

# OUR MISSION

The mission of the Decatur Audubon Society, reflecting that of the National Audubon Society, is to conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife, and their habitats for the benefit of humanity and the Earth's biological diversity.

We envision a world where humankind accepts the obligations of being part of nature, especially the obligation of stewardship. We seek to shape a culture in which the violation of nature is socially, politically, and morally unacceptable. In short, we seek a culture of conservation and an environmental ethic.

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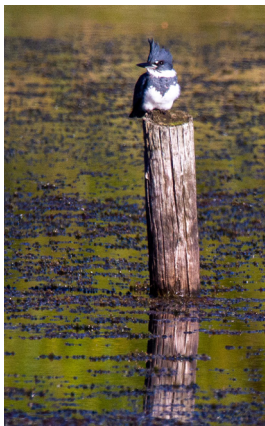


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join us for our regular monthly meeting.



“A TRUE CONSERVATIONIST IS A  
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IS NOT GIVEN BY HIS FATHERS, BUT  
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JOHN JAMES AUDUBON



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In addition to being a chapter of the National Audubon Society, Decatur Audubon is a member of the Audubon Council of Illinois and an affiliate of the Illinois Audubon Society. Our members include hikers and other nature enthusiasts as well as armchair- and outdoor-birders and those interested in conservation.

The Decatur Audubon Society evolved from the Decatur Tree and Bird Club which formed in 1921 and became a chapter of the National Audubon Society in 1952. Regular nature walks, conservation volunteerism, committee, and social gatherings are scheduled throughout the year.

Our membership is made up of birders ranging in experience from expert to novice. As an inclusive organization we are proud to welcome all - regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, national or ethnic origin, politics, or veteran status.

Monthly meetings include educational programming from area experts in conservation and wildlife and informal bird study sessions are open to all who are interested.

Among our members, you will find birders, conservationists, environmentalists, and many who love the natural world.

Decatur Audubon proudly offers:

## Education & Scholarships

- Audubon Adventures to many local elementary school classrooms and libraries
- assistance to members to attend Master Naturalist Training
- Ron Shafer Education Grants to local educators for environmental projects
- Bus Transportation Grant for field trips to Rock Springs Nature Center

## Conservation & Preservation

- grants for research, and habitat protection and restoration
- Community Science - annual Christmas Bird Count for the Decatur area, annual Spring Bird Count in Macon County, and Climate Watch Surveys area of central Illinois

## Partnering & Participation

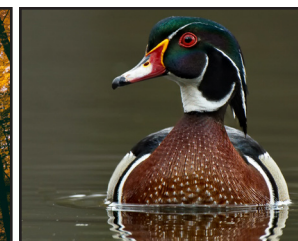
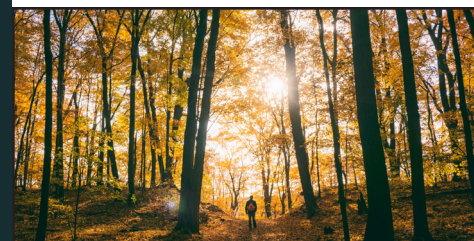
- Second Saturday Regulars Bird Walks in partnership with Glacier's Edge Master Naturalists
- Festival of Spring and Hummingbird Festival cosponsored with Macon County Conservation District
- Semi annual Sangamon River Clean-up cosponsored with the Community Environmental Council of Macon County

## Monthly Activities

- presentations and speakers
- informal bird study sessions

## Field Trips

- offer local birding field trips and trips to birding hotspots
- walks and field trips are open to all



Our indoor membership meetings are usually held on the third Sunday of the month in the auditorium at Rock Springs Nature Center southwest of Decatur, Illinois. Bird Study is at 2:00 pm. The meeting and program start at 2:30 pm. Summer meetings are potluck picnics in nearby parks and natural areas. Visitors and guests are always welcome.