



Urban Bird Collective Newsletter February 2023, Fifth Issue

“Bringing Inclusion and Diversity to the Outdoors.”

Hope Flanagan is back for “Birds of Ojibwe Legends.”

Birds of Ojibwe Legends (Virtual Event) by Hope Flanagan

Wednesday, February 8 2023, 6:00pm -7:30pm

To register for this free event,
email urbanbirdcollective@gmail.com with Birds of
Ojibwe Legends in the subject line and we will send
you a link.

Hope Flanagan is an elder who has taught and worked in the Twin Cities Native Community since the late 1970’s. She is a long-time Community Outreach and Culture teacher at Dream of Wild Health. Prior to that, Hope taught in an Ojibwe Immersion classroom for ten years and was also a Storyteller for Minneapolis Public Schools. She teaches about plants and wild plant gathering, and is also an Urban Bird Collective walk leader.



Hope Flanagan, Photo Credit Unknown

Urban Bird Collective Aids Citizen Science Projects.

The Urban Bird Collective and Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Department re-established the Minneapolis West Winter Bird Count circle in 2022 for the Minneapolis City Area.

The Audubon Society Winter Bird Count event is the largest citizen science program in the world, and it gathers important information on bird movements and populations and leads to scientifically backed environmental advocacy for a safer world for birds, animals, plants, and humans. Volunteers count all the birds in their assigned circle on a single day chosen between December 14 and January 5.

The Minneapolis West circle had not held a count in more than 60 years and the restart of the count, centered at Theodore Wirth Park, gathered 65 people on a frosty December 18th morning. This count was coordinated by

Susan Wilkins of Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Department with assistance from Claire Wilson of The Loppet Foundation and the Urban Bird Collective.

Members of the Urban Bird Collective also participated in the Second Annual Zitkadan Wanyakapi (They See Birds) Winter Bird Count Circle, which was hosted by Ferin Davis Anderson of the Land Department of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community. We were happily able to report a Townsends Solitaire, a Blue Heron, several Bluebirds and many other wintering over species.

Members of the Urban Bird Collective also participated in the Bloomington, North Suburban, Cedar Creek Bog and Sherburne counts this year again totaling over 150 hours of community service.

For ALL that make the Urban Bird Collective possible,

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