

SAX-ZIM BOG



2014-15

*Friends of Sax-Zim Bog
Annual Report*

***Ermine photographed at our Yellow-bellied Bog*

PROTECTING, PROMOTING AND SUPPORTING THE SAX-ZIM BOG

BOG BUDDIES

A BATTLE FOR THE BOG

We are in a mighty struggle to save the mature Black Spruce and Tamarack bogs in the Sax-Zim Bog Important Bird Area (IBA). This is our primary mission at Friends of Sax-Zim Bog, and I'm proud to say that with your help we have preserved another 100 acres of pristine bog during the past year.

But there is much to do. Some of you probably noticed the major logging clearcut south of Cotton along US53. Many acres of mature Black Spruce and Tamarack were stripped off the bog just as they were prime habitat for Black-backed Woodpeckers, Boreal Chickadees and other bog dwellers. While technically this area lies just outside the borders of the IBA, it is indicative of what's happening yearly in the heart of Sax-Zim. Here are steps we are going to take:

- Present the St. Louis County Land Department with a list of Priority bogs that we identified in 2014

- Work with The Conservation Fund on acquisition projects.

- Continue to purchase and preserve mature bog forests as they become available.

A YEAR IN REVIEW

Winter finches ruled the feeders in the Bog, as hordes of Common Redpolls and Pine Siskins irrupted from the north. Great Gray Owls were hard to come by, but fortunately there was one fairly regular Great Gray on Admiral Road and a cooperative Hawk Owl along US53 at Hellwig Creek. Ermine were seen at several feeders including the Welcome Center's rib cage (the one on the cover was photographed on the edge of our Yellow-bellied Bog!).

In addition to the land purchases mentioned above, we had several other exciting events in 2014-15:

- Solar Outhouse/Shed was mostly completed (photo bottom right on facing page), and the outhouse was functional for the winter. Solar panels will go on the roof this summer.

- Bog BioBlitz II was much bigger than the inaugural event, and we plan on growing the event again this summer.

- We hosted our first school groups when 6th and 9th graders from South Ridge School visited and learned about the Bog (photo below).

- We are a cooperative partner in the formation of the Sax-Zim Bog Wetland Bank, a project that will forever preserve 23,000 acres of the Bog. I was even able to speak briefly to Governor Dayton about the importance of this project.

- Our 2015 "Bog Wild" Calendar was a big hit. We plan to do a 2016 version this fall.

- Though the snow didn't cooperate, we expanded our snowshoe trail at the Welcome Center. In addition to donated snowshoes, we also purchased several handmade pairs from local Duluth maker, Tim Bates.

YOUR GENEROSITY...OVERWHELMING!

You, our membership and friends of Friends of Sax-Zim Bog, have made all our accomplishments possible during this last year. I can't possibly name all who have helped us along the way, and I apologize in advance if I forget anyone (feel free to remind me at sparky@saxzim.org).

- First and foremost, we appreciate our loyal members and donors and friends...i.e. ALL of you! We absolutely could not do it without you.

- I am extremely lucky to work with such a fantastic Board of Directors, and Sarah, our Development Director...Folks not only giving of their time, money and energy, but fun to be with! (see photos on back cover)

- What I said above, also goes for our employees. Heather-Marie and Frank truly put the "welcome" in Welcome Center. They are the friendly face of Friends of Sax-Zim Bog.

- Though our Volunteer program is barely a year old, it has proven to be a valuable asset. A hearty Thanks to our Uber-volunteers, Rubin Stenseng, Rich Hoeg, Jim & Nancy Fischer,



Bog clearcutting continues



South Ridge School field trip



Frank Klabachek
donates mounts

...UNITE!

Tom & Carol-Ann Bloom, who all helped staff the Welcome Center.

—Tom Bloom (Heather-Marie's dad) made a beautiful table of native Minnesota woods. Stop in the Welcome Center next winter and check it out.

—Our builders, Andrew Webster and Dan Coda crafted our outhouse/shed combo building, while excavator Steve Horvath refined our parking area.

—Have you seen the amazing mounted specimens of owls and hawks in the Welcome Center? These great learning tools were donated by retired Taxidermist, Frank Klabecek of Iron Junction, MN (photo below).

—We asked and we received! Thanks to those who donated items to Friends: snow blower (Bruce Munson); wood snowshoes (Ruth Hiland, Steve & Diane Millard, Mark & Becky Lystig); binoculars and scopes (Kim Eckert, John Kelsey, Audubon Minnesota); books (Steve & Jo Blanich, Kim Eckert); bird & frog CDs (Dick Hartman); christmas tree stands for perches (Kim Eckert, Paula); and all Silent Auction donations.

—Many of you donated bird seed and that really helps our bottom line. Many thanks to Judd Brink, Steve & Diane Millard, Janet Stalpes, Wild Bird Store, Joe Sausen, Pat Hoglund, Dean and Linda Squires, NE WI Birding Club, Scott Belknap (feeder too), Jason Mandich (suet feeder) Kelly Larson (all the deer rib-cages!)

—What do chainsaws and tote bags have in common? Answer: Scott Belknap of Grand Rapids. Scott generously made dozens of tote bags from old bird seed bags for us to sell. He also gave his chainsaw a workout cutting new snowshoe trails for us.

—Hope you saw the stunning photos in our 2015 Bog Wild Calendar (we still have some for sale...you could frame these prints! www.birdnerdz.net). Thanks to photographers Jason Mandich, Heidi Pinkerton, Mike Lentz, Stan Tekiela, and Terry Crayne, for donating their beautiful images!

—A huge high-five to Pam & Ken Perry and Randy Frederickson who not only came up with the idea for a Warren Nelson Memorial Bog but spear-headed the fundraising.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Over the next 12 months, Friends hopes to complete several important projects ...but we'll need your help! All these goals require time, energy and money.

—Preservation is critical. We hope to protect 120 more acres of bog in the next year.

—We have our Minnesota-made solar panels and will install the off-grid power system at the Welcome Center.

—A new website will be launched. It will be a more interactive and engaging site.

—More field trips and programming will be scheduled.

—A permanent display for the donor bird tiles will be created.

—We will honor Warren Nelson by completing the infrastructure at the Warren Nelson Memorial Bog on Blue Spruce Road. And last but not least, we'll continue to fight for preservation of our beloved bog birds and the habitats they require. Join us in our mission to Protect, Promote & Support the Bog!

Sparky Stensaas
Executive Director



CALL TO ACTION:

To accomplish this year's goals we need your generous support. We have ambitious projects ahead. Please consider giving of your time, money and energy so we can continue to Protect, Promote & Support the Sax-Zim Bog IBA. Thank You!



Lori & Rubin staining



Solar Outhouse/Shed

FIELD TRIPS ARE A BIG HIT

We held a number of well-attended birding field trips in the spring and fall. Great Gray Owls made several cameo appearances, and on the night/dusk hikes we enjoyed stunning views of a couple rarely seen birds—American Bittern (below) and LeConte's Sparrow.

OUR FIRST SCHOOL OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Thanks to a grant from the Toivola-Meadowlands Development Board, two classes from the nearby South Ridge School were able to enjoy a fall morning in the Bog. The sixth-grade class all brought their iPads and documented their discoveries, which included Beaver-gnawed logs, Coyote bones, and the carnivorous Pitcher-Plants. All had a great time learning about the natural history of their local bogs. Sparky followed up by doing an in-class presentation and showing the movie, *Owls to Orchids: Magic & Mystery in our Northern Bogs*.

South Ridge School learns about the Bog



American Bittern viewed from Welcome Center windows during a field trip!



Mass "Aweness"—Watching a Great Gray Owl on our October field trip



BOG BIOBLITZ II HELD IN AUGUST

Bog biodiversity is an important focus for Friends of Sax-Zim Bog, and the BioBlitz II added much to our knowledge. Forty-some participants and leaders turned up nearly 300 SPECIES (!) on our second annual BioBlitz on August 2nd, 2014. A beautiful day greeted folks as they met at our Welcome Center. We divided into groups and hit the bog! Experts in the fields of birds, spiders, fungi, wildflowers, butterflies and dragonflies scoured far flung parts of the Bog. All met back at noon to share their findings and discoveries. Amazingly, we turned up several new species for the Bog (including Purple-fringed Orchid) and even ONE NEW MINNESOTA RECORD!— a spider species found by Chad Heins.

****Thanks to our volunteer experts/leaders: Kelly O'Brien Beaster (flora), Larry Weber (fungi, spiders), Chad Heins (spiders, birds), Ben Yokel (birds), Kim Eckert (birds), Jeff Fisher (dragonflies & damselflies), Sparky Stensaas (butterflies, birds, insects), Sarah Beaster (flora). Thanks also to Heather Marie Bloom, our Welcome Center host.**

Cassie Novak & Larry Weber



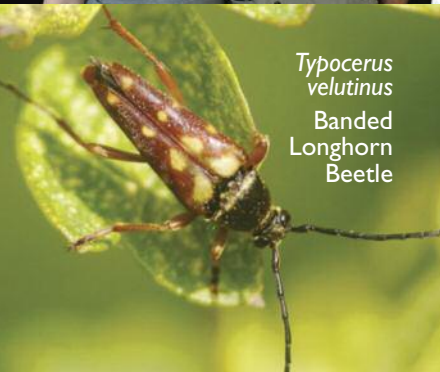
Eastern Gray Treefrog



Tiger's Eye Fungus
Coltricia perennis
(Cassie Novak)



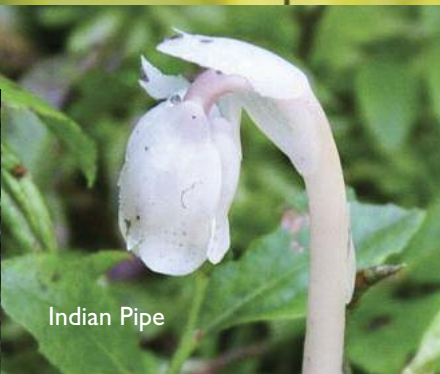
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Banded
Longhorn
Beetle



Dorcas
Copper



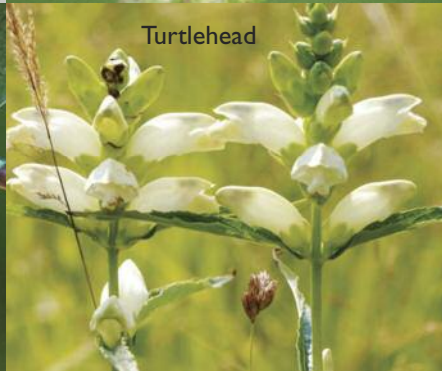
Indian Pipe



Weevil
Lepyrus aquaticus



Turtlehead



BOG BIOBLITZ II

WARREN NELSON MEMORIAL BOG

HONORING A FRIEND OF BIRDS AND BOGS

Warren Nelson of Aitkin loved all Minnesota's birds but had a special affection for our rarer boreal species. He spent much time observing and learning the natural history of Great Gray Owls, Hawk Owls and Yellow Rails.

Warren passed away last winter and his friends in Aitkin County and beyond wanted to memorialize his significant contributions to the knowledge of boreal birds in northern Minnesota. In his unassuming way, Warren Nelson exemplified human dignity, kindness and compassion. He wove those same traits into his love of birds, and birders. Leading by example, his message was simply to treat other creatures, avian or human, with respect. Warren never asked for anything in return for his birding services or expertise, choosing to give freely of himself with anyone who shared his passion for nature.

To honor Warren's life while continuing to help promote the birds and habitats that fascinated him, a group of his friends came up with an idea to pay it back, while paying it forward by acquiring a bog parcel of land in Sax-Zim as a memorial. Friends of Sax-Zim Bog will hold the title to the land.

The Warren Nelson Memorial Bog will be on Blue Spruce Road about a half mile north of CR133. This is on a popular birding route and near the Morse's Winter feeders. The 40 acre bog has a couple nice stands of mature Black Spruce with a deep sphagnum carpet. It has been home to Boreal Chickadees and Black-backed Woodpeckers.

Plans include a PARKING PAD, NATURAL HISTORY KIOSK, MEMORIAL TO WARREN, BIRD FEEDERS, and the entire property will be open and accessible to birders and other nature lovers to explore on foot or snowshoe.

As of May 2015, \$34,000 has been raised. Thank you to all who have generously contributed in Warren's memory.

In Memory of Warren,

Ken & Pam Perry

Randy Frederickson

Steve & Jo Blanich

Judd Brink

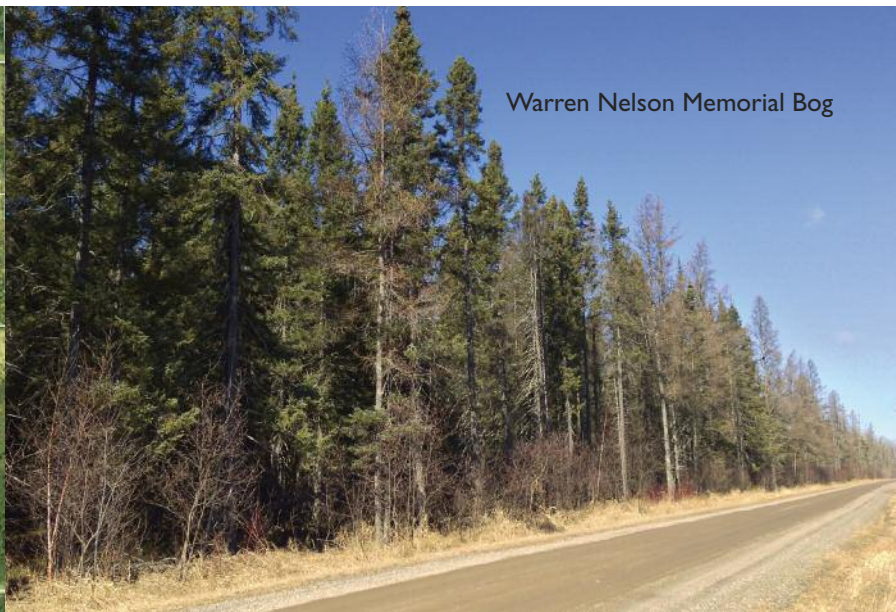
Kim & Cindy Risen

Butch Ukura



Warren Nelson

“Your donations helped purchase a FORTY acre bog to honor Warren’s memory”



Warren Nelson Memorial Bog

DONATIONS NELSON LAND FUND

\$5,000+

Judd Brink/
MNbackyardbirds.com

\$1,000-\$4,999

Audubon Chapter Minneapolis
Gene & Claire Calligure
Richard Hartman
Iverson Menzel Family
Foundation
Chet & Miriam Meyers
Steve & Diane Millard
"Remembering our dear friend,
Warren Nelson"
Minneapolis Audubon Society
Minnesota River Valley
Audubon Chapter
Anonymous

\$500-\$999

Jack & Marilyn Anderson
Susan & Gene Bauer
Steve & Jo Blanich
Central Lakes College
Dept of Natural Resources,
Dr. Wm Faber
Robert Crabb &
Andrea Lambrecht
Doug Lane
Mark & Becky Lystig
Dennis Olivero
Gene & Julie Ollila
Ken & Pam Perry

\$100-\$499

John Arthur
Parker & Holly Backstrom
"In tribute to Warren Nelson"
Bee Nay She Council Bird Club
Tom & Elizabeth Bell
Dave & Pam Benson
Jean Beyer
James Blassey
William Blum
Brainerd Lakes Area
Audubon Society
William Bronn
William Brown
James Bury
Carol Cummins &
Suzanne Born
Mark Citsay & Connie Osbeck
Pamela Deerwood
Betsy & Sandy Dugan
Bob Ekblad
Randy Frederickson
Lynn Glesne
David Gohman
James Goodwin
Janet & John Green
Carol Hall
"In memory of Warren Nelson, a
Minnesota birder extraordinaire"
Nancy & William Henke
Steve & Michelle Hobbs
Raymond Holm

Bob Janssen
Jessica Jenner
"In memory of Carolie Jenner"
Steven Kitkhorn
Alice Laudon
Larry Leonard
David Luth & Ann Inouye
Craig Mandel
Fr. Thomas Margevicius
Ann Markusen
Lorrene Maroney
David & Ann Moffat
John & Janet Moran
William Nelson
Elizabeth Neuvar
Janet Orjala
"In honor of Artis Orjala,
long-time birder and
friend of Warren Nelson."

Wendy & Duane Pepin
Doris Petrie
Sam Petrie
Pat & Cal Rice
Bob Russell
Dick Sandve
Marilyn Schroeder
Erika & Paul Sitz
Robert & Jean Spitzer
Todd Starich
Stan & Connie Stensaas
Ruth & Dennis Stephens
Matthew Stratmoen
Jeanne & Steve Tanamachi
Butch Ukura
George & Josie Vania
Lawrence Wannebo
Paul & Jan Wicklund
Karen Wilson & Ellie Slette

Up to \$99

Shirley & Ron Adolphson
Darryl Anderson
Gordon Andersson
Anonymous
Dave & Rita Baden
Noreen & George Baker
Tom & Paula Bartlett
Verna Beaver
Andrew Beim
Jim & Anne Benda
Betsy Beneke
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Katherine & Martin Brown
Linda Burns & Jim Eller
Katie Byerly
Julie Calligure
Wendy Carlberg
Steven & Kathleen Chesney

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Shawn & Kari Conrad
Buford Crites
Don & Carol Crust
Clara Dahle
Tim Daigre
Tim, Katie, &
Cooper Dawson
Priscilla Dean
Jerry & Carol Dirks
Joel Dunnette
Patricia Durkin
Steve & Marilyn Emerson
Molly Evans
Sandy Farkas
Susan Finnila
Ron Funes
Ted & Barbara Galambos
Parker & Annette Gerard
Gloria Gervais
Karl Graf
Karol Gresser
Robert Haarman
Judy Hanson
"I am in Warren's Bird club.
He taught me so much and
was a very nice man.
I will miss him."

Peg & David Hayden
Pete Hoeger
Gerald Hoekstra
David Hojnacki
Robert Holtz
Gary Houdek
Fran Howard
Gary Johnson & Leanne Alt
Peter Johnson
Mark & Bev Junghans
Kathryn Kaul &
Cynthia Johnson
Vija Kelly
Judy Layzell
Cathy Leece
Rheanna Letsos
Madeleine & Richard Linck
Doug Livingston
Mildred Martin
Donna Martinson
Ute & Deb McKenzie
Brian & Marie McNamara
Terry McNeely
Kari Meyer
Steve & Diane Midthune
Karen Moore
Fay Morris
Edward Mullaney
Bonnie Mulligan & Charlie
Greenman
"We celebrate and honor
Warren's generosity to birds
and birders of Minnesota."
Deborah Muzzy &
Deborah Griffith
Charlene Nelson

Kate & Frank Nicoletti
Steve & Mary Oakley
Alan Olander
Manley Olson
Jean Osterheim
Nancy Osvold
Holly & Paul Peirson
"For Warren and for birds in
Minnesota"
Sil & Ed Pembleton
John Pennoyer
Karla Peterson
Lee Pfannmuller
Leann & Ronald Plinske
Jim & Joan Rataczak
Rick Riviere
"A champion for the birds, a
good friend, and a good man.
Your legacy lives on in all the
birds as free as the wind they
ride."
Sandy Roggenkamp
Robert & Susan Rose
Dianne & Nick Rowse
Joyce & Andy Rush
"Thanks to Warren Nelson"
Darla & Gerald Sathre
Joel Schmidt &
Amanda Raetzman
Kurt Schulzetenberg
Karen Schweitzer &
Tom Vujovich
Larry & Yoli Sirvio
Baxter Smith
Kevin & Cindy Thury Smith
Michelle Stanley
Mark & Suzanne Starr
Jerry & Karen Steinbach
Rubin Stenseng
Marty & Linda Stephens
Shelley Steva
Karen Terry
"Warren Nelson exemplified
all that is good about
birders and birding"
Dan & Sandy Thimgan
"What a great tribute to a
wonderful man"
Sandy Tigue
Mary Ellen Vetter
Diane Vukelich
David Weaver
Carol Whirley
Barbara Whiting
Ben Wilson
Susan Wiste
Kevin and Julie Woizeschke
Marie & Karl Young
Ric & Betty Zarwell

YELLOW-BELLIED BOG ADDITION

YELLOW-BELLIED BOG IS NOW 100 CONTIGUOUS ACRES

On October 9th, Friends of Sax-Zim Bog became owner of an additional 60 acres of Black Spruce-Tamarack Bog on Peary Road. This bog is adjacent to the 40 acres of the Yellow-bellied Bog that we already own. We now have a contiguous 100 acre parcel. Thanks to all who have given to our land fund! This is YOUR bog!... But you need to share it with the Bobcats, Snowshoe Hares, Ermine, Yellow-bellied Flycatchers, Ruby-crowned Kinglets and other bog critters.



Snowshoe Hare



“Friends preserves another SIXTY acres of pristine bog.”

Barred Owl at Yellow-bellied Bog



CALL TO ACTION:

Bog purchase is a number one priority for Friends. You can direct your donation to this goal by designating “Land Fund” on your check or in a note.



This Ermine was hunting between the road and Yellow-bellied Bog in February.



Open bog in the new Yellow-bellied Bog addition

FIFTH ANNUAL BRRRRDATHON—WORLD'S COLDEST BIRDATHON

The only thing that seemed to elude birders taking part in the FIFTH ANNUAL BRRRRdathon were frigid temps! Records were set in the 2-DAY BRRRRdathon and 1-DAY BRRRRdathon.

Team Benny and the Bensons (Dave Benson, Lars Benson, Ben Yokel) amassed 57 species (including all 10 winter finches!) breaking the former record by 3 species.

Teams explored the wilds of NE MN and NW WI and discovered Common Eider, Golden-crowned Sparrow, Northern Flicker, Northern Pintail and Iceland, Thayer's, Glaucous and Greater Black-backed Gulls. The Yokel Boys had a TEN OWL DAY with 7 different Snowy Owls in Superior, WI and 3 N. Hawk Owls in MN.

Both Wintergreen/non-motorized division teams biked their entire route in the Duluth city limits. Not only battling the elements and exhaustion, the pedalers had to navigate Duluth's icy roads and hills. "Guys Gone Fat" (Andrew Webster, Pat Kohlin, Sean Walsh) edged out the "Broken Chain Gang" (Tim Bates, Bryan French, Shannon Walsh) by ONE SPECIES with a total of 30 species.

In the brutally cold Photothon, Jason Mandich and Rich Hoeg ended in a virtual tie with many amazing photos taken in not only Sax-Zim but all over NE Minnesota and NW Wisconsin.

2-DAY BRRRRdathon RESULTS

57 species—Benny & The Bensons (Dave & Lars Benson, Ben Yokel)

50 species—Apter Raptors (John Ellis, Alex Ellis)

47 species—OtterTail Only (Steve Millard)

27 species—Team Dudley (David Dudley)

19 species—Brink of Greatness (Judd Brink; Brainerd Lakes area)

1-DAY BRRRRdathon RESULTS

46 species—Coldfinches (Cindy Edwardson, Barb Akre, Kim Eckert, Mary Gabrys)

20+ species—Yokel Boys (Ben Yokel, Uri Yokel)

WinterGreen/Non-Motorized BRRRRdathon RESULTS

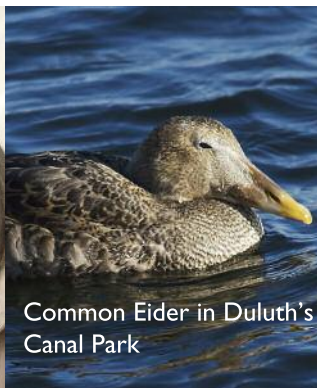
30 species—Guys Gone Fat (Andrew Webster, Pat Kohlin, Sean Walsh)

29 species—The Broken Chain Gang (Tim Bates, Bryan French, Shannon Walsh)



BRRRRDATHON AND THE BIG YEAR

The Coldfinches set a record in the one-day event:
L-R: Cindy Edwardson, Kim Eckert, Barb Akre



Common Eider in Duluth's
Canal Park



Hardy Wintergreen birders

THE BIG YEAR MOVIE GALA WITH GREG MILLER

Over 100 folks enjoyed a February evening of food, visiting, stories and a showing of the Hollywood movie, *The Big Year*. Greg Miller, the real life participant in the 1998 race to see as many birds as possible in North America, joined us and regaled us with hilarious behind-the-scenes stories of his near-record Big Year (715 species and second place) and his time as consultant on the movie set. Jack Black played Greg in the movie, which also starred Owen Wilson and Steve Martin.

A chili and soup dinner and social hour preceded the movie, and we also had a very successful silent auction. Friends raised nearly \$3,000 during the event...All of which goes towards our mission of Protecting, Promoting and Supporting the Sax-Zim Bog.



Greg Miller enjoys some
Arctic birding in Duluth





Atlantis Fritillaries
(Rubin Stenseng)



Purple Finch



Barred Owl

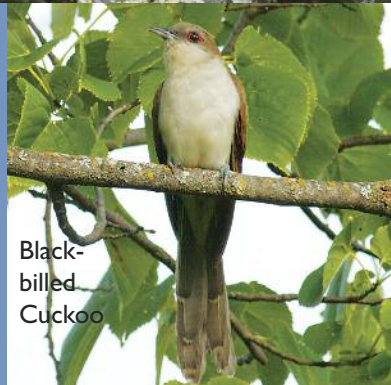


Hoary Redpoll



BOG DIVERSITY

Bog Wild



Black-billed
Cuckoo



Purple Finch



BOARD PROFILE

Lori Williams

Lori has been a valuable Friends board member since 2013. Now a Pharmacist at St. Luke's Hospital in Duluth, Lori's first job was with the Youth Conservation Corp working on the Pacific Crest Trail in the Cascade Mountains of Oregon. Here she gained her preservation and conservation ethic. She admires the "small but mighty meat-eater" Boreal Chickadee that survives in the Bog's harsh environment... "perhaps something to be learned from them."



Common Redpoll



Uloborus spider
(Larry Weber)



Darter
depositing
eggs



Salt and Pepper Looper
Syngrapha rectangula



STAFF PROFILE

*Heather-Marie
Bloom*

You've probably met Heather-Marie. She's one of our Welcome Center Hosts/Naturalists. Hiking, paddling and birding trips with her parents led to a lifelong love for the outdoors. A year in Mexico really got her birding. The resilient chickadees, both Boreal and Black-capped, are her bog favorites. Bobcat is the critter she'd most like to see in Sax-Zim. Heather-Marie is owner of Rising Phoenix Community Farm and was featured in the June/July 2015 issue of Lake Superior Magazine.

Evening Grosbeak



Brown Mantidfly
Climaciella brunnea
(photo by Cassie Novak)



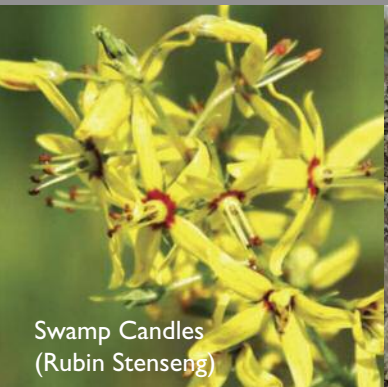
Ruffed Grouse



Rubin is one of our Volunteers extraordinaire! This year he hosted at the Welcome Center, helped stain the building, co-led field trips AND had time to do wildlife rescue for various organizations. He's currently working with Sharp-tailed Grouse in the Bog, trapping hens for a DNR habitat project. One male even danced on his head! (Ask him for the story). Like many others, LeConte's Sparrow and Connecticut Warbler are on his Bog "must see" list. [UPDATE!: Rubin got killer looks at the LeConte's on our May 1st field trip.]

VOLUNTEER PROFILE

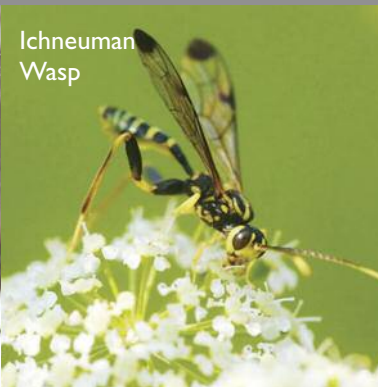
*Rubin
Stenseng*



Swamp Candles
(Rubin Stenseng)



Pileated
Woodpecker
at Welcome
Center



Ichneumon
Wasp



"Patches" the leucistic
Common Redpoll



DONOR PROFILE

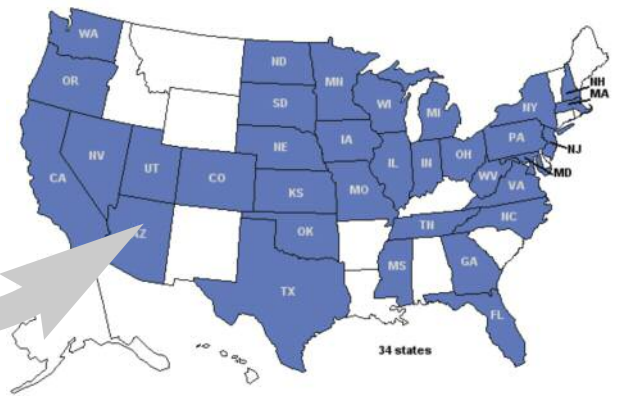
*Annmarie Geniusz &
Stephen Bockhold*

Members since nearly day one, Big Half Year participants and 2-time winners of the 1-day BRRRRd-athon, Annmarie Geniusz and Stephen Bockhold are passionate about the Bog and conservation. "We appreciate an organization that is buying land for habitat conservation in the Bog." Stephen is a Great Gray groupie because he appreciates the hunt. Annmarie loves Boreal Chickadees, "I love their attitude!" Both really want to see a Moose in the Bog. Duluthians for 9-years, Stephen is an ER doctor and Annmarie is a professional illustrator and cat wrangler.

2,421

Visitors came through the Welcome Center
in the winter of 2014-15

...From **34** states!



Your very generous giving
during Give to the Max
Day 2014 put us in a very
impressive 10th place of
ALL Small Non-Profits in
Minnesota!

\$19,416 given by...

152 donors over...

24 hours, put Friends in...

10th place



What season do you visit?



All
Seasons



Winter
Only



Summer
Only

58%
Visit the Sax-Zim Bog in
ALL seasons

715

Bird species seen in one
year by Greg Miller, our
speaker at The Big Year
Movie & Gala in February.
8th highest total in history.

How many times per year do
you visit the Sax-Zim Bog??



38%

Visit the Sax-Zim Bog 2-3
times per year

57



Bird species tallied by
Team Benny & the
Bensons in our 2015
2-day BRRRRdathon
to set a new all-time
record (Dave & Lars
Benson, Ben Yokel)



46

Bird species tallied by
The Coldfinches in the
1-day BRRRRdathon to
set a new all-time
record (Barb Akre, Kim
Eckert, Cindy Edward-
son, Mary Gabrys)



300+

Species of organisms tallied
at our August BioBlitz II

BY THE NUMBERS

What Lifers have you seen in Sax-Zim? (of 290 members)



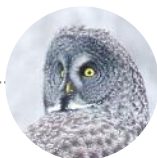
Boreal Chickadee

198 members



Northern Hawk Owl

185



Great Gray Owl

156



Pine Grosbeak

99



Hoary Redpoll

90



Blk-backed Sharp-tailed Woodpecker

81



Grouse

57



Bobcat

10

97%



31%

of respondents believe getting more visitors to Sax-Zim should be our LAST PRIORITY

45%

Believe bog land purchase and Preservation should be our FIRST PRIORITY



51%

BIRDING

PHOTOGRAPHY

WILDFLOWERS

HIKING

BUTTERFLYING

CANOEING

3%

HUNTING

3%

What Activities do you do in Sax-Zim?



\$20,000+

Steven Leuthold Family Foundation

\$10,000-\$19,999

Steven C. Leuthold

\$5,000-\$9,999

Thompson/Frey Charitable Trust
Steve Thompson & Ron Frey
Peter Trueblood

\$1,000-\$4,999

Pam Albin
In memory of Irene & Gene Lamont.
Susan & Gene Bauer
Elmer L. & Eleanor J. Andersen Foundation
Richard Hartman
Susan Kennedy
Chet & Miriam Meyers
Earl Orf & Diana Hestwood
Heart & Mind Fund of The Minneapolis Foundation
Myron & Holly Peterson
Steve Wilson & Mary Shedd
Michael Steffes
Christina Taraszczuk & David Alexander
Tim & Deb Vogt
Ben & Heidi Yokel
Jeff & Jeanne Zlonis
The Zlonis Family Fund

\$500-\$999

Carl & Verna Schmidt Foundation
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Fiscal Year 2014-2015

April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015

RECEIPTS	FY 12-13	FY 13-14	FY 14-15
Donations	\$25,279	\$56,784	\$93,860
Events & Programs	\$3,504	\$3,386	\$3,525
Grants	\$53,368	\$72,151	\$52,750
Merchandise Sales	\$0	\$4,681	\$10,241
Interest	\$0	\$0	\$31
TOTAL	\$82,151	\$137,002	\$160,407

DISBURSEMENTS

Charitable Giving	\$0	\$0	\$250
Supplies	\$273	\$752	\$694
Office rent/utilities Admin	\$1,052	\$1,738	\$3,320
Postage/Shipping	\$339	\$379	\$1,740
Printing & Copying	\$1,422	\$2,617	\$2,856
Marketing/Website/Program	\$812	\$774	\$3,290
Merchandise Purchases	\$0	\$3,297	\$5,003
Research Materials/Cont. Ed.	\$431	\$150	\$0
Professional Services	\$8,399	\$3,607	\$2,471
Contract Services	\$11,880	\$28,080	\$34,447
Payroll	\$0	\$2,943	\$4,070
Events & Programs	\$4,850	\$835	\$1,672
Travel/Mileage/Meals	\$1,563	\$1,483	\$659
Insurance	\$1,375	\$1,901	\$2,445
Lease (Owl Ave site)	\$800	\$800	\$800
Property Taxes	\$0	\$208	\$190
Sales Tax			\$113
Misc	\$1,160	\$2	\$0
Fees			\$170
Land Purchases	\$30,151		\$68,109
Welcome Center	\$0	\$77,702	\$22,657
TOTAL	\$65,507	\$127,268	\$154,956
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$16,644	\$9,734	\$5,451

Balance Sheet

March 31, 2014

ASSETS	3-31-2013	3-31-2014	3-31-2015
Cash	\$21,535	\$9,455	\$51,838
Savings	\$20,005	\$38,010	\$3,027
Long-term Assets (Land/Bldg)	\$30,151	\$107,853	\$198,619
TOTAL ASSETS	\$71,691	\$155,318	\$253,484
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Liabilities	\$0	\$5,000	\$8,000
Restricted Net Assets (Land Fund)	\$0	\$38,010	\$20,000
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$71,691	\$112,308	\$225,484
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$71,691	\$155,318	\$253,484

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