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31 January 2013
February through April
2013

As I prepare this message it actually “feels” like winter outside. Even though there’s been very little snow, and even some rather warm (one record-setting) days in January, it was down-right cold out there today. I hope the birds coming to your feeders have appreciated your generosity and, in return, provided you with considerable enjoyment.

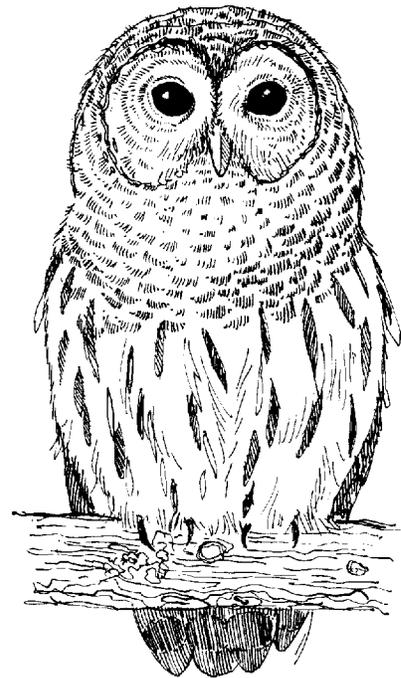
Chapter Business: Many thanks to all of you who attended the annual meeting. The meeting went smoothly, the newly proposed by-laws were approved, and the 2013 officers and directors were elected. New board members include Fran Appleton (treasurer), and Michelle Nicol.

In addition, Sue Doubet has returned to the board after an absence of several years. Many thanks to outgoing directors, Susan Shaw, Joel Horwedel, Kathi Davis and Steve Coogan for their many years of much-appreciated service.

The 2013 board met this evening for the first of the six board meetings required each year. Board members were selected to serve on the following committees: program, field trip, membership, publicity, refreshments, and budget. Committee members are not limited to board members only, so, if you have an interest in helping on any of these committees,

please let us know – you’d certainly be welcomed.

Monthly Programs: The January program, featuring the Barred Owl (including a live bird),
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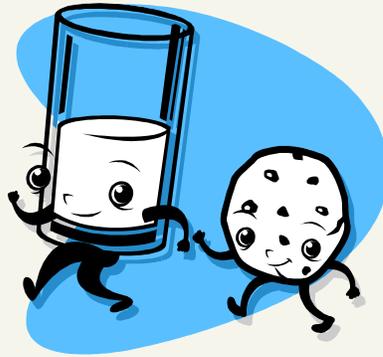
was provided by Jacques Nuzzo of the Raptor Center.

Jacques (accompanied by live raptors) will also be the presenter for the February and March programs. These programs are unique opportunities to see raptors up close and to learn how fascinating they are. Since Jacques's programs are so popular, and space is limited, you are encouraged to arrive early. The February and March programs will begin at 6:00 pm. If the Adams parking lot is full, other parking is available along one of the side streets or at the grocery store. To help cover the expenses of these two programs, a \$5 charge per person will be collected at the door.

Refreshment

Committee: Lisa Beam is "chairperson" of this committee and has done a great job of making sure (occasionally by herself) that "goodies" are available after the monthly programs. Many thanks, also, to those of you who have assisted her. I do believe, though, that she would like a few more volunteers for some of the upcoming monthly programs.

Unusual Birds: As of today, two Rufous Hummingbirds (banded on 27 Dec. & 1 Jan.) are still coming to the feeders regularly every day (one is down in Valmeyer; the other is near Lincoln).



Prairie-Chicken

Field Trip: The annual trip to Prairie-Chicken country (near Newton, IL) is scheduled for Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, 22-23 March. Other species anticipated on this trip include Short-eared Owls, Northern Harriers, American Woodcock, a variety of water and shore birds, pipits, and many more. Please let me know if you'd be interested in joining me on this trip.

Spring Bird Banding: Last fall's banding season at Lincoln Land Community College (LLCC) provided a new opportunity as a research banding station. The final tally, after a slow start, was 726 birds of 54 species banded in 29 banding days. The spring season will

begin the last week of March and run through late May. College classes have already been scheduled to visit the station and visitors, including groups, and anyone wishing to assist at the station are always welcome. The station will be in operation (weather permitting) from dawn until near noon on weekday and several Sat-



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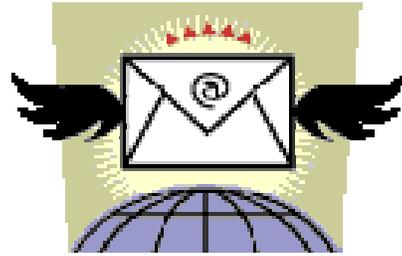
Bird Seed and Feeders

Arrangement! Please remember our "arrangement" with Wild Birds Unlimited! Be sure to do your shopping for bird seed and nature-related items at Wild Birds Unlimited and to tell Wade (or the cashier) that you are a member of Springfield Audubon so that Audubon benefits from your purchases (50-cents for each bag of seed and a 10% discount on other items). This is one of our Chapter's chief sources of income. Wade also has SAS membership forms and newsletters at the shop and promotes SAS on the WBU web site.

And, finally, be sure to take some time every day during the winter and spring seasons to enjoy nature (even if just a little bit).

Vernon Kleen

Thanks to everyone who has chosen to receive their newsletter via email! The electronic newsletter saves Springfield Audubon over \$125 per year in postage and printing cost.



SAS Monthly Programs: Adams Wildlife Sanctuary (AWS)
 February – May 2013
 Thursdays, 7:00 pm– 8 pm, unless otherwise noted

Program and Speaker	Date	Time	Saturday Fieldtrips
1 (IAS) Great Backyard Bird Count	February 16	930 am-12 pm	
2 (IAS) Winter Botany Workshop	February 17	1 pm-3-pm	
3 (IAS) Volunteer Work Day	February 17	1:30 pm –3 pm	
4 (IAS) Project Feeder Watch	February 21	9 am– 12 pm	
5 Illinois Raptor Center: Raptor Program 2	February 21 +**	6:00 pm	
6 (IAS) Volunteer Work Day	March 17	1:00 pm-3pm	
7 Illinois Raptor Center: Raptor Program 3	March 21+**	6:00 pm	Fieldtrip to new Illinois Raptor Center location TBD
8 Eric Schenk of Ducks Unlimited	April 2013	7:00 pm	
9 Arvin and Colleen Pierce (Owners ACBfees Apiaries): Beehive Management	May 2013 <i>Invasive Species Month</i>	7:00 pm	

Note– this program is being held on Tuesday, not the regular Thursday timeframe.

+Note-special program being offered.

**Note– There will be a charge of \$5 per person to attend this session to help cover costs of the program



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Volunteers are needed to provide refreshments and help out on the following Springfield Audubon Society event dates:

February 21 (two volunteers needed)

March 21 (one volunteer needed)

May 16 (two volunteers needed)

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