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APRIL MEMBER MEETING

Dragonflies: Masters of Water and Air

With **Ron Lawrenz**

Director, Lee and Rose Warner Nature Center,
Marine-on-St. Croix

April 12, 2012

As this mild winter comes to an end, our thoughts turn to those lazy, crazy days of summer. We envision birds chirping, warm days at the beach, perhaps fishing and boat rides. In our mind's eye, myriad dragonflies and damselflies hover by and over the waters. Indeed, no summer scene is complete without these beautiful blue, green, and red wonders of nature.

Ron Lawrenz will present the biology, behavior and other intriguing facts about these masters of the water and air. By the end of Ron's presentation you will be able to impress friends and family with your knowledge of how to identify the primary dragonfly families found in Minnesota. In addition, Ron will impart to us an appreciation of why these insects are important indicator species for gauging the impact of issues such as climate change and habitat degradation.

To learn more about dragonflies and damselflies, please visit the following websites:

Minnesota Odonata Survey Project:
www.mndragonfly.org
Wisconsin Odonata Survey:
<http://wiatri.net/inventory/odonata/>

Michigan Odonata Survey:
<http://insects.ummz.lsa.umich.edu/MICHODO/mos>

Dragonfly Society of the Americas
www.odonatcentral.org



MAY MEMBER MEETING

What you Haven't Heard about Lyme Disease

With **Dr. Elizabeth Mahoney,**

May 10, 2012

Just 30 years ago, Lyme disease was relatively uncommon in Minnesota. Since the 1990s, the reported number of cases has steadily increased and the geographic range where Lyme disease has been found has expanded significantly. Certain activities, including bird watching, carry an increased risk for contracting this insidious infection.

Dr. Maloney's promises to tell us everything we ever wanted to know about Lyme disease, but were afraid to ask. Her presentation will focus on newer scientific information that is rarely discussed in presentations or articles reviewing basic Lyme disease facts. In addition, she will review some of the most effective means of avoiding Lyme disease and the most effective treatments available. In most likelihood, we will learn that some of

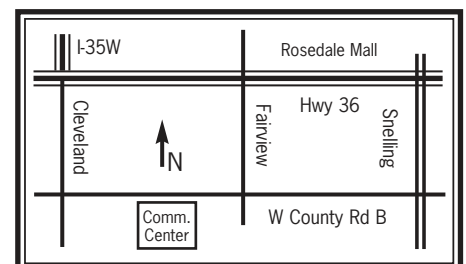
the things we thought we knew aren't necessarily so.

Dr. Maloney is a family physician who has spent a significant number of years researching the topic of Lyme disease. She has developed educational presentations and materials for healthcare professionals, government agencies, private organizations and the general public.

The following links provide online information about Lyme disease:

<http://www.mnlyme.com>
<http://www.phhmd.com>

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!*



CHAPTER INFO & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

A Note from our President

Here is a most interesting fact: The amount of energy hitting the Earth from the Sun in one hour is equivalent to the total energy we use worldwide in one year. Yes, that is, one hour of sunlight equals one year of our total energy usage. There is obviously a tremendously large amount of clean renewable energy that is available to us!

People often wonder how well solar works in Minnesota. Germany is one of the top users of solar energy and there is 50% more sunlight in Minnesota than in Germany. So solar definitely works here. Our colder climate is also an advantage because solar cells work more efficiently in cooler temperatures. Also, the price of these cells has been continuously coming down. It is important that renewable energy installations (solar, wind, etc.) be carefully placed in order to avoid unnecessary problems (such as high bird and bat fatalities).

There are and will continue to be many technical challenges in transferring our society to clean renewable energy but the benefits from doing so are enormous .

Regards, Louis B. Asher

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 on the 1st Monday of the month unless otherwise noted, 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

Upcoming dates are: April 2, May 7, and June 4. For more info or regrets, contact Louis Asher at lbashernow@iphouse.com

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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

Welcome to Facebook!

www.facebook.com/pages/Saint-Paul-Audubon/191193867637543

The SPAS has created a Facebook page to help communicate with our members and future members.

Please "Like Us" next time you're on Facebook. **NOTE:** As soon as we have 25+ friends, the URL will be <https://www.facebook.com/Saint-Paul-Audubon>.

Ben Wilson
SPAS Webmaster

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!

Sign up to go paperless!
Go to www.saintpaulaudubon.org, and look for the 'Go Green' button.

SAINT PAUL AUDUBON'S ANNUAL MEETING: MAY 10

Nominating Committee Slate for 2012 - 2013

For the May 10TH Annual Meeting

Nominees for Officers (one year terms):

President: Louis Asher - Audubon member for 25+ years; retired researcher/statistician; very active in renewable energy and is a speaker on the subject; volunteers in organizations that deal with habitat conservation, climate change and renewable energy.

Vice President: Barbara Lindeke - Member of SPAS for 25+ years; retired history and geography teacher at Anoka High School who has always worked to keep teenagers interested in environmental issues; has served as Education Committee Chair for both SPAS and Audubon Minnesota and continues to be an active member of the SPAS Education Committee.

Treasurer: Richard Newmark - Current Treasurer; retired chemist; active in Conservation Committee, always helpful representing SPAS at

various functions and excellent at providing continuity to the Board as its members and officers change with each election.

Secretary: Open -

Nominees for Board of Directors (two year terms):

Ben Wilson - SPAS member; avid birder, outdoor enthusiast and cyclist; photographer. Participates in Christmas Bird Count, Field Trips, Urban Bird Festival.

Monica Wiese - Web Project Manager for Thomson Reuters; Raptor Center volunteer for 9 years; Minnesota Zoo volunteer for 14 years.

Tom McCarthy - Board member since Fall 2011; member of SPAS for 7 years; National Audubon for 20+ years; volunteer for Audubon Bird and Butterfly counts; Three Rivers Parks Bluebird monitoring; Raptor and Dragonfly Surveys; MN Zoo Dragonfly surveys; Science Museum of Minnesota special exhibits.

Laurel Stiebler - SPAS member for ten years; retired from state government; member of the Education Committee; lifelong outdoor enthusiast and trainer.

Board members continuing for the second year of their terms are **Craig Andresen, Mark Bearss, and Dean Doering.**

Long time Secretary **Tess Rizzardi** will be stepping down at the end of her term. We thank her *very* much for the years of dependable service that she has given to the Board and the Society. She will be missed!

2012-2013 Proposed Budget Highlights

The projected income and expenses for next year are identical to those for proposed for this year's budget. Although the budget shows a \$2,415 deficit, our reserves will cover the proposed loss.

2012-2013 Proposed Budget

Approved by Board, March 5, 2012

INCOME

Christmas/Butterfly Counts \$470
 Education & Program Committees . . . \$475
 Field Trips & Warbler Weekend . . . \$9,000
Total Committee Income \$9,945

Donations \$500
 Fund Drive \$6,000
Total Donations Income \$6,500

Dues from National Audubon \$6,500
 Local Dues \$700
Total Dues Income \$7,200

Grants/Div's. from Endowment Fund \$2,000
 Interest & Dividend Income \$1,020
Total Grants/Dividends Income \$3,020
Total 2010-2011 Income . . . \$26,665

EXPENSES

Fund drive \$500
 Membership Recruitment \$300
 Misc & Contingency \$100
 Operating Expenses \$100
 Telephone Line \$550
 Web Page \$500
Total Admin. & Oper. Expenses \$2,050

Birdathon & Butterfly Count \$250
 Christmas Bird Count \$370
 Conservation Committee \$500
 Education Committee \$500
 Field trips and Warbler weekend . . . \$9,000
 Programs \$2,500
 Green Expo \$150
Total Progs & Field Trip Exp. \$13,270

Art & Design \$1,100
 Labels & Postage \$1,970
 Printing \$9,000
Total Newsletter Expenses \$12,070

Audubon Minnesota \$1,000
 Other Orgs.: MEP & MOU \$190
Total Support to Orgs. Expenses \$1,190

Transfer to Endowment \$500
Total 2010-2011 Expenses \$29,080

AUDUBON APPLAUSE



St. Paul Audubon Society's classes are led by volunteers. Two such classes are the *Summer Bird Camp for Kids*, given by **Karen Eckman, Laurel Stiebler, Cheri Steinmueller, and Barbara Lindeke**, with other helpers, and *"Beginning Bird Identification,"* **Chase Davies and Bonnie Sample**. Both receive excellent feedback. Many thanks to all volunteers who work to put on these classes.

We have many more wonderful volunteers! If you know of someone who is a great SPAS volunteer, please acknowledge them in *The Cardinal*.

ST. PAUL AUDUBON'S SPRING FIELD TRIPS & EVENTS

Warbler Weekeend

May 11-13, 2012

Reservation deadline April 11, 2012

Our annual weekends over the last 30-40 years have averaged 130-135 species, including an average of 21-24 species of warblers. You may bird by car, on foot on the Villa and Frontenac State Park trails, or simply by relaxing on the lawn at the Villa. In addition to this informal style of birding, Field Trip leaders offer bird walks for beginner, medium, and experienced birders.

Camping is available on the Villa's grounds, or at nearby Frontenac State Park (day or annual pass required). Traditional events are watching and counting the Chimney Swifts entering the Villa's chimney at dusk; and Friday and Saturday evening owl walks (bring flashlights and dark sweat-shirts!). For more information please send email to deb.bachrach@yahoo.com or call Deb Bachrach at 651-690-4130. We look forward to a repeat of the wonderful weekend and super-abundance of birds we saw last year!!



Tuesday Mornings in May are for Early Birders!

Our popular "early bird" walks are held during spring migration and the start of nesting season.

Meet at site. Walks are from 7:00 to 9:00 AM.

Call leader for questions. Please join us!

May 1

Rachel C. Lilly Preserve. 680 Minnesota Highway 110, Mendota Heights, 55118. Park and meet in the east end of the UCC Church Parking lot.

Leader Chase Davies, 651-633-1663

May 8

Minnehaha Park in Minneapolis. See map at http://www.minneapolisparcs.org/documents/permits/park_maps/Minnehaha_Park.pdf The top map gives directions from 46TH Street, the extension of Ford Pkwy as it crosses the Mississippi. 46TH Street can also be accessed from Highway 55. Drive into Minnehaha Park on 46TH, do not enter the Wabun Picnic area but keep right on 46TH Avenue to the first parking lot on the left side of the road, near the Lower Glen trail.

Leader Julian Sellers, 651-698-5737

May 15

Long Lake Regional Park. 1500 Old Highway 8, New Brighton, 55112. Meet at first parking lot on the left.

Leader Chase Davies, 651-633-1663

May 22

Reservoir Woods. Mackubin at Larpenteur, Roseville. Parking lot is on the north side of Larpenteur Avenue between Dale and Rice.

**Leaders Val Cunningham, 651-645-5230
Clay Christensen, 651-631-0949**

May 29

Battle Creek Park. Meet at Battle Creek Community Rec Center, 75 Winthrop Street, St Paul, 55113, between Upper Afton Road and Lower Afton Road.

Leader Julian Sellers, 651-698-5737

June 5

Benson Prairie. Recreating a prairie for wildlife, including birds. From White Bear Lake, Ramsey Co. drive No. on Hwy 61, turn left (west) on Cty Rd J, then immediately left (south) 1/2 mi. to Otter Lake/Bald Eagle Lake Park. Mowed trails.

**Leaders Val Cunningham, 651-645-5230
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Warbler Weekend Registration Form

Quantity	Options	Amount
___	Full Wknd Adultsgl \$150 .shr \$140	\$ _____
___	Fri. night +3 mealssgl \$90 .shr \$80	\$ _____
___	Sat night + 4 meals . . .sgl \$100 .shr \$90	\$ _____
___	Child under 12 (sharing with adult)	\$35 \$ _____
___	Saturday Breakfast8:00 AM	\$5 \$ _____
___	Saturday LunchNOON	\$10 \$ _____
___	Saturday Dinner6:00 PM	\$10 \$ _____
___	Sunday Brunch10:00 AM	\$10 \$ _____
___	Camp (no hookup) \$30 -ea nt + \$35/4 meals	\$ _____

(Prices include registration fee. No refunds for missed meals.)

Total (check payable to Saint Paul Audubon) \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Day phone _____ Evening phone _____

Names of People attending _____

Send check to Saint Paul Audubon Society,
c/o Deb Bachrach, 1163 Edgcumbe Rd., St. Paul, MN 55105.
Checks will be held until April 10. No refunds after April 10.
For more information please call Deb Bachrach at 651-690-4130
or send email to **deb.bachrach@yahoo.com**

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Beginning Bird Identification

Are you or a friend interested in learning basic backyard bird identification skills?

Bonnie Sample and Chase Davies, long-time bird enthusiasts, teach you how to observe and identify common urban birds. In this spring class, we will begin with common feeder birds to learn identification techniques, and then move on to birds who live in different habitats.

Tuesday evening classes are on **April 3, 10, 17 & 24TH**, 6:30–8:30 PM at Maplewood Nature Center.

Saturday morning field trips are on **April 7, 14, 21 & 28** from 8:00–10:00 AM. Field trip locations will be determined by bird activity and weather.

Registration: \$40. Call to confirm space availability (651-249-2172) then send or drop off a check at Maplewood Nature Center, 2659 E 7th St., Maplewood, MN 55119.

Class Location: Maplewood Nature Center, 2659 East Seventh Street Maplewood, MN, 55119

Metro Lakes and Rivers' Migration

Saturday, April 21ST, 7:00 AM to Noon

Join us as we explore several area lakes; looking for migrating loons, grebes, mergansers, ducks and other migrants as well as resident birds. We'll form a car caravan at St. Paul Sears and drive from site to site. The final itinerary will depend on recent sightings in the area. We may spend all morning in Ramsey Co., perhaps visit the Mississippi River or Dakota Co. as well. Directions will be provided at Sears. Bring water and snacks. Bring binoculars and/or a scope if you own them.

Level Easy, always near cars

Time 7:00 - Noon

Carpool From SW corner of Sears

Leaders Julian Sellers and Val Cunningham

Contact JulianSellers@msn.com, 651-698-5737 (eml pref.)

Early Migrants, Southern Dakota County

Saturday, April 28TH, 7:00 AM to Noon

Join us on a visit to a couple of well-known birding locales in southern Dakota County: Miesville Ravine with its woodland habitat, and Lake Byllesby, where we should find waterfowl, shorebirds, and other open country birds. Bring binoculars and/or a scope if you own them.

Level Easy

Carpool 7:00 AM, SW corner of Sears

Leader JulianSellers@msn.com, 651-698-5737 (eml pref.)

37TH Annual Salt Lake Birding Weekend

April 27-29, Centered in Madison, MN

Shorebirds galore migrate through westernmost Minnesota en route to the Arctic. This MOU-Sponsored weekend is one of the best times to view shorebirds large and small. Experts will lead groups to view the migration in Lac Qui Parle and Big Stone counties.

Go to <http://birding-minnesota.com/MN-Event.htm> for information and a link to the web page for this event.

Woodcock Courtship Flights

Arden Hills Army Training Site

Thursday, May 3RD, 8-10:00 PM

Deep dusk displays of courting woodcock involve death defying dives. This is a fun 'hunt!' Once a year, Saint Paul Audubon is given special permission to be on the Arden Hills Army Training Site (AHATS) to view the Woodcock's dives from heights beyond imagination, as the male woos on-looking females. They are not easy to see as they perform at dawn and dusk. The sound of his wings making a trilling and thrilling vibration will help to pinpoint his landing spot from which he calls plaintively, "Peent peent peent..." Will she answer?! Bring a flashlight with a strong, bright light. The roads can be dusty or muddy, so prepare for conditions. We may be sitting in one spot for a while, so dress warmly.

Arrive a few minutes early to meet and form carpools in the parking lot of the Arden Hills City Hall. AHATS is a locked secure area, so the group will move in and out together. Birders must be 18 years or older. No reg. req'd.

Level Easy

Meet Arden Hills City Hall parking lot, 8:00 PM sharp

Leaders Julian Sellers, JulianSellers@msn.com

Clay Christensen, 651-631-0949

Migrants of Open Country

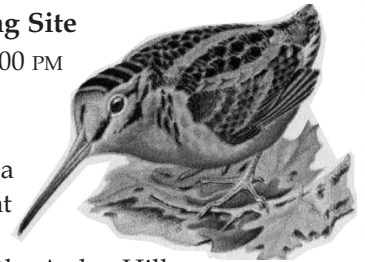
Saturday, May 5TH, 8 AM to Noon

Much of Lake Elmo Regional Park offers far distant views across meadows and fields bounded by strip woodlands. Such areas attract different migrants and raptors than do wooded areas.

Meet at 7:30 at Sears to carpool, or at 8:00 at Lake Elmo Regional Park. **DIRECTIONS:** I-94 east from St. Paul, past the 494/694 junction to Hwy 19/Keats Avenue. Go north 1/2 mile straight to park entrance. Meet where directed in the description of the event. **Fee Area:** Purchase a day pass if you do not have an annual sticker, then proceed about a half mile to the first parking lot on the left.

Level Easy

Leader Julian Sellers, JulianSellers@msn.com



Woodcock Illustration: Don Eckleberry, 1946 Audubon Land Bird Guide

ST. PAUL AUDUBON'S SPRING FIELD TRIPS & EVENTS

Spring Birds & Blooms at Nerstrand "Big Woods" State Park

Saturday, May 5, 8:30 AM at Park

There is nothing so sublime as a fine spring day at Nerstrand. Kinglets, Red-headed Woodpeckers and other migrants; Bloodroot, Ginger; we will seek and enjoy all who appear.

DIRECTIONS: Park is SE of Northfield, 1-1/2 hours south of St. Paul. Take I-35 to Ex. #69 for Hwy 19, into Northfield. At junction with Hwy 3, go So. to Hwy 246, follow it ESE another ~10 mi., following signs to the Park.

Fee area: Annual or Daily State Park sticker. We'll partner with St. Croix Wild Ones for this outing. Wear good shoes and bring a hiking staff to help on the bluff trail. You don't want to miss the spring ephemeral bloom display!! Practice using the macro button on your digital camera. Bring your lunch; we usually watch Eastern Bluebirds and Red-headed Woodpeckers while we eat.

Level Moderate: bluff descent
Leader Chase Davies, 651-636-1663, ccdavies@aol.com

Old Cedar Avenue Bridge

Saturday May 19, 7:00 AM to 11:30

One of the very best birding locales in the state, and very close to St. Paul! We will check the Bass Ponds and Long Meadow Lake, which usually holds some birds of interest (waterfowl, waders...) The Minnesota flyway makes this a great spot for migration passerines. We will walk east from the Old Cedar Avenue Bridge and return. Bring binoculars and scope if you own them. **DIRECTIONS:** Traveling west from St. Paul on I-494, near Int'l Airport/MOA, take 24TH AVE exit, go south. 24TH becomes Old Shakopee Rd, and soon veers to west. Go past Hwy 77/Cedar Ave, turn left or South onto Old Cedar Ave, which deadends into parking lot for Bridge and trails complex.

Level Easy
Meet 7:00 AM, Sears, or 7:30 AM at the Bridge
Leader Paul Spreitzer, 651-646-6309, paul.spreitzer@gmail.com

Birding our Neighbor's Place

Saturday May 26, 8-10:00 AM

Wooded land and water deep within the metro area are prized by migrants and residents. This is an opportunity to walk the trails and see the sights and hear the sounds of Maplewood Nature Center with two of our newest field trip leaders. **DIRECTIONS:** 2659 E. 7TH Street. On Century Avenue, look for the Nature Center sign, turn west onto E. 7TH.

Level Easy
Leaders Karen Cramer, 651-735-3813, kaycee765@comcast.net
Ellen Lowery, 651-429-8624, ellen.lowery@gmail.com

Woodland Birds

Saturday, June 2, 7:30 AM to Noon

Lebanon Hills Regional Park is a terrific place to look for migrant and resident songbirds! Join us for a morning of birding in this beautiful 100-acre park in Eagan. We'll hike woodland, meadow, and lakeside trails. Recent sightings are Canada and Mourning Warblers, Scarlet Tanager, Wood Thrush. Carpool from Sears in St. Paul, meet at the Holland Lake entrance, intersection of Lexington and Cliff Road.

Level Strenuous (hills!)
Carpool 7:00 AM, Sears SW corner or 7:30 AM at the Park.
Leader Paul Spreitzer, 651-646-6309

Birding by Ear at Afton State Park on St. Croix River

Saturday, June 2, 7:00 AM to 12:30 PM

This year we'll travel east to Afton State Park for Birding By Ear. The park offers restored prairie, savanna, woodland, and bottomland forest habitats along the St. Croix River. We'll focus on the songs and calls of birds on their nesting territories (we may even see some of them!). This outing can be rigorous, with muddy trails, hills, and biting insects. We will be in the field for up to five



hours (you may leave earlier), so bring water and snacks. We will end about noon. Carpool will return to Saint Paul at about 12:30 PM.

DIRECTIONS: From St. Paul, go east on I-94. Around 4-1/2 miles east of I-494/694, go south on Hwy 95 (Manning Avenue). Continue 7 mi. to Cty Hwy 20 (70TH Street). Turn left (east) on Cty Hwy 20, and go 3 miles to the park entrance. **Fee area:** State park sticker or daily fee required. Meet in the parking lot at the end of the road.

Level Medium
Carpool 7:00 AM, Sears SW corner or 7:30 AM at the Park.
Leader Julian Sellers, JulianSellers@msn.com

SPAS' E-Alert!

If you have Email, sign up today for our online notification system! You'll receive announcements about upcoming events, information about current legislative happenings, and other Saint Paul Audubon happenings between issues of *The Cardinal*. When you change your email address, notify list manager Chase Davies of your new address, at ccdavies@aol.com
You may unsubscribe at any time.

Native Plant Expo and Market

Saturday, June 2, 9:00 to 3:00

Community Pavilion at Roseville's Rainbow Foods

The Native Plant Expo and Market offers gardeners the chance to learn more about how native plants can benefit their properties plus a convenient location for buying natives from twelve local companies in one centrally located spot.

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A number of conservation organizations and agencies will provide information about native plants. Ten local native plant growers will sell non-hybridized native plants and accessory products, such as organic compost, organic pest control products, rain barrels and native plant seeds.

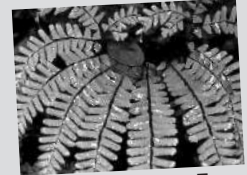
Everyone is welcome at this free event, so bring your friends and neighbors to a celebration and sale of plants that are native to our area. The only charge will be for plants you purchase.



Little Bluestem Prairie Grass



Joe Pye-weed



Maidenhair Fern

Annual Fund Drive Donors

A gracious thank you is extended to all our donors from the 2011-12 Annual Fund Drive. YOU make our Chapter go.

Egret (up to \$50): Bonnie Anderson, Anonymous, Gretchen Bangerter, Janice Blomberg, Susan Jane Cheney, Nancy Conner, William Cunningham, Elizabeth Danielson, Marjorie Davis, Trudy Dunham, Helen Dwight, Carolyn Elliott, Bridget Evens, Nancy Fitzgerald, Michael Giefer, Ken Harris (In Memory of Dr. Jack Boylan), Nancy Hasse, Sheryl J Henly, Beth Hoff, Susan Hood, Candice Danielson Johnson (In Memory of Jessie Buchanan), Lucy Kennedy (In Memory of Gladys Speare, my childhood birding mentor in Wellesley, MA), Susan Krumm, Pat Lockyear, Tony & Alice Maistrovich, Terrence O'Leary, Manley Olson, John Petroskas, Joann M Pfeiffer, Clive & Karen Reece, Krispen Ridgway, Janice Schuler, Sarah Sederstrom, Marguerite & Edward Senninger, Robert J Sherman, Kathy Sidles, Anthony Smith, Laurel Stiebler, Denis L. Stoddard, Burt Sundquist, Mary K. Volk (In Memory of Mary A. Volk), Jacqueline Vosecky (In Honor of all my grandchildren), Janice Weum, Jane Mobeck Wilson (In Honor of Warren Mobeck), John Zakelj

Bluebird (up to \$99): Barbara Ankrum, Donald Arnosti, Jimmie Browning, Monica Bryand, Thomas Colbeth, Stewart Corn, Neil Dahlquist, Susan Fuller, Florence Gleason, Karen Hayne (In Memory of Nancy A. Hayne/Linda C. Hayne), Jane Howard, Jan Leite, Ross & Bridget Levin, Carol Mizuno, JoAnn M. Nelson, John Nordgaard, James J. Pearson, Holly Peirson (In Honor of the SPAS board, for all they do), Joni Proffitt, Joel & Gail Roberts, Barb Wojahn, Laurel Woodruff

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SAINT PAUL AUDUBON SOCIETY

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April May 2012

June July Deadline 5/5/2012

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.

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