

~ News and Notes ~
Winter-Early Spring-2018

**FRANKFORT GREAT BACKYARD BIRD
COUNT –**

It's FREE & you can count from home!
Friday, February 16-Monday 19, 2018

Count for as little as 15 minutes in your own backyard to help expand our understanding of birds! Feeder watchers are especially encouraged to participate! Each checklist submitted during the GBBC helps researchers at Cornell and the National Audubon Society get a snapshot of winter birds and their distribution. Please visit the website <http://birdcount.org> for more info and to submit your checklist.



Bird Talk: “Our Disappearing Songbirds and How you can Help Them.” To help prepare for the GBBC, Audubon board member Hannah Helm will present a talk at the Frankfort Paul Sawyer Public Library on Thursday February 8th from 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Bird Walks: Frankfort Audubon Society and Life Adventure Center have two opportunities to help you participate. All events are free and open to the public.

- On Saturday, February 17, 8am at the **Buckley Nature Center**, Barb Cornett of Buckley Wildlife Sanctuary will conduct a bird count and will hike the trails, and count at the bird blind. The feeders there offer opportunities for white-crowned sparrow. This walk will last until around 11:30. If you'd like to participate please let Barb know at Barb@LifeAdventureCenter.org
- On Sunday, February 18, 9:30 am at the **Picnic Shelter just outside Salato**, at the Fish and Wildlife Headquarters (#1 Sportsman's Lane). A Frankfort Audubon member will conduct a bird walk. If the weather has been cold particularly, the lakes offer views of migrant waterfowl, and there may be some winter sparrows or even early blackbirds.

GBBC Checklists may be submitted at <http://birdcount.org> or eBird may also be used submit observations from a smartphone or tablet. eBird is a free app on both the Android smartphones or iPhone, just search for eBird in the Google Play Store or Apple App Store.

We will summarize the Frankfort GBBC results in the next newsletter.

Frankfort Christmas Bird Count Results. Peggy Gould, CBC coordinator, reported that we



were had the same number of participants as last year's: 21 birders in 39.5 hours of effort. That is ten hours less than last year, so people must have slept in! On Saturday, December 16th, we had a total of 3,928 individuals of 63 different species. Some rarities included a Ross's and Snow Goose, 38 Sandhill Cranes, and a House Wren. There was one Eurasian Collared-Dove reported so this is a species to look out for now in Franklin County (picture to the left). There were two Purple Finches this year, but no Bald Eagles or Ruby-Crowned Kinglets (wait until next year!).

Mark your calendar now - the tentative date of the 2018 CBC is Saturday December 15, 2018.

ON THE HORIZON...

Travelling the World of Birds. Join us Thursday March 8, 6:30 pm at the Frankfort Library in the Library Community Room in Frankfort. Terry Anderson and Kay Harker are avid local birders. Join them as they chronicle their travels to over 27 countries where they have seen over 2,500 species of birds!

This free event is sponsored by PSPL and the Frankfort Audubon Society. No registration is necessary. For more information, contact Diane Dehoney at 352-2665x108 or diane@pspl.org



Woodcock watch. Depending on weather conditions, male American Woodcock start calling around dusk the first week of March. Their "peent" call and conspicuous aerial displays are unique! There is a narrow window between when they start calling, and when it gets dark, but it is a thrill! Visit our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Frankfort-Audubon-Society-1399168577058356/>) for status, and if the birds are calling at the KDFWR HQ come there a half an hour before sunset to listen and look for these birds. Park in front of the main building and look to the sky of the field opposite that building.

YOUR FRANKFORT AUDUBON CHAPTER 2018 TEAM LEADERS

Robin Antenucci - President; Hannah Helm - Vice president; Rob Chadwick -Treasurer; Peggy Gould - CBC Coordinator; Jessi Miller - secretary, Gary Sprandel - Newsletter; Additional Board Members, Lisa Gabbard, Scott Hankla, Kristin Nelson, Shawchyi Vorisek

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