

Bird Calls



Northern Shrike by Nancy Halliday

Newsletter of the Evanston North Shore Bird Club

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ENSBC Programs September – November

Tuesdays at 7:30 pm

All programs will be on Zoom and recorded.

September 27

John Bates, Field Museum Curator of Birds, will present on a January 2022 expedition to South Polar that included the Falkland Islands. These Islands have a history of human occupation and a fascinating community of South Polar birds, endemic birds with South American affinities and marine birds (and mammals). For our program, John will focus on experiences on Sea Lion Island, a protected reserve and the southernmost inhabited island in the archipelago.



Gentoo Penguin

October 25

Coloration and patterns (spots, stripes, etc.) are important elements of animal morphology. What accounts for the colors and the patterns we use to recognize animals and birds? **Velizar Simeonovski, zoologist and artist, Associate of the Field Museum Life Sciences Section**, will present some of the current understandings and unknowns regarding the developmental mechanisms and the function of the coloration and patterns in birds, mammals and other vertebrate animals.

November 22

Taylor Hains has had a life-long fascination with parrots, a pantropical family with almost 400 species. He also developed a passion for genomics. As a **graduate student with the Committee on Evolutionary Biology at the University of Chicago**, he is combining these interests. He will talk about how genomics can help us understand how New World parrots have diversified and how they can be used as a tool to help conserve them into the future.

Field Trip date correction

Friday , September 16, 8:00 am: NEW TRIP! West Ridge Nature Center. We will look for fall warblers, other migrants, local raptors, etc. Meet at WRNP Main Entrance (5801 N. Western Ave). Free street parking on both sides of Western Ave. Leader: Scott Judd

Check the ENSBC website <https://www.ensbc.org> calendar for additions and changes to trips and programs.

Meet Glen Madejal: New Steward at Clark Street Beach Bird Sanctuary

Julie Dorfman and Jerry Herst have been the guiding lights as stewards at Clark Street Beach Bird Sanctuary since its planting in 2015. After 7 years at the helm, they are stepping away from leadership, though they will thankfully continue as volunteers. Here are excerpts from their letter to friends and colleagues:

“We are delighted to announce that the new steward of Clark Street Beach Bird Sanctuary will be **Glen Madeja!** Glen, a long time Evanston resident, brings a wealth of talent and experience to Clark Street Beach. Glen holds a Master's degree from Northwestern University and the Chi-



*Glen on the left, Julie and Jerry
Photo by Libby Hill*

cago Botanic Garden in Plant Biology and Conservation. Glen has broad experience in Not-for-Management. As CEO of Willard House he oversaw the restoration of the historic house and the historic gardens. He has a background in business and marketing. He also has terrific skills in ecology, physical work, and a great sense of humor! Glen has already begun to attend workdays on the beach and reach out to community contacts. We have also started to introduce him to the administrative functions of CSBBS. We will be available to him as he guides the CSBBS Steering Committee and volunteers into the future.

While we have decided to step down as stewards of the Clark Street Beach Bird Sanctuary, we leave the project launched and in excellent hands. We'll be retiring from administrative roles as of October 1, 2022, the end of the 2022 planting season. We plan to maintain a role as plant monitors, both to assess how this year's plantings fare and to introduce Glen to the unique and rich plant communities on Lake Michigan Beaches.

The Clark Street Beach Bird Sanctuary's fabulous volunteers have invested thousands of hours digging invasives, planting natives, gathering and spreading native seeds, repairing fences, protecting cottonwoods from beavers, and welcoming and leading tour groups. They are an incredibly solid team.”

**Enormous thanks to Julie and Jerry for stewarding CSBBS
through seven highly successful years of growth.
ENSBC will continue to be the financial partner for CSBBS.**



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