



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; Jennifer Lazewski, Executive Director, Wisconsin Society for Ornithology; Chuck Hagner, Director, Bird City Wisconsin

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 “SOS Save Our Songbirds”, a Wisconsin Action Campaign](#) (Lisa Gaumnitz, Coordinator)

10:30–10:50 a.m. BREAK (Sponsored by SOS Save our Songbirds)

Increasing Habitat via Important Bird Areas (moderator Ryan Brady)

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

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, Executive Director, Wisconsin Society for Ornithology)

11:00–11:30 a.m. Examples of Home Landscaping Installations and Results ([Ryan Brady, Conservation Biologist, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources](#), & [Erin Crain-Sullivan, Owner White Pelican Farm](#))

11:30-Noon Birdscaping Q & A (panel – Michaela Rosenthal, Jennifer Lazewski, Ryan Brady, and Erin Crain-Sullivan)

Noon–1:00 p.m. LUNCH (PROVIDED)

Saturday afternoon: Bird-Friendly Residences (moderator Chuck Hagner)

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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