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**Get Out and Improve Your Birding Skills This Spring at the Kellogg Bird Sanctuary**

**Augusta, Mich.** – The 8<sup>th</sup> annual Field Ornithology Course will be held this spring at the Kellogg Bird Sanctuary--don't miss it! The world of birds has so much depth that birders of all skill levels will learn something! The Tuesday evening lectures and Saturday morning field trips will allow you to learn alongside other interested adults.

The 2015 course will highlight many aspects of birding in Michigan. The sounds of birding will be explored in lectures on "Bird Song" by Josh Haas of Glances at Nature and "Soundscape Ecology" by Sharon Gill of WMU's Department of Biological Sciences. Birding Basics and Bird Anatomy will be covered, and "Bird Conservation in Michigan" will be explored with Chris Mensing of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Dates for the 2015 Field Ornithology Course at Kellogg Bird Sanctuary include evening lectures from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30p.m. on March 17, 31, April 14, 28, and May 12. Saturday field trips are from 8-11 a.m. on March 21, April 4, 18, May 2 and 16. Participants can choose to participate in both lectures and field trips (recommended) or just lectures or field trips. Registration is required, and the fees are as follows: Full Course (lecture and field trips): Members, \$150; Non-members, \$180; Lectures Only: Members, \$75; Non-members, \$90; Field Trips Only: Members, \$75; Non-members, \$90.

Registration closes on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Please call (269)671-2510 or visit [bit.ly/fieldornithology](http://bit.ly/fieldornithology) for more information and to register today.

The W.K. Kellogg Bird Sanctuary, located at 12685 East C Ave., Augusta, is part of the W.K. Kellogg Biological Station, Michigan State University's largest off-campus education complex and one of North America's premier inland field stations. KBS's mission is focused on ecological and environmental research and education.

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