

**News: Upcoming Birds Walks and 2024-2025 TCAS Election**

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***A Reminder...***

The **Hawks & Owls** evening presentation by Matt Kalwasinski is Wednesday, April 3, at Homewood Izaak Walton Preserve. We hope you can attend this interesting and informative program.

> [Program Details](#)

**Upcoming Bird Walks**



## Homewood Izaak Walton Preserve

**Dates:** Sunday, April 7

Saturday, April 20

**Time:** 8:00 am - 10:00 am

**Location:** 1100 Ridge Road, Homewood, IL

We'll explore woodlands, native prairie, and lakes as we look for spring migrants, incoming nesting birds, and year-round residents. Hope you can join us!

**Outing Details:** [> April 7](#) [> April 20](#)



## Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center

**Date:** Saturday, April 13

**Time:** 8:30 am - 10:30 am

**Location:** 9800 Willow Springs Rd, Willow Springs, IL

We'll look for ducks, early spring migrants, the six species of resident woodpeckers that frequent the woods, and more. Hope to see you!

[> Outing Details](#)



## **Helmick Nature Preserve/Old Plank Road Trail**

**Date:** Sunday, April 28

**Time:** 7:00 am - 9:00 am

**Location:** Central Ave south of U.S. Rt 30, Matteson, IL

Hope you can join us to look for migrants and incoming nesting birds. In April, Helmick draws a variety of arriving marsh & water birds, swallows, and warblers passing through.

[> Outing Details](#)

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## **Upcoming Election of 2024-2025 TCAS Board**

The annual election of the TCAS Board of Directors is held in May. The process is:

- + The Board assigns a Nominating Committee by March. The 2024-2025 Nominating Committee members are: Judy Johnson - Chair, Marlys Oosting, and Linda Hickey.
- + The Committee recommends a preliminary slate of office candidates and director-at-large position in April. Members are invited to contact the Committee if they would like to be considered as a candidate or if they would like to nominate a candidate.
- + The final list of candidates is announced in May. The election will be held via email.

The 2024-2025 candidates proposed by the Nominating Committee are:

- President: Diane Hicks
- Vice President: open
- Treasurer: Judy Johnson
- Secretary: Pat Andersen
- Directors at Large: Bob Bryerton, Kate Caldwell, Linda Hickey, and Marlys Oosting

## **You're Invited to Volunteer or Nominate a Candidate Now**

If you would like to be considered as a candidate for a director or officer position, or if you would like to nominate someone, please email the information to [thorncreekaudubon@gmail.com](mailto:thorncreekaudubon@gmail.com).

*Note:* Before nominating someone be sure the person is willing to serve on the Board.

The Board meets every other month to plan new and annual programs, review environmental grant applications, and take care of routine non-profit organization business. Working with the Board, individual board members/committee chairs take the lead on special programs including Christmas and Spring Bird Counts, native plant sale, birdseed & suet sale, lead bird walks, and more.

Meetings are usually held 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm on the fourth Wednesday of Feb, April, June, Aug, and Oct, and the first Wednesday of Jan. For the past four years, the Board has been meeting via video/phone conference. If in-person Board meetings are resumed, the location will be determined, most likely in Park Forest or Homewood.

If you have any questions, please email [thorncreekaudubon@gmail.com](mailto:thorncreekaudubon@gmail.com)

**Desired credentials:** Enthusiasm, love of wild birds and protecting the environment, and an interest in being part of the Thorn Creek Audubon team of volunteers.

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## Thorn Creek Nature Center Event Central Park Wetlands Walk



**When:** Sunday, April 28, 10:30 pm - 12:30 pm

**Where:** Wetlands Discovery Center, 30 N. Orchard Drive, Park Forest, IL

This nature program will explore the amphibians, dragonflies, damselflies, birds soil creatures, and plants that live in the Wetlands. Sponsored by Thorn Creek Audubon.

For more information and how to register by April 22, go to > [Central Park Wetlands Walk](#)



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