

Photo by John Benson, Tenney Park, Madison

S.O.S. FOR OUR FLYING BUG EATERS

Addressing Declines in Chimney Swifts, Nighthawks, Whip-poor-wills, Swallows, Flycatchers, Bats, and Other Aerial Insectivores

Wisconsin Bird Conservation Initiative/Bird City Wisconsin Conference

Thursday-Saturday, September 6-8, 2018
Country Springs Hotel (Soon to be the Ingleside Hotel)
Waukesha, WI

Featuring

- * Interesting and informative presentations
- * How YOU and your community can help our "Bug Eaters"
- * Chimney Swift field trips! (See flocks going to roost!)
- * Birds & Brews social Thursday evening (Delafield Brewhouse)

Some of our most beloved birds: Purple Martins, Chimney Swifts, Tree and Barn Swallows, whip-poor-wills, and nighthawks are in trouble and we know only some of the reasons why. All of these species, as well as other swallows, some flycatchers, and a few others are known as "aerial insectivores" – those species that feed on their insect prey in flight. Bats and even dragonflies and damselflies should be included.

In Canada, populations of several formerly common aerial insectivore species have fallen by more than 70% within the last two decades, leading to threatened listing for some species. Similar declines are occurring in some U.S. states and regions.

Come and learn about these species, recent research results, and what we can do to help!

Ways You Can Help - and Learn More Now

- Participate in the WBCI Nightjar Survey: http://wiatri.net/projects/birdroutes/nightjars.htm
- Participate in "Swift Night Out!" events: http://www.wiswifts.org/now-time-help-count-chimney-swifts/
- Attend the 2018 conference: S.O.S. For Our Flying Bug Eaters, focusing on aerial insectivores
- Learn about the Wisconsin Chimney Swift Working Group: http://www.wiswifts.org/
- Join the Midwest Aerial Insectivore Discussion Group on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/1581381955435390/

** More information will be posted here as we develop the agenda **

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