



SAX-ZIM BOG 2022



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PRESERVING & PROTECTING THE SAX-ZIM BOG FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS OF BIRDS & BIRDERS

Boreal Chickadee (*Parus hudsonicus*) on 1950s Zim, MN map
by Alexa Carson





Sparky Stensaas
Executive Director...Looking towards the
future...and recording bird song.

SAX-ZIM IS YOUR BOG!

WHAT?! OVER 4,000 ACRES PROTECTED

I feel like I'm saying this ALL the time...and I love it! "Thanks to you, our Bog Buddies, we have preserved and protected another [fill in the blank] acres of prime Black Spruce and Tamarack bog in Sax-Zim." And over the last year I could say this THREE times!

- 3,522 acres of wetland bank purchased including Admiral Road corridor.
- 120 acres of Tamarack bog protected thanks to a very generous donation from Gordon Andersson. This will be Starflower Bog (see pg.3)
- 40 acres donated by the family of John Holcomb, increasing the size of Winterberry Bog to 80 acres. Thanks to his daughter Bridget Holcomb for spearheading this.

And these preservation projects are important on a global scale. Peatlands are a major carbon sink for the planet (see details on p.3). And our Owls & Warblers Critical Corridor has more purchases slated. Stay tuned!

MEET SARA! OUR NEW DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

A Note from Sara to all of you...

"Hello, my name is Sara Blanck, and I am excited to be starting in my position as Development Director. I am a lifelong Duluth resident and have always appreciated this area for all the amazing places you can spend time outdoors. Although I do not consider myself a birder, I am lucky enough to be married to one and spend many of my weekend mornings on local trails birdwatching.



My past work experience includes 14 years in not-for-profit management as the director of a group of museums in Superior, Wisconsin (a Victorian mansion, a steel-hulled freighter ship, and a firehall). It was a great experience to help preserve these historic sites and to work with the enthusiastic communities that support them.

In my spare time I enjoy weekend get-aways, exploring parks, historic sites, and antique stores. I have a creative streak and just for fun occasionally dabble in creating some art. I also volunteer for various organizations including the Lake Superior Marine Museum Association and the Duluth Armory and Arts Center.

I am ready to use my skills to help continue the great work that has already been done to protect and share the Bog with people like you who appreciate it. I have so many ideas about how to utilize the new Lois King Education Center. I would enjoy hearing yours too.

I am looking forward to getting to know you. Feel free to contact me anytime at info@saxzim.org."

FAREWELL TO FAMILIAR FACES

We are very sad to bid adieu to several longtime FOSZB staff. All have decided to pursue other exciting life ventures and we wish them well.

Development Director Sarah Beaster was my right (and left) hand person. She really put the "organization" into this non-profit organization! Miss you Sarah!

Welcome Center host/naturalist Heather-Marie Bloom has been an important force for us since the Welcome Center first opened in the winter of 2013-14. Her Rising Phoenix Farms is a thriving CSA in the Cromwell area. Every visitor loved Jason Heinen and his smiling, helpful ways. We are thankful for his several seasons of service. And maybe you remember Mark Dudek Johnson's bird-themed haircut and hair dye creations. Sadly, he and his deep and quirky natural history knowledge will no longer grace the Welcome Center. Happy trails to all!

It will be tough moving forward without them, but we are very excited for you to meet our new batch of host/naturalists at the Welcome Center!



Sarah Beaster



Heather-Marie Bloom

Jason Heinen

Mark Dudek Johnson

DOWN THE BOG TRAIL...

We are all still catching our breath from the huge effort to get the Lois King Education Center completed in time for the Open House, but that doesn't mean we will be coasting through Fiscal Year 2022-23. Projects in the works include...

- Completing the bog boardwalk at the Welcome Center
- Working towards finalizing the 1010 acre land purchase (see pg. 3)
- Creating a summer activities brochure & wildflower map
- Expanding and improving the spring-fall hiking trails at Wood Thrush Woods
- Designing and building new and creative interpretive displays and signs

All this is possible due to our invested and involved board, my go-getter staff, and our eager and dedicated volunteers. Onward!

—Sparky Stensaas, Executive Director



Though the town of Meadowlands has retired the annual winter birding festival, they still support birders and birding in the area. FOSZB donated new signage to their downtown kiosk.



Thanks to Bog Buddies Carol & Roy Toepke for their oh-so-true "Nature is Everything" plaque on the midway bench at Warren Woessner Bog Boardwalk.



A new Little Free "Nature" Library was built and installed at the Bob Russell Bogwalk by board member Rubin Stenseng

LOIS KING EDUCATION CENTER



*\$5,000 Donation
handmade tiles
still Available!*



These tiles and more are still available to put your name/memorial/honorarium on. They will be permanently displayed in the Lois King Education Center.

A NEW SPACE FOR LEARNING

**We NEED
Interpretive
Displays!
Please
donate**



Many of you have experienced our “cozy” (cramped?) Welcome Center, and it has served us well for the last eight winters. But we have now **EXPANDED OUR EDUCATIONAL HORIZONS** with the addition of the Lois King Education Center. This memorial to his wife was made possible by Richard King, who put up a \$75,000 1:1 Matching Gift. Lois was a true Bog Buddy who had donated towards preserving several acres of bog in the past. She was a lifelong counselor, advocate for women, wife, mother and grandmother.

This 1500 square foot addition is multifunctional. It will allow for seating of 50 folks for programs and talks, but can also be transformed into an open space for school group activities, or we can set up tables for workshops and events (such as the Bog BioBlitz). Educational displays are in the works (but could use donations!).

Huge thanks to our general contractor Chris Alesch of Alesch Construction! (He is the son of Mark & Cindy; owners of Alesches' Accommodations in the Bog). We used **LOCAL LABOR**, **LOCAL MATERIALS** (tamarack inside, “baked” aspen outside), and **GRID-TIED SOLAR POWER** so we can sell electricity back to the power company!



David, Richard & Catherine King



Some of our \$5,000 tile patrons

L-R: Bruce Barsness, Lisa & Lance Novak, George Soule, Sue Wilmes & Rubin Stenseng



Naturalist Clinton & his education table

NEW BOARDWALK AT THE WELCOME CENTER!

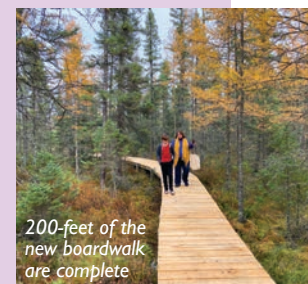


Andrew Webster (left) is a veteran of all our boardwalk projects

Bog Buddy and amazing bird photographer, Jose Arrieta of Stillwater, Minnesota has stepped forward to fund a boardwalk in memory of his father-in-law, John C. Gale.

The boardwalk takes off from the hiking trail west of the Welcome Center and will meander about 500 feet into the heart of a taiga-like stunted spruce forest. The spruces and tamaracks rarely reach more than 30 feet tall, but they are old-growth—a 6-inch diameter tree may be more than 80 years old! Yellow-bellied Flycatchers, Palm Warblers, Lincoln's Sparrows, Canada Jays, Pitcher Plants and sundews all make their home here.

Thanks also to Mark Dudek Johnson for spearheading the boardwalk construction. Though you can walk the first 200 feet now, completion is slated for February 2023 (after more tamarack boards are available).



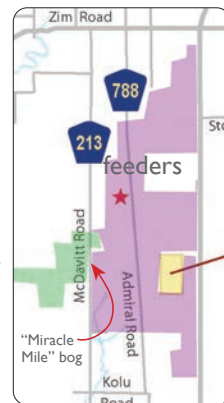
200-feet of the new boardwalk are complete

CRITICAL CORRIDOR OVER 4,000 ACRES

WE HAVE NOW PROTECTED OVER 4,000 ACRES IN OUR CRITICAL CORRIDOR PROJECT
THANKS TO OUR "BOG BUDDY" DONORS LIKE YOU!



In early 2022 we closed on the 3,522 acres of wetland bank (shaded purple). This land is under a permanent conservation easement. It can never be developed... FOSZB can't even put in a boardwalk! We felt it was an important purchase to prevent other parties from restricting access or fencing the site.



Spring 2022 purchase—3,522 acres

HAVEN for BOREAL CRITTERS and CARBON SINK for the Planet

The New York Times
Meet Peat, the unsung hero of carbon capture

"Although peatlands make up just 3 percent of land on Earth, they store twice as much carbon as all the world's forests combined... The secret of many peatlands is sphagnum mosses — starry green sprouts that can hold up to 26 times their weight in water. On drier ground, dead plants rot and send their carbon back into the soil or atmosphere...[But] A disturbed peatland, though, can become a villain — morphing from a carbon sink into a carbon spewer.

Drained peatlands emit about a dizzying [amount] of accumulated carbon every year. There is still time to put peatlands, long manipulated, forever overlooked, on their rightful pedestal as nature's champion against climate change." —Meet Peat, the unsung hero of carbon capture; by Sabrina Imbler; New York Times; Feb. 22, 2022



Friends of Sax-Zim Bog is **ADDING 1,010 ACRES** to your protected lands in 2023-24. And we'll keep going!

CPL Grant: \$400,000

Donations from our Bog Buddies: \$488,000

GOAL: \$1,000,000

MEET 120-ACRE STARFLOWER BOG

Starflower Bog is our latest peatland acquisition and was made possible by a very generous gift from Bog Buddy, Gordon Andersson. This 120-acre gem at the intersection of Correction Line Road and Owl Avenue is mostly maturing Tamarack bog with some sedge and alder wetlands. Starflower (*Trientalis borealis*) is common, and boreal birds include Winter Wren, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Hermit Thrush and a variety of warblers. We hope to explore it more in 2023.

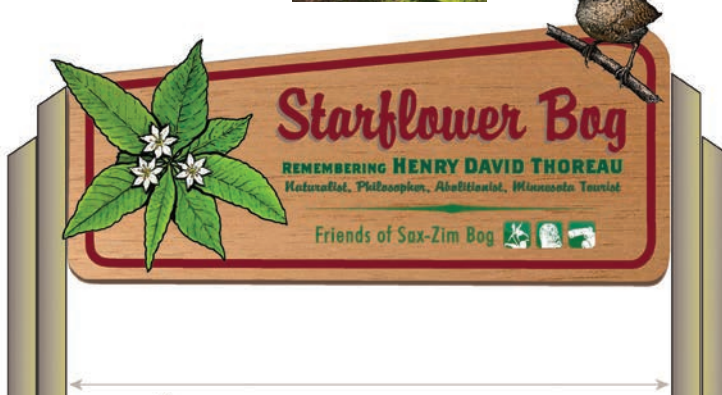
Gordon is a serious student of Henry David Thoreau and chose to remember him with this parcel. As the new sign will state, Thoreau was a "Naturalist, Philosopher, Abolitionist, and Minnesota Tourist."

"When, formerly, I have analyzed my partiality for some farm which I had contemplated purchasing, I have frequently found that I was attracted solely by some few square rods of some impermeable and unfathomable bog—a natural sink in one corner of it. That was the jewel which dazzled me. I derive more of my subsistence from the swamps which surround my native town than from the cultivated gardens in the village."

—Henry David Thoreau "Walking"



Leave your Legacy in Land!
*contact Sparky for opportunities



3,000 SPECIES MILESTONE: BIOBLITZ X

NEARLY 700 SPECIES DOCUMENTED ON 11 FIELD TRIPS!

It was a landmark 10th year for the Sax-Zim Bog BioBlitz. The event was held on Saturday, August 6 when 45 enthusiastic participants gathered to learn about and experience some of the amazing biodiversity in the Sax-Zim Bog. The morning wet weather certainly slowed down activity for some species (chiefly insects), but we ended the day with sunshine, lots of smiling faces, shared stories and a tally of 681 species! Of those species, 111 were new to the Master Species list. This means we surpassed 3,000 species documented in Sax-Zim! A terrific milestone to reach during this event.

It was the best BioBlitz ever for herps, with 11 species found (all the frog and snake species, one turtle, and a dead Blue-spotted Salamander). Plants were the most diverse group surveyed, with 196 species of plant documented by Ethan Perry and his crew. We also recorded 31 species of birds, 27 species of aquatic organisms, 7 species of mammals, and 17 species of spiders (3 new Bog records and two county records). The Fungi Field Trip was back and found 22 new species (an additional 8 through the day meant 30 new fungi species during this BioBlitz). Galls, Rusts, and Plant Diseases found 41 new species for the list.

It is clear that our field trip leaders are the superstars of the day. Without their expertise and enthusiasm this event certainly wouldn't be as successful as it has become. We were able to offer 11 different field trips during the BioBlitz. Each group had the goal to not just find species, but also educate participants about their areas of expertise.

Huge thanks to our volunteer leaders! Dr. Tim Craig (Insects), Bill Tefft (general ecology), Greg Cleary (birds), Jerry McCormick (butterflies), Gene Kramer (fungi), Sam Guida (galls, rusts), Murphy Steininger (fish/aquatic insects), Ethan Perry (flora) and Jeff Fisher (dragonflies).



Bog BioBlitz XI tentatively set for July 8, 2023



Scan to watch the wrap-up video of the 2022 Bog BioBlitz, or link via our website!



Sharing time after the BioBlitz field trips



Partridge Planthopper



Sam Guida



Barred Owlets © Melissa Heuberger



Midwest Carrionflower



Three-banded Ladybird Beetle



CALLING ALL ARTISTS! TINY BIRD ART AUCTION

AUCTION WILL BE ONLINE BEGINNING JANUARY 26, 2023

HOW?: You create an original piece of bird art that measures 6x6" or smaller (No exceptions!). Any medium EXCEPT photography. UPLOAD art details and photos ONLINE (NEW THIS YEAR).

WHAT?: All we ask is that the artist create an ORIGINAL piece of bird art...It should be a species that is found in northern Minnesota, but we are flexible. OWLS are always popular (Great Gray, Hawk Owl, Boreal Owl, Saw-whet Owl), but any northern bird is great. Art does not need to be framed...but it may fetch a higher price if it is. **ANY MEDIUM IS OKAY! ...Oils, Watercolor, Pencil, collage, whatever! No Photography please. You can see ALL art online beginning in December!

WHEN?: Please UPLOAD INFO and send art to us no later than January 10, 2023

This is a fun and profitable fundraiser for us. DETAILS ON OUR WEBSITE



WORLD'S COLDEST BIRDDATHON



JANUARY 6 & 7, 2023

1-day or 2-day events [Details on our Website]



BOG BIOBLITZ X TINY BIRD ART/BIRDDATHON

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Robin is a master woodcarver and she donated this stunning life size Boreal Chickadee for us. You can also see her Black-backed Woodpecker and Connecticut Warbler at the Welcome Center.



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VOLUNTEERS! Our volunteers are crucial to day-to-day operations at the Welcome Center. We are indebted to Scott Wolff, Carol-Ann & Tom Bloom, John Hatcher, Rich Hoeg, Eric Gdula, Katie Stedman, Emily Lind, and Lisa Phillips. They aided our 2021-22 Welcome Center staff of Heather-Marie Bloom, Mark Dudek Johnson and Jason Heinen in providing much appreciated info to our visitors. If you are interested in volunteer opportunities in the Bog, please email Sara at info@saxzim.org

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CLINTON'S CORNER



Head Naturalist Clinton leads the lichen exploration during a field trip

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CLINTON'S CORNER

Education in the Sax-Zim Bog had some major wins over the last year: Our field trip season saw participation close to pre-pandemic levels, the 10th Annual Sax-Zim Bog BioBlitz was a great success, and I was even able to teach my first Minnesota Master Naturalist Biome Course! Now winter is coming and I have a new slate of field trips and webinars posted on our website. Sign up and join me!



Field Trip on a frozen river

But what's in store for the coming seasons? First and foremost, I am excited about the possibilities of the new Lois King Education Center. Having a large indoor education space greatly expands the programming we can offer. We will now be able to hold in-depth workshops that require indoor space, host school groups, seat over 50 folks for events/speakers, and "weather proof" our programming. This winter I will present Friday afternoon programs in the new Center (Details at saxzim.org).

One of the requirements of becoming a Minnesota Master Naturalist is to take a 40-hour course on a major biome in Minnesota. This year the stars aligned and I was able to immerse 20 folks into the Sax-Zim Bog and North Woods. We utilized our Warren Woessner and Bog Russell Memorial Bog Boardwalks during the course.

My educational programming is made possible by support from all of you, our "Bog Buddies," Thank you!

—Head Naturalist, Clinton Dexter-Nienhaus

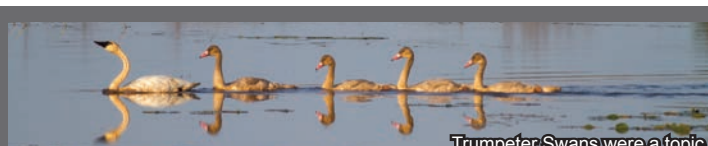


Late Summer Wildflowers

CLINTON'S BOG-VENTURES

WEBINARS & VIDEOS ONLINE

Come along with me on these mini-field trips! You can find all videos and webinars at saxzim.org under the "Videos of Sax-Zim" tab.



Trumpeter Swans were a topic of a recent Biodiversity post

BIODIVERSITY THURSDAYS

I have continued a weekly Facebook & Instagram post that highlights some of our most fascinating groups of flora and fauna in the Sax-Zim.

New posts every Thursday on Facebook & Instagram. AND you can find ALL PAST BIODIVERSITY THURSDAY POSTS on our website under the "Nature & Research" tab.

105 KESTREL CHICKS REARED IN SAX-ZIM

For the first season ever, we had more than 50 useable Kestrel nest boxes on the landscape! This is a huge accomplishment and one of the main goals of the project. So, what did this record number of boxes bring? A record number of occupancies with 32 occupied boxes!

From those boxes, we had a record number of successful boxes, with 26 boxes producing chicks. And if you have picked up on the theme... this record number of boxes produced a record number of chicks: 105! To date, we have now banded over 350 chicks over the seven years of this project and we are starting to see those birds dotting the landscape. Visitors have been noting the large number of kestrels on their visits, which brings us a lot of joy.

Big Thanks to our Kestrel Box Monitors!: Sarah, Grace, Emelyn & Camilla Beaster, Jean Elton Turbes, Mary Gabrys, Kellie Hoyt & Gregg Severson, Kristina Dexter-Nienhaus, Jessica Phoenix and Dawn Shold, Jeri Schwerin, Brian Scott, and Hannah Toutonghi



Halle Lambeau (L), a Master's student at the University of Minnesota Duluth, will be using some of the data Clinton and the Kestrel crew is collecting for her thesis.



We don't conduct research in a bubble! All our Kestrel data goes to the American Kestrel Partnership. Visit at kestrel.peregrinefund.org



5,893

visitors came through the Welcome Center in the winter of 2021-22

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- Webinars and Virtual Outreach: 12 videos/webinars (4 webinars and 8 virtually lives) Total viewers: 13,210
- BogDiversity Thursday Posts: 49 posts Total Outreach: 132,020 interactions/views
- Total Education Statistics: 113 Educational Offerings; 146,143 viewers and participants

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2021



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3053

Sax-Zim Bog species recorded

2648

Species with photos entered into our iNaturalist database
**go to www.inaturalist.org & search "Sax-Zim Bog" to see all the photos



5,030

Clinton's Bog-ventures video views

4,170

Webinar & online program views

61,026

Virtually Live field trip views



17,733

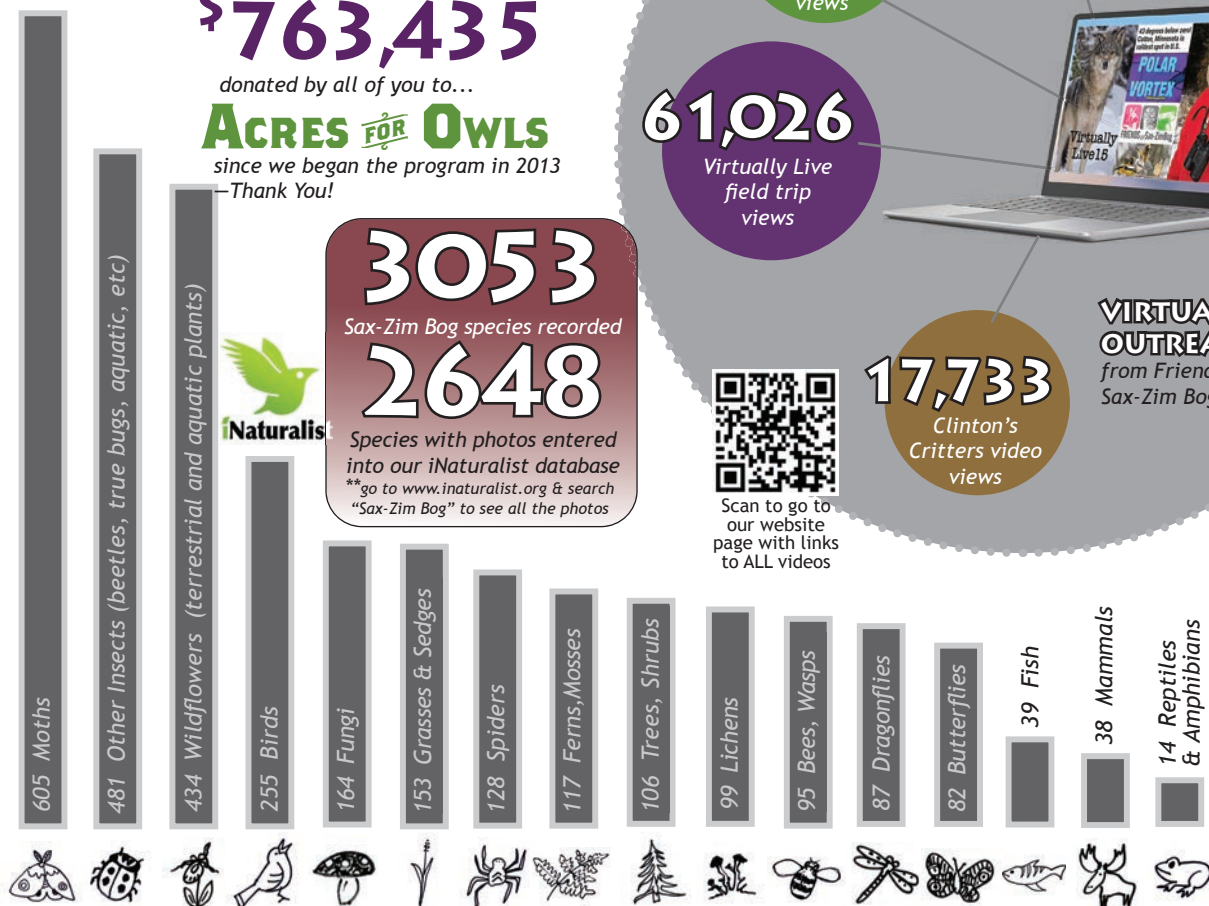
Clinton's Critters video views

VIRTUAL OUTREACH from Friends of Sax-Zim Bog



Scan to go to our website page with links to ALL videos

BY THE NUMBERS



Number of species recorded in our Sax-Zim Bog Master List database (**some categories not shown in bar graph)

BOG BUDDIES AT WORK & PLAY 2021-22



Have you hiked the St. Louis River Trail in Sax-Zim Bog? It is a fantastic walk from late spring through October.



Many groups enjoy the Sax-Zim Bog in winter, including this happy bunch of college students.



Stunted Black Spruce bogs are unique. Head Naturalist Clinton shares on a field trip.



Kelly Beaster and Gene Ollila prepare the expansion of our pollinator garden.



Board Chair Lori Williams and her dad Tom pick up litter along CR133.



We adopted a 2-mile stretch of CR133 and clean up the litter every spring and fall.



Board Treasurer David Steininger and Lou the Dog enjoying the Warren Woessner Boardwalk.



We are looking towards shaping the next generation of Bog Buddies.



The Sax-Zim Bog Christmas Bird Count is an annual event. Lori Williams tallies another bird.



This is what it's all about! Youngsters enjoying our Discovery Table in the Lois King Ed. Center.



Evening Grosbeak researchers David Yeany (R) & Luke DeGroote setting up at the Ollila's "Zabin."



Board Member Rubin Stenseng made the sign and Sue Wilmes helps him put it up.



Frank Nicoletti and Jason Heinen hang a new Kestrel box in the Bog. We now have over 50!



Board member Julie Ollila and former Development Director Sarah Beaster.

BOG BUDDIES AT WORK & PLAY



Golden-winged Warbler
McDavitt Road



Early winter hoar frost on
Stone Lake Road



Great Blue Heron
Nichols Lake



American Kestrel
Dart Road

In late July my husband and I were very near the Welcome Center when we had to wait for a Ruffed Grouse hen and her 12 chicks to leisurely cross the road. We had seen quite a few young birds that day, but there was something about this adorable family unit that stole my heart.

I am looking forward to catching a glimpse of some of the smaller mammals, like an Ermine or Pine Marten.

The bog attracts a world-wide community of birders. Friends brings together a much larger community including donors, neighbors, artists, and scientists. As a group, we can do so much more to preserve this special place.

STAFF PROFILE

*Sara
Blanch*

Our FOSZB Development Director



Mink near Stone Lake



Saw-whet Owl and four eggs in
nest box at Fringed Gentian Bog



Beaver along Nichols Lake Road



Common Redpolls swarm at
Welcome Center thistle feeder



Barred Owl at Fringed Gentian Bog



Mourning Warbler
Cut-across Road



Blueberries of
Gray Jay Way



VOLUNTEER & DONOR

Rich Hoeg

Rich hand rescued this Snowy Owl in northern Minnesota. Former Sax-Zim Bog Naturalist, Frank Nicoletti, talked him through the process by telephone on how to safely capture the injured owl.

In June 2017 I was privileged to watch two just-fledged Great Gray Owls. The twins sat in a Tamarack for over 30 minutes and begged profusely, but their parent, sitting a short distance away, ignored them!

I've never had the patience to sit long enough at the Admiral Road feeders to see the "Peanut Butter King" (i.e. the Pine Marten).

"State of Birds 2022" noted that: "The U.S. and Canada have lost 3 billion breeding birds since 1970—a loss of 1 in 4 birds". Much of this decline is due to habitat loss, which makes The Friends of Sax-Zim Bog Acres for Owls program supremely important. Mature forest tends to get logged or developed. The birds that depend upon this kind of habitat, such as Great Gray Owls, suffer. We are killing our planet and land purchases ensure we do our part to keep the land healthy.



DONOR PROFILE

Gordon Andersson

Gordon's extremely generous donation to our Acres for Owls Land Fund made the 120-acre Starflower Bog purchase a reality

My favorite Sax-Zim bog encounter was seeing and hearing a Northern Hawk Owl sing from the top of a Spruce in winter (on a field trip with Sparky).

The Sax-Zim species I'd most like to see is the elusive Connecticut Warbler. They are in major decline but can still be seen in the Bog. I think the American Ornithological Society should give it a new name—"Minnesota Warbler"!

Every dragonfly, orchid, bird, and moose needs a place to live for a season or through the year. The species may change over time as the vegetation cycles and conditions change. But saving land is saving habitat for non-human animal and plant species. And for Friends of Sax-Zim Bog, this is their main mission.

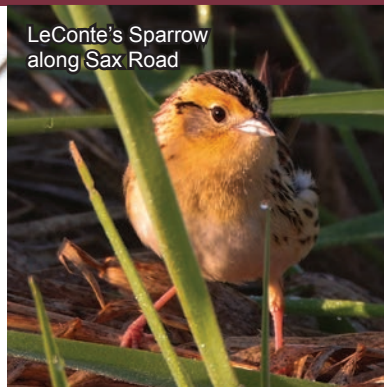
Bobcat in the south end of the Bog



Saw-whet Owl



LeConte's Sparrow along Sax Road



Indigo Bunting at Welcome Center

As a wildlife photographer, the Great Gray Owl is certainly my favorite Sax-Zim Bog species.

The Sax-Zim species that I would most like to see and photograph would be the "other fox." I have never seen a Gray Fox and it would be cool watching it during the winter.

I support Friends of Sax-Zim Bog because of their work protecting the habitat and environment of the local and migratory bird species that find their home in the Sax-Zim Bog area. Also, I appreciate their focus on environmental education.

DONOR PROFILE

Jose Arrieta

The new Welcome Center Boardwalk was made possible by a generous grant from Jose in memory of his father-in-law, John C. Gale



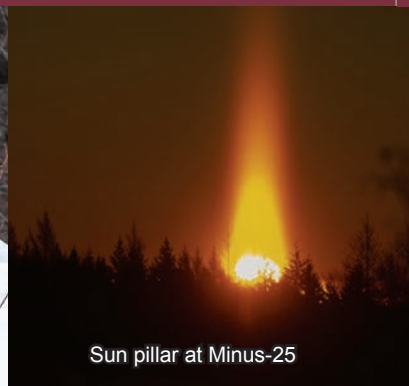
Porcupine along Watsula Road



Pine Grosbeaks at Welcome Center feeders



Red Fox near its den



Sun pillar at Minus-25

Canada Jay



Blackburnian Warbler



"Smoke morph" Wild Turkeys at Mary Lou's feeders

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022

REVENUE	FY 21-22	
Individual Gifts	\$556,131	82%
Foundation Grants	\$51,000	8%
Merchandise Sales	\$46,123	7%
Events & Programs	\$12,954	2%
Corporate Matches	\$7,982	1%
TOTAL	\$674,190	

EXPENSES		
Program	\$228,650	81%
Management	\$42,084	15%
Fundraising	\$12,339	4%
TOTAL	\$283,072	
SURPLUS	\$391,119	

BALANCE SHEET

March 31, 2022

ASSETS	3-31-2022
Cash (incl. liquid assets)	\$851,082
Other Current Assets	\$464,939
Fixed Assets	\$763,311
TOTAL ASSETS	\$2,079,332
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	\$6,257
Restricted Net Assets	\$906,565
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$1,166,510
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$2,079,332



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WANDER & WONDER

On each trip I make to the Sax-Zim Bog I plant my feet in a spot and wonder. Wonder about the sway of the trees as I stand looking upwards from the Bob Russell Boardwalk, coaxing a boreal chickadee out from its perch amongst the spruces.

Wonder about the many textures and hues of the sphagnums and mixed plant foliage along Gray Jay Way.

Wonder about the amazing array of colorful pollinator insects probing the dogbane along McDavitt Road in the heat of the Summer.

Wonder about the stealth of so many predators on the wing as I scan the fields enroute to visit Auggie's Bogwalk.

The Sax-Zim Bog is full of wonder and wonderful discoveries for each of us. Our hard-working Board of directors and staff remains steadfast and sincere in assuring these wonderings remain accessible for all.

We deeply appreciate the support of so many who have stepped forward with a shared commitment to help carry out our mission.

I encourage you to immerse yourself in our protected parcels of land.

Linger a while. Listen. Watch.

Wander and wonder.

With deep gratitude, Lori Williams, Board Chair



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