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## DECEMBER MEMBER MEETING

### 'Birds of Cuba'

with **Carrol Henderson**

Supervisor of the Minnesota DNR Nongame Wildlife Program, and well-known author

**Thursday, December 11, 2014**

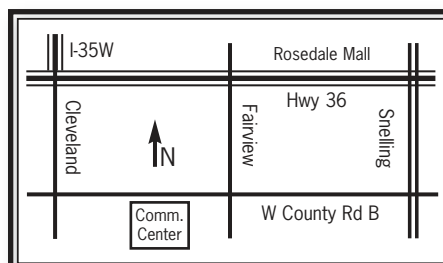
This month we feature a presentation based on the US Treasury Department-licensed bird study and bird survey trips that Carrol and Ethelle Henderson have led to Cuba in the past two years.

Cuba does not allow "Birdwatching" and "tourism" by US citizens, but it is legal to participate in People-to-People bird study trips, and humanitarian projects that include bird surveys for the environment.

Mr. Henderson will share his experiences and photos from Cuba, including birds found nowhere else in the world, like the tiny Bee Hummingbird – the smallest bird in the world – and the beautiful Cuban Trogon. There are more endemic species in Cuba than in the Galapagos Islands. There are also many migrant birds from the United States and Canada that winter in Cuba.

Carrol Henderson has been supervisor of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Nongame Wildlife Program since 1977, when he was hired to create and develop the state's Program. In March of 2012 he received the Gary Myers Bird Conservation Award from the national Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies as the top bird conservationist in North America. During the past 41 years the statewide program for the conservation of nongame wildlife that has received both national and international recognition. He has helped plan and carry out restoration of peregrine falcons, bald eagles, eastern bluebirds, river otters and trumpeter swans.

Mr. Henderson has recently been involved in pioneering research with Minnesota's loons and pelicans to document damage to those species by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in Louisiana in 2010.



## JANUARY MEMBER MEETING

### 'The Science and Compassion of Wildlife Medicine'

with **Philip Jenni**, Executive Director, Wildlife Rehabilitation Center

**Thursday, January 8, 2015**

Phil Jenni will talk about the work of the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, one of the nation's leading veterinary clinics for injured and orphaned wildlife. The WRC has treated more than 9,000 wild animals from among 184 species in each of the last two years.



In addition, the WRC provides professional education to veterinary students from around the world, and to many others interested in careers involving

wildlife. The WRC is also involved in activities that have national and even international significance with regard to protecting both wildlife and human health.

Wildlife medicine is a new phenomenon. Phil Jenni will outline some of the larger cultural trends that provide historical context for this rapidly growing field, including how this emerging discipline is connected to other socio-economic patterns.

Finally he will address the issue of "non-native" species and talk about why WRC's overall mission is not only important but socially significant in today's world.

To find out more about the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, please visit [www.wrcmn.org](http://www.wrcmn.org)

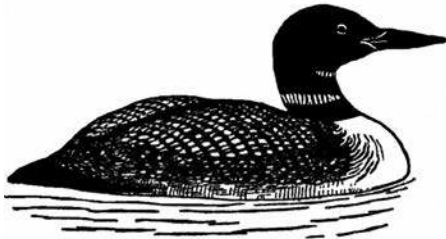
Arrive at 6:45 for social time or 7:00 PM for the program; held at the Fairview Community Center 1910 W. Cty Rd B, Roseville.  
**Free and open to the public.**  
Free parking available. *Bring a friend!*

## 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 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

Upcoming dates: **December 1, January 5.**

**Look for the Loon on your Minnesota form this tax season; give generously for wildlife!**



### Chapter President's Message

Dear Friends,

The first snow of the season has arrived and we, humans and wildlife, are adapting to the next stage of our journey around the sun. There will be challenges for us all, but we will persist.

I've been appreciating persistence recently. My step-son and two granddaughters and I enjoyed seeing the film "The Flight of the Butterflies" at the Science Museum in St. Paul, about the incredible life story of the Monarch Butterfly, and the persistence of Dr. Fred Urquhart and his wife, Norah, who spent 38 years tracking the migratory path of the butterflies to learn where they wintered. From devising tiny adhesive stickers that would stay on the butterflies, to establishing groups of citizen scientists all over North America to join in their quest, the Urquharts

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### ABOUT OUR CHAPTER

Founded in 1945 as the 'St. Paul Bird Club' with twelve members, the Saint Paul Audubon Society now serves the entire East Metro region of the Twin Cities, and has around 2,700 members. Our Member Meetings are held from Sept. to May. For more info please contact leaders at left, or visit our website at [www.saintpaulaudubon.org](http://www.saintpaulaudubon.org)

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Members may also receive the newsletter by downloading a PDF from the website.

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persisted until the region in the mountains of East Central Mexico was discovered in the 1970's.

Keeping going when things seem futile is a valuable trait.

The current *Audubon* magazine has stories about 3 amazing employees of the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center: 96-year-old **Chan Robbins** (Author of the *Golden Guide to Birds* and father of the Breeding Bird Survey), **Sam Droege** (expert on birds and other pollinator species and inexhaustible wildlife biologist (current project: survey of species of US bees), and of recent graduate **Jessica Zelt**, who has, in 6 years has become the newest expert for a comprehensive data-driven (think about transcribing 6 million 3x5 cards) citizen science program on climate change. One collection she is reviewing: the comprehensive bird sighting

records collected *persistently* by Minnesotan Wells W. Cooke, beginning in 1880.

This month's *Minnesota Conservation Volunteer* from the DNR tells the stories of Duluthians **Jan and John Green** who continue their love of and study of nature into their 80's. They were instrumental in the work of gaining protection for the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, and have been experts and educators and authors for birds (Jan) and geology (John) in the Lake Superior region for almost 60 years.

Members of *Minneapolis Audubon* are persisting in their efforts to convince the Minnesota Vikings and the Metropolitan Stadium Commission to use bird-safe glass in the new stadium. Success is not assured, but already they have

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raised awareness of the issue to a higher level; other developers and builders have been educated, and the public will certainly be more aware of the problem.

We are surrounded by heroes who have persisted through their lifetimes. We can all take heart from their efforts. Even though you and your allies may lose a battle, with persistence, you may win the war. With this year's election behind us, we need to persist in our efforts to make this a better, safer world for the birds, and the butterflies and the bees, as well as ourselves.

Keep on keeping on!!

*Barbara Lindeke*

## Project FeederWatch and other Citizen Science opportunities

You can still sign up to participate in this season's Project FeederWatch through the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. The season goes from November to April, with weekly sightings counted and logged on the website at [www.birds.cornell.edu/feederwatch](http://www.birds.cornell.edu/feederwatch)

The lab's website is also the location to enter your last field trip's sightings into **eBird**, look for answers to your persistent bird questions on the **All About Birds** page, sign on to do research on the **Birds of North America** page, or to participate in the **Great Backyard Bird Count** that is coming up in February, or, to hear recordings of bird song and other wildlife species at the **Macaulay Sound Library**.



## SPAS ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

Greetings! TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL FUND DRIVE!

This is the only time of year that we seek your support for the great work done by the Saint Paul Audubon Society. You will not receive a phone call or a postal mail solicitation. You will NOT receive another request for a donation tucked in with our Thank You note. All you need to do is submit a check for your contribution. The returnable envelope was sent with the October/November *Cardinal*; you may use the box on this page.) If you prefer, you may also donate on-line at [www.saintpaulaudubon.org](http://www.saintpaulaudubon.org).

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 and this Annual Fund Drive is our largest source of income. Our expenses include producing and mailing *The Cardinal* newsletter, speaker honoraria, and meeting space 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 through the Maplewood Nature Center. SPAS has also provided grants to organizations which 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 park, educational presentations, environmental initiatives, and the installation of kestrel nesting boxes. St. Paul Audubon sponsors numerous birding trips in the metro area.

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 unknowable consequences. When you consider what Saint Paul Audubon has done this year to promote our mission, I am confident you will pledge 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. On behalf of the Board of Directors I sincerely thank you for your support.

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Next Deadline 1/5/2015

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.

CALENDAR

December

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| Board Meeting        | 1  |
| Member Meeting:      | 11 |
| Christmas Bird Count | 20 |

January

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| Board Meeting  | 5 |
| Member Meeting | 8 |

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**December 20, 2014**

The Christmas Bird Count will be held on Saturday, December 20. Area Leaders, get on board early! Solicit your previous years' Team Members, and plan for walking, driving, and feederwatching!! No matter the weather, this is one of the most fun days on our annual calendar!!

Contact CBC Coordinator Bill Stjern at [norskestar@comcast.net](mailto:norskestar@comcast.net) or 651-470-3112 to sign up today for early a.m. owling and day-long adventure, followed by our traditional Pot Luck Tally Party.

**More wildlife Photos from WRC**

