

THE HOY HONKER

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

THURSDAY, JULY 11TH - 6:00 P.M. BIRD / WILDFLOWER HIKE
- 7:00 P.M. PROGRAM
RIVER BEND NATURE CENTER — 3600 N GREEN BAY RD, RACINE
“Great Wisconsin Birding Trail” with Susan Foote-Martin

Imagine a system of bird watching trails around the state, complete with signs & maps. Local birders would enjoy these trails, eco-tourists would flock to them, and the general public would be introduced to the growing “sport” of bird watching. Susan Foote-Martin, DNR Conservation Biologist, will describe this project to identify & connect known birding hotspots. She needs our input!

As always, the meeting will follow with bird identification slides by Ed Prins. Refreshments will be served.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1ST— SUMMER PICNIC—5:30 P.M.
SUMMER PICNIC AT PETRIFYING SPRINGS COUNTY PARK

Join us at Kenosha County’s Petrifying Springs County Park for our summer picnic. We will be meeting at shelter #3 at 5:30 P.M. After 7:30 P.M. we’ll take a walk to the nearby Pike River. Bring a dish to share along with your dinnerware and a beverage. While there are tables under the shelter, you may wish to bring folding chairs for sitting outside the shelter if the weather is nice. If you would like to volunteer starting the charcoal earlier or for questions, please call Eric, 633.0420.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24TH EVENING FIELDTRIP
WINDPOINT LIGHTHOUSE / SHOOP PARK LAKEFRONT

See shorebird fall migration at it’s start. Meet at the Shoop Park parking lot beginning at 5:45 P.M or anytime afterwards as we will be along the lakefront until dusk, watching them as they feed and come in for the night.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10TH FIELDTRIP
WINDPOINT / BONG STATE REC. AREA / WINDLAKE SOD FARM AREA

At 6:00 A.M. we’ll meet at the Shoop Park parking lot. A walk up the beach to the Windpoint Lighthouse should produce various species of shorebirds including Spotted, Least, Semi-palmated, Baird’s Sandpiper’s, Sanderlings, Yellowlegs. If you choose to skip the first portion, Racine people can meet at the Har-dee’s parking lot at Hwy 31 and 20 by 7:15 for carpooling to Bong. At Bong we will all meet at the observation platform by 8. A vehicle admission sticker is required or get a daily pass there for \$5 (\$3 seniors.) Lastly, leaving Bong, we’ll make a run north to the Wind Lake Sod Farms (including Burmeister and Britton Roads) where the target species will be Buff-breasted Sandpipers and American Golden Plovers. A reliable area in our part of the state. Last year at this time there were 27 Buff-breasteds seen one day!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24TH FIELDTRIP
WINDLAKE SOD FARM AREA / MILWAUKEE COAST GUARD IMPOUNDMENT

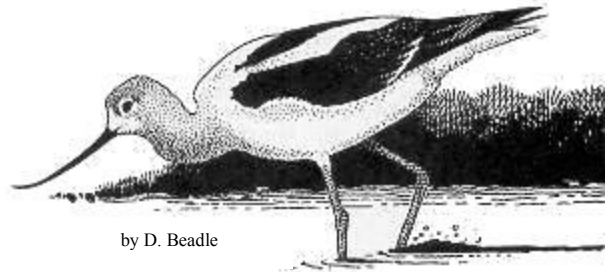
If we missed on Buff-breasted Sandpipers the first time, we’ll try again Saturday morning when the heat distortions are low out on the sod fields. For carpooling in Racine, meet at 7:15 A.M. at the Pilot/Arby’s parking lot located at the northeast side of where I-94 and County K cross each other. Following our search there we may head up to the Milwaukee Coast Guard Impoundment or another birding hotspot.

RACINE FINALLY HAS BABY PEREGRINE !!

Ten years ago a nest box/platform was placed on the Racine County Courthouse. In 1993 our club funded the placement of a fledgling peregrine "Philo" (named for club namesake Dr. Philo Hoy) in one of many attempts to encourage nesting. Over the years, single or paired falcons would visit but not stay. This Spring a pair did nest and produced one viable egg, which hatched May 27. The female chick "Liberty" was given a health exam on June 20 and banded by peregrine expert, Greg Septon. Racine Journal Times news articles and the Milwaukee Public Museum's Falcon Watch website kept us informed.
http://www.mpm.edu/collect/falcon/falcon2002html
Read about the new falcon chick, Todd, in Pleasant Prairie too!

REPORT FROM JUNE 22 WISCONSIN AUDUBON COUNCIL:

Muffy Petrick attended this statewide meeting of Audubon chapter representatives. Some of the topics discussed were: pros & cons of having an Audubon "state office"; forestry issues; ethanol plants; Great Lakes water quality; mute swan policy; Great Wisconsin Birding Trail; free-ranging domestic cats; and effect of international trade policies on our local habitats. Contact Muffy for details.



by D. Beadle

ELECTION REPORT:

The following officers for 2002 – 2003 were elected June 6:

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| President | Eric Howe |
| Vice President | Joan Rohan |
| Treasurer | Helen Pugh |
| Recording Secretary | Muffy Petrick |
| Newsletter | Stan Rosenstiel |
| Membership | Muffy Petrick |
| Director At Large | Ed Prins |

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. Later this month shorebirds begin their migration south. Don't miss them! Contact Helen or Eric.

Committee members & chairs are still needed. Contact the President if you can give a few hours of your time this year to plan programs, field trips, education of youth or adults, conservation projects, assist with newsletter or membership.

May 11th May Bird Count Results

For the full list of species seen on our bird count please email Eric at oak@wi.net

2002-03 HOY CLUB OFFICERS:

- PRESIDENT— ERIC HOWE, 633-0420
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Next Board meeting will be held at the home of Muffy Petrick, 6:30 P.M. on Monday, July 15th.

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