

Beginner Birder Course

Syllabus:

January

- Thur. 1/20 @ 6:30pm CLASS: "Beyond Backyard Birding" - Jeff Aufmann
- Wed. 1/26 @ 6:30pm CLASS: "Birding Basics & Common Pitfalls" – Lisa Maier
- Sat. 1/15 @ 8am TRIP: "IDNR Walk @ COLSP" - Jeff Aufmann
- Tues. 1/18 @ 5pm TRIP: "Owling Trip" – Lisa Maier
- Sat. 1/22 @ 8am-10am TRIP: "In Search of Eagles" @ McHenry, Algonquin & Carpenters Dams

February

- Wed. 2/9 @ 6:30pm CLASS: "Birds of McHenry County"- Doug & Maggie Crane
- Tues. 2/15 @ 6:30pm CLASS: "Winter Birding" – Lisa Maier
- Sat. 2/19 @ 3pm TRIP: "Winter Birding @ Glacial Park"- Lisa Maier
- Sun. 2/20 @ 8am TRIP: "Weekend Bird Walk @ McHenry Dam"- Lisa Maier

March

- Sun. 3/20 @ 1pm CLASS: "All About Bluebirds" – register with dnr.volobog@illinois.gov. In-person @ Volo Bog
- Wed. 3/23 @ 6:30pm CLASS: "Wetlands Birding" – Lisa Maier
- Sat. 3/5 @ 8am TRIP: "Weekend Bird Walk @ MHSP"- Lisa Maier
- Sun. 3/13 @ 8am TRIP: "Weekend Bird Walk @ Volo Bog"- Randy Schietzelt
- Sat. 3/19 @ 8am TRIP: "Weekend Bird Walk @ COLSP"- Jeff Aufmann
- Sun. 3/27 @ 7am TRIP: "Waterfowl @ Lippold Park & Three Oaks Rec Center" – Lisa Maier

April

- Thur. 4/14 @ 7:30pm CLASS: "Gull Workshop"- Adam Sell (Regular MCA meeting)
- Tues. 4/19 @ 6:30pm CLASS: "Little Brown Birds"- Lisa Maier
- Sat. 4/2 @ 7:00pm TRIP: "Woodcock Walk" at Boloria Meadows (Bull Valley)- Amanda Parrish
- Wed. 4/5 @ 6:45pm TRIP: "Woodcock Walk" at Silver Creek – Amanda Parrish *Rescheduled from 3/30
- Wed. 4/6 @ 7:00pm TRIP: "Woodcock Walk" at Hennen Conservation Area (Woodstock)- Amanda Parrish
- Sat. 4/9 @ 8am TRIP: "IDNR Walk @ McHenry Dam"- Lisa Maier
- Sat. 4/23 @ 7am TRIP: "IDNR Walk @ COLSP"- Jeff Aufmann

May

- Tues. 5/10 @6:30pm CLASS: "Migration Madness- Warblers & Other Passerines"- Lisa Maier
- Sun. 5/1 @ 7am TRIP: "Birding Hickory Grove & the Riverfront"- Lisa Maier
- Sat. 5/7 (day-long event) TRIP: Spring Bird Count (sign up to participate on team)
- Sun. 5/8 @ 7am TRIP: "Weekend Bird Walk @ McHenry Dam"- Jeff Aufmann
- Wed. 5/11 @ 7am TRIP: "Coral Woods & Marengo Ridge" – Doug & Maggie Crane
- Sat. 5/14 @ 7am TRIP: "Coral Woods & Marengo Ridge" – Doug & Maggie Crane

Sat. 5/14 (all day) TRIP: IAS Chapter Big Day Challenge (Register at <https://illinoisaudubon.org/programs/2022-chapter-big-day/>)

Sun. 5/15 @ 8am TRIP: "Weekend Bird Walk @ Volo Bog"- Randy Schietzelt

Sat. 5/21 @ 7am TRIP: "Pleasant Valley Walk" – Doug & Maggie Crane

Wed. 5/25 @ 5:30pm TRIP: "Bird Walk @ COLSP"- Lisa Maier

June

Thur. 6/16 @ 6:30pm CLASS: "Intro to Learning Bird Songs"- Lisa Maier

Sat. 6/4 @ 7am TRIP: "Weekend Bird Walk @ COLSP"- Jeff Aufmann

Sun. 6/5 @ 7am TRIP: "Goose Lake & North Branch Hike" – Randy Schietzelt

Sun. 6/19 @ 8am TRIP: "Weekend Bird Walk @ Volo Bog"- Randy Schietzelt

Sun. 6/26 @ 7am TRIP: "Weekend Bird Walk @ McHenry Dam"- Lisa Maier

July

- Pending***

August

Wed. 8/10 @ 6:30pm CLASS: "Guide to eBird and Other Tools"- Lisa Maier

Tues. 8/23 @ 5pm TRIP: "Veterans Acres Walk"- Lisa Maier

September

Wed. 9/14 @ 6:30pm CLASS: "Confusing Fall Warblers, Non-breeding birds and Juvies"- Lisa Maier

Sun 9/18 @ 8am TRIP: "McHenry Dam & MHSP" – Lisa Maier

October

Tues. 10/18 @ 6:30pm CLASS: "Guide to Hawks"- Lisa Maier

Trip to any Hawkwatch count (Fort Sheridan & IL Beach State Park, Daily from 8am-4pm)

November

Tues. 11/15 @ 6:30pm CLASS: "Anything goes November!" – Lisa Maier

Sun. 11/20 @ 7am- "Finch Hunting @ Boone Creek"- Lisa Maier

- Chase rarities as they come up****

December

Thur. 12/8 @ 6:30pm CLASS: "Final Exam & Graduation!" – Lisa Maier

Additional Trips/ Classes attended: