



Olson Center for Women's Health Wellness Through Doing:

Bird Watching: How to Get Started in a Hobby That Will Last a Lifetime Tues., April 11, 2023 | Presenter: Bob Wells

Bob Wells Volunteer History

- Completed NE Master Naturalist Program Spring 2014
- Teacher Naturalist Fontenelle Forest 2014-present , Fontenelle Forest Raptor Recovery Volunteer
- Hitchcock Hawkwatch Volunteer
- Audubon Society of Omaha 2015-2021 Board of Directors President 2016-2019
- Volunteer Counter at Hitchcock (IA) Nature Center Hawkwatch 2015-present
- Volunteer Fontenelle Forest Raptor Recovery Docent and Raptor Educator 2016-present

Website References: Audubon Society Website

Go Birding: Area Places to Bird:

<https://audubon-omaha.org/go-birding/places-to-bird.html>

Guide to Binoculars:

<https://www.audubon.org/gear/binocular-guide>

How We Ranked Them: <https://www.audubon.org/news/how-we-ranked-em>

How to Choose Your Binoculars: <https://www.audubon.org/news/how-choose-your-binoculars>

Types of bird houses, feeders, and accessories:

<https://www.audubon.org/audubon-birdhouses-feeders-and-accessories>

How to Keep Your Bird Feeder Disease-Free:

<https://www.audubon.org/news/three-easy-important-ways-keep-your-bird-feeder-disease-free>

Audubon Societies in Nebraska:

- Audubon Nebraska / Audubon Society of the Great Plains (regional office of the National Audubon Society for Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota): <https://greatplains.audubon.org/>
- Audubon Society of Omaha (mission is the active promotion of environmental awareness to our community through education, conservation, and enjoyment of our natural heritage, especially birds): <https://audubon-omaha.org/>
- Wachiska Audubon Society (southeast Nebraska): <https://www.wachiskaaudubon.org/>
- Iain Nicolson Audubon Center at Rowe Sanctuary (mission is conservation of the Platte River ecosystem and the birds that rely on it; site of Sandhill Cranes): <https://rowe.audubon.org/>
- Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center (mission is the conservation of tallgrass prairie ecosystem and the birds that rely on it): <https://springcreek.audubon.org/>

Upcoming Events:

Spring Migration Bird Hike (at Fontenelle Forest) on May 13, 9 AM. Pre-registration required, space is limited.

<https://fontenelleforest.org/event/spring-migratory-bird-walk-2023/>

Cornell University - Birds of Paradise Project:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=REP4S0uqEOc>

The Cornell Lab – Merlin Bird ID:

- Part of the mission of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology is to help people find the answer to “what’s that bird?”
- All About Birds: Welcome to Our Bird Guide: <https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/search#>
- Merlin Bird ID is an app download for iOS and Android, and is designed to be a birding coach for bird watchers at every level
- Instructions on app use can be found at: <https://merlin.allaboutbirds.org/>