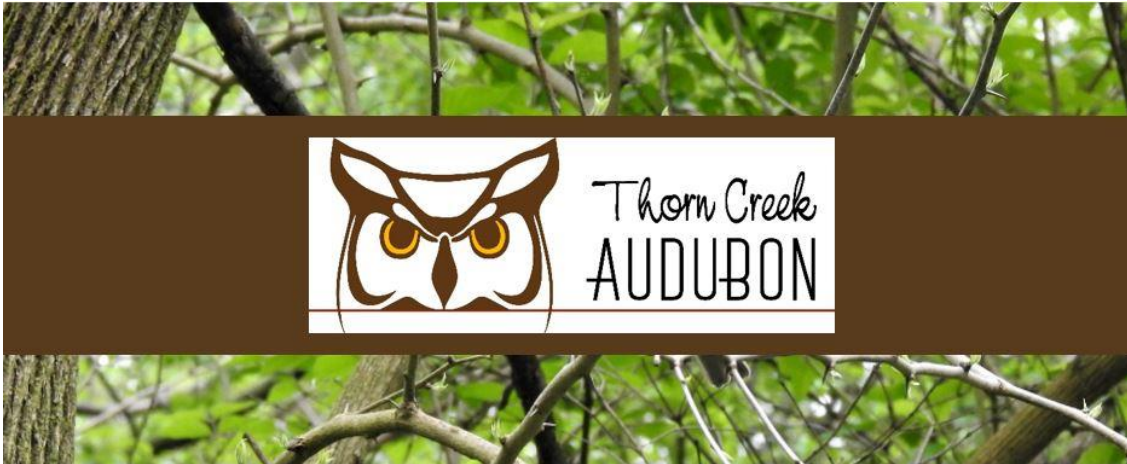


**News: Helmick Bird Walk On May 12 And Recap Of April Helmick Outing**

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## Join Us at Helmick Nature Preserve on Sunday, May 12

Hope you can join us this Sunday to look for migrating passerines and incoming nesting birds along with year-round residents.

- *Date:* Sunday, May 12, 2024
- *Time:* 7:00 am - 9:00 am
- *Location:* Helmick Nature Preserve/Old Plank Rd Trail
- *Address:* Central Ave south of U.S. Rt 30, Matteson, IL

We'll meet in the parking lot for the South Suburban Humane Society facility at 21800 Central Avenue. [Map](#)

The bird hike is on a paved path. We'll walk by marshland, open water, grassy areas, and wooded sections. There's a porta potty where the trail crosses Ridgeland Ave; however, the walk will not go that far west.

The bird walk is free and open to everyone. New birders are welcome! No registration required.

Leaders: Diane Hicks & Pat Andersen

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## **Recap: Our April 28 Outing at Helmick**



The weather was iffy for the April 28 bird walk at Helmick, but the rain stopped just in time for us to venture out. Our group enjoyed finding 49 species, including eight species of early warblers, Black-crowned Night Heron, Peregrine Falcon, and the gem of the day - an American Avocet that landed on the lake as we were watching. [Full eBird checklist](#)

We're hoping the upcoming walk will bring more fun birds!





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