



## Upcoming Audubon Programs Quarry Hill Nature Center , 7 PM

### Nov 17 - Sparky Stensaas, Sax-Zim Bog

**\*\*NOTE DATE CHANGE !!\*\***



Sparky Stensaas is a photographer, naturalist, author, publisher living in the North Woods of Minnesota. He is co-owner of Kollath-Stensaas Publishing and owner of Stone Ridge Press ([www.stoneridgepress.com](http://www.stoneridgepress.com)). Sparky has recently founded Friends of Sax-Zim Bog, a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to supporting, promoting and protecting the famous birding spot in northern Minnesota—the Sax-Zim Bog ([www.SaxZim.org](http://www.SaxZim.org)).

Come and see Sparky's photos of one of the top birding spots in the state and hear about new changes there.

Known as the PhotoNaturalist, Sparky specializes in natural history images of the North Woods—bogs, owls, orchids and more. And on his website ([www.ThePhotoNaturalist.com](http://www.ThePhotoNaturalist.com)), you'll find wildlife and landscape images with a twist—a unique perspective, unusual subject, a creative angle—that you might not find on other websites.

### Dec 19 - Christmas Bird Count

Join us Saturday December 19 for the 116th annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count. Zumbro Valley Audubon members work in teams to scout Rochester and the surrounding area for early winter birds. You do not need to be a bird expert. Actually, it's a great way to learn about new birds. Counting is done from the warmth of cars or on short hikes.

We typically find over 50 species and frequently turn up an unusual bird or two! We need and appreciate feeder reports as well as field participants. Our numbers are reported to National Audubon and added to a CBC database that has been collected annually for over 100 years!

We will meet 7:15 a.m. at the west Silver Lake parking lot, near the fire station. Lunch and a mid-day tally will be held at Quarry Hill Nature Center from noon to 1 p.m. Bring your own lunch. A light meal and final tally will be held at Quarry Hill Nature Center at 4:45 p.m. Hot soup is provided; bring something to share.

To submit a feeder report, download a report form from the ZVAS web site, [www.zumbrovalleyaudubon.org](http://www.zumbrovalleyaudubon.org), or call Clifford Hansen at 281-0249 to have a paper form mailed to you. Thank you!

For even more bird counting fun, Whitewater State Park will hold its annual CBC on Jan 1st from 8 AM to noon. For more information call Whitewater State park at 507-932-3007.



## ZVAS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Nov / Dec 2015

**November 7, Saturday** – The Kinglet Bird Walk, Quarry Hill Nature Center 9 AM  
Led by Terry & Joyce Grier

**November 14 Saturday** – Tundra Swan Trip -  
Meet at the east side 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 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. Trip leaders are Terry & Joyce Grier.

**December 5, Saturday** – The Nuthatch Bird Walk, Quarry Hill Nature Center 9 AM  
Led by Terry & Joyce Grier

**December 19, Saturday** – Christmas Bird Count

