

Bald Eagle Watch 2010

presented by

Illinois Audubon Society
and
Illinois Waterway
Visitor Center



13th Annual Weekend
January 23 & 24, 2010
held at
Starved Rock Lodge &
Illinois Waterway Visitor Center

FREE ADMISSION

A Celebration of Nature

**Bald Eagle Watch Weekend is
Sponsored by:
Illinois Audubon Society
US Army Corps of Engineers
Starved Rock Foundation
Starved Rock Audubon
Starved Rock Lodge**

BALD EAGLE FACTS

Our American bald eagle stands up to 3 feet tall with a wingspan of 7-8 feet. Although male and female eagles share the same plumage, females, as in most birds of prey, are somewhat larger than males.

The adult birds are characterized by their white head and tail and yellow beak and eyes. Immature birds exhibit a brownish plumage with varying degrees of white "blotching". They will not attain the white head and tail until they reach maturity at 4-5 years of age.

Bald eagles are found *only in North America*. Most of the birds seen wintering along the Illinois River come from up north — Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan and Canada. They will start the journey back to their breeding grounds by mid-March and return once again to the Illinois River Valley by late October to early November.

PLEASE NOTE: Bald eagles are protected by law and should not be disturbed. Please keep your distance and do not cause an eagle to fly from its perch.

For more information including eagle numbers at Starved Rock Lock & Dam call the Illinois Waterway Visitor Center

(815) 667-4054

An Invitation to Join Illinois Audubon

- Help us to speak with a stronger voice in Illinois conservation issues.
- Contribute to the management of our sanctuaries.
- Support our efforts in conservation education.
- Enjoy field trips and meet other IAS members from throughout the state.
- Receive quarterly issues of Illinois Audubon Magazine and the Cardinal News.



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Payment by check, send to: Illinois Audubon Society, PO Box 2547, Springfield, IL 62708

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Memberships Available

STUDENT	\$12	CONTRIBUTING	\$50	EAGLE CLUB	\$500
INDIVIDUAL	\$25	SUPPORTING	\$75	CARDINAL CLUB	\$1000
FAMILY	\$30	SUSTAINING	\$100	CORPORATE	\$500

Activities at Starved Rock Lodge

(Starved Rock State Park)

**Raptor Awareness Program
with a Live Bald Eagle
presented by**

**WORLD BIRD SANCTUARY
St. Louis, MO**

**10:00 ● NOON ● 2:00 ● 4:00
(Shows in Starved Rock Room)**

**NO ADMISSION FEE
HOWEVER TICKETS ARE REQUIRED
Visit the Illinois Audubon Booth to pick up
your free tickets before each show**

**Free Nature Programs
(LaSalle Room — located near Front Desk)**

11:00 am

Asian Carp!

Presented by Kevin Irons, Illinois River Biological Station, Illinois Natural History Survey, Havana, Illinois,

This program will document how Asian carp became established in the United States and spread in our large rivers with a focus on our Midwestern rivers. Research will be highlighted which shows effects of Asian carp on our native fishes over the past few years and potential impacts in the future.

1:00 pm

Our Intriguing Owls

Presented by Marilyn Campbell, Naturalist, Educator, Editor and former Executive Director of Illinois Audubon Society

Owls are mysterious and fascinating birds that live all around us. Come learn about their natural history, folklore, occurrence and unique physical adaptations.

**Children's Activities in the Great Hall
9:00 am to 5:00 pm**

2010 EXHIBITORS

STARVED ROCK LODGE

Burpee Museum of Natural History
Friends of the Fox River
Illinois Audubon Society
Illinois River Biological Station (INHS)
Illinois River Coordinating Council
Illinois River National Wildlife & Fish Refuges
Living Lands & Waters
Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie
Openlands
Prairie Rivers Network
The Wetlands Initiative
Trees Forever
Wildlife Prairie Park
Barb Williams: Taxidermist
World Bird Sanctuary



Don't miss a chance to have your picture taken with "Sam" the Bald Eagle mascot during your visit to the Starved Rock Lodge during Bald Eagle Weekend

Take the Trolley

All-Day Armband - \$1.00

Park and ride the Trolley between Starved Rock Lodge, Starved Rock Visitor Center and the Illinois Waterway Visitor Center

Activities at Starved Rock State Park Visitor Center

**Children's Activities with Prizes
Saturday & Sunday
9:00 am to 4:00 pm**

Activities at Illinois Waterway Visitor Center

(Starved Rock Lock & Dam)

**Live Eagle Program
presented by**

**ILLINOIS RAPTOR
EDUCATION CENTER
Decatur, IL**

NOON ● 2:00 ● 4:00

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Native American Dancer

appearing at:
11:00 am, 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm

Face Painting

10:00 am to 4:30 pm

Suet Feeder Make-n-Take

9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Take a treat home for your feathered friends. Learn how to make a simple feeder that will attract birds to your backyard

Food available

9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Stop by and fuel up while you visit

HIGH POWER SCOPES AVAILABLE

**Eagle viewing opportunities with
local Audubon members on hand to
answer questions**