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UPCOMING EVENTS *All activities open to the public.*

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Saturday, September 26, 2026 – Field Trip to Eagle Point Park and Bickelhaupt Arboretum in Clinton, Iowa. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at Lock and Dam 14 parking lot near LeClaire, Iowa. We anticipate great Mississippi River views while we look for migrating songbirds and raptors. Our estimated return time will be early to midafternoon.

Thursday October 8th, 6:00 pm — Membership meeting and program: *Migrating Birds in our Area* presented by Tim Murphy, former President of Quad City Audubon and local birding expert. We will meet at the Deere-Wiman House, 817 11th Avenue, Moline.

Saturday, October 17, 2026 – Field Trip to Sunderbruch Park, Fairmont Cemetery, and Nahant Marsh in west Davenport. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at the Sunderbruch parking lot for a fall stroll through these city green spaces looking for late migrants and resident birds. Our estimated end time will be about noon.

Sunday, November 15, 2026 – Field Trip to Lock and Dam 13, Spring Lake and other points along the Mississippi looking for waterfowl in Upper Mississippi River Refuge areas near Tomson, Illinois. This is an all-day field trip so you may want to pack a lunch. Meet at the Rapid City, IL boat ramp parking lot at 8:00 a.m.

Thursday December 10, 2026 – Membership Meeting and Pie Night at Deere-Wiman House, 817 11th Avenue, Moline. Meet at 6 p.m. for our annual pie night and officer elections.

December 20, 2026 – Quad Cities Christmas Bird Count. Dates for additional area Christmas counts will be announced closer to December. We encourage those interested to join a field party to participate in this annual census of early winter bird populations. Sponsored by the National Audubon Society, this citizen science event has taken place every year since 1899. The Quad Cities count started in 1947.

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Willow Bird Feeder Workshop

On April 18, Quad City Audubon hosted a class on weaving willow bird feeders and simple shelters. The raw materials we employed were young willow whips and older stems that volunteers harvested from local wetlands. The invasive willow was collected on April 4 from Credit Island and the Fairmount Library wetland. All materials were cleaned, cut, and soaked multiple times before the weaving session, allowing us ample leftover willow water for propagation work.

The workshop was originally scheduled for the outdoor shelter at Blackhawk State Historic Site, however storms forced us indoors, and Nahant Marsh stepped in to help host the event in their newly constructed educational building. Pictured are some of the participants and their creations.

-Krista Kefauver





Mississippi Palisades Field Trip

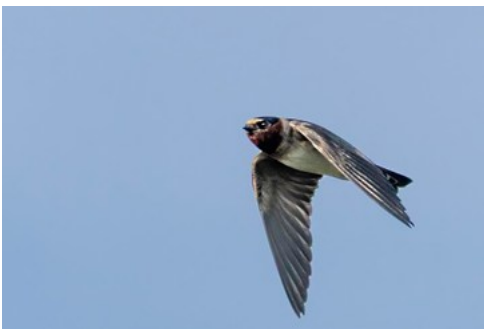
On Saturday, June 7, Quad City Audubon caravanned upriver on Highway 84 to Mississippi Palisades State Park and Lost Mound National Wildlife Refuge. Trees were completely leafed out by June 7 so it was difficult to get unobstructed views, but Charlie Arp still managed to capture some great photos. Northwest Illinois offers excellent habitat so we encountered a satisfying variety of birds. We ended up with 73 species on the day.

-Pat Carlson (text)

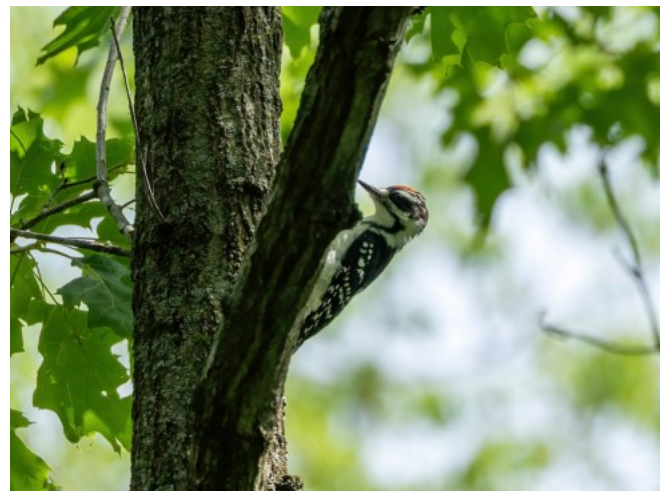
-Charlie Arp (photos)

Kentucky Warbler

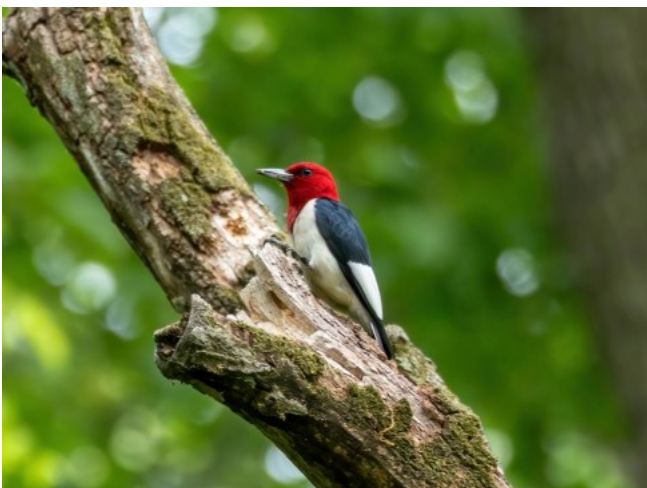
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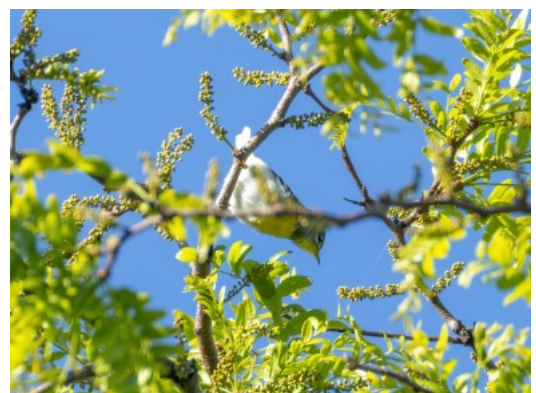
Cliff swallow



Hairy woodpecker



Red-headed woodpecker



Northern Parula

Mission Statement

The Quad City Audubon Society is dedicated to the enjoyment of birds; a better understanding of the natural world; stewardship of natural areas and habitats; fellowship; improvement of community awareness of environmental issues; and education of youth for the benefit of future generations

Thank you to those who contributed to this issue of *Mississippi Currents*.

The submissions deadline for the Winter issue will be November 23. Submissions are gladly accepted.

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Membership Information

You can join or renew your National Audubon Society membership by going to this site: <https://act.Audubon.org/a/chapter-membership?chapter=H63>).

When you become a National Audubon Society member using this form, it will automatically make you a Quad City Audubon Society member as well. "The National Audubon form allows you to contribute one-time, monthly or yearly. A donation of \$20 is the minimum amount to become both a national and a local member. National membership entitles you to *Audubon* magazine and also *Mississippi Currents*, the Quad City chapter newsletter.

Local Membership Application

I would like to join/renew only as a member of Quad City Audubon Society rather than the National Audubon Society. Please send me *Mississippi Currents*. Enclosed is my check for \$10 payable to Quad City Audubon Society.

Name _____

Address _____

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Optional

I would like to make an additional donation to QCAS. Enclosed is my additional donation of \$_____ made payable to Quad City Audubon Society.

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