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Field trips

A new self-guided field trip has been released for October: Bird migration and autumn color in Raymer's Cove and vicinity.

Preserve Project Proposals

Two proposals have been submitted to the staff for projects in 2021. These are continuations of the Prairie Partner Intern and Spring Wildflower Planting projects of previous years. Although both of these projects were disrupted in 2020 by COVID-19, we are cautiously optimistic that they will be able to proceed in 2021.

Citizen Science

- Lake Monitoring

The water quality at the boat launch at University Bay was monitored by five volunteers from the Friends (Matt Chotlos, Doris Dubielzig, Julie Limp, Olympia Mathiapparanam and Steve Sentoff). The monitoring protocol was designed by the Clean Lakes Alliance and all data was collected by them and added to the observations of other teams in the four lakes region. The water quality seemed quite good this year, but more analysis will be needed to understand why.

- Bluebird Trail

A team of volunteers from the Friends (Jeff Koziol – coordinator, Laura Berger, Maggi Christianson, Pam Fornell, Gisela Kutzbach and Genevieve Murtaugh) monitored the trail of eight boxes near the Biocore Prairie. Two of the boxes were used by bluebirds and six bluebirds fledged. Also 11 House Wrens and 11-12 Tree Swallows were fledged from nests in the boxes. Two House Sparrow nests were removed.