

### MICHIGAN AUDUBON TO LAUNCH NEW WEBSITE



Start checking for our new website on or about July 13. You may have to refresh your browser to launch the new content. Our web address will not change so you can still find us at [www.michiganaudubon.org](http://www.michiganaudubon.org).

Be sure to check the information we have posted for your chapter. Let us know if you would like to have something different on the “splash page” for your chapter. To find your chapter go to the “About Us” section and follow the links to your chapter page. We did not have information for every chapter or website links, so please let us know what we should add to your page, if it comes up blank.

The new site offers the ability for chapter’s to post their events on our event calendar. To submit an event to be posted on the site, go to the “News and Events” menu and click on “Event Calendar”. From there you will see an item in the blue side bar called “Submit an Event”. Click on it to bring up the form for sending us your chapter calendar items. While we require phone numbers and emails to confirm your event, we will not post that information, if you provide your preferences in that regard in the comments section.

If you have comments or questions please share them with Caroline at [mas@michiganaudubon.org](mailto:mas@michiganaudubon.org) or at [birds@michiganaudubon.org](mailto:birds@michiganaudubon.org) which will become our official organizational email address shortly after the launch is complete.



#### **BIRDS ON LINE**

In addition to visiting Michigan Audubon’s new website check out these other on line resources.

Sustainable coffee is produced on farms with high biological diversity and low chemical inputs. To learn more about beans that are for the birds, visit Coffee & Conservation at: <http://www.coffeehabitat.com>

DNR to take additional actions to address human-goose conflicts:

<http://www.baymillsnews.com/main.asp?SectionID=5&SubSectionID=5&ArticleID=1807&TM=56718.55>

Cornell has initiated the “CamClicker”, an online tool you can use to view images and sort them into albums, then tag each image by the type of behavior you see: preening, eating, feeding chicks, etc. Visit the site at: <http://watch.birds.cornell.edu/nestcams/clicker/clicker/index>

## AUDUBON ART EXHIBIT IN JACKSON

Plan to see the nationally traveling exhibition, *John James Audubon: American Artist and Naturalist*, at the Ella Sharp Museum of Art and History, now through August 29, 2009. The exhibition traces Audubon's life and development as an artist (1785-1851) and features 60 Double Elephant Folio-sized, hand colored engravings from his masterwork, *The Birds of America*. Also included in the exhibition are original oil paintings, personal letters, documents, photographs and personal artifacts from Audubon's life. This exciting exhibition will also feature wood carvings from the Andy Andrews Collection and taxidermy mounts from the Museum's collections.



This traveling exhibition comes from the John James Audubon Museum and State Park in Henderson, Kentucky. The Ella Sharp Museum of Art and History is located in the Ella W. Sharp Park at 3225 Fourth St. in Jackson. The museum can be reached by phone at (517) 787-2320 or via their website at [www.ellasharp.org](http://www.ellasharp.org).

## WHITEFISH POINT SUMMER PROGRAMS

July 22—Whitefish Township Library Program: Learn all about owls at the library in Paradise, then come to the Point for our Night Hike and the chance to see a live owl. 7-8 pm

July 24—Piping Plovers at the Point: What is a piping plover? Learn about these endangered birds and what you can do to help with Erin Roche. 1pm

July 30—Evening at the Point: Join WPBO and the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum for an evening of food, music and fun! 6-9pm

For more information about these programs and special events at Michigan Audubon's affiliate, Whitefish Point Bird Observatory, visit their program blog at: <http://www.wpboprograms.blogspot.com/>

## CANOE OUTING PLANNED



Michigan Audubon is offering a Birding by Canoe/Kayak program this summer. The event is part of the Kanoe the Kazoo event. Participants need to provide their own canoe or kayak. Pre-registration is required. The float will take place on July 11 (rain date July 12) on Fish Lake in Barry County. The float is approximately 2 miles. We expect to see herons and various waterfowl species, along with Osprey, Marsh Wren, Common Yellowthroat, as well as many species of turtles, frogs, snakes, and mammals.

Registration is required—contact Wendy Tatar at [wendy@michiganaudubon.org](mailto:wendy@michiganaudubon.org) or 517-886-9144. \$15/members, \$25/non-members. The trip is limited to 10 vessels. Visit the Kanoe the Kazoo website at [www.kingmanmuseum.org/kanoethkazoo](http://www.kingmanmuseum.org/kanoethkazoo).

## SUMMER FUN AT MICHIGAN AUDUBON SANCTUARIES

### **Keweenaw Peninsula Sanctuaries Host Open Houses**

Both the Brockway Mountain Sanctuary and the Lake Bailey Sanctuary will host an open house on Saturday, July 11 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. The Lake Bailey Sanctuary consists of 405 acres and is located near Eagle Harbor. Lake Bailey is home to the very rare Heart-leaved Arnica (*Arnica cordifolia*). Just a few miles down the road sits the 394-acre Brockway Mountain Sanctuary which overlooks the town of Copper Harbor and is home to the state-threatened Red-stemmed Ceanothus (*Ceanothus sanguineus*). The Keweenaw Peninsula is the only location in Michigan where this plant can be found. The views from both of these sanctuaries are spectacular and the birdlife is abundant.

Michigan Audubon staff and volunteers from the Cooper Country Audubon Club chapter will be on hand to provide information about these beautiful sanctuaries and lead guided hikes. Refreshments will be served. For more information on these open houses, contact Wendy at the Lansing office 517-886-9144.

### **Workshop Offered: Building and Maintaining Nest Boxes for Wildlife**

Installing a nest box is one way to attract birds and mammals to your backyard. Workshop participants will learn how to construct and maintain nest boxes for a variety of wildlife species, such as Bluebirds, Kestrels, Screech Owls, Wood Ducks, and Swallows. The workshop will take place on Saturday, July 18, 2–4 p.m. at the Bernard W. Baker Bird Sanctuary near Bellevue. Workshop participants will meet at the Baker Lodge which is located at the east entrance to the sanctuary. Cost is \$15 per person or \$10 for Michigan Audubon members. Pre-registration is required and is limited to 12 participants. Participants need to bring their own hammers. Contact Wendy Tatar at 517-886-9144 to register.

### **Family Camp Out at Ronald H. Warner Sanctuary**

Michigan Audubon will host a one-night campout at the Ronald H. Warner Sanctuary on August 8-9. Activities will start at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. We'll explore trails and do some birding, talk about Cerulean Warblers, and look for amphibians. We'll grill hotdogs for dinner. Enjoy a s'more while you listen to stories from Tom Funke, Michigan Audubon's conservation director, during the planned evening bonfire. Pitch your tent and fall asleep to the sounds of crickets and cicadas. Bring your own breakfast and plan on leaving by 10:00 am.

Registration for the campout is required and can be made by contacting Wendy at 517-886-9144. Michigan Audubon members: \$15 per adult, \$5 per child ages 4 – 17; children under age 4 are free. Non member's participation fee is \$25 per adult, \$10 per child. No unaccompanied minors allowed. Bring your own tent. We encourage you to bring binoculars, field guides, and your camera. Don't forget the bug repellent! No RV hookup available. Event held rain or shine. The Ronald H. Warner Sanctuary is located approximately five miles southwest of Hastings on Erway Rd.

### **Family Camp Out at Lake Bluff**

Michigan Audubon will host a one-night campout on the beach at the Lake Bluff Bird Sanctuary on July 18 & 19. Activities will start at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. We'll explore trails and discuss trail building, do some local birding at Lake Bluff and at Orchard Beach State Park, talk about dunes, beach vegetation, and tell some stories. Bring your own dinner. Pitch your tent on the shores of Lake Michigan and let the waves put you to sleep on Saturday night. In the morning there will be a continental breakfast in the Gray house.

Registration for the campout is required and can be done by contacting Wendy at [wendy@michiganaudubon.org](mailto:wendy@michiganaudubon.org) or 517-886-9144. Michigan Audubon members: \$30 per adult, \$20 per child ages 4 – 17; children under age 4 are free. Non member's participation fee is \$40 per adult, \$30 per child. No unaccompanied minors allowed. Bring your own tent. No RV hookup available. Event held rain or shine.

### **Migration Celebration Changes Date**

Last year we went to the Lake Bluff Bird Sanctuary in August for the first Migration Celebration. In the hopes of seeing a few more migrating shorebirds, we have decided to move the 2009 Migration Celebration to September. This year the event will be held on Saturday, September 12 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Local bird experts will lead hikes on the Lake Bluff trails and along the beach of Lake Michigan. Games and activities for children will make this a family friendly event. Make sure to check out the latest details on the event at our website, [www.michiganaudubon.org](http://www.michiganaudubon.org).

### **Lake Bluff Quilt Raffle**

Members of the Manistee Victorian Quilters Guild have created a beautiful queen size quilt that is being raffled off to benefit Michigan Audubon's Lake Bluff Bird Sanctuary. The "Nature's Friend" quilt is a nine-patch block quilt in the colors of blue, brown and mauve. Tickets for the raffle are \$1 each or six tickets for \$5. Second place in the drawing wins two throw pillows and third place is a fleece throw with the Manistee lighthouse on it. The drawing for the quilt will be held on September 12. Winners need not be present. To purchase tickets for the quilt, send a check made payable to: Lake Bluff Quilt Raffle, 6011 W. St. Joseph Hwy., Suite 403, Lansing, MI 48917.

