

Chequamegon Chirps



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The February meeting is scheduled for Monday, the 20th at 7:00 P.M. in the Medford Library. If road or weather conditions should cause cancellation again, you will be contacted and we'll have a zoom meeting via 816 9573 6767. The January meeting went viral, but since we've had plenty of practice doing that, the fifteen people who participated had a good session. Chris Finkler and Sue Vick have contacted members and it seems there isn't a lot of competition to run for president or vice president. I realize politicians have reached extreme lows for trustworthiness, but these two positions do not involve any kind of skullduggery and are necessary jobs that should be filled to keep the club going. Can they be filled by lottery or have a sign up for president of the month? Think about it. Also, if you haven't yet paid your yearly dues, the \$18 can still be paid to Betty Danen at 663 North 2nd Street Medford 54451.

Species reported in Wisconsin in 2022 By Club Members

Each year (a few) club members report bird species within the state boundaries. Virtual meetings haven't worked well doing this. Only Ken Luepke and Sue Vick gave me their annual lists. Both of these are comprehensive, but we are missing out on a bunch of other recordings, so I'd estimate there are at least another couple dozen more species that could have been added to these numbers. I know each year when I type up the yearly totals, I'm impressed with the 200 plus species recorded by club members. There are 347 species that are of regular to casual occurrence within Wisconsin.

Geese—Greater White-fronted, Snow, 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, Canvasback, Redhead, Ring-necked, Greater Scaup, Lesser Scaup, Bufflehead, Common Goldeneye, Hooded Merganser, Red-breasted Merganser, Ruddy. **Pheasant**—Ring-necked. **Grouse**—Ruffed, Greater Prairie-Chicken. **Turkey**—Wild. **Loon**—Common. **Grebes**—Pied-billed, Horned, Red-necked, Eared. **Comorant**—Double-crested. **Pelican**—American White. **Bitterns**—American Bittern, Least Bittern. **Herons**—Great Blue, Great Egret, Cattle Egret, Green, Black-crowned Night

Heron. **Vulture**—Turkey. **Hawks**—Osprey, Bald Eagle, Northern Harrier, Sharp-shinned, Cooper's, Northern Goshawk Broad-winged, Red-tailed, Rough-legged, **Rails**—Virginia Rail, Sora. **Gallinules**—Common Gallinule, American Coot. **Cranes**—Sandhill. **Plovers**—Blsvk-bellied, American-Golden, Semipalmated, Killdeer. **Sandpipers**—Spotted, Solitary, Greater Yellowlegs, Lesser Yellowlegs, Sanderling, Dunlin, Baird's, Least, White-rumped, Pectoral, Semipalmated, Short-billed Dowitcher, Long-billed Dowitcher, Wilson's Snipe, American Woodcock, Wilson's Phalarope, Red-necked Phalarope. **Gulls**—Bonaparte's, Ring-billed, Herring. **Terns**—Black, Forster's. **Doves**—Rock Pigeon, Eurasian Collared Dove, Mourning. **Owls**—Eastern Screech Owl, Great Horned, Snowy, Barred. **Goatsuckers**—Common Nighthawk, Eastern-whip-poor-will. **Swift**—Chimney. **Hummingbird**—Ruby-throated. **Kingfisher**—Belted. **Woodpeckers**—Red-headed, Red-bellied, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Downy, Hairy, Northern Flicker, Pileated. **Falcons**—American Kestrel, Merlin. **Flycatchers**—Olive-sided, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Yellowbellied, Least, Eastern Phoebe, Great Crested, Eastern Kingbird, Cassin's Kingbird. **Shrikes**—Northern. **Vireo**—Yellow-throated, Blue-headed, 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. **Creepers**—Brown. **Wrens**—House, Sedge Marsh. **Kinglets**—Golden-crowned, Ruby-crowned. **Thrushes**—Eastern Bluebird, Veery, Swainson's, Hermit, Wood, American Robin. **Mimids**—Gray Catbird, Brown Thrasher, Northern Mockingbird. **Starling**—European. **Pipit**—American. **Waxwings**—Bohemian, Cedar. **Longspurs**—Lapland Longspur, Snow Bunting. **Warblers**—Ovenbird, Northern Waterthrush, Golden-winged, Black-and-white, Tennessee, Nashville, Common Yellowthroat, American Redstart, Cape May, Magnolia, Bay-breasted, Blackburnian, Yellow, Chestnut-sided, Blackpoll, Palm, Yellow-rumped, Black-throated Green, Wilson's. **Towhee**—Eastern. **Sparrows**—American Tree, Chipping, Clay-colored, Savannah, Fox, Song, Lincoln's, Swamp, White-throated, White-crowned, Dark-eyed Junco. **Tanager**—Scarlet. **Cardinals**—Northern Cardinal, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Indigo Bunting, Dickcissel. **Blackbirds**—Bobolink, Red-winged, Eastern Meadowlark, Yellow-headed, Rusty, Brewer's, Common Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird, Baltimore Oriole. **Finches**—Pine Grosbeak, House Finch, Purple Finch, Red Crossbill, White-winged Crossbill, Common Redpoll, Pine Siskin, American Goldfinch, Evening Grosbeak. **Old World Sparrows**—House Sparrow.

Summary 2022	ClamLake 12-27	Gilman 01-01	Medford 12-31	Owen 12-18	Spencer 12-17	Willard 12-20
Party Hours	33.25	43.5	41.5	42	53	35
Total Species	23	34	43	34	40	33
Total Individuals	825	2123	4777	4772	5377	2239
Canada Goose			1	270	219	
Wood Duck			1			
Mallard			113		1	
Ring-necked Pheasant		10	4		1	
Ruffed Grouse	4	7	13	CW	3	2
Wild Turkey	19	151	216	107	120	15
Bald Eagle		8	4	19	8	15
Northern Harrier					1	
Sharp-shinned Hawk			1		1	1
Cooper's Hawk					2	
Northern Goshawk		1				
Red-tailed Hawk		2	1	6	13	8
Rough-legged Hawk		5	2	17	6	8
Golden Eagle		1				
American Kestrel			2	2	10	1
Merlin						
Rock Pigeon		259	423	168	445	174
Mourning Dove	1	146	176	249	374	84
Eurasian Collared-dove					2	
Great Horned Owl						
Barred Owl		5	1		1	
Long-eared Owl						
Belted Kingfisher					1	
Red-headed Woodpecker						4
Red-bellied Woodpecker	1	9	20	30	23	30
Downy Woodpecker	6	22	45	88	61	61
Hairy Woodpecker	8	20	30	27	21	12
Northern Flicker						1
Pileated Woodpecker	4	10	16	2	6	4
Woodpecker sp.						
Northern Shrike	1	5	3	3	4	1
Blue Jay	60	127	137	144	178	174
American Crow	15	117	183	254	158	230
Common Raven	55	50	37	5	1	10
Horned Lark				2		4
Black-capped Chickadee	157	271	513	324	218	160
Tufted Titmouse					3	
Red-breasted Nuthatch	26	18	23	17	11	3
White-breasted Nuthatch	6	43	67	57	37	36
Brown Creeper		1	2			
Golden-cr. Kinglet	1	5				
American Robin		1	1	1		
European Starling		435	988	679	595	254
Bohemian Waxwing			15			
Cedar Waxwing	CW		1		22	1
YR Warbler (Myrtle)						
American Tree Sparrow	CW	21	78	550	1401	300
White-throated Sparrow			1			
Lincoln's Sparrow				1		
Dark-eyed Junco	2	28	120	410	436	278
Lapland Longspur					2	
Snow Bunting		64	158	369	223	
Northern Cardinal	1	3	19	59	85	42
Red-wing Bl. Bird				1		
Pine Grosbeak	37	1	2			
Purple Finch	2	27	52	41	2	
House Finch			42	12	45	1
Red Crossbill	CW					4
White-winged Crossbill						
Common Redpoll	113		32	2	CW	
Pine Siskin	1		1	1		
American Goldfinch	121	73	606	334	101	137
Evening Grosbeak	184		7	CW		8
House Sparrow		177	620	521	536	176

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February and March events

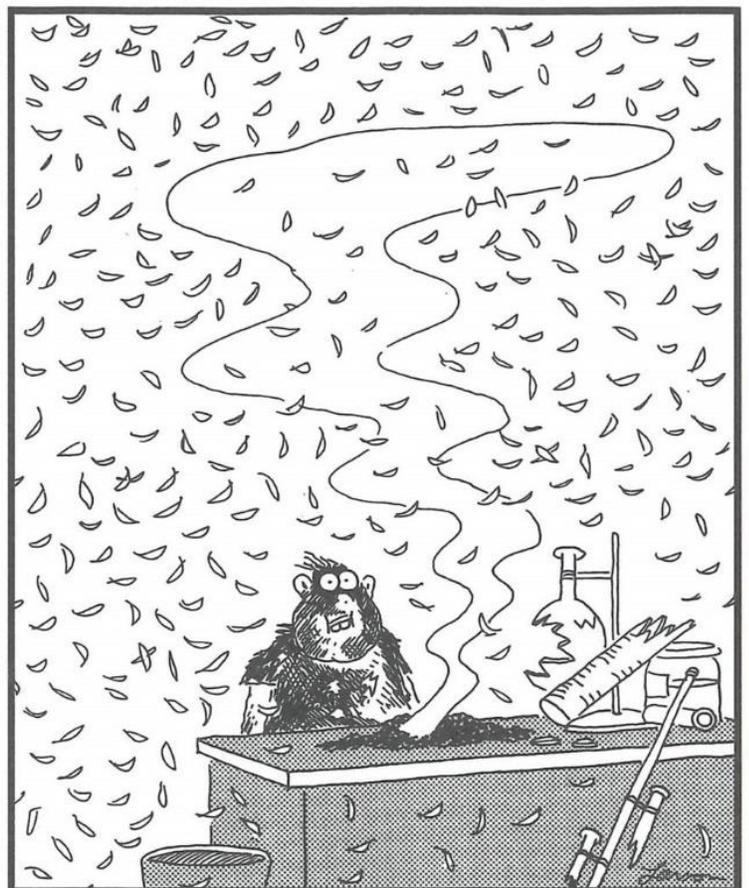
Full moons February 5, Snow Moon

March 7, Worm Moon

Spring Equinox March 20

Time to tap maple trees

Horned larks are back



God as a kid tries to make a chicken in his room.