

THE HOY HONKER

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SOCIETY, INC
RACINE - KENOSHA, WI
APRIL - MAY, 2002



UPCOMING HOY PROGRAMS

THURSDAY, APRIL 4TH — 5:30 P.M. BIRDING — 7 P.M. MEETING
SHOOP PARK CLUBHOUSE, RACINE

“ROOT-PIKE WATERSHED INITIATIVE NETWORK” with Allison Werner

What is a watershed? Racine & Kenosha counties enjoy many wonderful resources in the 327 square mile Root & Pike watersheds. In late 1998, a grassroots organization formed to protect, restore, and enhance these resources. Find out how this group protects our water, air, and land (including, birds & other creatures!). And how they are able to award \$500 to \$10,000 grants for local watershed projects!

Shoop Park Golf Course is just south of the landmark Wind Point Lighthouse on Racine's northeast side. From Highway 32 (Douglas Ave) head east on Three Mile or Four Mile Roads. These each become Lighthouse Drive, with Lake Michigan on one side and the golf course on the other. Look for a parking lot on the bluff over the lake, where we'll meet at 5:30 to look for waterfowl, early shorebirds and other migrants. Wear sturdy shoes & warm clothes to walk the beach. At 6:45 meet inside the golf clubhouse for refreshments and our featured speaker. As always, expert photographer Ed Prins will show slides of migrant birds to expect in the upcoming month.

THURSDAY, MAY 2ND — 5:30 P.M. BIRD HIKE — 6:45 P.M. PROGRAM
RIVER BEND NATURE CENTER — 3600 N GREEN BAY RD, RACINE

“WISCONSIN BREEDING BIRD ATLAS” with Bettie Harriman

Did you ever wonder what species of birds are breeding in Wisconsin and where? Data collection for the WBBA began in the spring of 1995 and ended in the summer of 2000. Volunteers around the state, including some Hoy members, helped collect data. Currently the results are being compiled for publication.

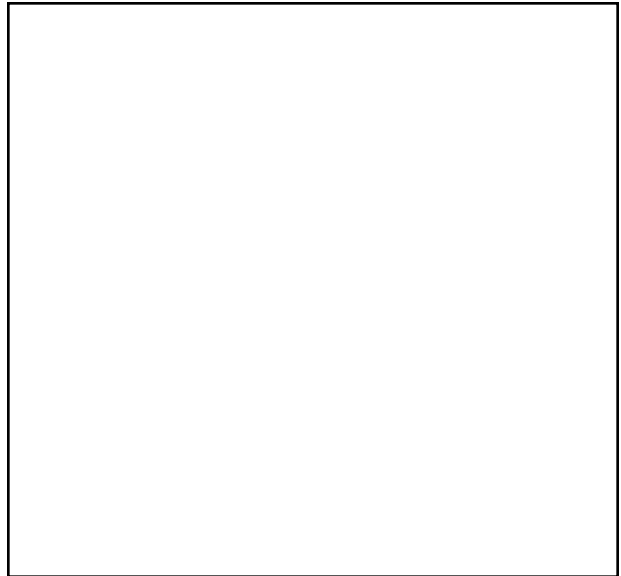
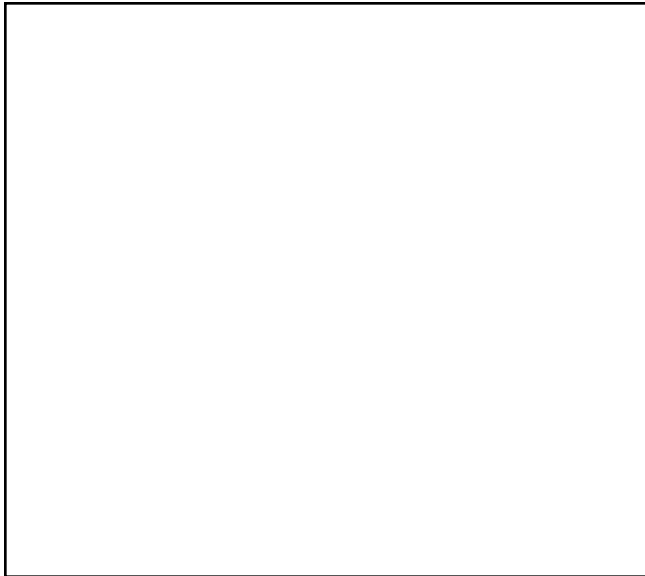
Bettie Harriman, Director for the Wisconsin Breeding Bird Atlas and a resident of Oshkosh, will present the exciting details. The purpose of the WBBA is to:

- provide a permanent record of the bird species breeding in the state.
- provide baseline data for monitoring future changes in bird populations.
- assess habitat needs of breeding species and document species diversity.
- document abundance and distribution of rare and endangered species.
- provide comparisons with historical studies.
- complement existing or on-going avian monitoring programs in Wisconsin and in nearby states.
- assist international efforts to preserve neotropical migratory birds.
- help in land use planning by local and state governments.
- assist industry in preparing environmental impact assessments.

Visit <http://www.uwgb.edu/birds/wbba> for results that have already been posted.



by David Sibley



Whooping Cranes return to Wisconsin.

The 5 Whooping Cranes that left Chassahowitzka NWR in Florida are now back exploring wetlands of south central Wisconsin. You can follow their progress and the upcoming class of '02 Whoopers at <http://www.operationmigration.org>

Weekly Racine Lakefront Birding

Our 7:00 Thursday morning birding continues starting at Meyer's Park (entrance at 11th Street and Pershing Drive, southeast of Gateway College). Time allowing, we'll head up to Wind Point Lighthouse afterwards.

Contact Helen or Eric.

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Next Board meeting will be held at the home of Joan Rohan 6:30 May 7th (1612 S Main St., Racine) Come early for 6 P.M. birding...

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