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Annual Membership Dues

◆ Individual	\$15
◆ Family	\$20
◆ Contributing	\$30
◆ Sustaining	\$50
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Capital Area Audubon Society is a chapter of the Michigan Audubon Society, but with independent membership list and dues.

CAAS is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and all contributions are tax deductible.

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2016 – 2017 Programs & Field Trips

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Statement of Purpose

Capital Area Audubon Society (CAAS) is dedicated to creating a greater awareness, appreciation and understanding of the interrelatedness of Michigan's wild places and wild creatures, and the need for stewardship.

2016-17 Programs & Field Trips

September 1 – Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge – the Gem in your Backyard

Learn more about the only international wildlife refuge in North America, which straddles our Michigan/Ontario border.

Presenter: Jennie Braatz, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service park ranger

September 3, 10, 17, 24 (Saturday mornings) Fall Migration Bird Walks

See what's new each week at Fenner and get some help with those confusing fall warblers from experienced birder

Bob Kingsbury.

9:00 a.m. Fenner Nature Center

October 6 – Why Are There So Many Species in the Tropics?

The richness and diversity of the world's tropics as compared to its temperate regions is well documented, but why is this so? Current research provides some clues.

Presenter: Gary Mittelbach, Dept. of Integrative Biology, and the W.K. Kellogg Biological Station, MSU.

November 3 – Cuba: The Land, the People, the Birds

Learn more about the people of Cuba – how they live, their government, their history – as well as bird species encountered on the island in late winter.

Presenter: Jim Hewitt, CAAS Chapter Historian

November 13 – Field Trip

Allegan State Game Area/Lake Michigan

Check out birding hotspots in western Michigan with experienced local guide and club member **Rick Brigham.** Watch your newsletter or our website for further details.

December 1 – Highlights from a Photographic Big Year

Follow this birder's photo-documenting quest for as many bird species as possible in a single calendar year – from the Florida Keys to the coast of Alaska – while raising money for Hawaiian Bird Conservation.

Presenter: David Pavlik, local birder and environmental biologist

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December 17

East Lansing Christmas Bird Count

Keep it going! Get out and enjoy some winter birding by participating in National Audubon's annual Christmas bird count. **Volunteers needed!**

Coordinator: Tom Wheeler

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December 28 (?) (check website to confirm)

Eaton Rapids Christmas Bird Count

Annual Audubon bird count in Eaton Rapids area. Volunteers needed!

Coordinator: Tom Wheeler

January 5 – Little Things I Learned While Photographing Birds

Learn about bird behavior *and* photographic techniques while enjoying stunning images of many bird species.

Presenter: Fai Chan, professional photographer

February 2 – eBird and How To Use It

New to eBird? Want to learn more about it? One of Michigan's top birding experts is here to help.

Presenter: Caleb Putnam, National Audubon's Important Bird Area coordinator for Michigan

March 2 – Birding Spots You've Never Heard Of

An ambitious quest to see 100 birds in each of the 50 states has led to discovery of some incredible, under-birded areas. Learn about those and much more.

Presenter: Kirby Adams, Managing Editor, *Michigan Birds and Natural History*

April 6 – China Adventures

Hear about The Nature Conservancy's wetland restoration efforts in China, plus a birding excursion to its remote Gaolingongshan Mountains region.

Presenters: Chris May, The Nature Conservancy (Michigan) Director of Restoration, and Jen Owen, MSU associate professor, Dept. of Fisheries & Wildlife and Director of Burke Lake Banding Station

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April 6, 13, 20, 27 (Saturday mornings) Spring Migration Bird Walks

Enjoy spotting the latest spring arrivals with fellow birders! 9:00 a.m. Fenner Nature Center

May 4 – Osprey Recovery Efforts in Michigan

Learn about osprey recovery efforts here in Michigan's southern lower peninsula, the history, and current status.

Presenter: Barb Jensen, Michigan Osprey Program Coordinator

May 4, 11, 18, 25 (Saturday mornings) Spring Migration Bird Walks

Enjoy this peak warbler time at Fenner with fellow birders. 8 a.m. Fenner Nature Center

May 13

North American Migration Count

June 1

Year-end ice cream social & members' photos.

Additional field trips may be added or changes made throughout the year. Please check your newsletter or visit our website for the latest information.

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Monthly Meeting Time & Location

CAAS meets the **first Thursday of the month, September through June, at Fenner Nature Center, 2020 E. Mt. Hope Ave., Lansing MI 48910.** (corner of Mt. Hope and Aurelius roads)

Refreshments at 7:00 p.m.

Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m.

(Brief business meeting/announcements followed by program)