



BRINGING BIRDS BACK

Wisconsin Bird Conservation Partnership/Bird City Wisconsin/
Wisconsin Society for Ornithology Conference
Friday–Saturday, March 24-25, 2023
Culver Family Welcome Center, **UW-Oshkosh**, Oshkosh, WI



Friday morning

Bringing Birds Back - Overview

- 8:00-9:00 a.m. REGISTRATION: Networking opportunity
- 9:00-9:05 a.m. Land Acknowledgment (Erin Giese, Interim Director of the Cofrin Center for Biodiversity, UW-Green Bay)
- 9:05-9:15 a.m. WELCOME: Karen Etter Hale, Chair, Wisconsin Bird Conservation Partnership; Chuck Hagner, Director, Bird City Wisconsin; Jennifer Lazewski, Executive Director, Wisconsin Society for Ornithology
- 9:15–10:15 a.m. KEYNOTE: State of the Birds & International Efforts to Conserve Them (Mike Parr, President, American Bird Conservancy)
- 10:15–10:30 a.m. Introducing the “SOS Save Our Songbirds” Campaign (Lisa Gaumnitz, for the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin)
- 10:30–10:50 a.m. BREAK (Sponsored by SOS Save our Songbirds)
- Increasing Habitat via Important Bird Areas** (moderator Craig Thompson)
- 10:50–11:20 a.m. Implementing Phase II of Wisconsin’s Important Bird Areas Program (Tom Prestby, Wisconsin Conservation Manager, Audubon Great Lakes)
- 11:20-11:40 a.m. Scaling up - Partnership-supported Landscape Conservation in SW Wisconsin (Cindy Becker, Project Manager, Southern Driftless Grasslands)
- 11:40-12:00 p.m. Conservation Amongst the Concrete (Brian Russart, Natural Areas Supervisor, Milwaukee County Parks)
- 12:00-12:20 p.m. Building Partnerships Along Lake Michigan: Sharing Goals Not Motivations (Jennifer Phillips-Vanderberg, Director, Western Great Lakes Bird and Bat Observatory)
- 12:20-12:35 p.m. Important Bird Areas – Where to from here? (Tom Prestby, Audubon Great Lakes)
- 12:35–1:45 p.m. LUNCH (PROVIDED)

Friday afternoon

Bird City Wisconsin & Community Bird-Friendly Windows (moderator Chuck Hagner)

- 1:45–2:00 p.m. Bird City Wisconsin Overview (Chuck Hagner, Director, Bird City Wisconsin)
- 2:00–3:00 p.m. Bird City Wisconsin: Four Stories of Success (Susan Haug, Wausau; Nick Gall, Mequon; Carol Zimmermann, Lake Geneva; Andrew Struck and Tina Kroening, Ozaukee County)
- 3:00-3:30 p.m. Dos and Don’ts of the Bird-friendly Window Ordinance Process (Aaron Williams, Interim Director, Campus Planning & Landscape Architecture, UW-Madison)
- 3:30-4:00 p.m. Bringing Previously-excluded Communities into the Fold of Bird Conservation (Troy Peters, Engagement Manager, Audubon Great Lakes)
- 4:00-5:00 p.m. Campus Tour, including Discussion of Bird-friendly & Sustainable Practices

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Saturday morning Build It and Birds Will Come

- 8:00–9:00 a.m. REGISTRATION / Continental breakfast
- 9:00–9:05 a.m. Land Acknowledgment (Erin Giese, Interim Director of the Cofrin Center for Biodiversity, UW-Green Bay)
- 9:05–9:50 a.m. Bird Monitoring on Oneida Nation’s Restoration Sites (Erin Giese; Tony Kuchma, Wetland Project Manager and Tehahukótha (Randy) Cornelius), Language/Culture Educator, Oneida Cultural Heritage)
- Increasing Habitat with Residential Birdscaping** (moderator Jennifer Lazewski)
- 9:50–10:20 a.m. Birdscaping: Design Principles for Our Feathered Friends (Michaela Rosenthal, Manager of Land Stewardship, Urban Ecology Center)
- 10:20–10:40 a.m. BREAK (Sponsored by SOS Save our Songbirds)
- 10:40-11:00 a.m. Pollinator Gardening to Bird Habitat (Jennifer Lazewski, Director, Wisconsin Society for Ornithology)
- 11:00–11:30 a.m. Examples of Home Landscaping Installations & Results (Ryan Brady, Conservation Biologist, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, & others TBA)
- 11:30-Noon Birdscaping Q & A (panel – Michaela Rosenthal, Jennifer Lazewski, and Erin Crain-Sullivan, Owner of White Pelican Farm)
- Noon–1:00 p.m. LUNCH (PROVIDED)

Saturday afternoon Bird-Friendly Residences

- 1:00–1:30 p.m. How to Make Your Residence Bird Friendly (Bryan Lenz, American Bird Conservancy, Bird City Network Director, Glass Collisions Program Manager)
- 1:30-2:00 p.m. Window Collisions: Why They Happen & What You Can Do about It (Bryan Lenz, ABC)
- 2:00–2:30 p.m. Preventable Collisions: How to stop birds from hitting your windows at home (Brenna Marsicek, Madison Audubon Director of Communications and Outreach)
- 2:30-2:45 p.m. How We Move Forward... Together! (Conference organizers)
- 2:45 p.m. CONFERENCE ADJOURNS

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