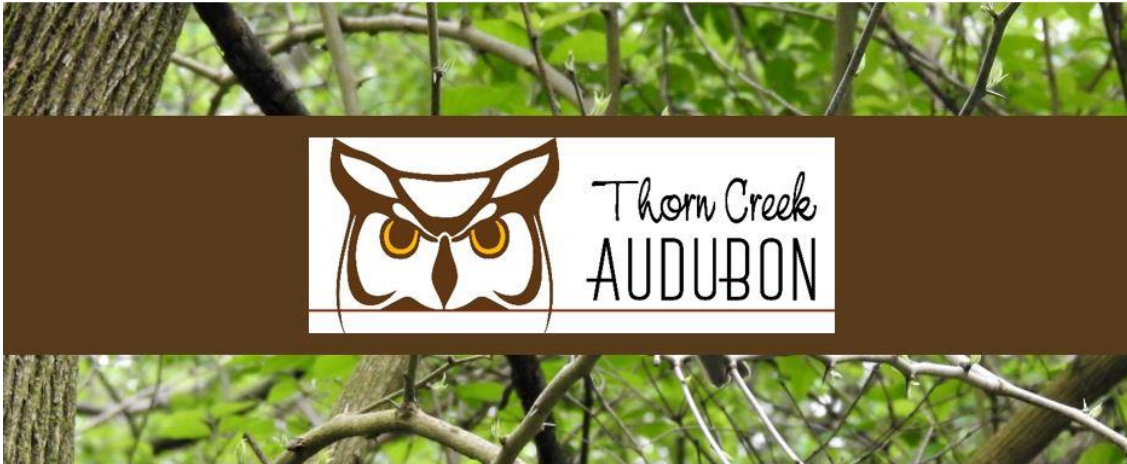


News: Evening Program April 3, Take Action for Wetlands, and Name That Flock
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Evening Program April 3



Join Us for *Hawks and Owls*

Learn about the variety of hawks and owls that can be seen in our area, basic identification tips, and where and when to find these incredible species of birds.

Speaker: Matt Kalwasinski

Date: Wednesday, April 3

Time: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Location: Homewood Izaak Walton Preserve

[> Program Details](#)

Take Action to Protect Illinois Wetlands



The following summary of the issue and ACTION link are provided by Audubon Great Lakes. The link takes you to an AGL page with a message you can customize, as desired. The message is then automatically sent to your state senator and representative:

A recent decision by the U.S. Supreme Court undermined decades of clean water protections, stripping federal protections for many of the Illinois wetlands that birds need to survive. New legislation introduced by State Sen. Laura Ellman (D-Naperville) and State Rep. Anna Moeller (D-Elgin) would enact state-level protections for wetlands and waterways left vulnerable by the Supreme Court.

The fate of Illinois' wetlands is in the hands of our state lawmakers. Urge your legislators to vote 'Yes' and cosponsor SB3669/HB538 to protect wetlands and their immense contributions to our state.

In addition to serving as habitat for birds and other wildlife, wetlands also provide

countless benefits to our communities. They help to alleviate flooding (one acre of wetland can store up to one million gallons of floodwater!), play an important role in water filtration, reduce harmful emissions by naturally storing carbon, and support Illinois outdoor recreation economy.

TAKE ACTION

Name That Flock



A *flock* is a generic name for any group of birds. More distinctive terms are used for groups of specific types of birds and often reflect the bird's personality or behavior. Most birders know a flock of ducks is a raft and a gathering of geese is a gaggle.

Here are some other flock descriptions that might be less well-known. Add them to your bird lingo repertoire and impress your friends (or at least your kids).

Blue Jays - *party, band*

Bobolinks - *chain*

Buzzards - *wake*

Cardinal - *conclave, college, Vatican*

Catbirds - *mewing*

Chickadees - *banditry*

Coots - *commotion, swarm*

Cowbirds - *corral, herd*

Eagle - *convocation*

Hummingbirds - *charm*

Kingfishers - *crown*

Robins - *worm*

Sparrows - *host, quarrel*

Swallows - *flight*

Woodpeckers - *descent*

Wrens - *herd, chime*



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