

# *Nicolet National Forest Bird Survey 2011*



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**To:** Participants and Friends of the Nicolet National Forest Bird Survey  
**From:** Bob Howe  
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**re:** 25<sup>th</sup> Nicolet National Forest Bird Survey - June 10-12, 2011

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We've reached another milestone! This year's Nicolet National Forest Bird Survey will be the 25<sup>th</sup> annual survey, continuing our distinction as the longest-running volunteer bird monitoring program on any U.S. national forest. Headquarters will be at the LeFeber Northwoods Camp on Hardwood Lake, approximately 9 miles northwest of Wabeno. From this base, we will travel to more than 150 survey sites located in the eastern (Nicolet) portion of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest.

Maps and other information are available at the Bird Survey web site: <http://www.uwgb.edu/birds/nnf>.

Camping facilities and 12 cabins will be available at the LeFeber Camp. Several motels are located within a half hour's drive (see below). Although most participants stay at the headquarters site, field teams can arrange to meet motel-dwellers at a convenient place on Saturday and Sunday morning.

**The quickest way to register is to send an email message** with your name and names of others in your group to [hower@uwgb.edu](mailto:hower@uwgb.edu). Alternatively, complete the attached form (also on the web site) and return to the Cofrin Center for Biodiversity at UW-Green Bay. If you plan to stay in one of the cabins, mention this in your email message or mark the appropriate box in the paper registration form. As always, you can simply show up on Friday without registering, but a count of participants (especially birding experts) helps us plan the field teams and Saturday's meals. Campers will need a tent, a sleeping bag, food/snacks, and alarm clock. Also remember to bring waterproof boots, extra socks, and mosquito repellent. Lunch and dinner will be provided on Saturday, and coffee, juice, and milk, fruit, and muffins will be provided before field work on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Events will begin with an organizational meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Friday. Participants work in teams, with assigned roles such as navigator, data recorder, timekeeper, audio technician, and bird expert. Digital audio recordings will be collected along with each 10-minute point count. We will have GPS receivers available for all field teams, but bring your GPS unit if you want to download the site locations for navigation.

If you plan to attend this year's bird survey, please send an email message with your plans, return the registration form, or contact Bob Howe (920-465-2272 or [hower@uwgb.edu](mailto:hower@uwgb.edu)) or Scott Anderson (715-674-4481). Remember, you don't have to be an expert to participate in the NNF Bird Survey; everyone can contribute significantly to this project, as more than 400 other volunteers have contributed in the past. Participation in the NNF Bird Survey has led to the development of many field "experts," some of whom have become important leaders in this annual event.

Participants who will be designated as bird identification experts are strongly encouraged to document your birding skills at the web site, [Birder Certification Online: http://www.birdercertification.org/](http://www.birdercertification.org/). The more we can demonstrate the expertise of participants, the greater will be the scientific integrity of the data base. In fact, all participants are invited to test your skills. It's fun (although challenging), and many of the forest recordings on the Birder Certification web site were made at the Nicolet National Forest Bird Survey.

We look forward to seeing you in June and hope that your winter and spring have been enjoyable so far. Please copy the enclosed poster and distribute it to others who might be interested in joining us.

Have a safe trip to camp!

***Motels - Southern Nicolet National Forest***

<b>Motel</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Telephone</b>
<b>Best Western Crandon Inn and Suites</b>	Crandon	715/478-4000
<b>Indian Springs Lodge</b>	Carter	715-473-6300
<b>Safari Motel</b>	Wabeno	715-473-3521
<b>Cheney's Country Club</b>	Laona (west on 8)	715-674-5678
<b>Four Season's Motel</b>	Crandon	715-478-3377