



Blue Jay  
by Gary Erickson

### Calendar of events:

#### Monthly Bird Walks at Quarry Hill

**Jan. 6, Feb. 3, & Mar. 3.** Meet at 9 am at the Quarry Hill Nature Center and join us on a casual walk thru the park. Walks usually last about one hour. Free and open to the public - no registration required. Leaders: Terry & Joyce Grier

#### January 23 - Monthly Meeting: Owls & Their Calls

7-8pm - Quarry Hill Nature Center / Presented by Sara Holger from Whitewater State Park

We often hear them calling in the dark of night, but most of us are unfamiliar with the elusive creatures known as owls. At this program, you will learn how to identify the owls of southeast Minnesota by their calls as well as by their appearance and habitat needs. This program is guaranteed to be a "hoot" for all ages!

#### February 27 - Monthly Meeting: Hummingbirds in Ecuador

7-8pm - Quarry Hill Nature Center / Presented by Michael Henry

A talented photographer, Michael will talk about his experiences in Ecuador and share with us his many photos of these flying jewels.

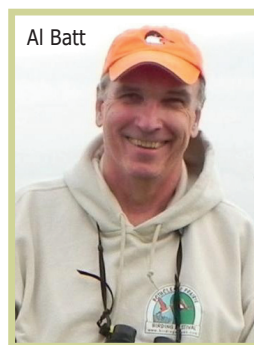


Hummingbird photo by Michael Henry

#### March 27 - Monthly Meeting - What are you seeing?

7-8pm - Quarry Hill Nature Center / Presented by Storyteller Al Batt

You're invited to an evening of funny and heartwarming stories as told by Al Batt of rural Hartland, MN. Al writes humor and nature columns for many newspapers and does regular radio shows about nature.



Al Batt

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**ZumbroValleyAudubon.org** to confirm events and check for changes or new listings.



Barred Owl

#### March 2-4 - International Owl Festival

In Houston, MN

A simple "hatch-day" party to celebrate the day Alice the Great Horned Owl was hatched in early March has turned into the International Festival of Owls.

Speakers come from around the globe to talk about the latest in Owl research, live owl demonstrations wow the audience, raffles, owl pellet dissections, owl-themed food and merchandise, a photo contest, and they'll be showing the USA premiere of the new "Secret Life of Owls" movie! You won't be disappointed if you make the drive!

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