



Bittle Gull

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March 2022 Events and Birding Field Trips

Please Note: Pre-registration is now required for all field trips (see the COVID-19 field trip guidelines in the revised field trip schedule or on the RBA website). Registrations via Eventbrite open 7 days before the date of the field trip. Bring your own binoculars and scopes if available, as there is limited sharing of equipment

Mar 10 Monthly Meeting—via Zoom at 7:00 pm See information below!

Mar 12 Lake Shore Marshes East Wildlife Management Area

Saturday

This extensive driving tour of the large natural area to our northeast always turns up some great birds! We'll look for unusual ducks, late winter birds, and interesting migrants like Fox Sparrows. One portion of the trip is walking on a wide, mainly flat, sometimes muddy, trail. Bring a snack to munch on to keep your energy up, and dress for the weather! Restrooms available at Sodus Point Park and Chimney Bluffs State Park. Meet at **7:30 a.m.** in Webster Plaza at the junction of Route 404 and Hard Road near Starbucks. **Spotting scopes would be very useful.**

Leader: Kinsley Whittum 585-872-7334 and co-leader Christina Hoh 973-224-7009

Mar 19 Hamlin Beach State Park

Saturday

We will gather at Braddock Bay Park and drive to Hamlin Beach State Park where we will look for waterfowl. Driving back east, we will look through fields for migrant waterfowl and lingering winter field birds. We will stop at Owl Woods in search of migrating owls. We will end at the Braddock Bay Hawk Watch in hopes of spotting Rough-legged, Red-shouldered Hawks, and Bald Eagles. **Dress warmly** as we will be out of the cars often at multiple locations--the lakeshore can be cold this time of year. Trails are flat but can be muddy/snowy. **Waterproof boots strongly recommended.** Restrooms available at Hamlin Beach only. Meet at **9:00 a.m.** at the Braddock Bay Park main parking lot. Use the East Manitou Road exit from the Ontario State Parkway. **Spotting scopes would be very useful. Radios would be useful.**

Leader: Mike Tetlow 585-748-5838 and co-leader Lynn Bergmeyer 585-576-0422

Mar 23 March Birds & Brews—Mullers Cider House

Wednesday

Birds & Brews is a casual evening for members to get together and share birding stories, compare travel destinations, and catch up all while having a pint of Rochester's finest ale. Our March get together will be on Wednesday, March 23rd from 6-9pm at Mullers Cider House. Mullers is a craft cider bar with an extensive bottle list of over 100 varieties from France, Spain, Germany, Scotland, the UK and the US. They feature 12 rotating drafts and a food menu. Mullers is located at 1344 University Ave #180, Rochester, NY 14607.

Mar 26 Beginner Birder Trip – Owl Woods and Hawk Watch Site

Saturday

We'll look primarily for our smallest visiting owl, the Northern Saw-whet, which returns to this spot on a yearly basis. Long-eared Owls generally put in an appearance, too, although they're quite shy and great at hiding. After the owl walk, we'll head to the Hawk Watch site to learn how to identify raptors on the wing. At this time of year, we might witness spectacular flights of thousands of raptors! The Owl Woods trails are flat and likely will be wet and muddy. **Boots**

are **strongly recommended** – they're almost mandatory! No restrooms available. **Bring binoculars and, if you have them, spotting scopes.** Meet at **8:30 a.m.** in the parking lot on the right side of Manitou Beach Road across from the Owl Woods trail head.

Leader: *Liz Magnanti 585-748-0309 and co-leaders Dick Horsey 585-435-2837, Daena Ford 585-321-1616 and 2 TBA*

Apr 9 Woodcock Courtship Flight at Owl Woods

Saturday

This will be an evening trip for woodcock courtship flight. If you've never seen this spectacle, prepare to be amazed: birds call noisily from the ground in grassy fields before spiraling rapidly up high, descending back down in a zigzagging noisy frenzy, only to start the cycle anew. An amazing sight! Fields may be wet and muddy in spots. Boots **are strongly recommended.**

Bring a flashlight or headlamp. Meet at **7:00 p.m.** in the parking lot across from Owl Woods. Take the Manitou Beach Road exit from Ontario State Parkway. Turn north then right into the large parking lot.

Leader: *Neal Reilly 518-256-9147 and co-leader Robert Buckert 585-269-4206*

Apr 16 High Acres Nature Area

Saturday

Over 130 bird species have been observed at HANA including more than 70 that nest in the diverse habitats found there. During this field trip we expect to see at least 40 species returning to nest or on their way to northern nesting grounds. Our approximately 2 mile walk over mostly flat trails will explore about 250 acres at HANA and include some wet spots requiring ankle-high waterproof shoes or boots. No restrooms available. Meet at **8:00 a.m.** at the parking lot on Perinton Parkway approximately 1/4 mile east of the Waste Management offices.

Leader: *Rosemary Reilly 585-748-0802 and co-leaders Brian Rohrs and Gayle Lazoration 585-281-9534*

Apr 20 Highland Park

Wednesday

We'll be looking for spring migrants while enjoying lovely flora. This walk would be gorgeous even without the birds, but it does have birds in abundance! Find out where people have spotted the rarities that pop up in this urban treasure. Dress for the weather. Paved walkways, gentle hills. Walking in grass a possibility, if you choose to. No restrooms available. Meet at **8:00 a.m.** on Reservoir Avenue in front of the Conservatory building.

Leader: *Jeanne Verhulst 585-362-0803 and co-leader Amy Kahn 585-310-2330*

Apr 30 Braddock Bay Hawk Lookout

Saturday

This trip is for the spring hawk flight and migrating songbirds. We will be working to identify distant raptors and meet some great new people, too! This requires a short walk across grass to the viewing platform. Port-a-John may be available. Meet at **9:30 a.m.** at the Braddock Bay Park main parking lot. Use the East Manitou Road exit from the Ontario State Parkway.

Spotting scopes would be very useful.

Leader: *Mike Tetlow 585-748-5838 and Neal Reilly 518-256-9147*

White-winged Scoter -
Irondequoit Bay Outlet - ©
Dick Horsey - Feb 09, 2022



President's Corner, Randi Minetor—

Why won't anyone tell you where the owls are?

With the early migration season upon us, owl sightings in the appropriately named Owl Woods have already begun. Northern Saw-whet Owls and Long-eared Owls migrate through in March on their way north to their breeding grounds, and the resident Eastern Screech Owl, Barred Owl, and Great Horned Owl begin to reveal their locations at this time of year as well.

Throughout this past winter, sightings of Short-eared Owls and Snowy Owls have been frequent, with the locations they prefer becoming common knowledge among local birders. Some birders, however—especially new ones—feel like they're being kept out of the loop, their online inquiries about owl locations snubbed by more experienced birders who seek to keep these sightings a secret.

Why are birders so protective of owls, and more so than of any other bird family? It's a valid question, one I get asked often—especially when I'm standing at the edge of a forest or along Nations Road looking at actual owls.

The answer is complex, so let me try to sort it out for you.

First, there's a good reason to protect migrating owls. The ones that stop in the Owl Woods near Braddock Bay Park are exhausted by the time they arrive here. They have traveled very long distances, often without finding much of the mature forest habitat they need for protection on their way to their summer range in northern Canada. Once they drop into Owl Woods, they need to rest throughout the day, and then feed on rodents they find along the forest edge before their flight across Lake Ontario.

Unlike warblers and vireos that roam about the woodlands feeding on insects, owls find a perch and sit all day in the same place, making them fairly easy for birders to see. This is their time to sleep, though, so when birders crowd into their personal space to peer at them and take photos, it can disrupt their sleep and force them to keep moving around the woods to find another suitable perch. You probably know what you feel like after a restless night with little sleep—that's exactly what an owl feels like if we keep waking it up. Imagine trying to fly across a Great Lake when you feel that lousy.

That's why we recommend that you maintain a respectful distance from any owl you find, even if it means you can't shoot the perfect photo of it. Let the birds in Owl Woods rest and regain strength, so they can survive the difficult lake crossing. (RBA offers a field trip to Owl Woods on March 26, led by some of our most knowledgeable guides, so you can learn proper owl etiquette firsthand.)

The same goes for Snowy Owls, although these birds hunt during the day. Our Snowies spend the winter here in upstate New York and often perch on fenceposts, utility boxes or roofs, and even stand on the ground in wide-open areas like airports. They are easy to see and photograph, but it's still important to keep your distance so the birds can hunt in peace. For photographers, this may be the impetus you need to purchase that long lens you've had your eye on for years.

Our year-round resident owls don't face the same migration issues, but their enormous popularity with birders can mean that they abandon a preferred nesting site to avoid human eyes. Please give these birds their space as well, so we can continue to enjoy families of owls in our woodlands.

Have you asked other birders online about owl locations and had them refuse to share them? There's a reason for this, illustrated just this past winter at the Finger Lakes Airport at the north end of Cayuga Lake. A bird photographer there got too close to a Snowy Owl by trespassing on an airport runway. Airport staff came out and asked him to move, and the photographer became belligerent and argued with the staff member. This kind of behavior is bad for the owl, but it's also bad for all birders in the area. The Cayuga Bird Club did a good job of smoothing this over with the airport staff, so we are still permitted to observe Snowy Owls there from designated public areas—but our access could be cut off at any time.

Don't despair; you can usually find out where the owls are by visiting eBird and searching on the species. Just remember to practice good owl etiquette: If the owl reacts to your presence—if it turns its head to look at you, shifts its position, or becomes restless, you're too close. Don't be the birder that risks an owl's safety just to get a photo. You won't feel good about showing people that picture.

--Randi Minetor

Monthly Meeting— March 10, 2022

Guiding Wetland Restoration in the Great Lakes through Marsh Bird Monitoring

Description: Guiding Wetland Restoration through Monitoring Breeding Marsh Birds in the Great Lakes

Since 2015, Audubon Great Lakes has led marsh bird monitoring throughout the Chicago region to inform habitat restoration for our declining wetland birds. In this program, Stephanie Beilke will share the background of the survey effort, the results of this work, and new tools the team developed to better connect bird data to land managers leading on the ground restoration. In addition, she will share how the Chicago region is using this work as a model for work across the Great Lakes to restore wetland habitat for birds.

Speaker Bio:

Stephanie Beilke is the Conservation Science Manager at Audubon Great Lakes based in Chicago. Stephanie is originally from Green Bay, WI, which is also where she first became interested in birds, by paying attention to the birds visiting her backyard. She graduated from University of Wisconsin Madison in 2007 with a Bachelor's degree in Zoology & Psychology and has a Master's degree in Environmental Science & Policy from UW Green Bay, attained in 2015. In her current role, Stephanie oversees marsh bird monitoring projects that are used to inform wetland management across the Great Lakes.



Welcome to the Flock!



Join us in welcoming these 12 new and returning members (9 memberships) who joined in the last month:

Robert & Fern Altman
Sarah Boyce
Elaine Cain
Heather & Michael Daly
Michelle Daniels
Edward & Alden Graham
Erik Nelson

James Saller
Eleanor Townsend

Current RBA Membership as of February 14 is 388:

373 Household memberships
2 Young Birders
1 Corporate (The Bird House)
12 Complimentary

Jo Taylor
Membership Data
Adrianna Anderson
Membership Outreach

Volunteer Opportunity: Young Birders Program Chair

Do you enjoy leading field trips of young birders who are eager to see every species you can find? Would you like to be part of teaching birders ages 11 through 18 all about birds, their field marks, their behavior, and the proper etiquette for viewing them?

RBA is looking for a new chair of our Young Birder Program. Duties include leading 12 monthly field trips or meetings (one each month), registering the group as a youth team for the Montezuma Muckrace (and leading the team as chaperone and guide), and overseeing the Young Birders Scholarship Program, as well as some bureaucratic paperwork. A full job description is available. Contact Randi Minetor at writerrandi@gmail.com for more information.

Cheap Bird Books—J. Boettcher

OK, now that I've got your attention, the RBA has been given a bunch of books related to birding from a former member. I have somehow inherited the job of distributing them. Proceeds go to the RBA, but the intent is not to make money but rather get them in the hands of folks who can use them. I am not about to look up the value of the books, so arbitrarily, let's say \$2 for a soft cover and \$4 for a hardcover.

Below are photos of the books for sale. Those of you who get the Little Gull digitally will be able to blow up these images with good detail. The folks who get the Little Gull by mail should get in touch with me (585-298-3404 or johnwb2@rochester.rr.com) and I will email photos. For both groups, phone or email for more info or to see the books in person.



RBA in the Field

Webster Park, January 8th, 2022

On a frigid (8 degree!) morning 15 participants joined Tom Nash, Sheryl Gracewski and me for a walk through the campground area of Webster Park. Shortly, we encountered a flock of at least 80 American Robins who were actively feeding low to the ground on multiflora rose and buckthorn. Our presence did not seem to deter them, hungry creatures that they were. All six regularly occurring woodpecker species showed themselves, including a female Pileated that put on quite a show and a prized Yellow-bellied Sapsucker. A Brown Creeper was seen by some in the same tree as the Sapsucker.

Best bird of the day was a skulking Hermit Thrush seen on the brush loop trail. There may have been two, as another bird was seen earlier by a couple of us near the campground. As we were nearing our cars, a final flurry of activity included both nuthatches, Dark-eyed Juncos, American Goldfinch and at least 8 Eastern Bluebirds. What a nice finish!

Thanks to all for coming.

Pat Martin, Sheryl Gracewski and Tom Nash

Lakeshore Plains West, January 30, 2022

At 9 am on Sunday, January 30, a healthy number of birders (18) convened at Braddock Bay Park. A light-morph Rough-legged Hawk perched regally atop a tree along the back edge of the field. The park was otherwise generally slow with a pair of Hairy Woodpeckers calling in the distance and a few American Robins flying overhead. Later, at Hogan Point Road it didn't take too much effort to pull out our first major highlight - a Snowy Owl, spotted by Vice President Jules Wagner. This bird had been frequenting the area recently and had been banded, evidenced by a black smudge on its head. Everyone was very eager to get their eyes on the bird, a lifer for many, as it sat in a large dead tree near the usual parking lot.

Shifting gears a bit, we moved towards the lakeshore in search of waterfowl. Looking east, there was a large flock of ducks actively feeding off the old pier foundation. Scaup (mostly Greater), Redhead, Common Goldeneye, Red-breasted Merganser, White-winged Scoter, and Long-tailed Duck made up this group. An adult Cooper's Hawk came in off the lake

from the east and turned inland over our heads, continuing on past the houses behind us. We continued scanning the lake and took the opportunity to study the many groups of ducks interspersed between the ice chunks.

We went back south on Manitou Beach Rd. to begin our circuit of the rural roads of Hamlin and Parma in search of wintering field birds. The first of these roads on our route proved to be the most productive. A sunflower field on Curtis Rd. held a large flock of Snow Buntings and Horned Larks, alongside American Goldfinches and a Tree Sparrow. Like the Snowy Owl, for several happy participants, many of these were lifers. We continued on, covering the entirety of Church Rd., only flushing a few small groups of Horned Larks along the way. This proved to be the case while working the rest of our route in Hamlin including Chase, Martin, North Hamlin, Moscow, Priem, Jacobs, and Redman Roads. A bit of a surprise after such a productive first stop (on Curtis)! As we covered North Hamlin Rd., we made a stop to scope the Bald Eagle nest and took advantage of stunning views of one adult perched close to the nest.

It was just after this stop that we received notice that a mega-rare Common Eider (that had been seen on Thursday and Friday at Charlotte Pier, but missing since) had been relocated by Andy Guthrie at the East Manitou Overlook (just east of Braddock Bay). We hurried to Hamlin Beach SP for bathrooms and a very quick lake scan before most of the group went east down the parkway to East Manitou Rd. Driving to the very northern tip of the road, we were greeted by Neal Reilly who was luckily already on the bird. A huge group of Long-tailed Ducks and Aythya (genus of Scaup, Redheads, etc.) had gathered here, and in better light than our first stop. We added Canvasback to our trip list with one male tucked into the flock. Between dives, all birders were delighted by scope views of the immature male Common Eider. Quite a finale to our incredible trip!

Full eBird Trip Report can be viewed here: <https://ebird.org/tripreport/38173>

Robert Buckert and Lynn Bergmeyer

Records Report

1. From a warm early winter, January quickly slid down from a high near 50° on the first to chill and snow. Temperatures averaged 19.5° F, 6.7° below normal. It was the coldest January since 2015. Five days dipped to below zero lows. Precipitation totaled 2.50", 0.05" below normal. There was some precipitation on 23 days, but only one day above 1". While there was only one really significant snow event, 10.4" on the 17th, there was some snowfall on 28 days through the month. Snowfall totaled 34.4", 7.0" above normal, 20th greatest for a January. Shoreline ice on Lake Ontario began to creep out some by month's end. The lake temperature dropped from about 42° to 34° through the month.

2. The eBird download at about 33,365 lines for our region was < 10% below last year's. The species total for the month at 138, tied last year, again near the record high for the month. While not quite at last winter's levels, there were many lingering, half-hardy species and again many in larger than usual numbers; see the records illustrated in the Noteworthy Table on the RBA website.

3. As usual again, winter arrived on the eve of the annual NY State Waterfowl Count. A sharp dip in the low temperature the night before the official count date froze most of the open water other than Lake Ontario, a few openings in other, larger lakes, and some moving water. The day after the aim date brought the heaviest snowfall of the winter to that date. Spots opened a bit afterward, but cold persisted for the rest of the month. Species found were down a bit at 31 and the total number of waterbirds was down about 20% from last year to 41,613, still well above the long-term average and again led by high numbers of Canada Goose and Redhead. Lingering waterfowl were harder to find, but all expected species were reported during the month and most during the waterfowl count. Only King Eider approached any remote claim to being "missing", and this was offset by a **Common Eider** plus Greater White-fronted, Ross's Goose, and two Common x Barrow's Goldeneyes. For most species, peak counts were relatively low.

4. There were no rails reported and only small numbers of American Coot, but Sandhill Crane was again reported from both the Livonia and NMWMA

areas, with an incredible 91 still present on Carncross Road on the 5th. Among the shorebirds, there was a late, lingering Sanderling seen off and on through the 15th, Purple Sandpiper through the 21st, and a Wilson's Snipe on the 20th. **Razorbill**, likely surviving from the fall influx, was spotted again at two sites off the Town of Greece on the 26th and 27th.

5. Gull variety and numbers were both on the low side, probably due to everything open early, then locked up in ice. There were good numbers of the expected "winter" gulls, Iceland and Glaucous, plus the now-regular Lesser Black-backed. Again there were reports of the rare Herring x Lesser Black-backed Gull hybrid at two locations. Loons and grebes were scarce, and up to 23 Double-crested Cormorants lingered near the Newport Yacht Club until the Irondequoit Bay freeze up.

6. Wintering raptors were generally as expected. There was a surprise in a Northern Goshawk spotted by Chris Wood passing along Edgemere Drive, Greece on the 25th. But then no Red-shouldered Hawk reports. Rough-legged Hawk "reports" were up considerably, but possibly numbers very little, with most reports of a small number in the Braddock Bay area all month. The Sharp-shinned to Cooper's Hawk ratio was our usual 1:3. All three regular falcons were reported in good numbers.

7. Snowy Owl reports were scattered through the month and across the region, with at least 14 individuals at 15 sites. Short-eared Owls were a bit low on the regular DEC surveys out of the Avon office, but birders found typical numbers at some of the regulars sites. Two Long-eared Owls in the Braddock Bay area and two Northern Saw-whet Owls turned up by Dave Tetlow at Bergen Swamp on the 1st are good for this time of year. Red-headed Woodpecker was again unreported. Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers were again very high for this season, with about 55 reports of about 36 individuals from 33+ locations up from last winter's big showing.

8. Again, all of the really expected January passerines were found, and in addition good number of half-hardies lingered, though in smaller numbers than last year. The lingering list included: Winter Wren; Marsh Wren; Ruby-crowned Kinglet; Hermit Thrush; Gray Catbird; American Pipit; Chipping, Field, Savannah, Fox, White-throated, and White-crowned Sparrows; Eastern Meadowlark; Rusty Blackbird; and

Yellow-rumped Warbler. Then add in Bohemian Waxwing and three Baltimore Orioles. Winter finches were much scarcer, but Evening Grosbeak, Common Redpoll, Red Crossbill, and Pine Siskin were reported. Lapland Longspur and Snow Bunting reports low until after snow blanketed the fields, then better at road edges. Blackbirds were again poorly reported, though there were notes of observations that just did not make official lists.

9. As usual, a table with more detailed records will be posted to the RBA website.

10. Please submit reports to eBird, post them on geneseebirds, and/or send by the 5th of the month to Robert Spahn, 716 Hightower Way, Webster, NY 14580.

	2022	2021	10-year
Species for Jan.	138	138	127.7

Observers:

Janet Akin, Osvaldo Araya, Diane Baillargeon, Carolyn & Jerry Barnhart, Jessie Barry, Mitchell Barry, Sue Barth, Doug Beattie, Don Bemont, Steven Benedict, Linda Clark Benedict, Lynn Bergmeyer, Barry Bermudez, Alan Bloom, John Boettcher, Terry Bohling, Lynn Braband, Janet Brooks, Mark Brown, Logan



Brunner, Lia Buckert, Robert Buckert, Sara Burch, Bruce Cady, Brad Carlson, Donna Carter, Keigan Case, Robert Cicotta, Kelly Close, Doug Daniels, Gordon Dutter, Diane Egan, Annabelle Foos, George Ford, Jim Fry, Kyle Gage, Dan Gallagher, Gwen Gallagher, Andy Garland, Matthew Gavette, Janis George, Michelle Gianvecchio, Candy Giles, Chris Goetz, John Gordinier & Karla Gordinier, Sheryl Gracewski, Kate Graham, Jay Greenberg, Kevin Griffith, Ralph & Georgia Guenther, Michael Gullo, Carmen Gumina, Andrew Guthrie, Danny Guthrie, Bill Haake, Ryan Hall, Noel Harradine, Helen & Chris Haller, Kim Hartquist, Jim & Allison Healy, Christina Hoh, Debi Holt, Dick Horsey, Bill Howe, Lynn Howes, Pam Inzinna, Nancy Jameson, Alyssa Johnson, Jill Johnson, Nicholas Kachala, Amy Kahn, Laura Kammermeier, Paul Kammermeier, Jim Kimball, Cindy Kindle, Karl Kunze, Mike Laird, Chris Lajewski, Jenny Landry, Greg Lawrence, Tim Lenz, Joan & Vern Lindberg, Peggy Mabb, Liz Magnanti, Quinton Marchand, Pat Martin, Donna Mason-Spicer, Judy Massare, Lauri Mattle, Kenneth McCarthy, Jacob McCartney, Daniel McDermott, Jay McGowan, Chita McKinney, Ann McMican, Jim Miles, Mark Miller, Kent Millham, Phil Mills, Brian & Brooke Morse, Linda Mott, Leah Mould, Allen Nash, Ann Nash, Tom Nash, Raphael, Nussbaumer, Dave O'Dell, Gary Palmer, Andrea Patterson, Shelley Patterson, Erma Perkins, Norma Platt, Jo Popma, Jay Powell, Doug Rabjohns, RBA Field Trips, Carolyn Ragan, Neal Reilly, Rosemary Reilly, Susan Roberts, Brian Rohrs, Victoria Rothman, Wade & Melissa Rowley, Robert Ryan, Kevin Rybcznski, Jackie Salisbury, Michael Scheibel, Erin Sandle, Karl Schmidt, Dominic Sherony, Judy Slein, Tom & Pat Smith, Roger Smith, Robert & Susan Spahn, Dave Spicer, David Strong, Steve Taylor, David Tetlow, Mike & Joann Tetlow, Eunice Thein, Brian Tuttle, Geoff Twardokus, Nathan Ukens, John & Bonnie VanDerMeid, Erika Venniro, Jeanne & Tom Verhulst, Jules Wagner, Mike Wasilco, Bridget Watts, Drew Weber, Joseph Wing, Chris Wood, Jim Wood, Rochester Young Birders Club.

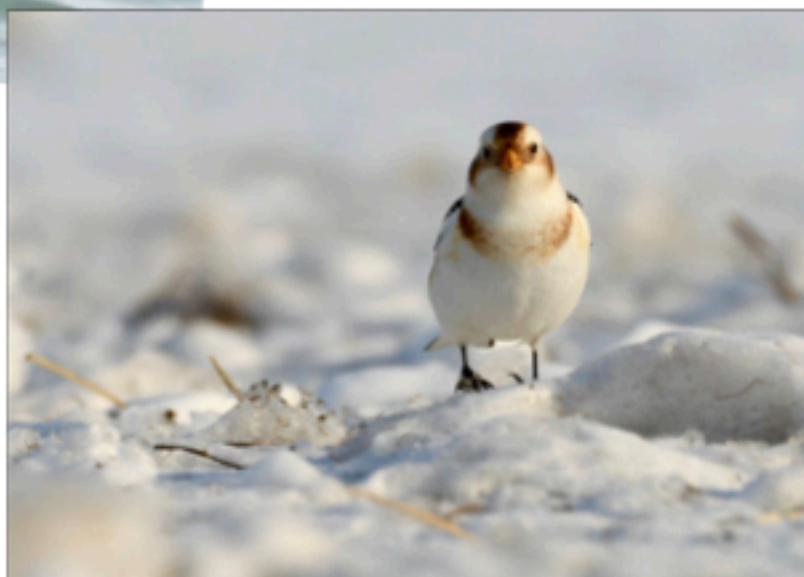
Eastern Bluebird - Webster - ©
Suzie Webster - Jan 28, 2022



Common Eider - Charlotte Pier
- © Eunice Thein - Jan 27, 2022

Winter Bird Views

Rough-legged Hawk - Charlotte Pier -
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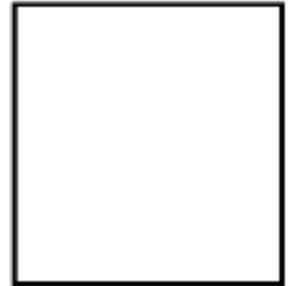


Snow Bunting - Waterloo - © Alan Bloom -
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Did you know?

Ravens thrive in the winter for various reasons. First, their size means they lose less heat energy than smaller birds. They take advantage of many food sources, killing prey themselves or scavenging kills of larger animals. Similarly to other birds, ravens will cache food for later.

Adapted from "How Do Birds Survive The Winter?"
The Cornell Lab, Allaboutbirds.org

