

The Natural History Society of Barrington

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But what one can't help noticing is that the popular passion for bird watching has grown in proportion to humankind's distancing from bird life. The less we kill or anthropomorphize birds, the more we seem to be attracted to them. That they are the most visible emblems of nature's mystery may be the best explanation for the appeal of bird watching.

by Christopher Lehmann-Haupt for the N.Y. Times



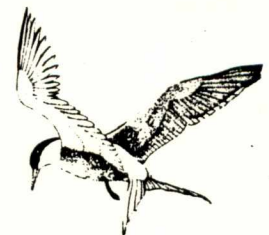
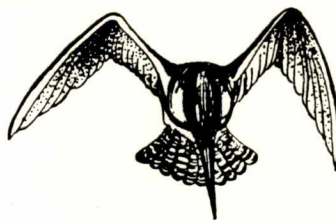
The sentiment expressed by this quote may also explain the support for and success of peregrine falcon release projects taking place across the country. On THURSDAY, SEPT. 10, at 8PM, Mark Spreyer, director of the Chicago Peregrine Release, will recap the first two years of Chicago's release project. This presentation includes both video and slides plus a special showing of the "Bird of Prey Shuffle". We meet in the basement of the Methodist Church across from Hough School

UPCOMING PROGRAMS. In October, Ron Vasile from the Academy of Sciences, will speak on William Stimpson. Stimpson was a comrade of Kennicott, a Smithsonian associate, the Academy's second director, and one of the most significant members of the nineteenth century naturalist core. In November, Wendy Paulson will discuss the efforts to restore the oak savanna bordering Baker's Lake. What's a savanna, you ask? Come in November to learn more.

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The Natural History Society along with the Village of Barrington, Citizens for Conservation, and the Barrington Area Historical Society are sponsoring a project to restore the campground area at Baker's Lake to an authentic prairie savanna. Volunteers are urgently needed to collect seed, propagate plants, and help with the planting. If you would like to become involved in this project or would like more information please contact Sue Allman at 382-5933.

PETERSON PICNIC, Sept. 12, 2PM. Annual NHSB picnic at Shirley Peterson's farm near Lake Geneva. Bring your own picnic lunch. Call Shirley for directions or come to the Sept. meeting for more information.

SEPTEMBER BIRD WALKS at Crabtree. Call Crabtree at 381-6592 for times and information.



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SUE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 8:04. THE SECRETARY'S REPORT WAS READ AND ACCEPTED. THE TREASURER REPORTED A BALANCE OF \$279.59. NET ANNOUNCED THAT THE RIDGES SANCTUARY IN MICHIGAN WAS CELEBRATING THEIR 50TH YEAR.

THE EAGLE FOUNDATION IS SPONSORING A "WALK THRU THE VALLEY" IN ORDER TO RAISE FUNDS.

JACK SCHAEFER ANNOUNCED THE 19TH ANNUAL BIRDSEED SALE IS TO BE HELD ON 17 OCTOBER FROM 9^{AM} TO NOON. THE LAST DAY~~S~~ FOR ORDERS WILL BE 10 OCTOBER. VOLUNTEERS WERE ASKED TO HELP AT THE DISTRIBUTION AND TO ADDRESS ENVELOPES.

BECAUSE OF A SCHEDULE CONFLICT, THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 15 OCTOBER.

SUE ASKED FOR VOLUNTEERS ON THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE STILLMAN WORK DAY ON 21 NOV.

VOLUNTEERS TO HELP RESTORE THE CAMP GROUND AT BAKER'S LAKE PLEASE REPORT TO WENDY SIDEWALK DAYS WITH CITIZENS FOR CONSERVATION WAS A SUCCESSFUL VENTURE.

SHIRLEY IS TO HOST THE ANNUAL PICNIC AT HER FARM IN WISCONSIN ON SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER.

SHE WILL GIVE DIRECTIONS ON REQUEST.

THERE WAS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE MEMBERS TO "SIGN THE CONSTITUTION". THE COLLECTION OF SIGNATURES SHALL GO TO THE SMITHSONIAN.

SUE ANNOUNCED THAT THE NEW MEMBERSHIP LIST SHALL BE READY NEXT MONTH.

THE MEETING WAS TURNED OVER TO MARK WHO PRESENTED AN ENTERTAINING AND INFORMATIVE PROGRAM ON THE PEREGRINE RELEASE PROJECT TAKING PLACE ALONG THE LAKE MICHIGAN SHORES.

MARK ANNOUNCED THE SPEAKERS FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER ARE TO BE RON VASILE WHO SHALL SPEAK ON WILLIAM STIMPSON; WENDY PAULSON SHALL DISCUSS THE EFFORTS TO RESTORE THE OAK SAVANNA BORDERING BAKER'S LAKE.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:28 PM FOR A SOCIAL HOUR.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
Elizabeth Lystrom
SECRETARY