

CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH NATURE

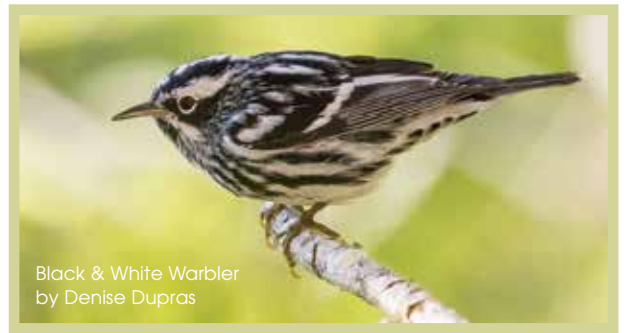
We are an all-volunteer nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. **Your gift is 100% deductible.**

Dear Members,

Another year has passed, one filled with events, activities and accomplishments. We enjoyed providing programs, field trips and many hands-on, family-friendly activities that encourage an increased sense of belonging and curiosity about our natural world.

Your financial support is critical. Donations are our largest source of funds. Without you, many of the educational and outreach activities would drop by the wayside. Thank you for your continued support!

Joel Dunnette
President / Zumbro Valley Audubon



Black & White Warbler
by Denise Dupras



Pileated Woodpecker
by Gary Erickson

2015 Annual Report



Programs: We host a wide variety of programs which are free and open to the public each year, many with attendance exceeding 100 people. Programs are listed on our web site. Come see for yourself, and bring a friend!

Outreach: Our outreach efforts, especially for a chapter of our size, are tremendous. We had direct contact with thousands of people at 10 events including:

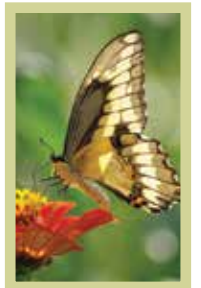
- International Festival of Owls
- Arbor Day
- Oxbow Park & Zollman Zoo Spring Fest
- Sargents Garden Party
- Damsels & Dragonflies
- Bug Hunts

Publicity: To have an impact we need to continually reach new audiences. We enjoyed excellent publicity in 2015 via the Post-Bulletin, our web site, and Facebook page.



Citizen Science: This important work helps further our scientific knowledge of our local area and the world around us. YOU can help!

- Christmas Bird Count – held nearly continuously since the 1950s
- Annual Butterfly Count
- Chimney Swift Sits
- Bird banding & nest box monitoring



Field Trips: Our guided field trips introduce people to the wonder of birds and more.

- Monthly walk at Quarry Hill Park
- Walks at Kutzky Park, Indian Heights & other local, county, & state parks.
- Special trips to see northern birds at Sax-Zim Bog, and Tundra Swans at Brownsville.

2015 Financial Overview

Income

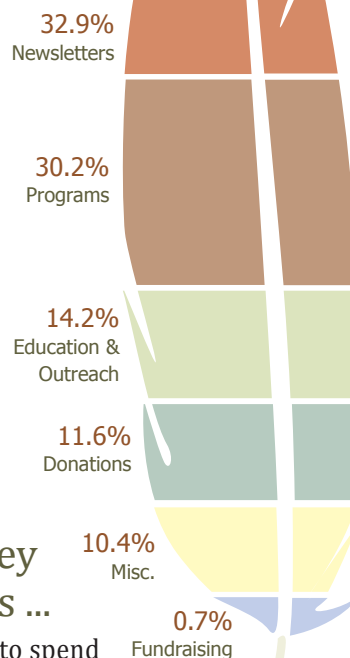
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| Audubon Dues | \$ | 1,145.00 |
| Donations - Individual | \$ | 3,176.96 |
| Corporate Grants | \$ | 1,187.50 |
| Miscellaneous | \$ | 124.99 |
| Total | \$ | 5,634.45 |

Expenditures

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| Newsletter | \$ | 1,635.79 |
| Programs | \$ | 1,500.00 |
| Fund Raising | \$ | 40.61 |
| Donations | \$ | 575.00 |
| Education & Outreach | \$ | 707.86 |
| Miscellaneous | \$ | 515.00 |
| Total | \$ | 4,974.26 |



Our money has wings ... and we strive to spend it wisely each year.



Looking forward:

In 2016 we hope to reach a more diverse audience of children and adults, and encourage everyone to help make our parks and yards welcoming to birds, butterflies and all our natural inhabitants.

Please consider a donation

using the enclosed envelope so we can continue connecting people with nature.

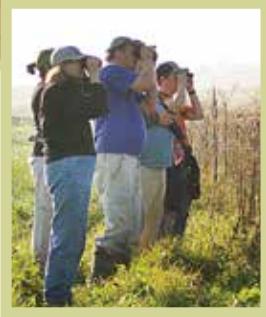
Thank you!



Ecofest booth



Nest box monitoring



Searching for sparrows at Kalmar Reservoir.

Our Volunteers: We couldn't function without our volunteers. Last year they provided **934 hours** of their time and expertise. If we'd had to pay for this time - the cost at just \$10 per hour would have been a staggering \$9,340!

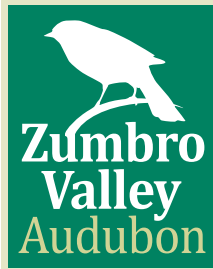
These dedicated individuals assisted with everything from administrative duties to leading field trips, to conducting citizen science projects, to advocating for environmental causes, and much more. We can't thank them enough!

Looks like fun! You can be a part of our mission to bring environmental awareness, appreciation, and advocacy to the community. Join us at meetings, or visit our web site to find out more.



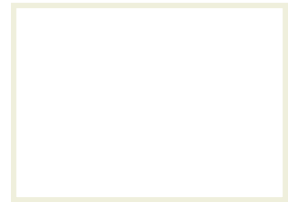
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W.B. Yeats



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Family Friendly Activities: It is important that children get frequent experiences in nature, and to do that their parents need to be supportive, and the opportunities need to be local. When we provide fun, hands-on activities, kids and adults come away with a renewed sense of wonder. We believe there is great potential in this area.