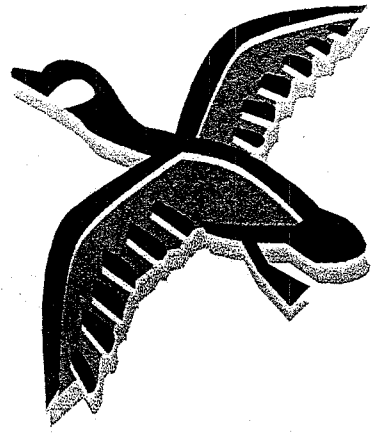


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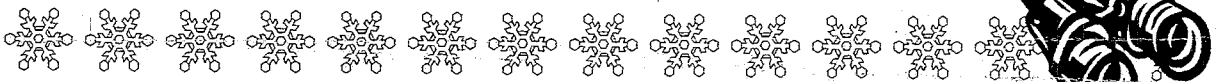


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UPCOMING HOY EVENTS

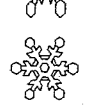
THURSDAY, JANUARY 9th — River Bend Nature Center —
3600 N Green Bay Rd, Racine — 7:00 P.M.
"A Tale of Two Eggs: Reproduction in Birds and Dinosaurs"
with David Varricchio of Carthage College
David will discuss his dinosaur research and how it relates to bird reproduction.
Meeting to follow with bird identification slides by Ed Prins. Refreshments will be served.



SATURDAY, December 14th, - Racine *Christmas Bird Count (CBC).*

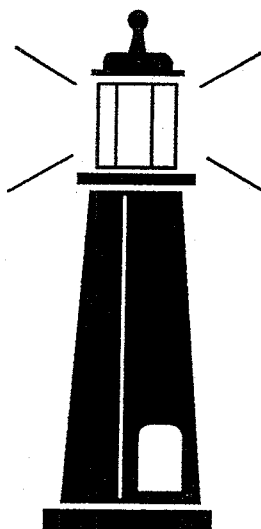


With almost all the field parties reporting, there were 48 species recorded for the day of the count. 4 additional species were recorded during the count week thus far such as the Greater Black-backed Gull and American Pipit.



Thursday, February 6 at 7:00 PM
River Bend Nature Center, 3600 N. Green Bay Rd., Racine

To be announced.
Slides will be shown and refreshments will be served.



Great Backyard Bird Count

This event will take place Feb 14-17. Count the birds in your backyard to participate. Contact Joan Rohan or birdsources.org.

Field Trips

Bald Eagle Watching on Sun Jan 19. We will meet in Racine and drive to Sauk City. They will release an eagle at 2PM, which we will be able to see up close. We may also stop at Wollersheim Winery. Call Eric (633-0420) or Stan (694-2206)

Kenosha Lakefront on Feb 22 at 8AM. Meet on Lakefront east of the museum following 56th St. We will visit Carthage College and some other local parks. We may choose to have dinner afterward. Call Eric (633-0420).

OTHER ITEMS

Thank You Notes for Hoy Audubon Society Donations

The board of directors of the Hoy Audubon Society voted to make several donations to birding and other environmental organizations. The following groups have sent thank you letters to Hoy Audubon Society: Raptor Education Group, which rehabilitates eagles for release; Wisconsin Society for Ornithology, which is working on a Breeding Bird Atlas; Hawthorn Hollow, a local birding treasure; and the International Crane Foundation, which is doing fantastic work with cranes.

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We want to remind you that the Hoy Audubon Society is selling shade grown coffee. Several varieties are available from light to dark, or sweet or fruity. The coffee can be obtained either ground or in whole beans. It is \$10.00 for a 12 oz. Package.

“Hope is the Thing with Feathers”

The author of this book documents the disappearance of several species of bird which once existed in the USA. The Carolina Parakeet and the Passenger Pigeon were hunted to near extinction in just a few short years for each. Moreover, the wholesale logging that occurred in the types of trees they needed for nesting hastened their declines. Even after they were nearly gone, few believed they could ever disappear. The Passenger Pigeon was also shot at for sport (skeet shooting), which is why the targets are now called clay pigeons. Although the subject matter is generally depressing, there were hopeful signs, even in the 1920s. Some groups did try to protect these birds in their last days. Unfortunately, they were a bit too late for these species.

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Board Meeting

Jan 14 at 6:30 PM at the home of Joan Rohan. All members are welcome to attend.

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