

We are an all-volunteer nonprofit
501(c)(3) organization.

Your gift is 100% deductible.

Join in!

Volunteering with us is fun and rewarding. You can help us bring our mission of environmental awareness, appreciation, and advocacy to the community. Visit ZumbroValleyAudubon.org to learn more.



Our "All About Monarchs" event at Quarry Hill is a big hit each fall.

Dear Members,

In 2019 several of the Kestrel boxes we erected hosted nesting pairs and fledged young birds – a hopeful sign for a bird that has suffered serious declines. We also held our 2nd BIG Birding Day, posted new educational signs, and hosted many fun, free educational programs and field trips for the community.

Connecting people with nature is more important than ever. In a technology-driven society we need to provide opportunities and spaces for kids and adults to disconnect from their digital devices and interact with prairies, woods and lakes – to learn about birds, insects and other wild creatures. It's true that you only value what you know.

With your help in 2020 we'll continue to offer programs and events that foster a sense of connection with the outdoors.

Our volunteers do it all:

- Lead field trips & bird walks
- Conduct citizen science projects
- Advocate for environmental causes
- Manage our website and Facebook sites
- Take care of administrative tasks
- Organize monthly programs & speakers
- Write our newsletters & more

In 2019 they provided more than **1,200 hours** of their time and expertise – valued at more than **\$12,000!**

We can't thank them enough!

Your continued financial support is needed as your donations are our largest source of funds. Without you, many of the activities we provide would be scaled back or even canceled. **Thank you** for your continued support!

Joel Dunnette
President / Zumbro Valley Audubon

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Great Blue Heron photo by Brendan Lanpher



Our experts help people learn about birds, important birding areas and more during our free field trips.



Kestrel eggs in one of our nest boxes.

"Birds are indicators of the environment. If they are in trouble, we know we'll soon be in trouble."

Roger Tory Peterson

→ To donate: Mail a check to ZVAS, Box 6244, Rochester, MN 55903 or
or online at giveMN.org (click donate, and type in Zumbro Valley Audubon)
Thank you!

Annual Report / January 1 - December 31, 2019



Learning about butterflies at a free class before the annual survey in July.

Programs, Field Trips & Citizen Science.

In 2019 our speakers informed and entertained us with presentations about the cranes of the world, how restoring a trout stream created a better environment for much more than the fish, gave us a glimpse

of the small overlooked world of flower flies, and more.

Free guided field trips and bird walks exposed hundreds of new folks to our local ecology and parks. Our successful second annual BIG Birding Day in May brought local experts together with beginners and novices at several popular (*and some lesser known*) birding areas. We were encouraged to see people of all ages engaging in and helping us further our knowledge via Citizen Science projects such as our annual Christmas Bird Count, Butterfly Count, Chimney Swift Sit and Monarch Tagging events.

Outreach:

- International Festival of Owls
- Arbor Day & Earthfest
- Olmsted County Fair
- Whitewater SP Centennial
- Quarry Hill Fall Festival
- Rochesterfest
- Sargents Garden Party & Native Prairie classes
- Damsels & Dragonflies & our annual Bug Hunt
- Monarch tagging events



Educational trail signs made for the Eastside Wildlife Management Area, designed by volunteer Sandy Hokanson.

Our publicity Included:

- Facebook, email & our free eNewsletter
- Our web site at ZumbroValleyAudubon.org
- Fliers, posters, bookmarks and numerous educational handouts and trail signs.

2019 Financial Overview

Income:

Annual Fund Drive	\$ 2,035
Audubon Dues	\$ 1,235
IBM Match	\$ 175
Give to the Max Day	\$ 718
Donations at Meetings/Misc	\$ 153
Think Bank Grant	\$ 300

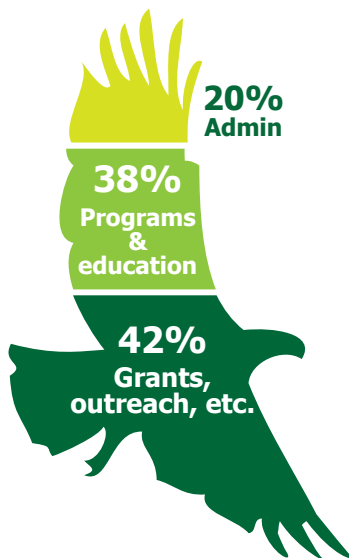
Total \$ 4,616

Expenditures:

Programs, speaker fees, room rental, publicity, website	\$ 2,331
Grants, sponsorships, signs, outreach, etc.	\$ 2,509
Admin, insurance, PO Box, fundraising, print costs, special IRS determination*	\$ 1,179

Total \$ 5,919

*In 2019 we paid the IRS a one-time fee of \$400 to reaffirm our non-profit tax status. We are a 501(c)3 organization.



In 2019 your money took flight! It was used to provide free programs, grants and sponsorships for local groups and special projects, and much more.



Catching and getting closeup looks at dragonflies at Chester Woods.

Looking forward:

Thanks to your generous donations last year we provided more grants and funded more projects than ever before, including:

- Quarry Hill Nature Center Capital Campaign
- New educational trail signs & free bird guides
- Izaak Walton Wetlands Dam Restoration
- International Owl Fest
- Whitewater State Park Centennial

If you have a project you'd like us to consider funding, please contact any board member – see ZumbroValleyAudubon.org for current contact information.