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OCTOBER MEMBER MEETING

Are Minnesota Moose Another Victim of Climate Change?

With **Mark S. Lenarz**, Research Biologist, Minnesota DNR

October 13, 2011

Mark Lenarz's data show that the moose population has essentially been extirpated from northwestern Minnesota, and moose numbers in the northeastern region of the state are in decline. He's asking important questions, such as whether there is a relationship between warming temperatures and the decline in the moose populations. His work suggests there is such a relationship.

Lenarz, who earned his doctorate at the University of Georgia's Institute of Ecology, has been studying Minnesota's moose for several decades. He developed a partnership between the Department of Natural Resources, the Fond du Lac band and various other groups to conduct research that documented the declines. He is the author on numerous articles and reports on his work with the moose.

Lenarz knows that a warmer climate will have a dramatic impact on the state's flora and fauna, and says that better understanding of climate change will lead to better resource management decisions.



NOVEMBER MEMBER MEETING

Purple Martins in Minnesota: Bring Back our Backyard Friends

With **Kelly Applegate**, Wildlife Biologist and Director, Purple Martin Working Group

November 10, 2011

Purple Martins, a once-common backyard species, have declined by 80 percent since 1965 and are becoming a rare sight. Their apartment-like human-made

dwelling used to be as common as the American flag in many yards, but interest in "martinizing" has waned, leading to less exposure to kids and the general public. This, combined with competition from alien species

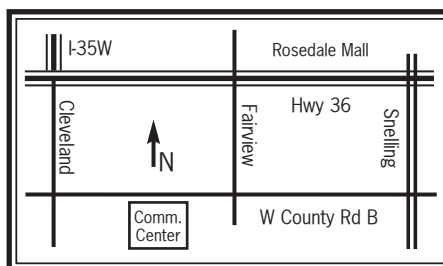
like house sparrows and European starlings, are the main reasons for the decline.

To help these aerial insectivores, the Purple Martin Working Group was formed in 2008 under the direction of Mille Lacs Band wildlife biologist Kelly Applegate, along with many partners, including Audubon Minnesota. The group promotes proper care of this human-dependent species through workshops and educational events, and maintains an intensive banding program. A national migration study is underway, using geo-locators to track birds to wintering grounds in Brazil.

As Applegate notes, "We must act now or risk losing this species as a breeding bird in Minnesota." Come learn more about efforts to restore this striking swallow to our neighborhoods.

Relevant websites:
www.mnmartin.org
www.purplemartin.org

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 INFORMATION

A Note from our Chapter President

This year's line-up of programs for our monthly meetings are excellent as usual. I have been a member of Audubon for over 25 years but I only started to take advantages of these programs in the last 6 years. I do wish that I had started attending earlier for this is something that I now very much look forward to attending. The programs are very educational, entertaining and fun!

The monthly Member Meetings are on the second Thursday at 6:45 PM, from September to May, at the Fairview Community Center. They are a great way to meet other Saint Paul Audubon members and a gateway to getting more involved in the chapter as you hear about volunteer opportunities.

We typically have a drawing at the end of the session in which the winner gets a framed wildlife photo courtesy of Ron Winch.

This year I will be adding more fun and more winners to the drawings. I will not spoil the surprises, so come and see.

Regards, Louis B. Asher

BOARD MEETINGS

Saint Paul Audubon's Board Meetings are held at the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District Office at 2665 Noel Drive, Little Canada. Exit 35-E at Little Canada Rd, go east to Noel, across from City Hall. Meetings are held on the 1st Monday of the month unless otherwise noted, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Up-coming dates are: **October 3, November 7.** 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

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The Great Audubon "Fall Classic" Get-Together

Saturday, November 12, 9:00 - 3:00

Audubon Minnesota's Annual Celebration will bring together members from around the state at the Wilder Foundation Center in St. Paul. Last year over 100 Auduboners attended from around the state. A family reunion of sorts, we'll hear from chapters, policy-makers, National Audubon staff and ecologists who work across a broad spectrum for birds and bird conservation in Minnesota. Darby Nelson will be talking about his new book, *For the Love*

of Lakes. Governor Dayton has been invited. To register or find out more, check out our website at mn.audubon.org

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
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Hawks in the Galapagos

Friday, October 21, 4:00 PM

The Raptor Center invites Auduboners to a free presentation on the Hawks of the Galapagos Islands, with **Dr. Julia Ponder**, Raptor Center executive director, and **Lori Arent**, clinic manager. The speakers will share stories and photos from their work earlier this year with the island raptor population. A number of partner organizations collaborated on a project to eradicate nonnative rats on three islands in the Galapagos chain, and Raptor Center staff helped keep captive hawks healthy.

Since space is limited for this event in the center's annual Duke Lecture Series, please reserve a spot at www.TheRaptorCenter.org. The presentation is scheduled at the Ben Pomeroy Alumni Center on the St. Paul campus of the University of Minnesota. Refreshments and a chance to meet some of the center's education birds follow the lecture.

Christmas Bird Count

Saturday, December 17th

Make your plans now to participate in the 112TH Christmas Bird Count. It's not too early to send an e-mail to Julian to reserve your place. We need birders of all skill levels to make the most of this premier citizen science event. Our count circle extends 7.5 miles in all directions from the intersection of County Road B and Dale Street.

You can join a team in the field or keep an eye on your feeders at home (if you're within the circle). Mark your calendar now. Send an Email to JulianSellers@msn.com; or call 651-698-5737.



CONSERVATION EVENT

Help Restore Two Sites

Join members of the St. Paul Audubon Conservation Committee at either of two Great River Greening restoration events in October—all ages are welcome. Contribute a Saturday morning to help remove invasives along one of the metro area's few trout streams, located in the shadow of the Mall of America in Bloomington.

Volunteers will work at Ike's Creek on October 8, from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

Or, contribute some hours to help bust buckthorn and plant trees and grasses at the historic **Pond-Dakota Mission Park on October 15 from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM.** The park is located at 401 E. 104TH St. in Bloomington. Great River Greening will lead tours of the historic buildings and native lands on this site, as well.

Contact Susan Solterman, ssolterman@gmail.com or 651-260-7040, to sign up. St. Paul Audubon members volunteered at last March's Great River Greening buckthorn bust in Shoreview and relished the opportunity to give something back to birds for all the enjoyment they provide to us.

Bird Camp!

Our annual Bird Camp was held the week of June 20-24, from 9:00 to Noon at Como Park's Streetcar Station, the lovely historical building at the corner of Lexington and Horner. SPAS volunteers were **Karen Eckman, Barbara Lindeke, Cheri Steinmueller, Laurel Stiebler, and Jerry Wagner.**

We would like to acknowledge and thank **Pam Welisevich** and **Shakespeare** the Barred Owl from Dodge Nature Center for their time to visit our Camp this year.

The daily schedule includes a bird walk — this year's included dodging a lot of rain but we still saw about 35 species for the week. We make bird feeders, tell stories about birds, see visiting birds, and each participant does a week-long research project about the bird of their choice, ending with their talk on Friday morning. It's loads of fun to work with the children. *Come join us next year!*



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December January Deadline 11/5/2011

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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The Big Year

THE BIG YEAR is an upcoming comedy film starring Steve Martin, Jack Black, and Owen Wilson. Three avid birders compete at a prestigious annual event in a quest to outdo each other by finding the most species of birds in North America. The film is based on the book The Big Year: A Tale of Man, Nature, and Fowl Obsession which was written by Mark Obmascik. To be released on October 14.

Watch Bird Banders at Work

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!

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