

## GRAND TRAVERSE AUDUBON CLUB

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### **BIRD NOTES**

*HAPPY AUTUMN*

*From the pen of the President*

As we head into the fall season, we will start to see some of the migrant birds that will soon be coming through our area. For the most part, these will be birds we haven't seen since last spring. Make sure you check them out closely so as not to miss that rare one in the crowd.

Now is the time, also, that the club board members start planning next year's program and trip schedule. If you have any suggestions, pertaining to speakers or events, let me or Tom Ford know. We are always looking for new ideas. Please try to help, if you can. We will also be in need of some new trip leaders.

There are going to be some changes on the board for the 2011 year. We are asking everyone to consider becoming a board member to help keep the club strong. There will be several positions open including, President, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-president, and Treasurer.

The changing of the seasons is something we all look forward to with different outdoor opportunities available. With the fall color and cool mornings, warm afternoons, it makes for great birding and hiking. So, get out and savor it!

I have enjoyed being president, being able to work with such talented and enthusiastic people on the board. But, it is time for me to move on, spending more time with travel, grandchildren and other endeavors. I will remain on the board as past-President. No doubt, the new President and Board will continue to successfully keep the club as great as ever.

Thanks to everyone for your support these past two-years.

*Ed Moehle, President*

*One of the wonders seen on the Seney Wildlife Refuge Club Trip in August.*



*Photo Courtesy of Sam Bodjack*

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE OCTOBER – NOVEMBER – DECEMBER

### October

**16 – Annual Dinner Meeting:** Held at G.T. Twin Lakes Park. Begins at 6:00 p.m. Program – “Michigan Breeding Birds”, by Ray Adams. Send reservations to John Mesch, 9793 Edgewood Ave., Traverse City, MI 49685 (Checks made out to G.T. Audubon Club.

### November

18 – Regular Meeting: “Birding Gambell and Nome Alaska” by Jerry Kolak. At the Boardman River Nature Center, 1450 Cass Road. 7:00 p.m.

### December

16 – Regular meeting: Photo Fest and Christmas Party. Bring your photos, videos and other birding “show and tell” Boardman River Nature Center. This is a great way to see some of the great photos many of our talented photographers have taken.

### **18 – Annual “Christmas Bird Count”**

Traverse City Area Coordinator: Ed Moehle, 231 947-8821 – You do not need to be an “expert” to participate. ALL who are interested are needed for this yearly event. The information that is gathered is submitted to the National Audubon Society and used for review of the ever changing nature-escape.

### Other Annual Counts in our area.

26 – Leelanau Area Coordinator” Nate Crane 231 499-5460

Jan. 2, 2011 – Antrim Area Coordinator: John Kreag 231 364-8969 Cell 231 360-0943.

### January 2011

15 – Field Trip: Snowshoe Hike and Winter Wildlife. Meet at the Boardman River Nature Center at 9:00 a.m.. Contact the Nature Center at 231 941-0960

27 – Regular meeting: “Landscaping for the Birds,” presented by Tom Ford. Meet at the Nature Center. (This would be a good time to plan for the Spring of 2011 plantings'!)

**NOTE:** There are still Board positions open. The Board positions are not nearly as demanding as they may sound as the Board always works together to keep the necessary organization running smoothly. Please contact any of the Board members if you have an interest. Thank you. “Shirley Mesch, 231 946-3624 or Tom Ford

**OCTOBER 16, 2010 – SATURDAY  
ANNUAL DINNER MEETING AND PROGRAM**

From 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Place – G.T. Twin Lakes Park  
6800 North Long Lake Road

(Approximately 6 miles west of Traverse City on the North side of N. Long Lake Rd.)

This is not only a time for a gathering together to share our adventures; it is also the organizational meeting for the up-coming year. But do not let the sound of a “meeting” cause you to pause about attending. The Organizational meeting part of the evening is only about 15 minutes of the whole evening. From 6:00 to 6:30 fruit, cheese and crackers will be available to munch, as each of you arrive. 6:30 to 7:30 dinner, 7:30 to 7:45 election of next years’ board, and then on to the evenings program presented by Ray Adams and the updating of the “Michigan Breeding Birds,” Atlas. Ray is from the Kalamazoo Nature Center and has been a part of the many hours of gathering information on the breeding birds of Michigan.

THE MENU:

Lean Roast Beef with Rice  
Roast Turkey and Stuffing  
California Blend Vegetables  
Tossed Salad

Dinner Roll and Butter  
Assorted Desserts  
Fruit punch  
Coffee, Regular and Decaf

*The cost is \$15.00 per person. (in addition, for each dinner/program purchased, you will be given a “door prize ticket”, which will be entered for you, as there are several door prizes that will be given throughout the evening.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

How many will be attending? \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to: John Mesch, Treasurer: 9793 Edgewood Ave., Traverse City, MI 49685  
Before October 12, 2010. **Any questions, please call 231 946-3624**

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2011 NOW BEING ACCEPTED

\_\_\_ Family \$20.00 \_\_\_ Single \$15.00

\_\_\_ Student \$ 8.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to receive:

\_\_\_ Mailed copy of Quarterly Newsletter

\_\_\_ [or will use website for copy]

\_\_\_ GT Audubon e-mails (club news)

\_\_\_ Bird-a-lert e-mails (news of area  
bird sightings)

*Enclosed is a check, made out to Grand  
Traverse Audubon Club – Mail to:*

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