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Newsletter of the Mayslake Nature Study and Photography Club
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Swap Meet

Birds and Climate Change

Doug Stotz

Doug will present his data on how birds are being impacted by climate change. He will focus on observed changes in the timing of bird migration, and the winter and breeding ranges of birds in the Chicagoland area. He will also discuss the range of environmental factors influenced by climate change, conservation planning needs, and additional changes we are to expect in the future.

Competition

September 15, 2014

November 17, 2014

January 19, 2015

March 16, 2015

Welcome

James Rossi

Speaker's Background Information

Douglas Stotz is a senior conservation ecologist in the Field Museum's Environment, Culture and Conservation division. He received a B.S. in Biology from the University of Arizona and a Ph.D. in Evolutionary Biology from the University of Chicago. He is active in programs to preserve biological diversity and threatened habitats, both in the Chicago region and in other countries. In Chicago, he focuses his attention on studying bird migration and the effects of climate change on bird populations, and serves as a co-chair of the Climate Change Task Force for Chicago Wilderness. He also has a long history of research and exploration in South America. As part of the museum's tropical Rapid Biological Inventory teams, Dr. Stotz has participated in more than 15 inventories in Latin America. He is an author of two books on Neotropical birds; the recently published *Birds of Peru*, a landmark field guide to the more than 1800 species of birds in Peru, and *Neotropical Birds: Ecology and Conservation*, which provides valuable information on the distribution and ecological patterns of over 4000 Latin American birds and uses that information to analyze conservation priorities. He also researches the ecological basis for geographic patterns of species diversity and endemism, especially along elevational gradients.

PSA Interclub Competition

Steve Bartos

Congratulations to Bill Pehrson for winning an award for his image Spread Eagle, Steve Ornberg for winning a honorable mention on his image Convict Lake and Greg Hull for winning an honorable mention for his image Northern Parula Warbler in the PSA Interclub competition.

If you want to view the PSA PID Interclub Competition results for the year, go to <http://www.psa-photo.org/index.php?pid-interclub-competition>. Mayslake is in Group B.

For PSA Nature Interclub Competition results for the year, go to <http://www.psa-photo.org/index.php?divisions-nature-interclub-competition>. Mayslake is in Group A.

Thanks to all who participated this year.

EXHIBITS

Janice Henry

By the time you read this our new exhibit "Water" will be on display. This exhibit will be on display until the end of October so you have plenty of time to check it out.

There are a variety of "water" images in the show from frozen water to waterfalls and ponds.

Closer to the next change in the exhibit, I will have information on the next theme. So stop by the next time you are at Mayslake and view the work of your fellow Mayslakers.

Nachusa Grasslands
Outing
July 13, 2014

It was a small group of Mayslakers that braved the rain, heat, and humidity heading west to look for some photo opportunities. Our goal was the town of Franklin Grove, IL and it did not disappoint. Here we visited 2 different locations having added on an additional preserve. Our first stop of the day, was to the Franklin Creek Natural Area Grist Mill. The park is 198 acres with high rocky bluffs, prairie, and a grist mill that was constructed in 1847.

After finding the photo opportunities here, we headed over to Nachusa Grasslands that has over 3100 acres of prairie remnants. The Grasslands is home to over 700 native plants species, as well as many important birds, insects and reptiles.

After wandering the grass trails of Nachusa we headed back to Franklin Creek Natural Area to one of their scenic picnic shelters for a picnic diner. After dinner, the plan and hope was to head back to another area of Nachusa to get ready for the sunset. But the day remained very cloudy, and as we arrived at Nachusa, the second storm of the day was coming in. So after a brief visit, we all headed out, an early end to the outing, but still happy with the day we had.

Although there was no Photo or Nature Challenges, some took on a personal challenge of trying “wide-angle, close-ups. Be sure to visit the Mayslake Website to see all the images from this fun outing.



Noriko Buckles - Nachusa Grasslands



Janice Henry
Franklin Creek



Orange Sulphur
Steve Baginski
Nachusa Grasslands



Gone to Seed!
JoAnne Barnes
Nachusa Grasslands



Tom Soltis - Nachusa Grasslands