



## *Seven Ponds Nature Center Birding Club*

The Seven Ponds Nature Center Birding Club provides a forum for people to learn about and enjoy birds and birdwatching. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month. There are no meetings in July or August. Meetings are held in the nature center's Interpretive Building at 7:00 p.m. and feature a scheduled program and a variety of short segments including recent bird sightings, identification tips, field trip plans and conservation news. Meeting refreshments are provided by club members. Annual membership dues are \$10.00, payable to Seven Ponds Nature Center. Visitors are welcome to attend meetings. There is a \$3.00 admission fee for those who are not Seven Ponds Nature Center members.

**October 20**

### *Ugandan Birding Safari*

Join us for a Ugandan Birding adventure. Tonight, **Nancy Buck** will take us on a pictorial safari through the jungles and savannas of Uganda to see fascinating birds like the iconic Shoebill as well as up close encounters with great apes, hippos and more!

**November 17**

### *A Year in the Life of a Chickadee*

Come join our banditry! Tonight Seven Ponds Naturalist **Adrianna Allen** will lead us on the seasonal adventures of our backyard friend, the Black-capped Chickadee. Don't underestimate these common birds; their brains and bravery will surprise you!

**December 15**

### *Birding Club Christmas Party*

Bring a dish to share, and a jolly birding tale or two, and join us for a celebration of another great year of bird appreciation. Brush up on your birding trivia knowledge—or your best guesses—for another spirited Birding Trivia challenge!

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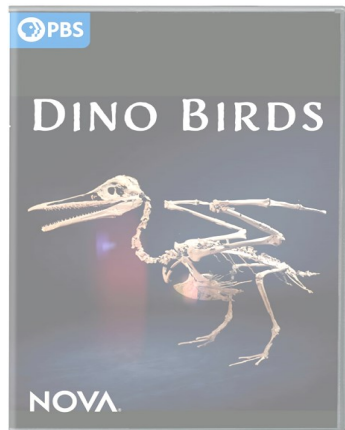
Drawing by Adrianna Allen

## 2026 Schedule

**January 20**

***Movie Night: Dyno Birds***

Dinosaurs aren't really extinct! Rare fossil discoveries are revealing the secrets of bird evolution going back more than 100 million years, telling the story of how some resilient feathered dinosaurs persevered and transformed into the vast array of colorful bird species in our skies today. Bring your favorite beverage, I'll pop the corn!



**February 17**

***Snowy Owls in Michigan's Thumb***

This evening we will learn more about snowy owls and those that choose Michigan's thumb to spend the winter. **Jeff Nedwick** is an avid birder and freelance writer from Lapeer. Living on the doorstep of Michigan's Thumb region for more than 30 years has allowed him to closely study and track snowy owls during the winter months. Jeff also runs a winter birding tour business for people interested in seeing and photographing these iconic birds.

**March 17**

***Birding China - Sichuan and Yunnan***

For many of us, China is a very mysterious place. For those who are bold enough, the mystery dissipates to be replaced by an interesting experience of the culture and natural beauty of this land. Sichuan and Yunnan are two south central states in China which offer great adventures in food, culture and birds. Tonight, **Don Burlett** will share what he saw and learned on *his* mysterious journey to a vivid birding adventure!

**April 21**

***People, Places, Birds***

After completing a record-breaking Michigan Big Year in 2022, **Danny Bernard** set out to see 100 birds in each of the lower 48 United States in 2025. Along the way, Danny made it a priority to see the iconic locations in each state and get to know their residents. Come find out how he did on this quest. Hear the stories of his triumphs and disappointments, and the wonderful people, places, and birds!

**May 19**

***An Evening on the Trails***

Birding at Seven Ponds in May is a wonderful time to see and hear lots of birds! Tonight we are sure to find flycatchers, swallows, warblers and more, back in Michigan to raise families, or refuel and rest on their way to northern nesting grounds. Dress for the weather, let me know if you will need loaner binoculars. Our walk will begin at 7:00.

**June 16**

***Field Trip: Lapeer County Hotspot***

TBA...Seven Ponds Nature Center is a top hotspot in Lapeer County, but there are several others that offer great birding opportunities. Tonight we will carpool to a hotspot that we chose, based on recent bird sightings. Plan to depart from Seven Ponds promptly at 7:00.

**\*\*Wednesday, July 29—5th Wednesday\*\***

***Field trip to Jeff Backe's Prairie***

This evening we will carpool to Jeff and Mary Backe's home, just north of Imlay City, to enjoy a stroll around Jeff's native planting. Last November we enjoyed his video. Now Jeff and Mary have graciously invited us to see the beautiful flowers, grasses, and insects in person! \*\*This date was chosen to maximize bloom and work with Jeff's schedule. Plan to depart from Seven Ponds promptly at 7:00.

**September 15**

***The Kirtland's Warbler:***

***An Endangered Species Success Story***

Tonight, **Professor Jim Bull** will present the harrowing journey of this much-loved warbler from its hidden life in the forest, to near extinction, to record level recovery. Filled with beautiful pictures and firsthand accounts, the presentation will warm your heart with the tale of a charming little bird and the people devoted to saving it.