

Bald Eagle  
by Gary Erickson

### Calendar of events:

#### Monthly Bird Walks at Quarry Hill

**Oct. 6, Nov. 3, & Dec. 1.** 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

#### October 7 - Root River County Park Field Trip

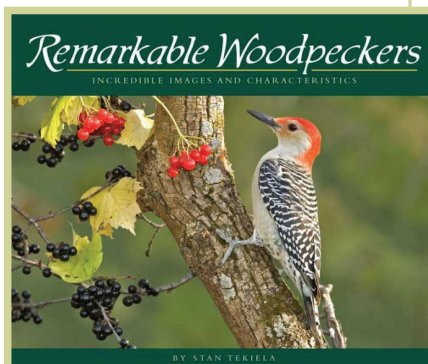
8:30 - noon / Leader: Sandy Hokanson

Root River County Park is just south of Rochester near Simpson. The park has nice walking trails and good diverse habitat for a wide variety of birds. Meet in the east parking lot at Heintz Center at 8:30 am to car pool.

#### October 23 - Remarkable Woodpeckers

7 - 8 pm at Quarry Hill Nature Center  
Presented by Stan Tekiela

Woodpeckers are a unique group of birds that we often take for granted. Stan's presentation is filled with fun facts and incredible images of our native woodpeckers. Stan, a well known author and photographer, is the originator of a series of popular state-specific field guides including the Birds of Minnesota, Wildflowers of Minnesota and many more.



#### November 10 - Tundra Swan Watch

Check web for time & possible date change - Leaders: Terry & Joyce Grier.

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

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#### November 27 - Shade-Grown Coffee & Birds

7 - 8 pm at Quarry Hill Nature Center

Presented by  
Tom Will

Can you help conserve birds and nature just by having a cup of coffee? Yes, if it's the right kind of coffee! Migratory birds that spend the winter in the tropics will thank you for buying only shade-grown coffee. Find out why at this fascinating talk.



Cape May Warbler by  
Denise Dupras

#### December 15 - Christmas Bird Count

7:15 am start  
Leader: Clifford Hansen

Each year teams of interested birdwatchers search designated sections of the Rochester area to see what birds can be found. We'll meet at 7:15 am at the west Silver Lake parking lot (near the former fire station), then take a break from noon - 1pm 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 with one of our teams for part, or all of the day's count. Be prepared for the weather, bring your own binoculars, lunch and beverages.



Blue Jay by Gary Erickson

**Enjoy every moment!**