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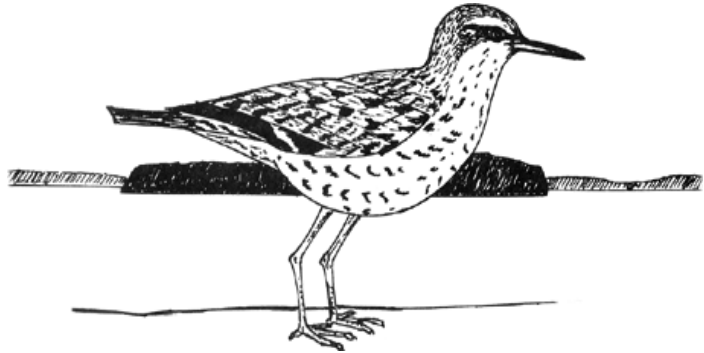
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ALL ABOUT WISCONSIN TIMBER WOLVES

Adrian Wydeven will speak at this year's banquet

Adrian is a Mammalian Ecologist with the Department of Natural Resources of the state of Wisconsin, based in Madison, Wisconsin, USA. Since 1990, he has led conservation programs for rare and non-game mammals and served as Wolf Program leader. Adrian Wydeven is the chair of the Wisconsin Wolf Science Advisory Committee and serves on the Federal Eastern Gray Wolf Recovery Team. In general, he coordinates all state investigations on rare mammals such as wolf, lynx, cougar, and moose. He also authored various Endangered Resources Reports published by Wisconsin's Department of Natural Resources.

Adrian Wydeven often works with academics such as for example authoritative sociologists (e.g., coauthors of this chapter). He has exceptional experience working on real-world conservation planning for issues related to wolves, their prey and their whole ecosystems. Adrian Wydeven is a leader in the field of effective wildlife management, which always implies public participation and/or input at local, regional and national levels. Wolf recovery in Wisconsin has been coordinated by him through: managing wolves in different management zones that include areas with high levels of protection and areas with liberal control of problem wolves, monitoring the wolf populations, cooperatively managing wolf habitat, promoting education about wolves, controlling nuisance wolves and reimbursing landowners that suffer losses from wolves, encouraging interagency cooperation and volunteer assistance, recommending research needs concerning wolves, regulating wolf-dog hybrids, encouraging a reasonable ecotourism of wolves and their habitats. The book chapter lead by Adrian Wydeven will walk the reader through many of these steps, with an approach that always accounts for input by all interest groups.

Although not being an academic, Adrian Wydeven has authored seminal papers on wolf ecology and ecosystem management. All papers authored by Adrian Wydeven are centered on predators, prey, habitat and people, who also influence these relationships. In 2006 he received the Outstanding Alumnus Award from the College of Natural Resources, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, and in 2007 he was a member of a team to receive a Cooperative Conservation Award from the U.S. Department of the Interior.

CHAPPEE RAPIDS REPORTER**FIELDNOTES**

Groundhog or Candlemas day truly marks the mid-winter point in our season. Please notice I mean “middle of the winter” not the end! Thus far this day has brought filtered sunshine with frost crystals in the morning air now followed by light snow and light winds with the promise of warmer times to come. With the digital age now upon me I am no longer in tune with the morning television shows so I have no idea what was happening with the celebrated woodchucks around the country. Probably just as well, as Bill stated just last evening “I don’t need a rodent to tell me if the sun is shining or not!”

From my viewpoint and most other accounts this winter has thus far been a bit unremarkable. December brought good snow cover but also significant rain and melting. After a spat of cold, more mild temperatures took down more of the snow cover and then more rain, then cold. There are many fine ice skating spots about our area- just be careful as some have thinner ice than you might think and then some are not in places you want to skate- like the front walk. Whitetails are out of the woods and walking easily on top of the snow- I have followed a few trails but no shed antlers yet. Grey squirrels are white-eared and in breeding season. Barred owls are calling regularly around the farm since January 7th. Ravens are also courting most days, performing aerial acrobatics and feeding one another. I have not yet noticed activity among foxes and coyotes, nor have I heard any wolves yet this winter... that may change very soon.

Most of my birding is done around the feeders and in the yard, and let’s admit, if you have a well planted yard and feeders, that’s where the birds are too! A troop of 15 plus chickadees zoom through several times a day. Twenty plus dark-eyed juncos and a dozen American tree sparrows spend the entire day. Blue jays are in average numbers and all the regular woodpeckers check in often- all meaning hairy, downy, red-bellied and pileated. Both nuthatches, a small flock of goldfinches and about 10 morning doves can be seen throughout the day also. Cardinals tend to frequent in early morning and late evening. A ruffed grouse stands a bit off and looks on some days but has not yet ventured closer to the house. Many folks have reported and even filmed Coopers hawks (thanks Wendell) feasting on the feeder visitors. I am just as happy to report a sharp-shin around here has afforded me some beautiful observations. Robins have been about this winter and at least one varied thrush in the Banat area. I have also heard of a few cedar waxwings in Marinette near the courthouse and a scattered report of evening grosbeaks- it would be nice to see these again.

So this winter day wears on and the sun is fading to gray and snow continues. I often think that we snow our way into spring ending finally with a white blanket upon singing frogs. Our daily routine includes many pieces of wood added regularly to the woodstove, a source of much warmth and much reflection on trees and times now past. The white ash now burning with its pileated working and oohh the carpenter ants! The red maple from the swamp and its red-backed salamander that was under the downed log or the apple limbs from the Wolf river tree that was planted probably by the first European inhabitant of this farm. The beautiful patterns of the serpentine wood borers under the bark of the dead American elms. Some of these trees will likely disappear from our woodlands in the near future, please appreciate them in all their glory while you can- stay warm!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 18 **February Meeting**—7:00 PM
- 20 **Winter Outing**— Field Trip to Hemlock Trail, Peshtigo. This is your chance to get out with friends to enjoy the winter season. Contact Carmen Bugaj for details

MARCH

- 19 **Twenty First Annual Environmental Achievement Awards Banquet**
Adrian Wydeven the Wolf Program Leader for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources will be the guest speaker

APRIL

- 15 **April Meeting**—7:00 PM
Joel Trick with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will present a program on the Kirtlands warbler and piping plover. Both of these endangered species are found in Marinette County.

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MAY

- 20 **May Meeting**—7:00 PM

T.B.A

Bird Walks - T.B.A This year we are hoping for a new viewing platform on Pond Road plus two new bird walk sites.

JUNE

Quarterly Meeting — The quarterly meeting of the procrastination committee has been postponed

MI Audubon Delegate— Dale Leitzke
WI Audubon Delegate— Ethyl Block
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Message From The President

If you did not get a chance to see the moon at the end of January you missed a great sight. The full moon went along with the cold weather we had so going out and really enjoying it was a bit chilly.

We have some fantastic speakers lined up for the next three months. February's speaker will be Tammie Paoli a fisheries biologist from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. At the March banquet Adrian Wydeven the Wolf Program Leader for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources will fill us in on the state of the wolf in Wisconsin. In April we will learn about the endangered Kirtlands warbler and the piping plover from Joel Trick from the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. We are fortunate to have both of these endangered species nesting in our area.

Try to make it to one or more of these meetings and bring along a friend. A lot of effort is made by our guest speakers to present these programs. A strong showing of people lets these folks know we appreciate the programs they work so hard to present to us.

If you know of an individual or organization that is deserving of one of our environmental awards at the annual banquet let one of the board members know. There are lots of people out there doing good things that we would like to know about.

Hope to see you all soon.

Cheers, Trygve

The Chappée Rapids Reporter

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110th CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

GOOD BIRDING GOOD FRIENDS GOOD FUN

In spite of marginal weather, this years group found an abundance of what we were looking for. The three counts coordinated by Chappee Rapids Audubon Society found a total of 50 bird species and a total of 10,770 birds. Uncommon species included Northern Flicker, Chukar, American Black Duck, Goshawk, Kestral, Hermit Thrush, Brown Creeper, Red-winged Blackbird, and White-throated Sparrow. This year's participants included Joan Campbell, Rich Campbell, Marlene Nelson, Dale Leitzke, Barb Bereza, Jim Goin, Joe Fournier, Kay Kavanaugh, Rick Klingsick, Chris Johnson, Bill Taylor, Denise Taylor, Mary Dumke.

CARNEY 12/14/2009

Wild Turkey	93
Ring-necked Pheasant	57
Chukar	1
Ruffed Grouse	1
Bald Eagle	3
Rough-legged Hawk	3
Rock Pigeon	48
Mourning Dove	56
Downy Woodpecker	15
Hairy Woodpecker	14
Northern Flicker	1
Red-bellied Woodpecker	1
Pileated Woodpecker	1
Northern Shrike	1
Blue Jay	38
American Crow	182
Common Raven	10
Black-capped Chickadee	178
Red-breasted Nuthatch	5
White-breasted Nuthatch	1
European Starling	85
Dark-eyed Junco	54
Northern Cardinal	5
Pine Siskin	1
House Sparrow	79
Tree Sparrow	13

PESHTIGO 12/19/2009

American Black Duck	4
Mallard	11
Common Merganser	2
Ring-necked Pheasant	2
Wild Turkey	80
Bald Eagle	4
Cooper's Hawk	1
Red-tailed Hawk	9
Rough-legged Hawk	15
Herring Gull	2
Rock Pigeon	711
Mourning Dove	539
Great Horned Owl	1
Red-bellied Woodpecker	20
Downy Woodpecker	51
Hairy Woodpecker	32
Pileated Woodpecker	11
Northern Shrike	1
Blue Jay	192
American Crow	405
Common Raven	28
Black-capped Chickadee	396
Red-breasted Nuthatch	18
White-breasted Nuthatch	41
Hermit Thrush	1
American Robin	9
European Starling	1964
Cedar Waxwing	56
American Tree Sparrow	37
Dark-eyed Junco	226
Snow Bunting	4
Northern Cardinal	37
Purple Finch	1
House Finch	27
American Goldfinch	434
House Sparrow	286
Kestral (count week)	
Brown Creeper (count week)	

HAYWARD LAKES 12/26/2009

Common Goldeneye	190
Red-breasted Merganser	8
Ring-necked Pheasant	18
Ruffed Grouse	4
Wild Turkey	76
Bald Eagle	13
Northern Goshawk	1
Red-tailed Hawk	5
Rough-legged Hawk	16
Ring-billed Gull	2
Herring Gull	19
Rock Pigeon	305
Mourning Dove	235
Red-bellied Woodpecker	17
Downy Woodpecker	35
Hairy Woodpecker	11
Pileated Woodpecker	4
Northern Shrike	2
Blue Jay	107
American Crow	309
Common Raven	28
Black-capped Chickadee	263
Red-breasted Nuthatch	8
White-breasted Nuthatch	8
American Robin	10
European Starling	1811
Cedar Waxwing	38
American Tree Sparrow	89
Dark-eyed Junco	65
Snow Bunting	10
Northern Cardinal	8
Red-winged Blackbird	2
Common Grackle	1
Pine Siskin	5
American Goldfinch	225
House Sparrow	33

27 species

1,106 birds

37 species 5,659 birds

36 species 4005 birds

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