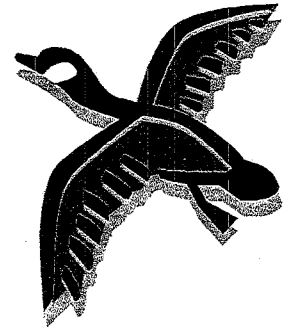


# THE HOY HONKER



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RACINE—KENOSHA, WI  
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## UPCOMING HOY EVENTS

### Thurs, September, 4 at 7 PM

River Bend Nature Center, 3600 N Green Bay Rd, Racine

*6:15 Birding Hike to boat launch?*

Please join us for some videos about peregrine falcons. There will also be a presentation of binoculars and other birding supplies from Hoy Audubon Society to River Bend. This equipment will give students an opportunity to become familiar with bird watching. The board, in addition, will discuss some other projects that are being worked on.

Ed Prins may also show bird identification slides. Refreshments will be served.



### Thurs, October 2 at 7 PM

#### “Identifying Hawks In The Sky”

Presented by Vic Berardi

River Bend Nature Center, 3600 N Green Bay Rd, Racine

Vic Berardi will be discussing the identification of hawks in flight during migration. Some of the finer points of distant hawk ID will be covered. The talk will include a slide presentation and helpful handouts.

Vic has helped with the Concordia Hawkwatch (north of Milwaukee) and at a few other hawkwatches around the Great Lakes. For the last 3 years he has been conducting the hawk migration monitoring effort at Illinois Beach State Park which is a fully recognized hawkwatch of the Hawk Migration Association of North America (HMANA).

He also gives numerous talks and workshops in northern Illinois focusing on hawk identification in flight.

Thursday, November 6 at 7 PM  
to be announced

#### “Take Back Audubon”

A group has formed “to restore a true partnership between the independent Chapters and the National Audubon Society.” This group feels that National is out of touch with the chapters. The board urges you to vote for their slate of candidates. Check the web site: [smbas.org/tba](http://smbas.org/tba).

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**Classes at Hawthorn Hollow**

Hawthorn Hollow, in Kenosha, has two classes that may be of interest to Hoy Audubon members. On Tues Sept 16 will be a program on raptors in preparation for the fall migration. Then, on Sat, Sept 20 will be an introduction to bird watching, which will cover use of binoculars and field guides. The fee is \$16 for either. Contact 552-8196 for more information.



Also at Hawthorn Hollow will be the annual Walk in the Woods art Fair on Sept 6 from 10 until 4. It is located at 880 Green Bay Road.

*Hawthornes Hollow*  
**Wisconsin bird checklist**

The club has a limited number of the new version of the checklist and of the checklist with migration charts. The migration charts show, on a week by week basis, what the likelihood is of seeing a particular species. These will be available free of charge to members. *at the monthly meetings.*

**Weekly Field Trip**

Wednesday mornings  
Meet at 7 AM at Wind Point and Shoop Park and search for rare and uncommon birds.  
Wednesday evenings - *SEPT.*  
Meet at 6 PM at Wind Point in Sept and look for fall warblers.

**Donations made by Hoy Audubon**

The club has made its annual donations to support the following organizations: Chiwaukee Prairie Preservation (\$100), Education Alliance (\$50), Friends of Hawk Ridge (\$50), Friends of Hawthorn Hollow (\$50), Int Crane Foundation (\$50), K.O.B.O. (\$100), Operation Migration (\$50), Raptor Educ. Group (\$100), R.E.S.C.Y.U. (\$50), River Bend Nature Center (\$450), Wildlife Horizons (\$400), Wisc. Wetlands (\$100), WSO Breeding Bird Atlas (\$50). In addition, the club will present the staff of River Bend Nature Center with 15 pair of Eagle Optic Triumph Binoculars, 16 Binocular Harnesses (so the binoculars don't get dropped), and 3 lens cleaners. ~~The~~ *BINOCULAR* donation was possible by way of a generous donor who chooses to be anonymous.

**Midwest Birding Symposium**  
**Sept 11-14 in Green Bay**

You can hone your birding skills, or learn about photography, optics, owls, prairie chicken conservation and many other topics. Some of the speakers who will be there are Don and Lillian Stokes, Kenn Kaufmann, and John Acorn. Field trips will be heading to Horicon and Necedah National Wildlife Refuges. Visit [birdersworld.com/brd/default/](http://birdersworld.com/brd/default/) for info.

**A Walk on the Wild Side**

A tour showcasing 6 houses with native landscaping will take place on Aug 31 from 12 to 5. Various habitats including woodlands, open land, large lots and city dwellings will introduce you to the great joy of native gardens. Contact Nan at 681-4899.

**Phil Sander Audubon Sanctuary**  
Carthage College in Kenosha, WI, has designated a section of its property for conservation and has obtained a provisional title of an Audubon Sanctuary. We are working towards certification of the area through the next year or so. It is about 6 acres, bounded on one side by Sheridan Hwy (Rte 32) and on the other by Pike River. It is mostly wooded with tall 6" - 1 ft diameter trees, fairly thick growth. It is just north of the Smeds Tennis Center parking lot.

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**Next Board Meeting**

Oct 9 at 7 PM at the home of Joan Rohan. All members are welcome to attend.