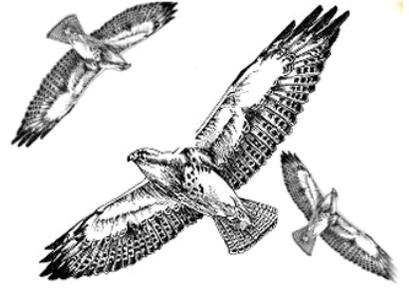


# The Kettle



**Straits Area Audubon Society newsletter dating from 1983**

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SAAS meetings are held at the Cheboygan Area Public Library, 100 S. Bailey St. at 6:30 pm. Refreshments will be provided. You may also participate in door prize and raffle drawings.

The scheduling of a meeting or program in the library does not in any way constitute an endorsement by the library of the group, its activities, or of the ideas and opinions expressed during the course of meetings or programs.

SAAS thanks Roger and Ann Benter and Williams Office Supply for donating printing costs for the *Kettle*, and Benter Chiropractic for hosting [www.straitsareaaudubon.org](http://www.straitsareaaudubon.org).

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**Mission Statement:** The mission of the Straits Area Audubon Society is to educate the community, including its children, about conservation and enjoyment of the natural world with emphasis on the local natural communities of wildlife. This will be accomplished through regular seasonal meetings and by sponsoring fieldtrips, classroom studies and field studies.

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## Straits Area Audubon Society Calendar

### Upcoming Programs

#### Sept. 8 **The Uncommon Loon**

*by Roger Benter*

Jeff Lange will present a talk and video footage of Michigan loons. Learn how the Michigan Loon Watch program cares for loons on lakes in Cheboygan and Emmet Counties. Jeff, the area coordinator for the Loon Watch program, has been studying and filming loons on area lakes for 20 years. Much of this film was shot on Round Lake in Petoskey.

#### Oct. 13 **Bluebirds**

*by Dale Giddings and Cheboygan Youth Center*

Last spring, SAAS partnered with the Cheboygan Youth Center. Children who built and monitored bluebird houses will share their experiences with us. Dale Giddings will talk about his bluebird box trail, sharing his results on property near Wolverine.

#### Nov. 10 **Down Upon the Suwannee River**

*by Dale and Connie Rieger*

The Suwannee River stretches from the Okefenokee Swamp in southeast Georgia to Florida's shore along the Gulf of Mexico. Dale and Connie Rieger will take you on their 150 mile Suwannee canoe trip, showing you the old Florida not seen from the freeways and tourist traps.

### Volunteer Positions Still Available

*by Kathy Bricker and Linda Baney*

The following positions are still available at SAAS. If you're interested, contact Linda Baney at [ljbaney2004@yahoo.com](mailto:ljbaney2004@yahoo.com), or at the September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. She will be there by 6 pm.

#### President

- Appoint a Michigan Audubon Society Chapter Rep.
- Appoint an at-large member of the Exec. Com.
- Call meetings of the club and of the 7-member Exec. Com.
- Preside at meetings of the club and Exec. Com.
- Appoint committees.
- Appoint a substitute as needed to fulfill the duties of an absent officer or committee chairman.
- Sign checks for the disbursement of club funds when treasurer is not available.
- Coordinate the work of the officers and committees.
- Make sure that historical papers are maintained.
- Oversee and guide fundraising for SAAS as needed.
- Oversee membership votes; assure 8 member quorum is met.

#### Kettle Editor

- Update the Straits Area Audubon Society Calendar in the *Kettle*
- Mail merge and print labels for members and guests
- print a hard copy of the *Kettle*
  - copy at Williams Office Supply
  - deliver *Kettle* copies and labels to Benter Chiropractic.
- Email a PDF version (freeware PDF utility will be provided) of *Kettle* to members and guests.

### Upcoming Field Trips

#### Sept. 10 **Rare Ferns of the Eastern UP**

*by Steve Baker*

Meet in Mackinaw City at the State Highway Rest Area and be ready to leave at 8:30 am. We will car pool to the UP and will explore the area around East Lake, about 20 miles from the bridge. We will search for a variety of unusual ferns that favor the limestone habitats of the Niagara escarpment. Hart's Tongue Fern, Walking Fern, and Green Spleenwort are all rare endangered species that grow on the limestone cliffs, boulders, and crevices. Wear sturdy shoes. A walking stick can be helpful to navigate such uneven terrain. Optional lunch after the trip, probably in Moran. Call Steve Baker at 238-8723 with any questions.

#### Sept. 18 **Search for Uranus**

*by Jim Bricker*

Meet at Bricker home, 4483 E. Dotski Rd., at 7:30 pm for constellation and planet viewing. Wear warm clothes and bring binoculars and scopes to search for Uranus as it appears very close to Jupiter this night. Call Jim Bricker at 627-4830 with any questions.

#### Sept. 24 **Waugoshance Point**

*by Steve Baker*

Meet in Mackinaw City at the State Highway Rest Area and be ready to leave at 8:30 am. We will car pool to Wilderness State Park for a hike out Waugoshance Point. State Park entry sticker required. We will be looking for fall flowers and Golden Plovers and other shorebirds. Call Steve Baker at 238-8723 with any questions.

### 2010-2011 Dues Due in September

*by Rose Rynerson*

Many of you have already renewed memberships for the upcoming season, Sept., 2010 - May, 2011. If you have not, please consider renewing soon (only \$12 for single or \$15 for family). Thanks!

### Hey, What Happened to the Newsletter?

*by Linda Baney*

Yes, things have changed. This year we've simplified the *Kettle* production process, rendering the newsletter in Microsoft Word, which is much easier to use. The format has also been simplified to a calendar and important notices. We are still looking for an editor to take over *Kettle* production. All you need is Microsoft Word and internet access.

### Keep Feeding Hummingbirds

*by Susan Good, R.N. CWR - Northern Wildlife Rescue*

The question that comes up often concerning hummingbirds is whether to remove feeders in the fall. Birds know when it's time to migrate. If feeders are removed in the fall, the birds are denied the extra calories and nutrition that they need to make their journey. In the fall, food sources are scarce for hummers so keep feeders filled as long as you see birds at them.