



# Adam Birding Conservancy

1636 Findlay Rd, Whitewater, WI

**2021 Year in Review**

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*This newsletter is going out to members of the ABC Club and others who have been involved in the progress of the Adam Birding Conservancy.*

## What Happened in 2021?

1. **A second blind was installed facing the east ponds.** Dry conditions led to great mud flats for shorebirds in the spring but left things high and dry for most of the summer and fall.
2. **Cool animal interactions included:**
  - **A family of river otters** cleaned out the muskrats and vegetation in the west dike pond this winter.
  - **Several badgers "holed" up all around** the ABC and took out some grassland birds on our trail cam videos.
  - **A white buck** made an appearance at our Native American talk on white and albino animals.
  - The **first confirmed Trumpeter swan cygnet born in Jefferson County** happened in the east dike pond with the family hanging out until early November.
3. **We offered five public tours** that included snowshoeing, birding and prairie plant identification.

## Looking Ahead to 2022

1. **So far this winter, we installed another elevated berm with views to the northeast from the woods and mowed some of the sandbar willows encroaching on the prairie.** In time, we will install a third blind overlooking the northeast ponds and the Bark River.
2. **The prairie is slated to be burned this spring,** the first time in five years. We are hoping it can carry through the woods.
3. **We collected, dried and prepped more prairie seed than ever before.** Some was spread in the winter while others will be sowed after the burn. We will hire help to manage some of the invasives and heavy grasses that will perk up after the burn.
4. **We may offer a few more public tours.** No dates or themes have been set yet. **If interested in leading, please let me know.**

### **Birds....**

202 species have been identified at the ABC including the four new ones in 2021 shown below:

1. Cinnamon Teal
2. Ruddy Turnstone
3. American Redstart
4. Alder Flycatcher

### **Continued Thanks...**

To **Rich and his team** for trail management, blind install (with **Cody**) and prairie cleanup, **Byron** for field mowing, **Mike & Gene** for upkeep work, **Aaron, Sarah** and **Mariette** for leading tours and Zach for the pictures! If I left anyone off, my apologies.



White Buck (Z Kastern photo)



Trumpeter Swan Family



Badger Boys Playing



Shorebirds from Trumpeter Blind



Snowshoe Party



World Champion ABC Bucks (Z Kastern photo)



Cody, Steve & Rich – Installing Blind #2



Sarah Leading Plant Tour (w Mariette)



Old Abe (G Ott photo)



Prairie Plants in Bloom



Wood Duck Couple



Waterfowl (Z Kastern photo)



Sunrise Overlooking Blind #2

Thanks for your interest and for the help and support you provide to the ABC. Stay in touch!

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