



# Bird Monitors Brunch

Sunday, July 6, 2008

Please join us in honoring our stewardship team members!

Let's celebrate the end of this year's monitoring season with a walk at a premier birding site, followed by a brunch to honor some very important people – key monitors who work with stewards at restoration sites so that their data helps guide restoration activities. (You will no doubt think of others who belong on this list but we are not honoring monitors who we have already feted at our previous brunches.) Good collaboration is critical to our success. All bird monitors and their friends are invited to join us in honoring them on Sunday, July 6 (non-honorees pay for their own brunch).

Before brunch, Donnie Dann will lead us through the oak groves, open prairies and abundant wetlands of Rollins Savanna, one of Lake County's largest forest preserves. Come see for yourself what Donnie means when he describes the restoration at Rollins as the best possible example of "if you build it, they will come". We'll find bobolinks, eastern meadowlarks, Henslow's sparrows, sedge wrens and dickcissels in the grasslands. In the wetlands we should see blue-winged teal, gadwall and ruddy ducks, marsh wrens and yellow-headed blackbirds; maybe even catch a glimpse of the common moorhens, Virginia rails, least bitterns and soras that nest there.

We'll meet between 7:30 and 8:00 a.m. in the lot at the Washington Street entrance to Rollins, between routes 83 and 45, near Grayslake. After the bird walk, we'll caravan to the nearby Blue Bay Family Restaurant, 855 E. Rollins Rd. in Round Lake Beach for brunch at 11:00.

## HONOREES

Wally and Pat Bock, Carolyn Fields, Penny Kneisler, Kurt Leslie, Judy Mellin, Margo Milde, Marlys Oosting, Sue Robert, Terry Schilling, Dave Schwaegler, John Staudinger, Jenny Vogt

Please RSVP by June 23rd to Suzanne Checchia, 847-328-8286.