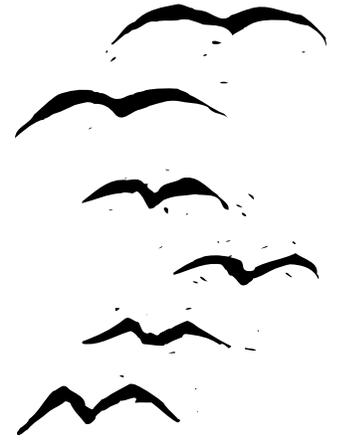


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Cedar Lake: Past, Present and Future

Monday March 24th

Join Shawnee Audubon on Monday March 24th at 7 pm at the Carbondale Township Hall (217 E. Main St.) , as we learn about Carbondale's Cedar Lake and the story behind it.

Many of us use this beautiful lake every day, either as the source of Carbondale's drinking water, or to go hiking in legendary Cove Hollow, canoeing or kayaking near the spectacular bluffs, or casting a fishing line from one of the docks. But we don't usually think about the lake's origin. Cedar Lake wasn't always here to quench our thirst, or cool us off on a hot summer day.

A slide presentation has recently been unearthed, showing the construction of the lake in the mid-1970's, and what the area looked like at the time. These images haven't been seen in decades, so we're dusting them off, digitizing them and will be sharing them with the public.

Located in Jackson County, just southwest of Carbondale, Cedar Lake is a 1,750-acre reservoir created by the damming of Cedar Creek, a tributary of the Big Muddy River.

Cedar Lake was constructed for the purpose of supplying drinking water to the residents of Carbondale. Approximately 50% of the shoreline (on the southern end) is owned by the U.S. Forest Service. The balance is owned by the City of Carbondale. The average depth is 14 feet, with a maximum depth of 40 feet and about 30 miles of shoreline.

Shawnee Audubon is inviting folks to come and share their memories and/or photos of the area - what it was like before the lake was built, during construction and how it has evolved into



Construction Work on Cedar Lake in the mid 1970's



View of Cedar Lake today

one of the finest and most picturesque recreational lakes in all of Southern Illinois.

Please invite anyone you know who lived in the area at the time, or has an interest in Cedar Lake. We'd love to have a large crowd, with many views and perspectives represented. Several special guests have already agreed to join Shawnee Audubon and share their thoughts and photos of the lake.

See you at the Carbondale Township Hall next Monday, March 24th at 7 pm! Parking is always available at the Bank of Carbondale lot, or in the lot on the alley behind the Hall.

Upcoming Events

March

- 24 SAS Membership Meeting: Cedar Lake: Past, Present & Future - a History of Cedar Lake. 7pm. Carbondale Township Hall, 217 E. Main St.** This scenic lake was built in the 1970's. Come see a visual history of the building of Cedar Lake. Invite anyone you know who might have stories or photographs to share about Cedar Lake. Call Karen (618-457-6367) for more information.

April

- 12 Stewardship Day** War Bluff Valley Wildlife Sanctuary. Bring work gloves and a sack lunch. We start about 9:30 a.m. See last page for details and directions. Call Terri at 618/683-2222 for more information.
- 18-20 IAS Spring Gathering in Decatur** Fieldtrips, outings and evening programs. Check your *Cardinal News* or next page for detailed information.
- 25-27 Birding Fest of Southernmost Illinois:** Birding Blitz birding competition, a variety of fieldtrips, and birding programs, photo contests, raffles, canoe & bike trips, educational opportunities and fun for children and adults. Check the website at www.birdingblitz.org or page 4 of your newsletter for details.

May

- 4 SAS Birding Fieldtrip** to Cave Valley (Jackson County - Pomona area) 8am. We should see LOTS of warblers and other migrating birds, as well as spectacular wildflowers. Phone Ann Douglas (618/564-2070).
- 10 Statewide Spring Bird Count** Shawnee Audubon counts Pope County! Contact Ann Douglas for more information (618/564-2070) or for an assignment. Contact Vern (217/787-3515) or kleen@insightbb.com if you would like to participate in Union County's count. All counties in the state will be participating.
- 10 Stewardship Day** War Bluff Valley Wildlife Sanctuary. Bring work gloves and a sack lunch. We start about 9:30 a.m. See last page for details and directions. Call Terri at 618/683-2222 for more information.
- 16-18 IAS Southern Illinois & Shawnee National Forest Fieldtrip** Contact Vern Kleen (217/787-3515) or kleen@insightbb.com for more information.

June

- 6-8 IAS Northwestern Illinois Fieldtrip** Mississippi Palisades State Park, Lost Mound NWR, Lowden-Miller State Forest. Contact Vern Kleen (217/787-3515) or kleen@insightbb.com for more info.
- 14 Stewardship Day** War Bluff Valley Wildlife Sanctuary. Bring work gloves and a sack lunch. We start about 9:30 a.m. See last page for details and directions. Call Terri at 618/683-2222 for more information.

July

- 12 Stewardship Day** War Bluff Valley Wildlife Sanctuary. Bring work gloves and a sack lunch. We start about 9:30 a.m. See last page for details and directions. Call Terri at 618/683-2222 for more information.

August

- 2-3 8th Annual Hummingbird Festival!** Trail of Tears State Forest. Learn all about hummingbirds! Watch the SAS website www.shawneeaudubon.org or call Karen at 618/457-6367 for more details.
- 12 Stewardship Day** War Bluff Valley Wildlife Sanctuary. Bring work gloves and a sack lunch. We start about 9:30 a.m. See last page for details and directions. Call Terri at 618/683-2222 for more information.
- 23 14th Annual Insect Awareness & Appreciation Day!** War Bluff Valley Wildlife Sanctuary. Watch for details in future newsletters and on the Shawnee Audubon website.

Shawnee Audubon Society has a two-fold purpose.

The first is to actively promote the conservation and protection of Southern Illinois' native plants and animals, and their habitats.

The second is to act as stewards of War Bluff Valley Sanctuary.



Whooo's Here?

Andrea Douglas

Upcoming SAS Field Trips- Mark Your Calendar!

May 4 - Cave Valley - Meet in Pomona at 8 a.m. Anyone wanting to carpool from the east side of southern Illinois, call me at 618-564-2079.

Warblers will be this day's focus and we can practice for the spring bird count. Field trip ends around noon.

May 10 - Spring Bird Count - Shawnee Audubon counts Pope County. Hard core participants will count all day, but those wanting to bird for just a few hours will be assigned a particular area. Call for assigned area and maps at 618-564-2079. Inexperienced birders will be paired with more experienced folks. This is a great way to spend the day out in nature, and brush up on your birdwatching skills!



IAS Spring Gathering April 18-20

Karen Frailey

Illinois Audubon Society is holding their spring meeting in Decatur. IAS spring gatherings are jam-packed with 2 days of daytime fieldtrips and entertaining educational evening programs.

Decatur Audubon has arranged 15 different field trips in the Decatur area. Check the registration information in your recent *Cardinal News* or on the Illinois Audubon website: www.illinoisaudubon.org

Among the tours offered are behind the scene peeks at the Illinois Raptor Center, Millikin University Science Center and the Scovill Zoo; bird & wildflower hikes at Rock Springs Nature Center, Spittler Woods State Park and several nature preserves have also been arranged.

Decatur is about 3 hours north of Carbondale, so with a little luck, folks can all arrive in time to make the Friday evening program by wildlife photographer Don Chamberlin.

The Saturday night program should be very interesting. Dr. David Horn, Assistant Professor of Biology at Millikin University will be speaking. Horn is the Director of Research for Wild Bird Centers of America Inc., and will be discussing ways to enhance your backyard birding experience by describing research on attracting birds, and seed and feeder preferences. Horn will also talk about his research on bird-window collisions and offer preventative measures.

New Bird Species Discovered in Indonesia!!

A small greenish bird that has been playing hide-and-peek with ornithologists on a remote Indonesian island since 1996 was declared a newly discovered species on Friday (March 14th, 2008) and promptly recommended for endangered lists.

"This finding of the bird is only the beginning, given the vast opportunities with Indonesian landscapes and seascapes for endemic flora and fauna," Indrawan said.

"What this discovery highlights is that in some parts of the world there are still virtually unexplored islands where few ornithologists have worked," Rasmussen said. "The world still holds avian surprises for us."

The new species is called the Togian white-eye, or *Zosterops somadikartai*.

It was first spotted by Mochamad Indrawan of the University of Indonesia and his colleague Sunarto, who like many Indonesians uses one name.

"We observed the species in the field from 1997 to 2003," Indrawan said in a statement.

Dr. Pamela Rasmussen, a taxonomist at Michigan State University, completed the identification, as reported in the March edition of *The Wilson Journal of Ornithology*.

The researchers needed to collect one of the birds for examination and formal classification.

Togian white-eyes are small, greenish-colored and have conspicuous white eye-rings.

Its nearest relatives have a band of white feathers around their eyes but the researchers said that this energetic little bird, which travels in small groups, is less showy.

The new Togian white-eye has been seen only near the coasts of three small islands of the Togian Islands in central Sulawesi. Rasmussen said it likely falls into the International Union for Conservation of Nature's category of endangered.

Indonesia has 1,600 of the known 10,000 bird species.

From an article by Reuters Limited; Reported by Maggie Fox, Edited by Michael Kahn & Jackie Frank

Volunteers needed for the 7th Annual Birding Fest of Southernmost Illinois

The Birding Fest of Southernmost Illinois runs from Friday April 25th thru Sunday April 27th. Shawnee Audubon is once again asking any members or friends available that weekend to consider volunteering their time to this fun and worthwhile event.

Whether you have a 2 hour block of time, or the whole weekend, there will be something for you to do. Volunteers are needed to staff the Shawnee Audubon informational booth, in addition to assisting Cache River Joint Venture staff with any number of tasks. Please contact Mollie Oliver at the Cache River Wetland Center (618)657-2062, or Karen Frailey (618)457-6367 if you would like to volunteer. Thanks!

Donations Needed for Free Again Wildlife Rehabilitation in Southern Illinois

Shawnee Audubon would like to thank Bev & Jim Shofstall of Free Again, Inc. for their visit to our meeting last month. Free Again has a 'wish list' on their website, listing items they are always in need of. Shawnee Audubon is encouraging folks to send or drop off a donation at Free Again's headquarters.

A list of items needed is found on their website <http://www.freeagaininc.org/>

Financial contributions are always welcome and are used to buy medical supplies & feed; perform laboratory, diagnostic & surgical procedures & to help maintain their facilities.

Volunteer!

If you live within 30 miles of Free Again (Carterville area), you can help as a volunteer! The "baby season" runs from April 1 thru Oct. 30 and there are lots of ways you could help.

Release Sites

Free Again is always looking for release sites for the animals they have rehabilitated. If you would be willing to allow Bev to release a critter at your place, she would love to hear from you! Contact Free Again by phone at 618/988-1067 or by email at: freeagaininc@norbend.net

Annual Birding Fest of Southernmost Illinois Check out the Weekend at a Glance for the 2008 Birding Fest!!

Friday: April 25th, 2008

- Cache River Wetlands Center Open – 8:00am - 7:00pm
- Registration and Exhibits Open at Cache River Wetlands Center
- Birding Blitz Competition Begins – 12:01am
- Cache River Wetlands Center Photo Contest Exhibition & CCD Reception – 4:00pm - 7:00pm

Saturday: April 26th, 2008

- Cache River Wetlands Center Open – 7:00am - 5:00pm
- Programs/Guided Tours Kick-off – 7:00am
- Photo Contest Exhibition
- Photo Contest Awards – 9:30am
- Birds of Prey Show Programs at the Wetland Center
- Raffle tickets/Silent Auction and 2008 Bird Fest tee-shirts available for purchase
- Birding Blitz Awards Ceremony held at the Illinois Ornithological Society's Annual Meeting Banquet 6:30pm at Giant City Lodge

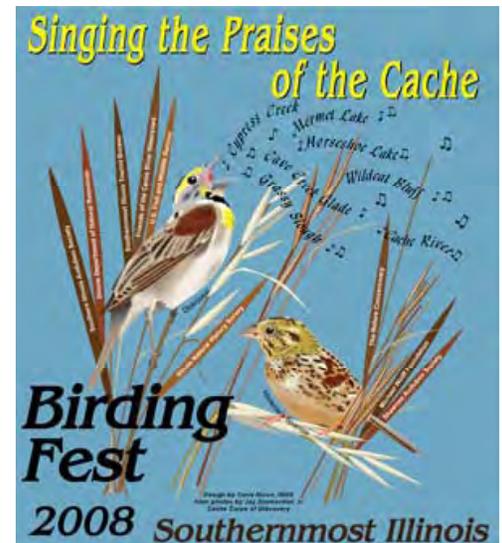
Sunday: April 27th, 2008

- Cache River Wetlands Center Open – 8:00am - 5:00pm
- Programs/Guided Tours – begin 8:00am
- Raffle tickets/Silent Auction and 2008 Bird Fest tee-shirts available for purchase – Auction and Raffle Drawing – 1:30pm
- Photo Contest Exhibition
- International Crane Foundation – Sandhill Crane Program – Shawnee Community College Auditorium – 1:00pm & 3:00

Join us April 25-27, 2008 for the 7th Annual Birding Fest! Here within the southernmost counties of Illinois the birding opportunities are truly remarkable. Last year's 2007 event included: beautiful weather and lots of birds. More than 1,000 visitors took part in guided tours, mini-workshops, and a host of activities throughout the weekend.

The Festival has something for everyone by providing a venue of programs, guided hikes and tours for people of all ages and abilities from the casual wildlife watcher to the expert birder. Rain or shine; all programs will take place at the Cache River Wetlands Center and include guided canoe tours, birding hikes, live bird demonstrations, wildlife photo exhibits, and much more. For the more competitive birder, Friday April 25 includes the Birding Blitz, a fun bird watching competition in which teams try to locate and identify as many different bird species as they can in 24 hours. The Blitz attracts individuals from around the region to look and listen for black-bellied plovers, snowy egrets, Mississippi kites, Cerulean warblers, indigo buntings and more. Those participating in the 2007 Birding Blitz recorded over 200 species.

For a complete listing of information, including fieldtrips and programs, check the website at www.birdingblitz.org or contact the Cache River Wetlands Center at 618/657-2064.



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Presents



Cedar Lake: Past, Present, & Future

Monday March 24th

7:00 pm

**Carbondale Township Hall
217 E. Main St.**

Featuring a slide presentation taken as the lake was built in the mid 1970's, as well as images of the lake and the wildlife found there today.

Members of the community are encouraged to join us and share their memories and/or photos of the lake and it's surroundings, whether from the time before Cedar Lake was constructed, while the dam was being built, or present day uses and explorations of the Lake area.

The Township Hall is located right across from the Bank of Carbondale

Parking is available in the Bank lot or in the lot behind the Township Hall (on the alley) - Watch for signs



Everyone is Welcome!

Free & Open to the Public!

Contact Karen at 618/457-6367 or featherfoil1@yahoo.com for more information

Join us at War Bluff

War Bluff Valley Wildlife Sanctuary is a beautiful place and if you've never been there or if you only get out there once in a while, you ought to see what you're missing. **Stewardship Day is second Saturday of every month.** Bring work gloves and a sack lunch. We start about 9:30 a.m. Call Terri at 618/683-2222 for details.

Directions to

War Bluff Sanctuary

From Golconda, follow Rt. 146 about 3 miles.

Take the first left (west) after the Eddyville Blacktop, called Bushwhack Road, which will be marked with a brown binocular Wildlife Viewing sign on the right.

Follow the road for 2.5 miles. The Sanctuary entrance lies just beyond the creek ford.

Sanctuary phone: 618/683-2222

Shawnee Audubon Society Membership Application

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Membership Dues (includes IAS dues)

Individual (\$31) Family (\$38) Student (\$18)

As a member of Shawnee Audubon Society (SAS) you will receive 6 SAS newsletters per year and membership in the Illinois Audubon Society (IAS).

As a member of IAS you will be part of Illinois' oldest conservation organization and you will receive *Illinois Audubon*, the IAS quarterly magazine and the *Cardinal News*, the IAS newsletter.

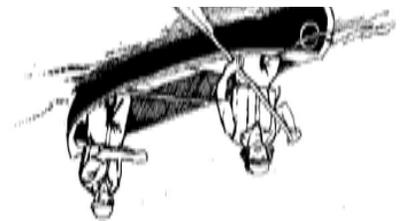
Send memberships and renewals to: IAS, P.O. Box 2547, Springfield, IL 62708, and mention that you are joining the Shawnee Chapter.

For newsletter subscriptions only, send \$6 with name and address to: Shawnee Audubon Society, c/o Debb Hogg, Rt. 1, Box 91, Simpson, IL 62985.

visit us at our web site, <http://shawneeaudubon.org>

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