

Dear Friend of Maddax Woods,

That old adage - 'In like a lion, out like a lamb' certainly is holding true this year.

The frosty start to March challenged us mortals more than it did the plants and animals around us. Daffodils poking bright yellow highlights through bits of snow, camellia trees blossoming, and neighbor Betsy Bensen sent a photo of this early trillium along the Burnside Trail.



Treasures like this are hiding everywhere in the Woods. It's always time for a quick game of 'eye spy with my little eye' whether you are just passing through, or on a real exploration stroll.

Bird songs are becoming more varied and frequent as songbirds return and begin building nests. A handy bird song app that is free and easy to use is 'Merlin bird id' from The Cornell Lab. The app has Sound ID, Photo ID and a Step by Step ID that challenges you to identify the bird by size, color, etc. For Sound ID simply hold the phone up to capture any sounds around you. The app lists the bird of each sound as it hears it. Can you find the bird when you hear it? Use the Photo ID to capture a picture and you will be able to match the bird song to the image.

The March 9th Heron Watch program was held despite the lingering threat of downpour. The event was well attended and the herons did not disappoint. Nest building flyovers and 'necking' of couples who have paired up on nests and a few squabbles over territory kept viewers entertained and interested in the stages of development yet to come.

There is much work to be done at the work party this coming Saturday (March 16) to prepare for spring. Please join us if even for just a bit.

The FOMW board is always open for suggestions and recommendations on how to improve the features of Maddax Woods. Board meetings are held monthly on the 4th Thursday, at the Library. Come join us or send ideas for us to ponder.

Wishing you all the 'luck of the Irish' this weekend. Lucky Leprechaun is hiding in Maddax Woods as well as other parks. Check out the City's website for the scavenger hunt.

We look forward to seeing you '*In The Woods*',

Board, *Friends of Maddax Woods*

*Next Work party - Saturday, March 16. 9:00-noon*

*Next Board meeting - Thursday, March 28 - West Linn Library*

*Upcoming Heron Watch programs: 1:00-3:00pm*

*March 9*

*April 7 and April 20*

*May 12*

*June 2*