



Chickadee
by Gary Erickson

Calendar of events:

Monthly Bird Walks at Quarry Hill

Oct. 7, Nov. 4, & Dec. 2. Meet at 9 am at the Quarry Hill Nature Center and join us on a casual walk thru the park. Walks usually last about one hour. Free and open to the public - no registration required. Leaders: Terry & Joyce Grier

Sat., Oct 7 - Sparrow Field Trip

7:30 - 9 am / Kalmar Reservoir / Leader: Jerry Pruett

The sparrows are migrating. We should see White-crowned, Lincolns, White-throated, Savannah, and more. Meet in the parking lot on the east side of the Kalmar Reservoir (East Landfill Reservoir) just off of 19 ST NW and Valleyview CT. about 2 miles west of the Rochester Athletic Club. Bring waterproof footwear as the grass will probably be quite wet.

October 24 - All about Black Capped Chickadees

7-8pm - Quarry Hill Nature Center / Presented by Laura Erickson

Their flocks have a social hierarchy. They use a complex system of visual and spatial memories to each relocate tens of thousands of cached food items. Their brains are specially adapted for storing spatial memories, yet they have trouble remembering their own siblings. Come listen to expert Laura Erickson from Duluth talk about these special little birds.

November 11 - Tundra Swan Field Trip

8am - early afternoon / Leaders Terry and Joyce Grier

Meet in the east parking lot of the Heintz Center in Rochester at 8am to car pool. Travel thru La Crescent and down the Mississippi to Brownsville to see (hopefully) THOUSANDS of Tundra Swans and other waterfowl. Trip will return early afternoon. Bring your own lunch or eat at a Subway sandwich shop before returning to Rochester.

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Trumpeter Swans by Jerry Pruett

Tues., Nov. 28 - Bird Tech

7 - 8 pm at Quarry Hill Nature Center /
Presented by Sharen Stiteler

Since 1997, Sharon Stiteler has made it her goal to get paid to go bird watching. Her office varies daily and the locations for it have included cornfields in Texas, the Kazakh Steppes, a twin-engine plane 100 feet above the Mississippi River, and even a nudist colony. Her pursuit of birds is only rivaled by her pursuit of finding a scorpion-free bathroom outdoors. If you're curious about how a birder can find employment or would like a few laughs, this program is for you.

Sat., Dec. 16, 2017 - Annual Christmas Bird Count

7:15 am start: Meet at west Silver Lake Parking lot (near former fire station)

Noon - 1pm Mid-day tally at Quarry Hill

4:45pm Final Tally at Quarry Hill

Each year teams of interested birdwatchers search for birds in designated sections of Rochester. We'll meet at 7:15 am in the west Silver Lake parking lot (near the former fire station) to divide into teams. Then we'll take a break from noon - 1 pm at Quarry Hill

Nature Center for a quick lunch and tally. More counting is done in the afternoon with a final tally held at 4:45 at Quarry Hill. You're invited to participate in this free event with one of our teams for part, or all of the day's count.