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## Beyond Our Backyard

### Bear Island/Donnelly WMA

**Thursday February 18, 2021 5:30 am - 4:00 pm (sunrise 6:59 am)**

Rescheduled: Tuesday February 23, 2021 5:30 am - 4:00 pm

Trip to Bear Island & Donnelly WMA

Location: Meet at SI Real Estate Office to Carpool

Max: 10

Cost: free to members, \$5 per guest

If you have never been to Bear Island Wildlife Management Area (WMA) or to Donnelly WMA, you won't want to miss this opportunity – it's well worth the 60-mile one-way trip! Part of the ACE Basin, this area is perfect habitat for birds with ponds, rivers, salt marsh, freshwater marsh, mudflats mixed pine-hardwood forest and farmland. Most of the birding is done by car with stops to get out and take short walks for viewing. Bear Island closes for hunting from November 1 – February 9 each year, so this is an early chance to visit for spring. We hope the winter waterfowl will still be present including the Tundra Swan. Each person should bring their own lunch, snacks and beverages, as there are no restaurants in the area. Also be sure to bring sun block, bug spray, a hat, binoculars, camera and a scope if you have one.

We will ask that people wear masks while riding together and to maintain social distance and wear masks while birding. Due to COVID concerns, shared use of scopes is discouraged.

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