set consists of 24 color photographs of real birds—on real beer cans. A Japanese brewer beginning in the 1970s felt that birds were important enough to put on beer cans and sold to the public to spread the conservation message.

What is today Suntory Holdings Ltd. began in 1899 in Osaka. In 1923, they built Japan's first malt whiskey distillery. In 1963, they added beer to their product line. Ten years later they began their "Save the Birds" campaign. They felt that "to protect birds is to protect humanity." "Today Birds, Tomorrow Man" was the theme of the Suntory exhibit at the 1985 World's Fair. By 1997, they became Japan's sole bottler of Pepsi products. In 2014, Suntory bought U.S. bourbon producer Jim Beam for US \$16 billion. Here then are the 24 beer cans you can collect:

Striated Heron (*Butorides striatus*)
Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*)
Seagull (Genus/species indefinite)
Eurasian Bullfinch (*Pyrrhula pyrrhula*)
Greenshank (*Tringa nebularia*)
Red Avadavat (*Amandava amandava*)
Naumann's Thrush (*Turdus naumanni*)
Green Spotted Woodpecker (*Dendocopos major*)
Red-flanked Bluetail (*Tarsiger cyanurus*)
Common Redshank (*Tringa totanus*)
Crossbill (*Loxia curvirostra*)
Slaty-backed Gull (*Larus schistisagus*)
Bar-tailed Godwit (*Limosa lapponica*)
Mandarin Duck (*Aix galericulata*)
Great Heron (*Ardea alba*)
Turtledove (*Stryptopelia orientalis*)
Pintail Duck (*Anas acuta*)
Glaucous-winged Gull (*Larus glaucescens*)
Kingfisher (*Alcedo atthis*)
Red-crowned Crane (*Grus japonensis*)
Little Egret (*Egretta garzetta*)
African Stonechat (*Saxicola torquata*)
Japanese White-eye (*Zosterops japonicus*)
Black-tailed Gull (*Larus crassirostris*)

There are an additional five cans with minor labeling variations. Being long unavailable at your favorite beverage store (some were only issued in Japan) you can buy them on eBay or at breweriana shows. Some are common and reasonably priced; others are rare and pricey.

Reference: Benbow, Mark. 2016. *The Suntory Bird Set*. American Breweriana Journal. No. 200 (March-April) and No. 201 (May-June).

*Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come,
whispering, "it will be happier" . . .*

— Alfred Lord Tennyson

We Cannot Get Along Without Our Cookie Donors

by Cheryl Moncure, Hospitality Chair

Many, many, many thanks to the following members who contributed cookies and coffee goodies shared by all attendees at our monthly general meetings. Please let me know if we can add your name to the cookie donor list. You can let Arlys know, too, by contacting the Wachiska office. If you want to help in a given month or specific time of year, just let us know. We can work it out! We really appreciate the efforts of the following in 2017:

Dennis King	Mitzi Wiggle
Bob Boyce	Audrey Rousek
Colleen Geisel	Starla Schleicher
Loris Purtzer	Pat Stephen
Judi Cook	Cheryl Moncure
Judy Gibson	Betty Safranik
Sharon Johnson	Joe Francis

New Members Have Become Wachiska Friends

by Jami Nelson, Membership Chair

This fall our chapter is proud to welcome the following new members. They have joined either as new Friends of Wachiska or rejoined after an absence:

Ed Hubbs	Karen Faubel
Sheila Stevens	Philip Andrew
Thomas Murphy	Kay Heidzig
Patricia Stephen	Christine Hodges
Ellen Stepleton	Shirley Wenzel
Suzanne Plass	Ron J. Johnson

These are new memberships received between October 1 and December 19. If you believe your name has been left off the list, please notify the Wachiska office and we'll check the records. You are encouraged to participate in some chapter activities related to your particular interests in nature. There are opportunities to take part in field trips, monthly programs, and special events, as well as volunteering to serve on any of our committees listed on the back of *The Babbling Brook*.

For those who are not members of Wachiska but are reading this newsletter, you can become a Friend of Wachiska by completing the form on page 7 and mailing it with your check to the office. Thank you to everyone who currently supports our chapter.

A good friend is my nearest relation.
— Thomas Fuller

Population/Environment Committee

by Colleen Babcock, Chair

Bird EnCOUNTER 2018!
Fun, Free, Family Event
Lincoln City Library, Gere Branch
Inviting Volunteers and Participants

Bird EnCOUNTER returns Saturday, February 17, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. The timing of this event coincides with the 2018 Great Backyard Bird Count taking place on February 16-19.

Fun and educational opportunities for children and adults of all ages will help participants become more bird savvy and bird friendly. There will be activities such as making pine cone bird feeders, becoming more skilled using binoculars, and more.

To help detail and coordinate these and additional events of the day, attend Wachiska's population and environment committee meeting on January 10, 7:00 p.m. in the Wachiska office. More volunteers are needed to help during the Bird EnCOUNTER.

Call Barb at 402-483-6727 or the Wachiska office, 402-486-4846, if you can help as a volunteer.

January Programs at SCPAC

by Kevin Poague

Winter Walkabout – Saturday, January 6, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Ever wonder how prairie animals survive the winter? Come find out during this winter stroll through the tallgrass and look for tracks and signs of Nebraska's native wildlife to start the New Year. Free admission.

Snug-as-a-Bug! – Saturday, January 27, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Using magnifiers, microscopes, and mindful techniques, adult/child teams will probe through leaf litter and logs to discover a variety of spineless wonders wiling away the winter. Activities include a short hike and an indoor investigation. \$5/person or \$10/family.

For full details of these and other programs check the website at springcreekprairie.audubon.org, call 402-797-2301, or click scp@audubon.org.

Coming in February: Great Backyard Bird Count guided walks on Friday and Saturday, February 16 and 17, plus eBird workshops on Sunday, February 18, with our new eBird kiosk! Watch for details in next issue.

In the depth of winter, I finally learned that there was in me an invincible summer.

— Albert Camus

Audubon's Nebraska Crane Festival

Set for March 22-25 in Kearney

by Kevin Poague

Hundreds of wildlife enthusiasts from around the country will enjoy field trips, a wide range of educational speakers, and more during this exciting weekend celebrating the world-famous sandhill crane migration. Main speakers will include Dr. Richard Beilfuss, president and CEO of the International Crane Foundation; photographer and author Noppadol Paothong from the Missouri Department of Conservation; and Tod Winston, National Audubon Society's Plants for Birds Program Associate.

Field trips include sunrise and sunset visits to Platte River viewing blinds at Audubon's Rowe Sanctuary, overnight prairie grouse trips to Mullen and McCook, and a new excursion this year to Red Cloud to visit Willa Cather historical sites.

The event is organized by Audubon Nebraska and the Iain Nicolson Audubon Center at Rowe Sanctuary. See the festival website for more information: <http://ne.audubon.org/birds/crane-festival>.



Sandhill Cranes

Laredo Birding Festival Next Month

The Rio Grande International Study Center (RGISC) invites all to sunny South Texas for the 2018 Laredo Birding Festival (LBF). This sixth annual LBF is scheduled for February 7-10.

Targeted birds to look for will be White-collared Seedeater, Red-billed Pigeon, Crested Caracara, Anhinga, Pyrrhuloxia, Sandhill Cranes, Scaled Quail, Verdin, Peregrine Falcon, orioles (Audubon's, Altamira, Hooded), kingfishers (Ringed, Belted, Green), hawks (grey, Harris', Zone-tailed, Red-tailed), sparrows, (Black-throated, Olive) wrens (Cactus and Canyon), migrating waterfowl and warblers, and many other South Texas specialties.

Go to <http://www.laredobirdingfestival.org/> to register or call the RGISC office at 956-718-1063 for information.

Birds Swap Old Brain Cells for New Ones?

from National Audubon's website

The brains of chickadees grow in late summer and early fall. During that time, the birds cache food, usually seeds, throughout their home range. Come winter, they need to be able to find what they've stashed. The growing part of the brain is the hippocampus which plays an important role in spatial memory.

Dr. Fernando Nottebohm of Rockefeller University in New York studies the growth of neurons in the brains of birds. He focused on the remarkable ability of black-capped chickadees to recall the locations of hundreds of stored seeds. His lab produced the first evidence that in the adult brain of birds neurons are replaced periodically, with the learning of new behaviors.

Dr. Nottebohm suggests that as demand for memory space peaks, chickadees discard cells that hold old memories and replace them with new cells that store fresh memories.

Studying the ability of a bird's brain to generate new neurons might uncover ways to replace brain cells lost due to injury, stroke, or degeneration, as happens in diseases such as Parkinson's, Huntington's, and Alzheimer's in humans.

Perhaps we should reconsider how we use the term "bird brain."



Black-capped Chickadee

Recent Memorials Received

Donations memorializing Wachiska members or loved ones have been received as follows:

In memory of Shannon Moncure

(wife of Gary Fehr and daughter of Cheryl Moncure)
Leslie Gordon

In memory of Ione Simons

(sister of Arlys Reitan)

Tim Knott
Jami Nelson
Gary Fehr
Colleen Babcock
Linda Brown
Cheryl Moncure

Thank you for remembering Wachiska Audubon and our mission of conserving nature with these lasting gifts.

We must accept finite disappointment but never lose infinite hope.

—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Hold Onto Your Binoculars: Another Blizzard of Snowy Owls Could be Coming

excerpt from National Audubon's website

Four years ago, thousands of snowy owls stormed the northern U.S., taking up posts in surroundings drastically different from the flat Arctic tundra over which they typically preside. Some whiled away the hours peering at dog walkers from suburban fences; one learned to hunt around a Minnesota brewery with mouse problems. In a typical winter, about 10 snowies visit Pennsylvania, but in 2013, the state was graced by 400! They were part of the largest snowy owl irruption, or influx, of a species into a place that they don't usually live, that the U.S. has seen since the 1920s.

Snowy owls already seem to be retracing the last irruption's process. Data are sketchy and variable, but it appears that big southward movements occur about once every four years. That's because lemmings, their preferred prey, go through regional population explosions at about the same interval. In 2013, those little Arctic rodents had a banner year on the Ungava Peninsula in Northern Quebec, fueling a highly successful breeding season for the owls that flocked to that area. Sure enough, this past breeding season, Canadian wildlife biologists studying caribou reported an unusually high number of owls flapping around the same area, reports that others have later confirmed.

Early stateside migrators have also been spotted. A couple hundred have flocked to the Northeast and Upper Midwest; single birds have been spotted as far south as Oklahoma, Missouri, and North Carolina.

Their numbers are building faster than they did in 2013. When more of the species catch up, storm-watching volunteers will know for sure if the irruption is bona fide, and where it will hit hardest.



Snowy Owl

Limit Traffic on Frozen Turf

from the Garden Club News, Vol. 29, Issue 4

It is best to minimize winter traffic on any turf area, especially when frost is present on green turf. If ice crystals (frost) have formed and foot or vehicle traffic occurs, the physical abrasion can damage turfgrass. Winter traffic can cause cosmetic damage, physical abrasion, and/or soil damage, depending on the situation.

Climate Change Update

by Marilyn McNabb

As Audubon's magazine reported a year ago, "Historic Climate Case Led by Kids is Headed to Trial." That's still true as of December.

The case, Juliana v United States, initiated by Our Children's Trust, makes two claims: that the young plaintiffs have a Constitutional right to a livable planet which the government has violated and that the government failed in its duty to protect and conserve the nation's natural resources, including the atmosphere. It relies on the public trust doctrine.

During the Obama administration, the government moved to dismiss the case arguing there was a long list of actions it was taking to reduce emissions. Obviously, that list has gotten shorter and the argument weaker.

"This is this generation's Brown vs. Board of Education," Julia Olson, the lead attorney in the case, told reporters . . . referencing the landmark 1954 Supreme Court case outlawing school segregation (*The Mercury News*, 12/11/17).

Using bird specimens in museums, scientists are now better able to assess the history of U.S. carbon emissions and black carbon's part in climate change. That, in turn, will make model predictions more accurate in the future.

The study used more than 1,300 birds collected between 1880 and 2015 from Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, and Wisconsin. Only birds that molt, shedding their feathers every year, were used. Each bird presented a snapshot of the black carbon present only in the year they died and were collected.

The dark color of black carbon particles lets it absorb more heat than other pollutants. Researchers used a technique to measure the amount of light reflected off the birds' feather. The darker the feathers, the more soot they contained. Black carbon is considered a major contributor to human-caused warming, right behind carbon dioxide. There are no direct records of black carbon emissions.

For more, see the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, "Bird specimens track 135 years of atmospheric black carbon and environmental policy," October 24, 2017 (<http://www.pnas.org/content/114/43/11321.abstract>).

The National Audubon website has several good discussions of the effect of fire on birds (<http://www.audubon.org/news/how-wildfires-affect-birds>).

Nebraskans like solar! Speaking to the Nebraska Wind and Solar Conference in November, Brian Newton, the city administrator in Fremont, described the enthusiasm that grew in his town of

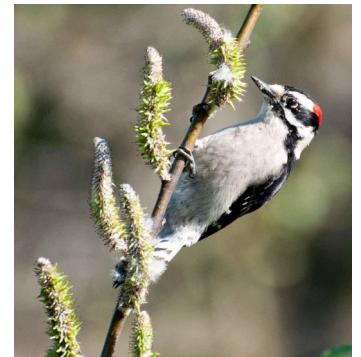
26,000 just west of Omaha. In an initial survey, to his surprise, 70 percent of respondents said they were interested in solar and said they'd pay an extra \$5 a month for it. They saw it as reducing dependence on fossil fuels and a hedge against cost increases. Public support grew so the city tripled the size of its initial plans. In seven weeks they sold out ownership in the 1.55 megawatt project and have 70 people on a waiting list for a second project.

A report by *NET News* correspondent Ariana Brocius reported that Central City, Gothenburg, and Aurora have all built small solar projects. Lexington and Lincoln have built large projects (about 5 megawatts). Projects of that size are in development in Scottsbluff and Kearney.

Birdwatching Up Close

by Nancy Savery

We have had about 20 goldfinches at our feeders for a month—think we're the only feeders in our 34th and Calvert area where we also attract a white-breasted nuthatch and a pushy little downy woodpecker who chases all the other birds away from the sunflower/niger feeder. Finches are smart—they go on the opposite side where the downy can't see them! I notice some larger finches "hand



Downy Woodpecker



Blue Jay

feeding" smaller ones. The bird bath is popular where about 15 starlings come to noisily bathe in the morning. Juncos, big beautiful house finches, three noisy blue jays, sparrows, cardinals, several flickers, and now doves have arrived. Two robins have since left. With no berries, there are no cedar waxwings. Our neighbor's open shelf feeder encourages crows. We

can usually see about five squirrels at one glance from the deck in our backyard. They are so destructive. We mounted the "crap food/ sparrow" feeder on a 2.5-foot arm out from the deck 4x4 and watched our own video of a squirrel inching out on wood, but not able to drop down to the feeder which weight-shuts the ports! Our suet block hangs up high. They can eat the two pumpkins and several Osage orange balls left for them!



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American Goldfinch family

Calendar Recycling Report

Thanks to many, many Wachiskans and their friends, Wachiska has over 110 new 2018 calendars to deliver to Lancaster Manor next week. You've never seen such gorgeous bird photos, cute animal shots, and interesting "other topics" from mountains to tractors to food topics to farm animals, and more.

Then on the "old end," almost 60 expired calendars were turned in to recycle by way of offering them to teachers and anyone who has a need to create bulletin boards, make greeting cards and stationery, or has other creative ideas. Contact Arlys in the office if you could use some of these past calendars.

Thanks to all for keeping these out of the landfill.



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Wachiska Audubon Society's financial records are available for examination in the office.

A Gift to the Future

A bequest to Wachiska Audubon Society is a gift to future generations enabling our natural heritage to continue. For wills, trusts, and gifts, our legal name is **Wachiska Audubon Society**. Our Federal Tax ID number is **51-0229888**.