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DECEMBER MEMBER MEETING

Birding Areas of the Falkland Islands

With **Michael Prokosch**
Retired Research Chemist, 3M

December 8, 2011

Imagine yourself on a journey to an archipelago located 300 miles from the southern tip of Argentina in the South Atlantic Ocean. These islands boast over 200 species of spectacular birds. The landscape is verdant. Marine mammals abound. The cluster of islands is rich in history. Welcome to the Falkland Islands!

From their website (www.falklandislands.com), we learn that "The Falklands are regarded worldwide as having significant importance to seabird and marine mammal populations, a reputation which draws people from all corners of the globe to view the abundance of wildlife in the most natural of settings." In his day, Charles Darwin made several excursions to the Falkland Islands.

For those of us who are unable to make this trip, we are fortunate to have a presenter who has made numerous trips to these special islands over the last ten years. Mike Prokosch has recently returned from his latest trip. He promises a wonderful photo journey, including a discussion of the history and geography of these interesting and historic islands. Since Mike has a particular interest in photographing seabirds, expect to feast your eyes on many wonderful and varied species.

For more information, call Linda Goodspeed at 651-647-1452.

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

Wild Turkeys in the Twin Cities

With **Karl Tinsley**, U of Minnesota, Conservation Biology Program, PhD Candidate

January 12, 2012

The historic distribution of wild turkeys is believed to have included the southernmost sections of Minnesota. By the 1880's turkeys were extirpated from Minnesota, largely due to unregulated hunting practices and habitat degradation. In the late 1960s, live-trapped wild turkeys were released in the Whitewater Wildlife Management Area. This was the beginning of reintroduction efforts that would introduce birds well north of their ancestral Minnesota range.

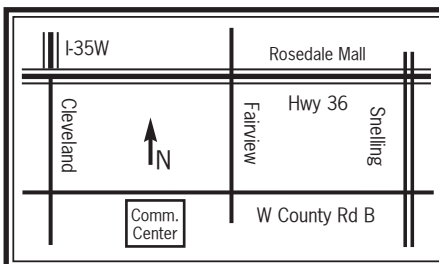


As we have observed over the last decade or so, the number of wild turkeys in the Twin Cities has substantially increased. What was once a rare site has increasingly become commonplace. Wild turkeys may not be so very cute and cuddly, but they are definitely interesting and fun to watch. Unfortunately, within the confines of city limits, their numbers and size have created some negative impacts to the urban landscape which Karl will detail for us.

Please join us for our first meeting of the New Year to hear Karl Tinsley give us the low-down on wild turkeys in Minnesota – their past, present and future.

All are invited to our free Saint Paul Audubon program at Fairview Community Center. The event is open to the public.

Parking is free. Social time with refreshments begins at 6:45. For information, call Linda Goodspeed at 651-647-1452.



CHAPTER INFO & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

A Note from our President

We have all heard about the canary in the coal mine. If the canary dies, there are problems and the miners need to get out and fast! Our beautiful and precious wild birds are our canary for the Earth, and we are witnessing major problems.

There are 10,000 species of birds on Earth with some 1,000 in the U.S. The July/August 2011 *Audubon* magazine stated that the U.S. Dept of the Interior announced that 251 of the U.S. species are in serious danger — a whopping 25%. How would we feel if we lived in a neighborhood in which 25% of the people were in danger of not surviving? I for one would want to leave for a healthier place. However, unlike leaving a coal mine or neighborhood, we can not escape our planet.



We need to do our part in helping our winged friends, and in the process help ourselves. This includes staying informed, and contacting your representatives (*see box on p. 7*) to share your concerns on habitat preservation, climate change, and pollution control (to name a few of the pressing issues). Hopefully we, as a species, will be wise enough to deal with these issues well.

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: December 4, and January 9.** 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

BOARD OPPORTUNITIES

Saint Paul Audubon Society will hold its annual election in May for President, Vice President and Board of Director positions. If you are interested or have ideas for potential leaders, please contact Nominating Committee Chair Dean Doering at 651-487-5270, or President Louis Asher at lbashernow@iphouse.com.

The Board meets once a month from September to June, typically on the first Monday (exceptions are January and September, when the meeting is on the second Monday).

Officers serve one-year terms and Board Directors serve two-years.

We welcome your participation!

SPAS Speakers' Bureau

The St. Paul Audubon Society is forming a *Speakers Bureau*, which will provide speakers for topics related to birds, bird watching, the environment, creating bird habitats, ecology, energy conservation and the like. The goal is to provide a designated person from the chapter that other organizations may contact to arrange for a speaker.

If you're interested in applying **to become a speaker** for the Speakers' Bureau, please contact Clay Christensen at 651-631-0949 or clay.christensen@comcast.net

And, if you belong to or know of an organization that might be interested in a speaker on the topics

CHAPTER HAPPENINGS

Saint Paul Audubon's Annual Fund Drive

Greetings!

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 send a check for your contribution in the remittance envelope provided with *The Cardinal*, or donate online 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. This Annual Fund Drive is our largest source of income. Our expenses include producing and mailing *The Cardinal* newsletter. Our Member Meeting Programs involve speaker honoraria and 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 with Maplewood Nature Center. SPAS has provided grants to organizations that support our mission, such as purchasing binoculars for field trips at 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

listed above or related subjects, let them know about the SPAS Speakers Bureau and direct them to our website at www.saintpaulaudubon.org. There's a link there to request a speaker for your organization.

CLAY CHRISTENSEN, SPEAKERS' BUREAU CHAIR

Calling all Social Media Fans

Saint Paul Audubon Society is looking for individuals who would enjoy connecting the Chapter to Social Media internet sites. Please contact Louis Asher, at lbashernow@iphouse.com to indicate your interest.

Park, educational presentations, environmental initiatives, and the publication of a *Native Plants* booklet. St. Paul Audubon sponsors Warbler Weekend at Frontenac in the spring and numerous birding field trips in the metro area. In addition to all of that, St. Paul Audubon, through a grant from the state's *Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program*, is sponsoring habitat restoration on 550 acres at the Janet Johnson Wildlife Management Area in Chisago county.

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 with 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. Please contribute generously. You will be rewarded every time you see a new or unusual bird! *On behalf of the Board of Directors, I sincerely thank you for your support.*

Fund Drive Chair Dean Doering

Saint Paul Audubon Society

Annual Fund Drive Donation

Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation, to be used for:

\$ _____ for Annual Operating Fund

\$ _____ for Endowment Fund

\$ _____ wherever needed

This gift is given:

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Card will be sent to:

Name _____

Address _____

Please Remit To: Dean Doering, 1901 North Victoria Street, Roseville, MN 55113, or, you may go to the SPAS Website at www.saintpaulaudubon.org and click on "Support Us."

WINTER'S DOINGS

Annual MOU Paper Session

Saturday, December 3RD

The Minnesota Ornithologists' Union's Annual Paper Session will be held at the Bell Museum on Saturday, December 3rd, 2011 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Papers submitted so far include: 40 Years at Hawk Ridge, MN Breeding Bird Atlas Update, Golden-winged Warbler Research in north central MN., Red-headed Woodpecker Research at Cedar Creek, Purple Martin Conservation.

Registration is \$4 if received by **Nov. 25TH**. Go to the MOU's website at www.mou.mn.org to download the form. Send to: Carl Greiner, 1616 Hill Street SW, Chatfield, MN 55923. Lunch may be provided, if you include \$9.50 with your pre-registration fee. Day-of registration begins at 8:00 AM on December 3RD, and is \$5. The Bell Museum is located at 10 Church St. SE, on the MPLS campus of the U. of Minn (intersection of Univ. and 17th.) Parking is available in Nolte Garage, attached to the Museum. Refreshments provided by Minn. River Valley Audubon.

St. Paul Christmas Bird Count

Saturday, December 17TH

Don't miss the highlight of the winter birding season—the National Audubon Society's 112TH Annual Christmas Bird Count. This longest-running "citizen science" study provides valuable data on winter bird populations, and is great fun for the people doing it.

You don't have to be an expert birder to participate (but we always need more experts). We can assign you to a team with an experienced leader. Each team counts the birds in its pre-determined section of our 15-mile-diameter count circle. You can go for part or all of the day, or even start listening for owls before dawn. We also need many volunteers to watch feeders within 7.5 miles of the intersection of County Road B and Dale Street. At the end of the day, we'll gather for a pot-luck supper and swap stories about the day's highlights as we tally the species.

The National Audubon Society requires a fee of \$5 from all field participants 19 years of age or older to help cover the society's expenses in coordinating the count. There is no fee for feeder watchers or for field participants 18 years of age and younger.

Please email Julian Sellers at JulianSellers@msn.com as soon as you can, but no later than Thursday, **December 8TH**. Give your name, telephone number, e-mail address, and home address, and state whether you'd like to participate in the field, lead a team, or watch your feeders. Please rank your birding skill level (beginner,

intermediate, or experienced) and state your preferred birding style (relaxed, focused, or intense!).

About a week before the count, Julian will e-mail information, including team assignments, to all participants. Team leaders will then contact their team members to arrange logistics for the count day.

Let's beat last year's totals: 15,069 birds, 60 species!

Great Backyard Bird Count

February 17-20, 2012

Save some time for the Great Backyard Bird Count on the 3rd weekend in February! Go to gbbc@cornell.edu to read all about it, and sign up to participate! This count is very similar to the Christmas Bird Count. It is sponsored by Audubon, as well as Cornell Lab of Ornithology, and Bird Studies Canada. It is fun for all ages, and especially fun for school groups and families to do together.

www.eBird.org

eBird has revolutionized the way birders report and accesses information. Launched in 2002 in a joint effort by the **Cornell Lab of Ornithology** and the **National Audubon Society**, eBird provides rich data on bird abundance and distribution. eBird's goal is to maximize the utility and accessibility of the vast numbers of bird observations made each year by recreational and professional bird watchers. It is amassing one of the largest and fastest growing biodiversity data resources in existence. For example, in January 2010, participants reported more than 1.5 million bird observations across North America!

The observations of each participant join those of others in an international network of eBird users. eBird then shares these observations with a global community of educators, land managers, ornithologists, and conservation biologists. In time these data will become the foundation for a better understanding of bird distribution across the western hemisphere and beyond.

A birder simply enters when, where, and how they went birding, then fills out a checklist of all the birds seen and heard during the outing. eBird data are stored in a secure facility and archived daily, and are accessible to anyone via the eBird website. *Try it today!!*

Wildlife Rehabilitation Center

www.wrcmn.org

If you've found an obviously injured animal, take it to the Center, at 2530 Dale Street, Roseville. If you have questions regarding a possibly injured animal, please contact the WRC at 651-486-9453 or at their website. When delivering an injured animal to the center, take your checkbook as they appreciate donations to care for your charges.



AUTUMN WAS A BUSY TIME THIS YEAR...

A Prairie Saturday in October

The last Saturday in October had it all: a beautiful sunny day, no wind, a wide open space to roam as birds sang overhead, and the chance to help some grassland species. What Auduboner wouldn't jump at the chance?!

A group of St. Paul Auduboners had signed up as volunteers with the Great River Greening organization to help re-establish a remnant prairie in Woodbury. Since we got the plum assignment to work as seed collectors, this commitment required little more than a pair of gardening gloves and paper grocery bags. We met up with about 150 other volunteers, all ready for action. There were Scout troops, church groups, conservation groups, all eager to help a prairie push back into the surrounding cornfields.

After a brief training session, we headed into the existing prairie, a thin corridor running between a church parking lot and the corn. The prairie plants had already gone to seed, making identification tricky at times. But we recognized the goldenrod, milkweed, liatris, rose hips, asters, thimble-weed, black-eyed Susans and little bluestem grass and marched through the field, stripping no more than half the seeds from each stand of plants.

We had the day's easy job. All around us groups huffed and puffed as they dragged out non-native brush, built nest boxes, cut invasive species, and trundled wheelbarrows full of soil down the hill. All we had to do was pluck seeds and strip plant stalks — no bending, no lifting required. Dozens of bluebirds sang overhead, and the various clumps of brushy shrubs were full of tree sparrows, house finches and goldfinches.

By lunchtime, we looked down at our bags full of seeds and had a good feeling about the possibilities for next year. Great River Greening staff plans to scatter the seeds we collected along a nearby patch they're restoring. And come spring, birds like meadowlarks, Henslow's Sparrows, Sedge Wrens and Dickcissels, as well as some of those bluebirds, might choose this strip of land to build their nests and raise their young.

They don't need to know that humans call it the Woodbury Conservation Corridor, a project supported by lottery proceeds and the South Washington County Watershed District. This project is also supported by the sweat equity of a lot of people who appreciate grassland birds and want to provide more spaces for them.

Hope you'll join us next time!

VAL CUNNINGHAM, CONSERVATION COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR



Chimney Swift "Sit" a Success!

Our annual Chimney Swift Sit engaged at least 280 volunteers who located sites being used by swifts and estimated the numbers using those sites during the period of July 29TH - Aug. 1ST and Aug. 26TH - 29TH. An additional 275 folks participated in 12 Community-wide Sits held this year.

148 locations were surveyed throughout the state. Several had multiple chimneys, a building at Ft. Snelling had five! Old buildings had the highest number of chimneys being used, with 57; there were 42 schools, 13 residences, 12 artificial towers (10 had nesting pairs), and three armories.



Some interesting tidbits:

- The highest number of swifts observed was 1,100 in Preston;
- One building at Ft Snelling with five chimneys had families in each chimney.
- An un-capped chimney on a home in Hutchinson had up to 60 swifts using it over the summer.

Many, many thanks to all of you who participated, *and* to those of you who introduced new Sitters to the joys of Swifting — thank you.

RON WINDINGSTAD, AUDUBON MINNESOTA

You Learn Something New Every Day

Pectinate Talons

Over the summer, I happened upon a mention of the comb-like aspect of some bird species' talons. Being a naturally curious type, and thinking, "what could a natural thickener (pectin) have to do with birds' toes?" I looked up 'pectinate,' and found that in animal anatomy, it means 'comb.' These lucky birds have evolved a small comb on their middle talon to groom their feathers and scratch their heads and necks! I went online to see if I could find a good photo of this phenomenon. Here are two. The bottom photo was taken at the Wildlife Rehab Clinic here in Minnesota, of an immature Green Heron's toe. An adult's toe probably has more 'comb.'

The families that this type of talon are found in most are herons, ibises, storks, and Barn Owls.

(SOME INFO FOUND AT
[HTTP://DANTALLMANS
 BIRDBLOG.BLOGSPOT.COM](http://dantallmansbirdblog.blogspot.com))



BOOK REVIEW

Twelve Owls

On a recent cold evening as I read Laura's introduction telling how she first began to see owls, 'my' Barred Owls were calling outside, and a warm fire crackled in the fireplace. How sublime, to be reading about the beginning of courtship between a pair of Eastern Screech Owls while hearing the Barred's hooting back and forth, one close-by and either 1 or 2 at some distance. Courting will begin soon here, too.

This is a special book for another reason: I was a member of the summer trip to SE Arizona that Laura describes; the early morning when we all got an up-close and personal look at an injured Barn Owl. We have been friends and birding buddies ever since, keeping track of birds seen and heard, doing Big Days, hearing about our childrens' school and college years.

I marvel at Laura's ability to recall events with such clarity that she can write the details with surety even fifteen years later. All the vignettes will give you the sense that you could look over your shoulder and watch the action, from the lovely story of the Screech Owls beginning their late winter courtship to the feather-raising account of a Short-eared owl escaping at the last second as a mower drives over her field a little too early in the season; all the ground-nesting birds' nests and quite a few mammals' burrows were destroyed that day.

Betsy Bowen's life-sized portrait paintings that open each of the 12 stories, as well as the pen and ink wash sketches that illustrate this book, are as arresting, accurate, and lovely as are the written words.

Twelve Owls tells and shows about life cycles, breeding, vocalization, and many other aspects of owl biology. But, what I found most interesting was that each vignette works in a parable on human : owl interaction. The subtle message received? Stay at a distance when you find an owl. They are often under stress, especially in winter when it's difficult to find prey, even with all the stealth-hunting assets they have.

Twelve Owls, by Laura Erickson, with illustrations by Betsy Bowen, © 2011, \$19.95, Univ. of Minnesota Press

BY HOLLY PEIRSON

Nominee for NAS Board Sought

National Audubon Society By-Laws state "...the Board shall include no fewer than one Director representing each region of the National Audubon Society, who shall have



been nominated by either chapters or members of the Society in the region each represents, through procedures approved by the Board."

Nominations are currently being sought for nominees to serve a three-year term on the National Audubon Society Board of Directors as Regional Directors. The term runs from January 2013 to January 2016.

Central Election Region – Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, **MINNESOTA**, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin

St. Paul Audubon has the opportunity to select one nominee. Members, do you have ideas for who that person might be? Get your list to president Louis Asher before the January 9TH Chapter Board Meeting.

Butterfly Census Results

While last winter's heavy snowfall and our cold, wet spring had a disastrous impact on many butterfly species, in late June our volunteer census-takers helped gather important data for the Army National Guard, the Minnesota DNR, and the North American Butterfly Association (NABA). This kind of data is very important for protecting AHATS from being totally developed.

Special thanks goes to **Dean Hansen** for providing his expertise. His knowledge and enthusiasm are invaluable! Many of the participants commented on how much he helped them, and what fun he was.

Butterfly species: Tiger Swallowtail, Swallowtail sp., Cabbage White, White sp., Eastern Tailed-blue, Crescent sp., Mourning Cloak, Viceroy, Little Wood Satyr, Common Ringlet, Monarch, Silver-spotted Skipper, European Skipper, Peck's Skipper, Hobomok Skipper (*new species for the count!*)

Birds seen: Common Loon, Green Heron, Trumpeter Swan, Osprey, Wild Turkey, Great Horned Owl, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Northern Flicker, Pileated Woodpecker, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Great Crested Flycatcher, Eastern Kingbird, Tree Swallow, Barn Swallow, Black-capped Chickadee, White-breasted Nuthatch, House Wren, Sedge Wren, Eastern Bluebird, American Robin, European Starling, Cedar Waxwing, American Redstart, Common Yellowthroat, Clay-colored Sparrow, Field Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Northern Cardinal, Indigo Bunting, Red-winged Blackbird, Common Grackle, Baltimore Oriole, American Goldfinch.



DOROTHY WALTZ, CENSUS COORDINATOR

Pictured: **Hobomok Skipper**
(light areas bright gold, dark areas medium brown)

ONLINE INFO & REACHING OUR LEADERS

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Saint Paul Audubon Society is at

www.saintpaulaudubon.org

- 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
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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 listserve • 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

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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>**

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

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Got Good Birding/Nature Blogs?

Let us know about them; We'd love to put them on our website and in *The Cardinal*. Here are some to check out and report back on...

www.birdwatchingmag.blogspot.com

www.lauraerickson.blogspot.com

www.magnificentfrigatebird.com

www.borealbirds.org/blog

www.birdingisfun.com

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