



## **S.O.S. FOR OUR FLYING BUG EATERS** **Addressing Declines in Wisconsin's Aerial Insectivores**



Wisconsin Bird Conservation Initiative/Bird City Wisconsin Conference  
*Thursday–Saturday, Sept. 6–8, 2018*  
*Ingleside Hotel, 2810 Golf Road, Pewaukee, WI*

### **Thursday evening**

- 6:45–7:45 p.m.      **FIELD TRIP:** Swift Night Out! Location TBA  
6:30–9:00 p.m.      Birds and Brews, Delafield Brewhaus

### **Friday morning**

#### **Aerial insectivores: Overview and conservation issues**

- 7:45–8:30 a.m.      REGISTRATION: Continental breakfast provided during this networking opportunity  
8:30–9:00 a.m.      WELCOME: Celebrating Our Successes; Meeting Our Challenges (Karen Etter Hale, chair, Wisconsin Bird Conservation Initiative, and Chuck Hagner, director, Bird City Wisconsin)  
9:00–9:45 a.m.      KEYNOTE: Overview: What are aerial insectivores? What pressures do they face? What factors affect their populations? (Dr. Pam Hunt, New Hampshire Audubon)  
9:45–10:30 a.m.      Airspace as habitat (Dr. Robb Diehl, U.S. Geological Survey)  
10:30–10:50 a.m.      BREAK  
10:50–11:15 a.m.      Pesticides: Heeding Rachel Carson's warning (Sarah Warner, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)  
11:15 a.m.–Noon      Aerial Insectivores in Wisconsin (Bill Mueller, director, Western Great Lakes Bird and Bat Observatory)  
Noon–1:00 p.m.      LUNCH (PROVIDED)

### **Friday afternoon**

#### **Research and coordinated monitoring of aerial insectivores**

- 1:00–1:30 p.m.      Tree Swallows and the effects of climate change (Dr. Peter Dunn, UW-Milwaukee)  
1:30–2:00 p.m.      Three decades of Purple Martin banding (Dick Nikolai, Wisconsin Purple Martin Association)  
2:00–2:30 p.m.      Flycatchers and other birds that love insects that love lakes (Paul Schilke, Ph.D. candidate, UW-Madison)  
2:30–2:50 p.m.      BREAK  
2:50–3:20 p.m.      Whip-poor-wills and Project MOON (Tara Beveroth, Illinois Natural History Survey)  
3:20–3:50 p.m.      Common Nighthawks: Secrets of a rooftop nester (Gretchen Newberry, Ph.D. candidate, University of South Dakota)  
3:50–4:20 p.m.      New ways of monitoring urban Common Nighthawks (Jana Viel, Ph.D. candidate, UW-Milwaukee)  
5:00–6:30 p.m.      SUPPER ON YOUR OWN  
6:45–7:45 p.m.      **FIELD TRIP:** Swift Night Out! Location TBA

## Saturday

## How you and your community can help our flying bug eaters

- 8:00–9:00 a.m. REGISTRATION / Continental breakfast provided / Networking opportunity
- 9:00–9:20 a.m. What we're learning about aerial insectivores in Wisconsin and the Midwest (Bill Mueller, Western Great Lakes Bird and Bat Observatory, Inc.)
- 9:20–9:50 a.m. Conserving Chimney Swifts in the Urban Landscape (Sandy Schwab and Mandy Feavel, WI Chimney Swift Working Group)
- 9:50–10:20 a.m. Chimney Swift monitoring in Green Bay and Milwaukee (Bryan Lenz, American Bird Conservancy and Nancy Nabak, Woodland Dunes Nature Center)
- 10:20–10:40 a.m. BREAK
- 10:40–11:00 a.m. Wisconsin Nightjar Survey (Ryan Brady, WI DNR; WBCI Bird Monitoring Coordinator)
- 11:00–11:40 a.m. Building a better life for Wisconsin's bats (Heather Kaarakka, WI DNR)
- 11:40–Noon World Migratory Bird Day and Your Community (Sue Bonfield, Environment for the Americas)
- Noon–1:00 p.m. LUNCH (PROVIDED)

### Saturday afternoon

- 1:00–2:00 p.m. What you can do: Nest boxes, nest structures, and other citizen science activities to benefit aerial insectivores (roundtable of lightning presentations on best ideas)
- 2:00–2:15 p.m. What communities should do: How Bird Cities can support bug eaters (Chuck Hagner, director, Bird City Wisconsin)
- 2:15–3:15 p.m. What you can do: Real life stories from the field (roundtable of Bird City representatives who already are leading the way in helping our aerial insectivores)
- 3:15 p.m. CONFERENCE ADJOURNS

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