

Chequamegon Chirps

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Happy New Year as we continue to zoom through life and meetings.

The next session will be Monday, January 18 at 7:00 P.M. on your laptop or computer. If you have been participating in previous meetings, the procedure for this one is the same. If you a first timer, contact Nadine Willet at 715-207-1913 or Joe Scott at 715-965-3498 for necessary information. In addition to finding what's around, there will a couple of items of business and time permitting, an informative National Geographic video. Connie Decker will present information about the recently completed Audubon Christmas Bird Counts. Cam Scott also will have a gentle reminder that even with Covid-19, annual dues still come around on a yearly basis. Her address is N 3566 Grover Drive, Withee-54498 and phone 715-785-7614.

You might notice a difference in this newsletter vs. the preferred regular model. My excuse is the computer ate it. Years worth of newsletters in fact. Maybe my angel who puts these pages together on a monthly basis will perform her magic to push the right keys to pull a Lazarus miracle on what has disappeared. If not, well, it isn't the end of the world and I don't need to pull my hair out—if there were any. At one time this would have caused me much consternation and bad language. Not anymore. The decades have mellowed me, so my thought was, "Don't sweat the small stuff, and down here on planet earth it is all small stuff." I decided to throw some stuff together and call it a monthly newsletter. Then I realized, hey, that isn't that different from what I do most months anyway. Thankfully, Ken Luepke gave me a lot of information with his impressive list of annual birds and Audubon Christmas Bird Counts to provide many names and numbers for you to plow through.

2020 Species recorded by club members within Wisconsin

Covid-19 has loused up many things for all of us, but bird watching and activities have been a panacea for troubled times and with more available time, bird watching has increased. Clouds do have a silver lining, even if it is only a sliver at times.

The following list is of species that have been submitted so far for 2020. If there are more, I'll include them in February. In the meantime, good luck with your 2021 lists.

Geese-Greater White-fronted, Snow, Ross's, Cackling, Canada. **Swans**-Trumpeter, Tundra. **Ducks**-Wood Duck, Gadwall, American Wigeon, American Black Duck, Mallard, Blue-winged Teal, Northern Shoveler, Northern Pintail, Green-winged Teal, Redhead, Ring-necked, Lesser Scaup, White-winged Scoter, Bufflehead, Common Goldeneye, Hooded Merganser, Red-breasted Merganser, Ruddy. **Bobwhite**-Northern. **Pheasant**-Ring-necked. **Grouse**-Ruffed, Buff-breasted, Pectoral, Semipalmated, Short-billed Dowitcher, Long-billed Dowitcher, Wilson's Snipe, American Woodcock, Wilson's Phalarope. **Gulls**-Bonaparte's, Ring-billed, Herring. **Terns**-Black, Common, Forester's. **Terns**-Black, Common, Forster's. **Doves**-Rock Pigeon, Eurasian Collared Dove, Mourning. **Cuckoos**-Yellow-billed, Black-billed. **Owls**-Eastern Screech-owl, Great Horned, Snowy, Barred. **Goatsuckers**-Common Nighthawk, Eastern Whip-poor-will. **Swift**-Chimney. **Hummingbirds**- Ruby-throated. **Kingfisher**-Belted. **Woodpeckers**—Red-headed, Red-bellied, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Downy, Hairy, Northern Flicker, Pileated. **Falcons**-American Kestrel, Merlin, Peregrine Falcon. **Flycatchers**-Olive-sided, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Alder, Willow, Least, Eastern Phoebe, Great Crested, Western Kingbird, Eastern Kingbird. **Shrikes**-Northern. **Vireos**-Yellow-throated, Warbling, Philadelphia, Red-eyed. **Corvids**-Blue Jay, American Crow, Common Raven. **Lark**-Horned. **Swallows**-Purple Martin, Tree, Northern Rough-winged, Bank, Cliff, Barn. **Chickadees**-Black-capped. **Titmouse**-Tufted. **Nuthatches**-Red-breasted, White-breasted. **Creeper**-Brown. **Wrens**-House, Sedge, Marsh. **Gnatcatcher**-Blue-gray. **Kinglets**-Golden-crowned, Ruby-crowned. **Thrushes**-Eastern Bluebird, Mountain Bluebird, Veery, Swainson's, Hermit, Wood, American Robin. **Mimids**-Gray Catbird, Brown Thrasher. **Starling**-European. **Waxwings**-Bohemian, Cedar. **Longspurs**-Lapland Longspur, Snow Bunting. **Warblers**-Ovenbird, Northern Waterthrush, Golden-winged, Blue-winged, Black-and-white, Tennessee, Nashville, Mourning, Common Yellowthroat, American Redstart, Cape May, Magnolia, Bay Breasted, Yellow, Chestnut-sided, Blackpoll, Palm, Pine, Yellow-rumped, Black-throated Green, Canada, Wilson's. **Towhees**-Eastern. **Sparrows**-American Tree, Chipping, Clay-colored, Savannah, Fox, Song, Lincoln's, Swamp, White-throated, Harris's, White-crowned, Dark-eyed Junco. **Tanagers**-Scarlet. **Cardinals**-Northern Cardinal, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Indigo Bunting, Dickcissel. **Blackbirds**-Bobolink, Red-winged, Eastern Meadowlark, Western Meadowlark, Yellow-headed, Rusty, Brewer's, Common Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird, Orchard Oriole, Baltimore Oriole. **Finches**-House Finch, Purple Finch, Common Redpoll, Pine Siskin, American Goldfinch, Evening Grosbeak. **Old World Sparrows**-House Sparrow.

Christmas count summaries compiled by Ken Luepke

Count compilers are: Keith Merkel-Clam Lake, Joe Scott-Medford

Ken Luepke-Spencer/Willard/Gilman

2020 Audubon Christmas Bird Counts organized by local compilers

Summary 2020	Clam Lake 12-18	Gilman 01-03	Medford 12-26	Spencer 12-20	Willard 12-27
Party Hours	27	42.5	33.5	61.75	49.75
Total Species	25	33	41	37	36
Total Individuals	444	1883	2153	4153	3886
Canada Goose		1	1	120	1
Wood Duck			2		
Mallard			121	4	
Ring-necked Pheasant		15		3	
Ruffed Grouse	7	17	2	2	6
Wild Turkey	5	93	80	125	118
Bald Eagle	1	11	10	23	33
Northern Harrier				3	
Cooper's Hawk					1
Northern Goshawk	1		1		
Red-tailed Hawk		6	6	20	22
Rough-legged Hawk		22	29	3	17
Buteo sp.				1	
American Kestrel			2	17	6
Merlin.				1	1
Rock Pigeon		337	344	556	563
Mourning Dove		48	111	115	219
Great Horned Owl				1	1
Barred Owl	1	7	1	2	10
Belted Kingfisher				1	
Red-headed Woodpecker					1
Red-bellied Woodpecker	1	7	12	17	28
Downy Woodpecker	3	17	33	40	79
Hairy Woodpecker	9	20	23	23	29
Pileated Woodpecker	1	7	13	8	7
Northern Shrike	1	6	2	1	8
Blue Jay	12	85	87	163	223
American Crow	17	64	169	217	376
Common Raven	40	111	5	1	25
Black-capped Chickadee	155	224	373	332	365
Red-breasted Nuthatch	25	5	11	4	2
White-breasted Nuthatch	10	40	52	60	69
Brown Creeper	1	2	5	1	1
American Robin					1
Varied Thrush			1		
European Starling		185	68	1351	484
Bohemian Waxwing			71		
Cedar Waxwing			4		
American Tree Sparrow		44	18	4	92
White-throated Sparrow	1				
Dark-eyed Junco		4	38	51	117
Snow Bunting		41	84		
Northern Cardinal	1	4	22	38	56
Common Grackle		2	1		
Brown-headed Cowbird				2	
Pine Grosbeak	7	12	8		
House Finch			12	41	11
Red Crossbill	7				
White-winged Crossbill					1
Common Redpoll	75	372	15	220	83
Pine Siskin			12		
American Goldfinch	2		50	103	360
Evening Grosbeak	60	29	16		
House Sparrow		41	238	479	470

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January and February Events

Full moon January 28

Horned Larks moving north. Some are in area now.

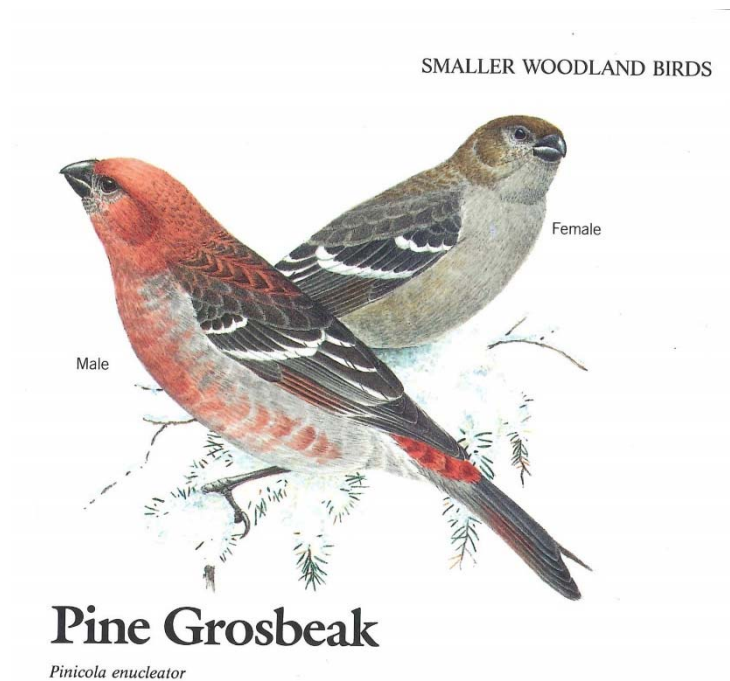
Great Horned Owls soon laying eggs.

Chickadee spring songs start,

Mild weather continues?

Day length increasing noticeably.

Stay healthy.



Seen in Dorchester in 2021