

# Habitat Happenings

SAVING BIRDS THRU HABITAT NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



Great Kiskadee, Photo by Jim Stevenson

### Great Kiskadees Are Doing Great, But What About Other Birds?

by Kay Charter

Last fall, my husband and I spent a week birding in Mission, Texas. Mission sits on the border with Mexico and hosts a number of birds found mostly on the south side of the Rio Grande River. The Great Kiskadee, a big, bold and beautiful flycatcher was the main reason for our visit. With its lemon and cinnamon feathers, and an abundance of chutzpah, this bird captivated me years ago when I researched an article about it for Texas Parks & Wildlife Magazine.

In the mid-1900's, when development and agricultural use in the Rio Grande Valley first began to explode, conservationists worried that the Great Kiskadee population would be lost. To everyone's happy surprise, this is a species that does very well in disturbed habitat. Urbanization did not cause a decline in its numbers, and, in fact, there are now many more kiskadees in south Texas than there were a century ago.

Unfortunately, the same is not true of most North American birds, many of which are in a sad state of decline. Saving Birds is currently working on a variety of programs to help our troubled bird populations. A number of them are designed to engage more youngsters in bird conservation. You can help. If you aren't already a member, become one to support our educational efforts. Then check out our calendar of events and join us for one or more of our offerings to find out make a difference in your own yard. And bring your kids to participate in our Family Day activities.



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## Letter from our President:

### Our Discovery Center is 10 Years Old!



And we're having a PARTY! Come help us celebrate ten years at our Habitat Discovery Center on September 7th. There will be music, birding hikes, a silent auction,

activities for youngsters, and tasty refreshments. Our special guest speakers will be Greg Butcher, Migratory Species Coordinator for Forest Service International Programs, and Glenn Chown, Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy Executive Director.

What began with a love of birds, and a concern over their declining numbers (due primarily to habitat loss) grew into an organization that educates, facilitates habitat improvement, and partners with schools, environmental organizations and industry.

Two years after our founding, we built our nest, the Habitat Discovery Center, and then we added native plant gardens and hiking trails. There we have hosted thousands of school children and adults, teaching them about birds and nature. We spread our wings as partners with: the Kirtland's Warbler Initiative, Westwoods Elementary School Butterfly Garden Project (Traverse City), four Eagle Scout Projects, Grand Traverse Stewardship Initiative, Sandia Springs Wetland Project (Balmorhea, Texas), the Leelanau Conservancy restoration of Natural Areas and Preserves, and the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy Arcadia Dunes prairie project. We are especially proud of being a founding partner of the Leelanau Peninsula Birding Festival; of our eight year partnership with the international mining company, Fairmount Minerals; of our partnership with the Conservation Resource Alliance for their annual tree giveaway (funded by Fairmount), and our Chimney Swift tower project at the Discovery Center.

This is just the beginning. We have done much and we are on track to do much more! With your loyal support, not only are we ten years old, we are a "10" in every way. Saving Birds has a lot to "sing" about, along with our returning songbirds. We thank you for your continued support, and we hope you all will come and take part of our tenth anniversary festivities.

Gina Erb 

## Another Threat to Birds



Ovenbird, photo by Jeff Kingery

Although the decline in many bird populations can be traced in large part to habitat loss, a study by a couple of Canadian toxicologists found that collapsing prairie bird populations were strongly correlated with insecticide use. In fact, the study revealed that in areas where pesticides were widely used, they were four times more likely to be linked with bird losses than any other cause. It is possible that some of that loss may be the result of fewer insects upon which the birds depend, especially during the breeding season. It's also possible that losses are due to ingesting the chemicals (on insecticide-laced bugs) or through absorbing them through the skin. Either way, we may want to think twice about getting out the spray can when we see a bug we don't like. Who knows, that spider you sprayed in your garden just might have provided a tasty meal for a nestling Ovenbird. 🦋



Wisdom, photo courtesy of USFWS

## Wisdom Revisited

We featured Wisdom, a female Laysan Albatross, a couple of years ago, but we thought her continued success is worth covering. She is the oldest known North American bird in history. And, while thousands of nesting seabirds perished on the islands of the Midway Atoll Wildlife National Refuge during the Japanese tsunami two years ago, Wisdom not only survived, her chick survived as well. She was among the very few of her flock that did so.

Scientists have long believed that this species is infertile beyond their thirties, but earlier this year, this remarkable 62-year old bird laid what is believed to be at least her 33rd egg on an island in the atoll.

Even though Wisdom is only doing what nature dictates, there is something about this bird that is inspiring. Raising nestlings is tough and demanding for any bird, but for an albatross pair it is doubly so. Parents take turns tending and foraging for their chick, with foraging trips sometimes lasting many days. Imagine this bird, twice the age of most other parent albatrosses, heading out to sea to spend days finding enough food for herself and for her precious nestling.

Wisdom has become a celebrity. Her amazing breeding successes have precipitated headlines around the world. She even has her own facebook page; check it out at: <http://www.facebook.com/wisdomthealbatross>. 🦋

## Eagle Scout Works With SBTH

by Josh Garver

I am Joshua Garver, a high school junior attending West Senior High in Traverse City, and I am working on my Eagle Scout project to earn this rank (the highest award in the Boy Scouts of America). I am out of Troop 105, which is based in Lake Ann. My project



relates to Saving Birds Thru Habitat and the "grow a bird feeder philosophy" that is so important to our bird populations. So far, I have planted the following native species on Westwoods (Traverse City) Elementary School's property: 3 Sand Willows, 2 Hazelnuts, 2 Sweet Ferns, and 1 Hackberry, all purchased from 4 Season Nursery. In working with SBTH and Westwoods Principal Sander Scott on this project, I have learned about the importance of native plants and their role in supporting insects, and their impact on the environment and birds.

Next I will work on constructing a sign that will have information about my project, especially the importance of native plants and insects. The most

important aspect of my project is the educational factor. I will be giving presentations to the older students of Westwoods in the hope that the kids will learn something and take it back to their parents, and then implement into their own lives when they are older. This concept of establishing a habitat for native species is extremely important, and I'm trying to do my part in carrying it out. 🦋

# SBTH 2013 Calendar of Events

All activities will begin at 10 A.M. at the Habitat Discovery Center, 5020 North Putnam, unless otherwise noted.  
Call 231-271-3738 for more information.

## May 4th: Wildflower Walk

Take a wildflower walk at Saving Birds Thru Habitat and Charter Sanctuary with Brian Zimmerman. Brian's passion for the natural world is one of the reasons he became interested in native plants. For the past several years he has studied the relationship between native plants and healthy ecosystems. As a result, he now offers the largest selection of quality native plants in northern Michigan at Four Season Nursery. Participants receive a 20% off coupon for native plants at the nursery. 10AM.



## May 25th: Family Day

Join us with your kids and grandkids for a morning of fun conservation-related hikes and games. Youngsters love our Bird 'n Bug Safari, our Great Migration Game or Fill the Bill. 10AM



## May 29th – June 2nd: Leelanau Peninsula Birding Festival

This conservation-based festival includes a field trip to see the endangered Kirtland's Warbler and two threatened species. Check it out at [www.mibirdfest.org](http://www.mibirdfest.org).

## June 8th: Bird Hike

Charter Sanctuary co-owner and Saving Birds Thru Habitat Executive Director Kay Charter will lead a Bird Hike on both properties. The hike will focus on breeding birds and those that are still migrating through the area. Participants receive a 20% off coupon for native plants at Four Season Nursery. 10AM.

## June 11th: All Day Bus Trip

Join Brian Price and Kay Charter for a trip focusing on various stages of habitat restoration at Lighthouse

West and DeYoung Natural Areas and Charter Sanctuary. Clay Cliffs, where restoration has not yet begun, is included in the trip. We will explore what habitat improvements are underway at each site, and what those changes mean for birds and other wildlife that use those sites. Meet at the boat launch parking lot, just east of the intersection of M-204 and M-22 in Suttons Bay at 8:30AM. Trip will end around 4pm. Lunch will be included. Cost is \$50.00. Call 231-271-3738 to register.

## May 11th: Bird Hike

Charter Sanctuary co-owner and Saving Birds Thru Habitat Executive Director Kay Charter will lead a Bird Hike on both properties. The hike will focus on early arriving breeding birds and those that are still migrating through the area. Participants receive a 20% off coupon for native plants at Four Season Nursery. 10AM.

*Ruby-throated Hummingbird by Deb Harp*

## May 18th: Volunteer Day

Join us at the Habitat Discovery Center to help clear trails, clean gardens, or remove invasive plants. Learn why non-native plants are deleterious to a healthy bird population. Bring garden gloves if you have them. 10AM.

## May 19th: Bird Hike

Joint SBTH/Leelanau Conservancy bird hike at Lighthouse West with Kay Charter and Ed and Linda Ketterer. We'll be looking for late migrants as well as species that have established territories and begun nesting.



*Sora, photo by Jeff Kingery*

Hike begins at 8AM at Lighthouse West parking lot.

## June 13th: Leelanau Peninsula Chamber of Commerce "After Hours"

We will be hosting this month's business get together. Birding hikes on Charter Sanctuary will be offered. Refreshments served. Begins at 5PM. Call 231-271-3738 for more information. All are welcome.

## June 15th: Volunteer Day

Join us at the Habitat Discovery Center to help clear trails, clean gardens, or remove invasive plants. Learn why non-native plants are deleterious to a healthy bird population. Bring garden gloves if you have them. 10AM

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## **June 20th: Genuine Leelanau Fundraiser**

Co-presidents Cherryll Frick and Molly Phinny and the Board of Genuine Leelanau will host this fund-raiser at the Habitat Discovery Center. Genuine Leelanau will present Kay Charter, our Executive Director, with a check for \$1000 for the organization's dedication and long-term goals toward the environment and its importance in the health and survival of our bird population.

This cocktail-hour event will be the annual fundraiser for Genuine Leelanau. Funds will go towards the Laundry Project, which offers free laundry days in the Suttons Bay Laundromat to Leelanau County people in need. Please join us for this fun and fine-feathered event. Guided birding hikes will be offered. Event begins at 6PM. Tickets are \$50.00 per person.



*Yellow-scarfed Tanager, photo by Brian Allen*

## **June 22nd: Birding in Peru, Part II**

Brian Allen, one of Michigan's best birders, and an excellent speaker, will present a PowerPoint program about his second birding trip to Peru. In spring of 2010 he was invited back to Peru on a free trip sponsored by Kolibri Expeditions to explore the feasibility of doing ecotourism in the Satipo valley of the east central Andes. Brian says that his program shows some of the stunning scenery and some of the scariest roads for birding he has ever experienced! He will take us to some of the last retreats of the Black-spectacled Brush Finch, the endemic Pardusco and the gorgeous Golden-backed and Yellow-scarfed Tanagers. Program begins at 10AM.

## **June 29th: Family Day**

Join us with your kids and grandkids for a morning of fun conservation-related hikes and games. Youngsters love our Bird 'n Bug Safari, our Great Migration Game or Fill the Bill. 10AM.

## **July 6th: Bird Hike**

Charter Sanctuary co-owner and Saving Birds Thru Habitat Executive Director Kay Charter will lead a Bird Hike on both properties. Participants receive a 20% off coupon for native plants at Four Season Nursery. 10AM.

## **July 13th: Volunteer Day**

Join us at the Habitat Discovery Center to help clear trails, clean gardens, or remove invasive plants. Learn why non-native plants are deleterious to a healthy bird population. Bring garden gloves if you have them. 10AM.

## **July 18th: Inland Seas Classic Boat Show**

Bring your kids to our booth at this all day event for a Bird 'n Bug Safari at Suttons Bay Wetlands. Begins at 10AM.

## **July 27th: "Why I Love Clear Cutting"**

by Eric Ellis. Many of us believe that there is nothing good about clear cutting. While we don't want to see old-growth forests mowed down, there is a place in our bird conservation toolbox for clear cutting in many areas. Join Eric Ellis, Wildlife Habitat Biologist with Conservation Resource Alliance for this entertaining and thought-provoking program on clear cutting. Program begins at 10AM.



*Yellow Warbler, photo by Jeff Kingerly*

## **Aug. 3rd: Bird Hike**

Charter Sanctuary co-owner and Saving Birds Thru Habitat Executive Director Kay Charter will lead a Bird Hike on both properties. The hike will focus on remaining breeding birds and early fall migrants. Participants receive a 20% off coupon for native plants at Four Season Nursery. 10AM.

## **Aug 10th: Volunteer Day**

Join us at the Habitat Discovery Center to help clear trails, clean gardens, or remove invasive plants. Learn why non-native plants are deleterious to a healthy bird population. Bring garden gloves if you have them. 10AM.

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## Aug. 21st: Invasive Species Seminar

All day, beginning at 9AM. Invasive species seminar with Vern Stephens. \$35.00 fee includes lunch. Program includes strategic planning, treatment methods, invasive species control and information about new herbicides. Morning will be spent in classroom. After a break for lunch, we will go into the field on Charter Sanctuary and an adjacent property to check on results of treated areas. At the end of the day, we will return to the Discovery Center for recap and evaluation. Call 231-271-3738 to register or for more information.

## Aug. 22nd: Native Plant Sale

With Vern Stephens of Designs by Nature. 9AM – Noon at the Habitat Discovery Center, 5020 N. Putnam Road. Call 231-271-3738 for more information.

## Aug 24th: Family Day

Join us with your kids and grandkids for a morning of fun conservation-related hikes and games. Youngsters love our Bird 'n Bug Safari, our Great Migration Game or Fill the Bill. 10AM.

## Sept. 7th: Tenth Anniversary Celebration

Special Speakers: Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy Executive Director Glen Chown and Migratory Species Coordinator for Forest Service International Programs Greg Butcher. Music by Northport Community Band. Refreshments. Bird Hikes on Charter Sanctuary. 2-4PM.

## Sept. 14th: A Bird's Eye View of the Prairie

What is that little brown bird and what is it doing in the eight-foot tall grasses? Join SBTH Executive Director Kay Charter and Leelanau Conservancy Docent Bobbie Poor for this joint program about the importance of prairie to our many sparrow species. 10AM.

## Sept 14th: Prairie Walk with Jim and Kay Charter

Learn about the importance of prairie to our migrating and nesting birds populations, as well as all you want to know about prairie restoration and maintenance. Walk begins at 2PM.



Two-striped Telemonia

## Oct. 26th: Arachnophobia

What good are spiders? Should we fear them? What is their role in the natural world? How does a decline in our bird populations affect their numbers? Learn all about the creature that is more feared than any other on the planet. Program begins at 2PM.



## Third Annual Leelanau Peninsula Birding Festival Begins May 29th

This year's festival will be launched with a pre-event showing of *The Big Year* at the Bay Theatre on Sunday May 5th. For those not into the crazy, high-pressure world of competitive listing, just imagine the time, effort, energy and expense of pursuing an Olympic gold medal. In this entertaining look into the world of high-stakes "big year" birding (that is, keeping a list of every species seen in North America during a 365-day period), Owen Wilson, Steve Martin and Jack Black – each after the title "The Greatest



Birder in the World" – spend virtually all of their time and considerable treasure frantically chasing down rare bird sightings and rumors of rare sightings in remote locations. The most remote is Attu Island, the last in the long Alaskan Aleutian chain. Attu, more than 1100 miles from the mainland – closer to Tokyo than Anchorage, is widely known among birders for offering up some of the most prized avian finds on

the continent. The film's depiction of the trip to Attu on an old propeller-driven bush plane, packed to the gills with anxious birders, is alone worth the price of the ticket. Advance-sale tickets are \$8.00 each and are available at the Leelanau Peninsula Chamber of Commerce office in Lake Leelanau and Enerdyne in Suttons Bay. You can also order tickets by calling our office at 231-271-3738

Brian Allen, our keynoter for the year, will present a program on how to conduct your own big year in Michigan after our Saturday evening banquet on June 1st. Brian is not only one of the best birders in the state; he is also one of the most entertaining and informative speakers on birds and birding in the nation.

Friday's speaker will be Jerry Weinrich, a retired MDNR biologist. Although Jerry spent most of his working life on the Kirtland's Warbler Recovery Effort, the focus of his Master's Degree was Adele Penguins. His program will be about his experience in Antarctica with the birds – and the humans he met while conducting those studies.

Go to the festival website to learn more about the field trips, seminars and programs offered in this year's event or to register: [www.mibirdfest.com](http://www.mibirdfest.com).





Carolina Chickadee, photo by Doug Tallamy

## Garden for Your Chickadees

by Kay Charter

Early last month, I attended the Wildflower Association of Michigan's annual Conference in Lansing. The first event of the conference was a presentation by author, professor and SBTH supporter Doug Tallamy. Doug (who is also a personal friend) and I had breakfast together before his presentation. We talked, as we

always do, about the importance of native plants. As he

took a sip of his coffee, he said, "My chickadees told me." What had his little birds said? They had confirmed the message in his book, (Bringing Nature Home, Timber Press, 2007, \$18.95) that native flora are essential to their lives. Last year a pair of Carolina Chickadees nested in his yard in Pennsylvania. Doug spent many hours observing what food the foraging parents brought to the nest. The pair selected only caterpillars for their young, bringing an average of one caterpillar a minute from 6AM until 8PM. They brought a total of 4,800 caterpillars to what, in the end, was only one fledgling. There were seventeen different species of caterpillars, and every single one was found on native trees. Most were from oaks and black cherries, but a few were from eastern red cedar and white pine.

Check out the photo of Doug's chickadee parent and ask yourself: What would have happened to this bird's offspring if there had been no oaks or cherry trees from which to shop for its nestling? Or even, what if the trees on which the birds found the caterpillars were twice the distance from the nest? Either way, it would have been difficult for the pair to feed their young.

Take a look at your yard from the perspective of a nesting pair of chickadees. Would they be able to feed their young from existing trees? If not, you might want to consider adding a couple of oak trees for the benefit of these endearing little birds.



## Thank You

### We Appreciate the Following Memorial and Honorary Gifts:

**Kathie and Jack Snedeker** in memory of **Arte**  
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**Jim and Kay Charter** honoring **their kids, grandkids, and Junior, Scarlet and Mia**



The Denmos Museum Center, Traverse City, Michigan Announces a major exhibition for Summer 2013 from the National Geographic Society

## Birds of Paradise: Amazing Avian Evolution

Starting June 16, 2013, take a journey to New Guinea and the exotic world of birds-of-paradise with "Birds of Paradise: Amazing Avian Evolution," a National Geographic Traveling Exhibition coming to the Denmos Museum Center at Northwestern Michigan College that reveals all 39 species of these elusive birds for the first time. Highlighting the groundbreaking research of photographer Tim Laman and Cornell Lab of Ornithology scientist Edwin Scholes, the exhibition, born out of the duo's important scientific achievement, features the extravagant plumage, crazy courtship dances and bizarre behaviors of the extraordinary birds. The exhibition will run from June 16 through September 22, 2013.

Equal parts natural history, photography and science exhibition, "Birds of Paradise" gives visitors an in-depth look into the lives of birds-of-paradise. Visitors will meet Tim Laman and Ed Scholes through introductory videos as they enter the exhibit, where they will also be greeted with natural soundscapes, traditional wood carvings and a montage of all 39 birds-of-paradise species. They will be able to dive into their groundbreaking research and learn brand new information about each of the 39 species, all finally photographed for the first time in history.



Great-horned Owl by Joe Dalhausen.

This nesting Great-horned Owl was photographed by Joe Dalhausen at Fairmount Minerals' Best Sand site in Chardon Ohio. This owl, and a pair of Belted Kingfishers, are just two of the nesting species at Best Sand this year. Others include Eastern Bluebirds and several swallow species. Fairmount Minerals was honored last year as our Conservation Partner of the Year for their dedicated efforts to create and preserve quality habitat.

# Designs by Nature Native Plant Sale

Thursday, August 22 2013 • 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM • SBTH Discovery Center

## Grasses:

- Little Bluestem
- Big Bluestem
- Indian Grass
- Switch Grass
- Prairie Dropseed
- Sideoats Grama
- June Grass



## Wildflowers

- Bergamot
- Black-Eyed Susan
- Blue Vervain
- Boneset
- Butterfly Weed
- Cardinal Flower

- Columbine
- Compass Plant
- Culver's Root
- Cup Plant
- False Boneset
- False Dragonhead
- Foxglove Beard Tongue
- Gray Headed Coneflower
- Golden Alexanders
- Great Blue Lobelia
- Hairy Beard Tongue
- Hoary Vervain
- Horsemint
- Ironweed
- Joe Pye Weed
- Lead Plant



- New Jersey Tea
- Nodding Wild Onion
- New England Aster
- Marsh Blazing Star
- Prairie Coreopsis
- Prairie Dock
- Prairie Smoke
- Pale Purple Coneflower
- Purple Coneflower
- Queen of the Prairie
- Rattlesnake Master
- Rosin Weed
- Rough Blazing Star
- Round Leaf Ragwort
- Sand Tickseed
- Showy Goldenrod



- Sky Blue Aster
  - Spiderwort
  - Stiff Goldenrod
  - Swamp Milkweed
  - Sweet Black-Eyed Susan
  - Thimbleweed
  - Turtlehead
  - Western Sunflower
  - White Wild Indigo
  - Wild Lupine
  - Wild Senna
  - Woodland Sunflower
  - Zig Zag Goldenrod
  - Blue Eyed Grass
- Pollinator Gardens for Bees and Butterflies*

**May 13 thru May 20**

## Northwest Michigan Wildflower & Native Plant Sale

We offer the largest selection of native plants in Northern Michigan. Included for sale are wildflowers, grasses, shrubs and trees, many grown from Michigan genotypes. Selections range from small to large pots. This year we will include 2" potted plants that can be purchased by the flat or as singles.

We also partner with the Leelanau Conservancy by selling rescued native plants, all saved from a bulldozer's blade by volunteers. Additionally available is a limited supply of assorted Lady's Slippers. We hope to expand this last offering in the future.



**Saving Birds Thru Habitat gratefully accepts gifts in honor or in memory of others. When making such a donation, please let us know who should be informed of your gift.**

- Yes! I want to support Saving Birds Thru Habitat with a**  
**Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal at the following level:**
- Chickadee (\$25)
  - Bluebird (\$50)
  - Common Yellowthroat (\$100)
  - Bobolink (\$250)
  - Piping Plover (\$500)
  - Loon (\$1000)
  - Bald Eagle (\$5000)
  - Other (\$\_\_\_\_\_)

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*The mission of Saving Birds Thru Habitat is to protect, enhance, and restore habitat for North American birds, and to educate people of all ages about this important mission and how to achieve it. Our goal is to improve habitat for migrating birds one backyard at a time.*

If you have Tufted Titmice in your yard, do you have the right kind of plants to support their food needs?



*Tufted Titmouse by LouAnn McLaren*

**Leave a Legacy for Migrating Birds.**



Please help us continue our work on behalf of warblers, orioles, buntings and other at-risk species by joining those who have included Saving Birds Thru Habitat in their estate planning. Bequests of any amount will be gratefully accepted.

*Female Northern Cardinal, photo by LouAnn McLaren*