

## **"Birding On Ice: A weekend for both beginner and avid birders"**

**February 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>**

If you have an interest in birds and ever wanted to learn more but felt intimidated to begin bird watching, we have created the perfect tour for you. Winter is a great time to see some amazing birds such as large groups of eagles, flocks of beautiful tundra swans and owls. Bundle up, bring lots of questions and discover the amazing world of winter birding found right in your backyard. An amazing array of birding professionals will be on hand to answer questions and share their knowledge of these fascinating animals. Sign up for one, or all, of the events. Due to size restrictions and to accommodate as many participants as we can, programming is identical for Saturday and Sunday.

**Call 734-692-7649 for information and registration.**

### **7:00am -8:00am Sunrise on Lake Erie**

Bring a hot drink and watch the sun rise over Lake Erie. This is a great opportunity to see ducks in flight as well as gulls found in this area only in winter.

Location: Lady of the Lake at Consumers Energy J. R. Whiting Plant

### **8:30am -10:30 am Eagles and More Viewing Tour**

The warm water discharged from the plant keeps the water free from ice and provides great fishing opportunities for eagles as well as other waterfowl. Tour is limited to 30 participants.

Location: DTE Monroe Power Plant (limit 30 participants) **Registration required.**

### **11am -12:30 pm Winter Visitors**

Pointe Mouillee, a premier birding location, is a great spot this time of year for many birds that can be found in the Arctic during the summer such as snow buntings, horned larks, and possibly the snowy owl. Location: Pointe Mouillee State Game Area. **Registration required.**

## **LUNCH BREAK**

### **2:00- 4:00pm Long Way from Home: Tundra Swans**

Large flocks of waterfowl can often be found in the river this time of the year. Learn where they are from and why they are here. Meet at the Marshlands Museum.

Location: Lake Erie Metropark. There is a \$5 entrance fee, free with a Metroparks Annual Pass.

### **5pm-8pm Dinner & Evening Presentations**

**"Best Birding in the United States"** Josh Engel, Tropical Birding

**"Birding the world: Getting the best out of this planet"** Iain Campbell, co-founder of Tropical Birding

Location: Hotel Sterling in Monroe, Michigan. Limited to 40 participants.

Programs are free, dinner is additional cost. **Registration required.** Call for price details.

**Don't have the right supplies...we do! Binoculars and bird field guides are available to borrow upon request.**

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