

E & E Committee Annual Report

August 2021

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The E and E Committee is officially organizing in-person programming again.

Here's a synopsis of the E and E events we've held in 2021:

- Virtual Winter Walk in January with Jim Reinartz.
- 2 birding walks in May with John O'Donnell and Chuck Stebleton.
- A wildflower walk in June with Danielle Bell.
- A butterfly and dragonfly walk in June with Kate Redmond.
- An evening stroll in the Bog in July with Jim Reinartz.
- Ethnobotany in July with Lee Olson.

Here's a synopsis of what E and E events are coming for the remainder of the year:

- Fern of the Bog with Freda Van Der Broek in September.
- Fungi with Alan Parker in September.
- How Trees Grow with Jim Reinartz TBD.
- A plant walk with Paul Engevold TBD.
- An owl prowl TBD.
- Stargazing TBD.

Highlights and rarities from the May 23rd birding walk were a Brewster's Warbler (a hybrid), Connecticut Warbler on the UWM Boardwalk, a Prothonotary Warbler going in and out of a duck nest box recently vacated by a hen and nine Hooded merganser ducklings, three Henslow's Sparrows, and an Olive-sided Flycatcher.

Other important items:

- A Birding Consortium is being organized in partnership with area nature centers and clubs. This would create a community of birders and member organizations would work together to provide both indoor and outdoor programming throughout the year. FOCB will participate in the consortium and host one indoor and one outdoor program in conjunction with the partners.
- The E and E Committee may offer a more spontaneous program just for members of the Friend's group.
- A field trip-type program to the UWM greenhouses this upcoming winter is also being proposed.
- Bryan Lenz of American Bird Conservancy is willing to do a program on bird/glass collisions.

Submitted by Pam Uihlein, E & E Chair