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Gibraltar Historical Association announces its Second talk of the Season: Bird Migration, Wisconsin's Stopover Initiative.

Every spring and fall, tens of millions of migrating birds sweep through the Great Lakes region and stop at a variety of sites on their way to breeding grounds as far north as Greenland and the Arctic Ocean and wintering grounds as far south as Argentina's Tierra del Fuego. These stopover sites provide birds with critical food and shelter during migration. Loss of stopover habitats poses an ongoing threat to the health and stability of migratory bird populations in the Great Lakes region.

For decades, reported declines in migratory bird populations have resulted in studies focused primarily on breeding and, to a lesser extent, wintering bird populations. Only recently has serious attention been given to identifying, prioritizing and protecting migratory bird stopover sites.

Our presenter Kim Greveles has first-hand experience, knowledge and a master's degree in conservation biology from Central Michigan University. She has conducted and coordinated bird surveys for Michigan State Parks, Michigan Natural Features Inventory, The Nature Conservancy, and other organizations. Kim has worked on the International Crane Foundation, bird conservation in the Bureau of Natural Heritage Conservation since 2005. In addition to coordinating the Wisconsin Stopover Initiative, Kim also tracks rare and endangered birds for the Wisconsin Natural Heritage Inventory Program and participates with the Wisconsin Chimney Swift Working Group.

Scheduled for **Thursday, July 12th at 7:00 p.m.** Come down to Old Town Hall at 4167 Maple Street, in beautiful Fish Creek. Enjoy an evening of discovery of the **Wisconsin Stopover Initiative** a partnership consisting of government agencies, private organizations, businesses, and individuals working together to protect, conserve, and enhance the habitats used by birds migrating through the Great Lakes and Mississippi River. Sound like an evening you won't want to miss?

Naturalist Andrew Schinkten will be at the program this evening, with bird specimens. Visitors are invited to bring questions and experiences with bird migration in Door county. The event is free and all are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

This event is co-sponsored with **Peninsula State Park** and **Gibraltar Historical Association**. GHA is a non-profit sharing history with our community and visitors. Contact us at: noblehousefc@gmail.com, 920-868-2091 or Find us at www.historicnoble.org, or www.facebook.com/GibraltarHistoricalAssociation/.