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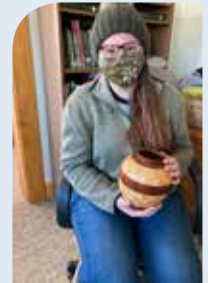
FROM THE DIRECTOR

I am so very happy to be writing this at a time when both nature and our nature center seem to be bursting back to life. After more than a year of daily challenges and program adjustments we are able to once again host school children and help them understand the wonderful ways nature interacts on our land and in our waters. With some minor adjustment, there will be a Bird Breakfast, and our summer camp registration is almost filled. At the same time, wildflowers are beginning to bloom, and migrant birds fill the trees and fields.

Summer interns are arriving - beginning the work of tree planting, grassland management, and educating young people. Their energy lifts us up. After this season, we'll have planted 10,000 trees in the forest, caged against deer, ready to take their place as our beloved ash forest gives way to a tiny foreign insect that is here because of the lack of diligence of others. We are grateful for the support from the US Forest Service, the Dutton Foundation, and others who help us preserve our Noah's Ark of biodiversity.

We have no easy answers to such challenges, but we will try our best to keep what is so precious to us.

This year we also have a new team member, Kennedy Zittel, a recent graduate from UW-Green Bay. Kennedy was an intern last year and is now our new Assistant Naturalist, assisting all of our coordinators in what needs to be done. She brings along with



Kennedy Zittel

her knowledge a wonderful attitude and work ethic. We are very happy to have her help as our Center and the Preserve continue to grow.

Welcome to spring and summer! We look forward to your visit and sharing with you the remarkable things we've found in our preserve.

We are grateful for your support and

look forward to many good times in the coming season. We have learned much in the past year - now watch us apply that to these exciting new times!

~ Jim Knickelbine, Executive Director

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Mission Statement:

Our mission is two-fold: to protect our globally important habitat, and to educate our community in understanding and appreciating the value of nature.

Bird Breakfast, A 79 Year Tradition and Still Going



Woodland Dunes held its annual Bird Breakfast on Saturday, May 15. The Bird Breakfast tradition has been going for 79 years and the pandemic didn't stop it this year.



Bird Breakfast

The event was modified with a "Fly-By" pick up concept, but friends from the local community still had their opportunity to enjoy ham, pancakes and fruit compote without having to lift a finger.

Bird Breakfast was started in 1942 by Lillian Marsh in Manitowoc as a fundraiser for St. Paul's Methodist Church. In the 1956 Milwaukee Journal, "... more than 250 people turned up bright and early (on) May 12 to cook their own breakfast after hours of seeking and identifying birds in the neighboring countryside and lake shore areas. Hot spots for birders were the local zoo, dump and the cemeteries."

Thank you to this year's sponsors who kept



our tradition alive: Festival Foods, Thrivent, and Country Visions Cooperative Cenex Convenience Stores.



Grand Opening Soon!

Because of your financial support, we were able to stay on track with our Nature Center addition during the pandemic and it is now complete. We are excited to announce that we will be holding a grand opening soon. Be watching emails and Facebook for updates and more details.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this amazing and necessary campaign! We now have the capacity to hold large events indoors and can offer excellent programs and events even during inclement weather.

We can't wait to see you out here!



Steve Lutzke

How long have you volunteered at Woodland Dunes and what made you become involved?

I've volunteered for six years, after retiring. I became involved because I love nature and volunteering is a great way to give back.

What do you most enjoy about being involved with Woodland Dunes? I really appreciate the staff at Woodland Dunes. Everyone is friendly and professional and sincere.

What are some of your favorite pastimes or hobbies? I like hunting, fishing, working on cars, and drinking good whiskey. I love spending time on our property up in Vilas County.

Words of wisdom for other volunteers? Get outside and do it!



The Butterfly Garden

Plant Focus: Black Snakeroot (Black Cohosh, Bugbane, Fairy Candles)

When you enter the Dorothy R. Star Butterfly & Bee Wildlife Garden in early July you may notice a tall, white, fragrant plant in a bed on your left. It has many names and a long history. Read on to learn more, and enjoy viewing it in person this summer!

Who: Black Snakeroot (*Cimicifuga racemosa*)

What: an herbaceous plant whose forked spike can reach 6 feet in height.

When: it flowers in early July with white petals that fall as the flower opens, leaving bottle-brush-like clusters of stamens.

Where: it grows well in a woodland garden; it likes shade, although it gets a fair amount of sun in our garden at the Dunes and thrives there as well. If you have a shady area available for tall plants, you might want to consider this one!

Why: Its flowers have a strong odor that is extremely attractive to many insects and pollinators, and its flowers produce a large amount of nectar and pollen.

How: you can purchase it at locations selling native plants, such as Stone Silo Prairie Gardens in DePere, WI or online at Prairie Moon Nursery in Winona, MN.

A fascinating plant throughout history: According to retired horticulturalist Gerald Klingaman, the name Black Cohosh comes from the Algonquin word for the plant. Native Americans used its roots for many medical issues, including snakebite and female ailments. To this day black snakeroot (cohosh) is highly sought after for its medicinal uses.

Wendy Lutzke
Butterfly & Bee Garden Coordinator

Black cohosh photo by John Hilty, Illinois Wildflowers.

NEW SIGNS!

A big thanks to the Rotary Club of Two Rivers for their support with purchasing and helping to place new signs in the garden. They also purchased herbs for our little garden just outside the back door of the nature center. Thanks for adding a little spice to our life at the Dunes!



Caught you Loving On Nature at the Dunes

"We've been coming out here for almost 50 years! It's always open for everyone every day and we just love it." – Nancy & Ron Crabb, March 31, 2021



Did you know?

When a female Ruby-throated Hummingbird is building her nest, she collects the spider silk she needs by sticking it all over her beak and breast. When she reaches the nest site, she'll press and stretch the silk onto the other materials, such as lichen and moss, creating a tough, tiny cup.

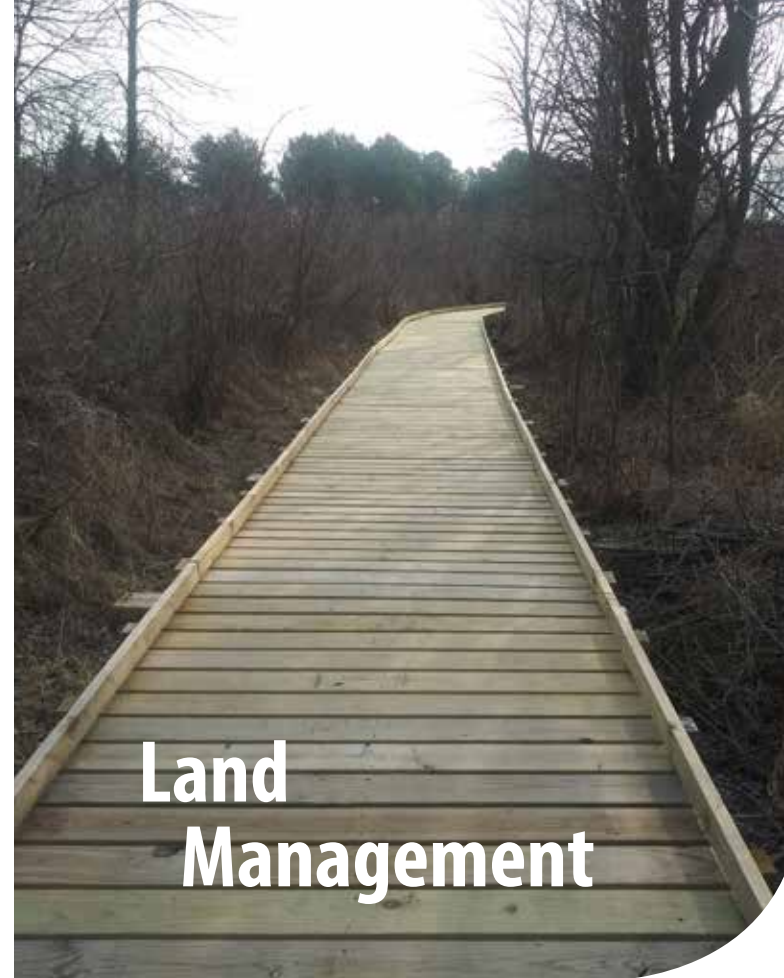
Spider silk not only acts as a glue, holding the other bits together, but it's flexible enough to accommodate the growing bodies of nestlings. And it's resilient enough to withstand all the bustle of raising those hungry babies.

Source: Audubon

Cool quote...

“
I absolutely adore Woodland Dunes. Amazing, beautiful place. I found so many birds, and a lot of them were kind enough to stop for a photograph! The variety of habitat is outstanding! I will be back!
”

- Carrie Borofka, Allouez WI



Land Management

Exciting things have been happening on our trails! We recently completed a brand new 500' boardwalk on Willow Trail. This boardwalk is near the Nature Center building and allows visitors to access the drier sections of Willow Trail (inaccessible in past years due to higher than normal water levels). The wide boardwalk also allows staff to mow and maintain the trail system. We are thankful to you, our donors and volunteers, who made this boardwalk possible.

This spring, we began reporting our trail conditions weekly through Travel Wisconsin. This allows visitors to get real time updates on the conditions of the trail surfaces as well as seasonal updates on plants and animals being seen. Please check it out at www.travelwisconsin.com/hiking-report and click on Woodland Dunes.

This summer we are working on several habitat restoration projects. We have two large grant-funded projects. One involves coastal wetland filtration enhancement while fortifying the swales against the emerald ash borer. The other project focuses on removing invasive shrubs to improve rusty patched-bumblebee habitat. A total of six land management interns will be with us throughout the summer, helping us maintain our unique habitat and the unique plants and animals which call our preserve their home. Please welcome them when you see them. We wouldn't be able to accomplish nearly as much without their help.

– Jeni Klein, Land Management Coordinator

Trail Saver 20 Makes Big Impact!



You made it happen! We launched our Trail Saver 20 Club last year, and because of our TS20 members, we were able to repair broken and crooked areas of Yellow Birch Trail, which had

become like a roller coaster. We also removed invasive species near your hiking areas.

Good news! Travel Wisconsin is now promoting our trail system statewide, so our trails being in tip top shape is more important than ever so, thank you!

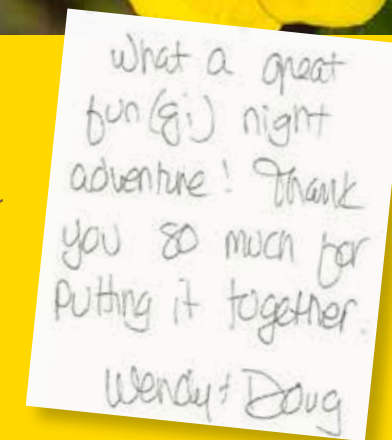
What's in it for you? Over the past year, we took TS20 members on an amazing fungi hike in the fall and enjoyed witnessing the woodcock courtship this spring. Stay tuned for more fun for TS20 members late this summer. If you're not yet a member, become one now!

More Benefits:

- ~Receive a cool car decal to show off your support of our trails on your back window.
- ~Attend up to 3 VIP events on our trails at night (when they are closed to the general public).
- ~Take pride in knowing you are helping to protect over 1,500 acres of unique and rare habitat.



Please make your donation now or when you see this logo on our trails with the QR code and help us change the world, starting right here on our trails! Your gift carries mighty power on our Preserve. Thank you!

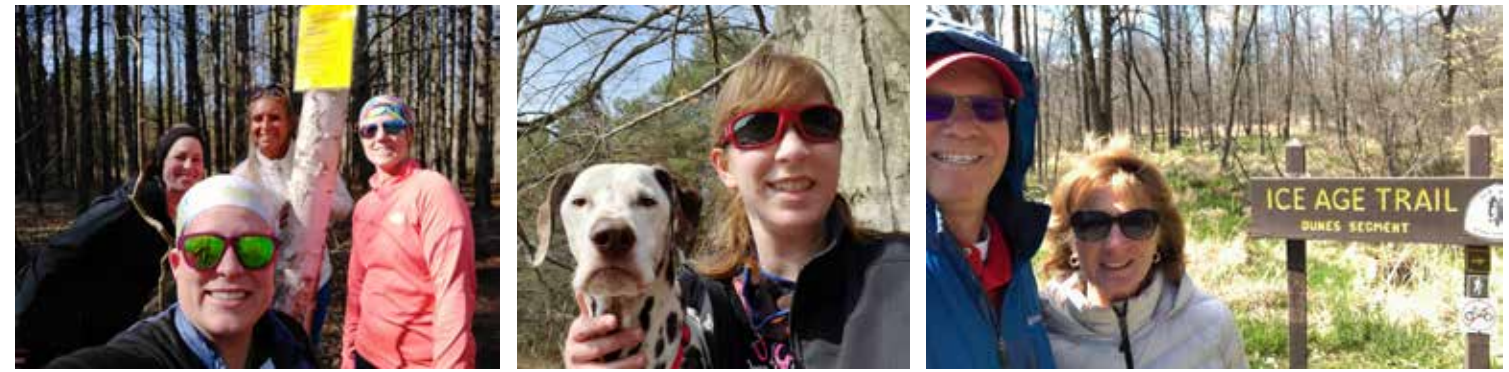


www.woodlanddunes.org/trail-saver-20

DASH WALK & ROLL AT THE DUNES

Dashers, 170 of them, pedaled, plodded, and ran their way into a virtual 5k victory, supporting the education and conservation goals of Woodland Dunes this May 1.

“We are so proud of the participants who made an effort to support us even without a starting pistol and potential medal at the end,” stated Nancy Nabak, Dash, Rock & Roll race director. “Because of their dedication, over \$10,000 was raised to support education programs and protect native plant systems, unique swales, and a variety of habitats and the critters that live within.”



“ My name is Brian Kornely, part of the team over at Village Inn on the Lake. I walked from the Village Inn on Memorial Drive all the way to Woodland using the tracks, then back around. It was perfect when I marked the length on Google maps! It was a pleasure to take a walk for the Dunes! ”

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Metal Ware Corp. is partnering with Woodland Dunes to protect vital Great Lakes Ridges and Swales habitat near the Ice Age Trail.

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Tropical Blast 2021!



What do you love about Woodland Dunes?

"Fresh air, beautiful landscape, educational center for our children...a place to share." - Pam & Kevin W.

"Love the knowledgeable and dedicated staff who share this beautiful space!" - Mark B.

"A kayak enthusiast sends a big shout out for the kayak launch!!!" - Linda C.

"We Love the Woodland Dunes for the spirit of elemental forces all coming together! Generosity, alchemy and nature inspiring our senses - thank you for sharing your gifts!" - Robert & Bonnita



Anything for the cause:

"Great stuff. I am in for \$500/ match fund if Nancy does a hula." - Alan F.

Planning Committee:

- Kay Baum
- Lynn Burzynski
- Doug DeVries
- Michael Ditmer
- Judy Goodchild
- Jeni Klein
- Ellen Lewellen
- Wendy Lutzke
- Nancy Nabak
- Alison Petri
- Jason Ring

Surprise & welcomed note from afar:

"Hello from California! I can't wait for my first visit to Woodland Dunes." - Jason L.



Highlights:

- 🌺 Steel drums
- 🌺 50 attendees
- 🌺 Amazing sponsors | Fun, tropical swag boxes
- 🌺 Macadamia nut encrusted halibut recipe
- 🌺 Live, real time connection to our community
- 🌺 Great testimonials from wonderful community members
- 🌺 Executive Director playing ukulele
- 🌺 Over \$44,000 raised to support our wonderful habitat and programs



Thank yous:

"Cheers and great job to all!" - Doug B.

"Thank you for ALL you do. WD is a gem on the lakeshore." - Sally T.

"Thanks for all that you all do!!!"

"Great Night. Great Production!" - Deanna S.

"Great job, especially under the unusual circumstances." - Mark M.

"Fantastic job all!!! See you next year!" - Scott W.



Thank You!

Woodland Dunes has continued to change and adapt to Covid-19, always keeping the health and safety of its employees and visitors in mind. We will continue to follow health guidelines, require masks for program participants and staff who are not vaccinated, practice good hand hygiene and physical distancing when possible. Registration is required for all programs as we will keep program sizes small. To register for a program call 793-4007 or email Jess at jessicaj@woodlanddunes.org. As needed, we will make adjustments to our program offerings and precautionary measures based on best practices.

*Virtual Adult Learning Series:

The adult learning series continues in a virtual format and it's simple to participate! Register by calling 793-4007 or emailing Jess at jessicaj@woodlanddunes.org with your name, phone number and email address. Please note registration deadline for each program. You will receive an email with directions and a link to the presentation. Contact Jess with any questions.

*Wild Wisconsin Canines

**Tuesday, June 15th
6:00-7:00pm**

Join Wildlife Biologist, Steve Easterly, for a fascinating program about wolves, coyotes and foxes. He will discuss the biology, ecology and history of each, as well as the similarities and differences between these wild Wisconsin canines. Registration required by Friday, June 11th. Sponsored by Next Era Point Beach Nuclear Plant.



*Intriguing Owls with Stan Tekiela

**Wednesday, July 28th
6:30-7:30pm**

Naturalist, wildlife photographer and author, Stan Tekiela, presents "Intriguing Owls," a program filled with eye-popping images of every owl species found in the United States. For over 20 years, Stan has traveled across the U.S. to study and photograph owls. Stan will explain the many intriguing aspects of these nocturnal birds in plain and simple terminology. You will learn just how well owls see in the dark, along with their amazing hearing abilities. Registration required by Monday, July 26th. Sponsored by ATC.

Stan has authored more than 100 field guides, nature appreciation books and wildlife audio CD's and is the originator of the popular state specific field guide series, Birds of Wisconsin, Trees of Wisconsin and Wildflowers of Wisconsin, among many others.

*Chimney Swift – Nature's Nightlife

**Tuesday, August 10th
6:00-7:00pm**

The Chimney swift has an exciting night show that's free of charge during fall migration. Join Nancy Nabak, communication coordinator for Woodland Dunes and member of the Wisconsin Chimney Swift Working Group, to learn about this fascinating phenomenon and what makes this species so special. From 1966-2015 this aerial insectivore has experienced a 72% decline. Learn why we should care and what we can do. Sponsored by Next Era Point Beach Nuclear Plant.

Summer Star Parties

Saturday, June 12th 10:00-11:00pm
Saturday, July 17th 9:30-10:30pm
Friday, August 13th 9:30-10:30pm
(Perseid meteor shower)



View night sky constellations with astronomers Al and Ben, along with the moon and other celestial objects through the big telescope in the

Sky Shed. Weather and sky conditions permitting, otherwise star parties will take place the following Saturday at the same time. Program takes place outside the Nature Center. Space is limited, registration required by the day before each session. Sponsored by Next Era Point Beach Nuclear Plant.

Evening Frog Program

**Thursday, June 3rd
7:30-8:30pm**
Members: \$4/person or \$10/family
Non-members: \$5/person or \$15/family

Join us for a fun early evening program at the Field Station. Meet amphibians that live in the preserve and learn some of their calls. Then stroll by the swales to listen for singing frogs. If conditions allow, we'll use the bat monitor to see what bats are active. Program takes place at the Field Station and is weather dependent. Space is limited, registration required by Tues, June 1st. Sponsored by Next Era Point Beach Nuclear Plant.

Habitat Restoration Project Site Tour

**Wednesday, June 23
6:00pm**

Location: Goodwin Road Trails Kiosk
Join Land Management Coordinator, Jeni Klein, on a hike along Yellow Birch Trail while we discuss and look at recent habitat restoration projects. Find out what is needed to keep our preserve functional and to prevent invasive species from overrunning our habitats. Registration required. Group size will be limited. Register by calling Jeni at 920-793-4007 or emailing jenniferp@woodlanddunes.org.



Guided Prairie Walk

**Thursday, July 22nd
9:00-10:00am**
Members: \$4/person or \$10/family
Non-members: \$5/person or \$15/family

Enjoy a guided walk through the prairie when it is in bloom. Group size is limited, registration is required by Tues, July 20th. Program is weather dependent. Sponsored by Next Era Point Beach Nuclear Plant.

Mud Day Celebrations

International Mud Day is June 29th and we're celebrating for an entire week! Play in a mud pool at the Nature Center; enjoy a virtual STEAM program with our friends at the Manitowoc Public Library; make a mucky creation for the mud pie photo contest. Stop at the Lester Public Library to pick up a Muddy Tails Story Time To Go pack.

Mud Pie Photo Contest

Sunday, June 27th-Saturday, July 3rd

Celebrate International Mud Day by entering the mud pie photo contest. Get dirty and have fun making a "baked" creation using mud and other natural items. One photo per child with their name and age, can be emailed to Jess at jessicaj@woodlanddunes.org. Photos must be received by midnight on Saturday, July 3rd. Three winners will be randomly selected and prizes awarded! Sponsored by Edward Jones Office of Carla Liban.

Muddy Tails Story Time To Go Pack

Monday, June 28th-Friday, July 2nd

Visit the Lester Public Library to pick up a muddy to go pack! Make a mud pie; sing, dance and move with a cute worm puppet; learn about creatures who live and play in dirt and mud. The packs come with a small collection of books, so you can READ to further explore magnificent mud and delightful dirt!

Muddy STEAM Monday with Manitowoc Public Library

Monday, June 28th | 1:00pm
Hybrid program (in-person and grab & go bags)

Join our friends at the MPL to go full STEAM ahead into a muddy, hands-on project! There is an in-person option and "Grab & Go" option. Space is limited for the in-person program, visit manitowoclibrary.org/fab for details.



Mud Pool Party

Thursday, July 1st
Session 1: 2:00-2:45pm
Session 2: 3:00-3:45pm
Session 3: 4:00-4:45pm
Session 4: 5:00-5:45pm
Members: \$2/child
Non-Members: \$3/child

Celebrate International Mud Day by reserving a mud pool for your family or pod! Create a mud pie and enter the mud pie contest, feel the mud squish between your toes and run through the sprinkler when you are ready to clean off! Pools will be spread out so families can physically distance. Be prepared to get muddy. An extra change of clothes and plastic bags are highly recommended. **In the event of poor weather, there will be a take home activity available for pickup.** Registration required, space is limited. Sponsored by the Edward Jones Office of Carla Liban.

Nature Time Tuesdays,

Tuesdays, July 13th-August 10th
Session 1: 12:30-1:15pm
Session 2: 1:45-2:30pm
Session 3: 3:00-3:45pm

Families are invited to participate in nature-themed activities that everyone will enjoy. Takes place at the Nature Center rain or shine. Three sessions available each Tuesday afternoon with new themes each week. Registration required, space is limited. Sponsored by the Edward Jones Office of Carla Liban.

Raising a Wild Child

Thursday, July 8th: Osprey
Thursday, August 12th: Butterflies
Session 1: 9:00-10:15am
Session 2: 10:45am-Noon
Members: \$2/child
Non-members: \$3/child

Experience the wonders of nature with your 2-5 year old through nature hikes, play and guided activities. Help your child notice the natural world and ignite their curiosity! Older siblings are welcome during the summer months. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Dress for the weather. Registration required, space is limited in each session. Sponsored by the Edward Jones Office of Carla Liban.

West Twin River Paddle

Saturday, July 10th
9:00-11:00am

Join the Friends of the Twin Rivers for a leisurely paddle on the West Twin River. Bring your own non-motorized watercraft or reserve one for no charge when you register (limited availability). Leave and return from the Vet's Park boat launch behind Metal Ware. To register, email Jenn at jenn@lnrp.org by July 1st. Sponsored by Friends of the Twin Rivers Watershed, Woodland Dunes and LNRP.

Owl Week

Sunday, July 25th-
Saturday, July 31st

Join us for an exciting week celebrating owls! Enjoy on-site activities like an owl-themed Nature Time Tuesday, an owl Storytime with Manitowoc Public Library and more. We'll have virtual visits with naturalist and author Stan Tekiela, and local wildlife rehabilitators, Wildlife of Wisconsin. This week will be a hoot! Registration is required for some programs, see details below. Sponsored by ATC.

Owl Senses Walk

Sunday, July 25th-Saturday, July 31st
Celebrate Owl Week by learning about owl senses and Wisconsin owls! Stations will be set up along the first part of Willow Trail and can be enjoyed anytime from dawn until dusk.

Owl Babies Story Time

Sunday, July 25th- Saturday, Aug 21st
Take an Owl Babies Story Time Walk through the Lester Public Library's pretty gardens! Read the beloved tale of three owl siblings, Sarah, Percy and Bill, as you stroll. Bring your library card if you'd like to pick up a Feathered Tails Story Time To Go pack while you're there (July 26th-31st).

Owl Craft Grab and Go Bag

Monday, July 26th-Saturday, July 31st
Stop at the front desk of the Nature Center and pick up an owl art project to take home. The Nature Center is open Monday-Friday 9:00am-4:00pm and Saturday 9:00am-Noon.



The Difference Between Hawks and Owls with Wildlife of WI

Monday, July 26th

Watch our Facebook page for a special video with local wildlife rehabilitators, Wildlife of Wisconsin! Meet an educational owl and hawk, and learn the difference between these two amazing birds!

Owl-themed Nature Time Tuesday

Tuesday, July 21st | Session 1: 12:30-1:15
Session 2: 1:45-2:30 | Session 3: 3:00-3:45
Registration required for one of the sessions. Sponsored by the Edward Jones Office of Carla Liban.

*Virtual Program: Intriguing Owls with Stan Tekiela

Wednesday, July 28th | 6:30-7:30pm
See virtual program description at beginning for details.

Outdoor Owl Storytime at the Dunes

Saturday, July 31st
11:00am
Storytime is a HOOT! Join us for an owl-themed storytime with special guests from Manitowoc Public Library! We'll be singing, talking, reading, creating, and playing at this inclusive Storytime for families with preschoolers. It's a great opportunity to meet new friends, socialize, and strengthen early literacy skills. Recommended for developmental ages 2-5, siblings are always welcome. Storytimes are inclusive and welcoming. Be prepared to enjoy this outdoor storytime "picnic style" by bringing a blanket or camp chairs to set up in the lawn (some picnic tables available). In the event of inclement weather, storytime will be moved indoors, masks required. Space is limited, registration required by Thurs, July 29th.

Inspiring Young Birder Gets Start at Woodland Dunes

By Nancy Nabak

"Can I say goodbye like a gentleman does?" Four-year-old Collin was asking his dad if he could properly say goodbye to me after we first met on Cattail Trail. His dad, Aaron Duszynski, said sure and Collin took the top of my hand and kissed it. What a cutie.

That was five years ago. Collin was a familiar face here back then - on the trails and at dad's hip. Unfortunately for us, dad got a new job and the family moved from Two Rivers to Pulaski. Our hearts were broken to see our little naturalist go, but this April, Collin and Aaron paid us a visit and I got to spend some quality time with them.

Upon arrival, Collin asked if he could draw the birds he was seeing at our feeders. I gave him paper and colored pencils, while he plotted out his seat and situated his water bottle. Each time a tree sparrow would come in for food, he looked closely to see if it might be a chipping sparrow - interrupting his drawing process. But Collin didn't care. He looked each time. To make sure we were correct in identifying the sparrow, we used a nearby chart. The bi-colored beak cinched it. Tree Sparrow.

With a sparkle in his eye and a third-grade grin, Collin told me he already had 64 bird species this year, including a Barred owl and a Northern shrike. (He admitted that his mom, Chelsea, was actually the one who spotted the shrike first on the top of a snag.) "But I really want to see a Tufted titmouse. Some guy who lives by me had one in his yard a couple of years ago." Big goals wrapped in a little package always tug at my heart.



Collin has quite an impressive list going and I'm thrilled that he got his start at the Dunes. Studies show that if Collin or any child at his age can identify a species in their yard or at a nearby nature preserve, they're more likely to feel connected to nature, something we're desperately in need of now more than ever. A telling study out of North Carolina demonstrated that children were more familiar with the animals of Africa than the birds in their own neighborhood. Getting them out and experiencing their own local wildlife, just as Collin is, will help resolve this disconnect and give hope for favorable local conservation. (For more information on birding with your children:

www.audubon.org/news/easy-ways-get-kids-birding. Also, watch for birding programs sponsored at Woodland Dunes.)

Pencils down - time to hit the trails. We didn't hike far before we heard and then saw a Golden-crowned kinglet. Add one more to Collin's list. Then we spotted a brown-headed cowbird. Add another. The birds got quiet for a while so I asked Collin if he had a favorite. He said no. I told him I did and wondered if he could guess it if I sang its song. So I did -

"Drink. Your. Teeeeeee." In less time than it takes to formulate a full sentence, he looked at me and guessed, "Eastern Towhee?" Yep. He also said that there was a Western Towhee (Spotted), just in case I didn't know.

I was pretty amazed at how much this avian-conscious nine year old knew so I asked where he was getting his information. He said he learns mainly from the Smithsonian Eastern Region field guide. He also watches YouTube videos and the birds in his backyard. "I pay attention to their behavior and remember what they do." He also reads different books from school that are species specific (like American robin or Red-winged black bird). I asked if his teacher knows he likes birds. He didn't think so. I bet his teacher does.

When we entered Cattail Trail we spotted a Winter wren (first sighting this spring) working its way low on the ground. Species number 67. Collin's curious mind was fully engaged and asked me where they nested. I told him near the roots and trunks of trees. I was surprised when he correctly responded, "Huh, ground nesters... just like short-eared owls."

On the hike back, Collin pointed out an educational sign referring to the marsh and read it out loud, "Easy to destroy, hard to rebuild." I asked him what he thought about it and he said it made sense. "When you destroy something, it's gone." Nothing more to be said here.

An Osprey carrying nesting material flew over us as we left the trail, bringing Collin's count up to 68 species.

As they got in their car to head north, Collin invited me to watch the birds at his family's backyard feeder some day. I'm good with that. I also learned that Collin has aspirations of being a Conservationist. I'm more than good with that, and Collin, we can't wait to interview you for our internship program.



THANK YOU



Thank you to the Outdoor Fund from Cabela's! We received a generous \$1,000 donation to go towards our beautiful and functional nature center addition.

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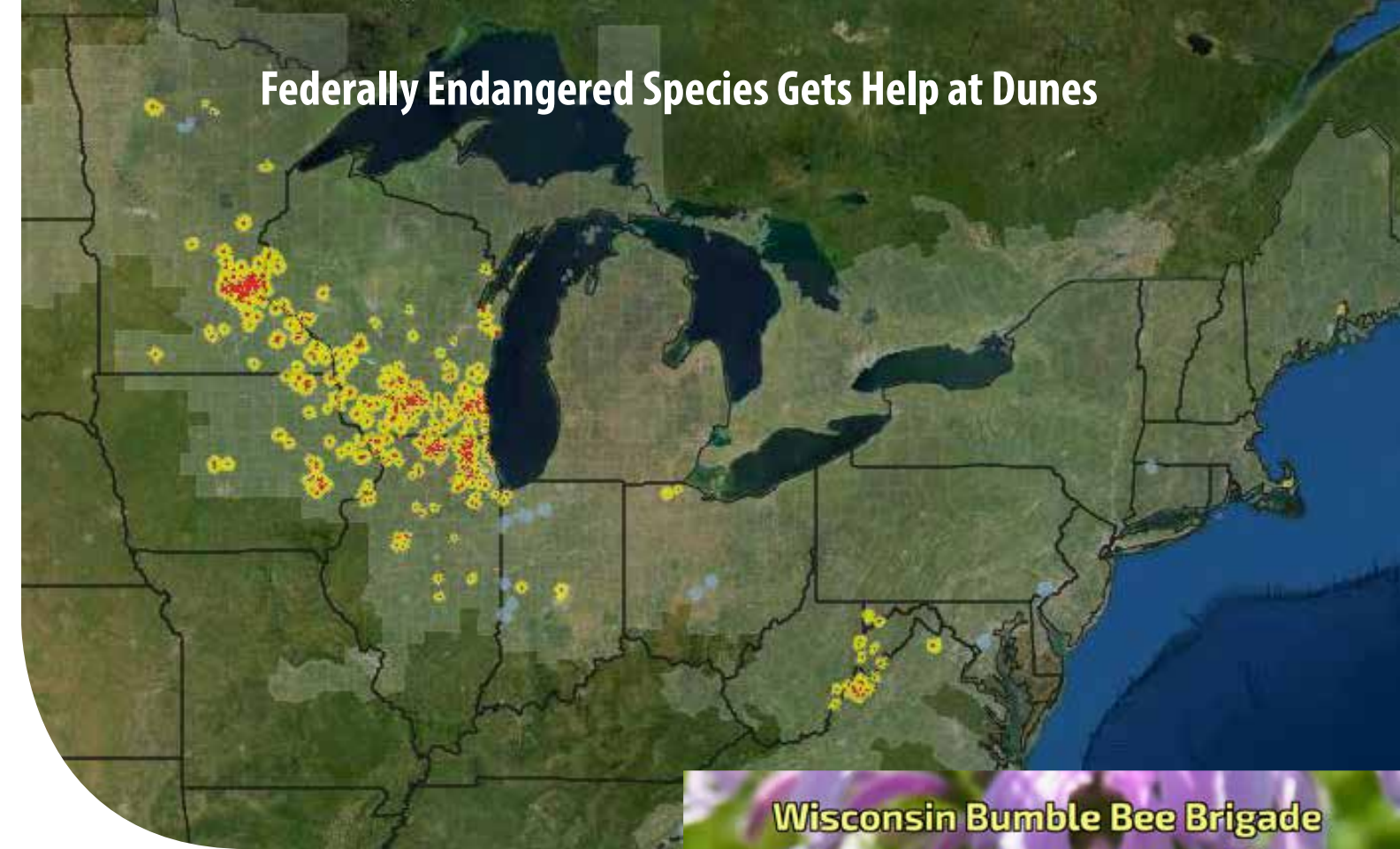
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For two years in a row, DNR biologists have discovered the endangered Rusty Patched Bumble Bee on our property. Taking quick action after the last sighting, we wrote a grant to the Dutton Foundation to hire two summer interns to create and maintain Rusty Patched nesting areas, floral resources, and overwintering habitat. The request was granted and the project will begin this June (after the queens have awoken from hibernation). Honeysuckle will be removed by hand to minimize bee disturbance and to allow for nectaring and foraging activities over the summer. The work will end in early September,

so as to not disrupt their overwintering hibernation needs.

As you can see from the range map, we are in the "last frontier" for this once common bee. This compels us to do all we can to help bring it back from the brink of extinction. Be watching for progress reports on this valuable effort.

For more information on how you can get involved in a citizen science project to help this and other bees, visit: wiatri.net/inventory/BBB.

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