David Sibley to return to Ryerson Woods

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RIVERWOODS – On the heels of the release of his highly anticipated second edition of The Sibley Guide to Birds, David Sibley will speak and sign books from 7 to 8 p.m., April 9 at Ryerson Woods. Sibley, preeminent birder, author and illustrator, will talk about his work to expand and update his bird guide published in 2000. The second edition, just released, offers new paintings, new and rare species and copious updated information for bird lovers of all levels. The second edition also includes nearly 7,000 paintings, and all illustrations reproduced 15 to 20 percent larger for better detail.

Sibley will talk about his research out in the field and in museums to gather information he said has made his second edition more accurate and more useful to birders. The cover features the Magnolia Warbler, a bird Sibley recalls seeing first when his father, ornithologist Fred Sibley, banded it near the Point Reyes Bird Observatory in California. It's one of many birds that will be migrating through the Chicago and suburban area in May.

He is a contributing editor to BirdWatching Magazine and author and illustrator of many other books about birds.

He last visited Ryerson Woods in 2003.

Smith Nature Symposium. He spoke to a sold-out crowd.

This event is presented in partnership with Lake County Forest Preserves and Lake Forest Book Store. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Registration is required.

Call 847.968.3321 to register.

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