

Goose Pond's FFF — Madison Audubon

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Friday Feathered Features - Goose Pond Sanctuary

A full list of essays written by Goose Pond Sanctuary Staff from 2013 to April 2020

We wrote on December 14, 2013 that “Every Friday, we're going to begin featuring birds on our [Facebook page](#) and our website that you can see at our sanctuaries. Today's Friday Feathered Feature is the Short-eared Owl.” This was the beginning of the [Friday Feathered Feature](#) series.

The idea was to produce a Friday feature focused on birds, especially those that visitors could come out to observe at Goose Pond and Faville Grove Sanctuaries. The format has changed over the years, with much more information in more recent features, and with an alternating schedule of Goose Pond and Faville Grove Sanctuary essays. We really enjoy preparing the features and learn a lot by exploring the literature about each species. The features also help provide a historical record on birds and other wildlife at Goose Pond Sanctuary.

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There are four major categories: Bird species found on the Goose Pond Sanctuary's [Bird Species List](#), Goose Pond Sanctuary Birds, Other Birds and Miscellaneous Wildlife. We hope you find the features educational and entertaining. The plan is to update this document every January.

Mark, Sue and Graham, Goose Pond Sanctuary team (April 2020)



Short-eared owl photo by Monica Hall

GOOSE POND SANCTUARY'S BIRD SPECIES LIST

GEESE, SWANS, AND DUCKS

Greater White-fronted Goose - March 2020, March 2016

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2020/3/27/greater-white-fronted-geese>

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2016/12/7/greater-white-fronted-geese>

Snow Goose - November 2016

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2016/11/11/featured-sanctuary-bird-snow-geese>

Brant - April 2017

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2017/4/7/goose-grand-slam-at-geese-pond>

Cackling Goose - April 2016

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2016/12/7/cackling-geese>

Canada Goose - June 2018

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2018/6/1/canada-goose-early-summer-migration>

Mute Swan - March 2017

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2017/3/10/featured-sanctuary-bird-mute-swans>

Trumpeter Swan - January 2016

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2016/12/7/trumpeter-swans-at-goose-pond>

Tundra Swan - November 2017, November 2015

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2017/11/10/tundra-swan>

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2018/4/6/tundra-swan>

Wood Duck - May 2016

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2016/12/7/wood-duck>

American Black Duck - December 2015

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2018/4/6/american-black-duck>

Mallard - November 2016, July 2015

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2016/11/25/featured-sanctuary-bird-mallard>

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2018/4/6/mallard>

Blue-winged Teal - September 2015

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2018/4/6/blue-winged-teal>

Northern Pintail - March 2018

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2018/3/9/northern-pintail>

Green-winged Teal - July 2019

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2019/7/5/green-winged-teal>

Canvasback - March 2017

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2017/3/24/featured-sanctuary-bird-canvasback>

Lesser Scaup April 2019

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2019/4/5/scaup>

Common Goldeneye - March 2019

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2019/3/22/common-goldeneye>

Hooded Merganser - April 2020

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2020/4/10/hooded-merganser>

Ruddy Duck - September 2018

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2018/9/7/ruddy-duck>

BOBWHITE THROUGH TURKEY

Wild Turkey - May 2016

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2016/12/7/wild-turkey>

GREBES

Horned Grebe - April 2017

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2017/4/28/featured-sanctuary-bird-horned-grebe>

Eared Grebe - June 2018

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2018/6/15/eared-grebes>

PIGEONS AND DOVES

Mourning Dove - October 2016, February 2014

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2016/10/31/mourning-dove>

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2016/7/6/featured-sanctuary-bird-mourning-dove>

NIGHTJARS AND SWIFTS

Common Nighthawk - August 2018

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2018/8/24/common-nighthawk>

Chimney Swift - September 2017

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2017/9/1/chimney-swift>

RAILS THROUGH CRANES

Sora - May 2019

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2019/5/17/sora>

Common Gallinule - August 2018

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2018/8/10/common-gallinule>

Sandhill Crane - April 2019, October 2105

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2019/4/19/sandhill-crane>

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2018/4/6/sandhill-crane>

Whooping Crane - October 2019, July 2016

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2019/10/11/whooping-crane>

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2016/11/1/whooping-crane>

SHOREBIRDS

Black-necked Stilt - June 2018

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2018/6/29/black-necked-stilt>

Killdeer - July 2017

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2017/7/7/killdeer>

GULLS AND TERNS

Bonaparte's Gull - April 2016

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2016/12/7/bonapartes-gull>

Little Gull - June 2015

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2018/4/6/little-gull>

Black Tern - July 2015

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2018/4/6/black-tern>

Forster's Tern - December 2018

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2018/12/28/forsters-tern>

BITTERNS THROUGH HERONS

American Bittern - July 2019

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2019/7/19/american-bittern>

Great Egret - August 2019

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2019/8/2/great-egret>

Black-crowned Night-Heron - May 2017

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2017/5/26/featured-sanctuary-bird-black-crowned-night-heron>

RAPTORS

Bald Eagle - October 2017, January 2014

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2017/10/13/bald-eagle>

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2016/7/6/featured-sanctuary-bird-bald-eagle>

Northern Harrier - July 2016

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2016/11/7/northern-harrier>

Cooper's Hawk - December 2013

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2016/7/6/featured-sanctuary-bird-coopers-hawk>

Northern Goshawk - December 2017

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2017/12/29/northern-goshawk>

Red-shouldered Hawk - June 2019

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2019/6/21/red-shouldered-hawk-banding>

Rough-legged Hawk - January 2014

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2016/7/6/featured-sanctuary-bird-rough-legged-hawk>

Golden Eagle - April 2018

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2018/4/6/golden-eagle>

OWLS

Snowy Owl - March 2020, January 31, 2020, January 3, 2020, January 2019, January 2018, December 2017, December 2013

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2020/3/13/snowy-owls-columbia-fondulac>

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2020/1/31/we-named-her-columbia>

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2020/1/3/tis-the-season-for-snowy-owls>

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2019/1/25/snowy-owls-galore>

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2018/1/12/a-snowy-owl-named-arlington>

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2017/12/15/snowy-owl>

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2016/6/23/featured-sanctuary-bird-snowy-owl>

Short-eared Owl - February 2019, December 2013

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2018/2/9/short-eared-owl>

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2016/6/23/featured-sanctuary-bird-short-eared-owl>

WOODPECKERS

Pileated Woodpecker - September 2017, June 2016

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2017/9/15/pileated-woodpecker>

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2016/12/7/pileated-woodpecker>

FALCONS

American Kestrel - May 2019, May 2017, June 2016

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2019/5/31/american-kestrels-2019-adult-banding-results>

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2017/5/12/american-kestrel>

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2016/12/7/american-kestrel>

Merlin - February 2017

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2017/2/10/featured-sanctuary-bird-merlin>

Gyr Falcon - March 2014

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2016/7/6/featured-sanctuary-bird-gyrfalcon>

Peregrine Falcon - October 2016, October 2015

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2016/10/25/featured-sanctuary-bird-peregrine-falcon>

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2018/4/6/peregrine-falcon>

JAYS THROUGH HORNED LARK

Common Raven - January 2020

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2020/1/17/common-raven>

Horned Lark - February 2016

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2016/12/7/horned-lark>

SWALLOWS

Purple Martin - July 2017, July 2016

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2017/7/21/purple-martins>

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2016/11/2/purple-martin>

WRENS

Sedge Wren - July 2015

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2018/4/6/sedge-wren>

Marsh Wren - July 2018

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2018/7/27/marsh-wren>

GRAY CATBIRD THROUGH STARLING

Northern Mockingbird - August 2015

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2018/4/6/northern-mockingbird>

FINCHES

House Finch - December 108

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2018/12/14/house-finch>

Pine Siskin - January 2016

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2016/12/7/pine-siskin>

American Goldfinch - September 2018, December 2015, August 2015, January 2014

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2018/9/28/american-goldfinch>

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2015/12/4/american-goldfinch>

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2018/4/6/american-goldfinch>

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2016/7/6/featured-sanctuary-bird-american-goldfinch>

LONGSPURS AND SNOW BUNTING

Snow Bunting - January 2016

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2016/12/7/snow-bunting>

TOWHEES AND SPARROWS

American Tree Sparrow - January 2017, February 2014

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2017/1/26/featured-sanctuary-bird-american-tree-sparrow>

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2016/7/6/featured-sanctuary-bird-american-tree-sparrow>

Clay-colored Sparrow - July 2015

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2018/4/6/clay-colored-sparrow>

Dark-eyed Junco - February 2017

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2017/2/24/featured-sanctuary-bird-dark-eyed-juncos>

TANAGERS THROUGH DICKCISSEL

Dickcissel - June 2017

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2017/6/23/featured-sanctuary-bird-dickcissels>

BLACKBIRDS

Bobolink - September 2015

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2018/4/6/bobolink>

Red-winged Blackbird - November 2018

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2018/11/9/red-winged-blackbird>



An abundance of waterfowl on Goose Pond, photo by Monica Hall

GOOSE POND SANCTUARY - BIRDS

Fall Migration

Welcome to Fall Migration - September 2019

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2019/9/27/welcome-to-fall-migration>

Fall Waterfowl Migration - November 2018

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2018/11/30/fall-waterfowl-migration>

Goose Pond Christmas Bird Count:

Two Decades of Christmas Bird Counts at Goose Pond Sanctuary - February 2020

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2020/2/14/two-decades-of-christmas-bird-counts-at-goose-pond-sanctuary>

Goose Pond's 2018 Christmas Bird Count - January 2019

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2019/1/11/goose-ponds-2018-christmas-bird-count>

19 and Counting: 2017 Goose Pond Christmas Bird Count - January 2018

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2018/1/26/19-and-counting-goose-pond-christmas-bird-count>

Goose Pond Christmas Bird Count 2016 - January 2017

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2017/1/13/goose-pond-christmas-bird-count>

Great Backyard Bird Count

The 2019 Great Backyard Bird Count in a Tough Winter - February 2019

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2019/2/22/the-2019-great-backyard-bird-count-in-a-tough-winter>

2018 Great Backyard Bird Count - February 2018

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2018/2/23/2018-great-backyard-bird-count>



A Snapshot Wisconsin capture on the Goose Pond cam.

Snapshot Wisconsin:

Snapshot Wisconsin: Goose Pond's Bird List - February 20

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2020/2/28/snapshot-wisconsin-goose-ponds-bird-list>

Snapshot Wisconsin: One Year Photo Documentary at Goose Pond Sanctuary - October 2018

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2018/10/12/project-snapshot-one-year>

Snapshot Wisconsin - December 2017

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2017/12/1/wisconsin-snapshot>

A Banner May: Goose Pond Bird Count - May 2019

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2019/5/3/banner-may-goose-pond-bird-count>

A Goose Pond Goodbye - Maddie Dumas - March 2018

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2018/3/23/a-goose-pond-goodbye>

Bird Feeders - December 2016

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2016/12/9/bird-feeders>

Breeding Bird Point Count Project (2106) at Goose Pond Sanctuary - December 2016

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2016/12/30/breeding-bird-point-count-project-at-goose-pond-sanctuary>

For the Love of Birds - April 2018

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2018/4/20/for-the-love-of-bird>

Goose Pond Then and Now - December 2019

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2019/12/13/goose-pond-then-and-now>

Water Birds and Wingspan - October 2017

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2017/10/27/water-birds-and-wingspan>

Wings over Water Imax Production - November 2019

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2019/11/22/wings-over-water-imax-production>



Least bittern nest photo by Brand Smith

OTHER BIRDS

Breeding Bird Atlas II:

Breeding Bird Atlas II - Thanks for the Memories - August 2019

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2019/8/30/breeding-bird-atlas-ii-thanks-for-the-memories>

Breeding Bird Atlas: Year 4 - May 2018

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2018/5/4/breeding-bird-atlas-ii-year-4>

Breeding Bird Atlas - Year 3 - June 2017

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2017/6/9/breeding-bird-atlas-ii-year-3>

Cedar Grove Ornithological Research Station

Cedar Grove Ornithological Research Station Turns 70 - November 2019

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2019/11/8/cedar-grove-turns-70>

Cedar Grove Ornithological Research Station - October 2018

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2018/10/26/cedar-grove-ornithological-research-station>

Crows, Blue Jays, and West Nile, Oh-My - March 2019

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2019/3/8/crows-and-blue-jays-and-west-nile-oh-my>

Great Wisconsin Birdathon Count - Columbia County - May 2018

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2018/5/18/great-wisconsin-birdathon-count-columbia-county>

Japanese Beetles and the Value of Birds - August 2017

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2017/8/4/japanese-beetles-and-the-value-of-birds>

Puerto Rico: Winter Habitat for Birds and Humans - February 2019

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2019/2/7/puerto-rico-winter-habitat-for-birds-and-humans>

2017 Songbird Nest Box Results - September 2017

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2017/9/29/2017-songbird-nest-box-results>



Bumble bee photo by Jeremy Hemberger

MISCELLANEOUS WILDLIFE

Monarch Mania - September 2019

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2019/9/13/monarch-mania>

Goose Pond Butterfly Count - July 2018

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2018/7/13/goose-ponds-butterfly-count>

Goose Pond Sanctuary July Butterfly Count - July 2017

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2017/8/18/goose-pond-sanctuary-july-butterfly-county>

Not So Spooky Bats - October 2019

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2019/10/25/not-so-spooky-bats>

Rusty Patched Bumble Bee - August 2019

<https://madisonaudubon.org/fff/2019/8/16/rusty-patched-bumble-bee>