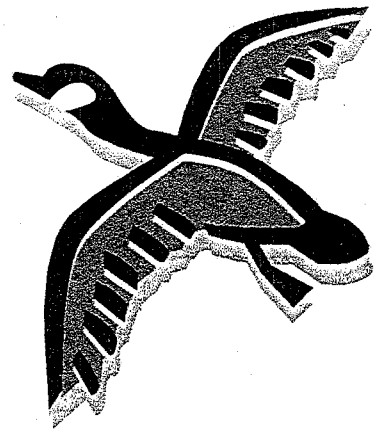


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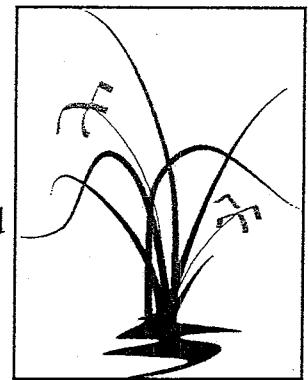


HOY AUDUBON  
SOCIETY, INC  
RACINE—KENOSHA, WI  
March/April, 2004

## UPCOMING HOY EVENTS

Thursday March 4, 2004 at 7 PM  
At River Bend Nature Center  
3600 N. Green Bay Rd., Racine

Nan Calvert, owner of *E<sup>3</sup> - Environmental Education for Everyone* and co-president of the Root River Chapter of Wild Ones will speak on the importance of creating habitat with native species on behalf of native wildlife species in our home landscapes.



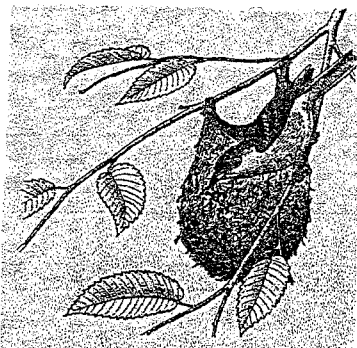
Refreshments will be served.

Thursday, <sup>APRIL 1ST</sup> ~~February 5th~~ at 7 PM  
At Golden Rondelle Theater,  
1525 Howe Street, Racine

### **“One Bird-Two Habitats” Presented by Bill Volkert**

Why has the number of United States songbirds been decreasing? How do we get their populations to go back up again? These birds only live four months of the year in the U. S. and eight months in the tropics.

Bill Volkert will share with us his first hand experiences of meeting with and educating the people of Nicaragua to find ways to preserve its bird habitats and develop a sustainable land ethic for their beautiful country.



Mr. Volkert is an educator and naturalist at Horicon Marsh National Wildlife Refuge and has been a popular speaker around the state.

Admission is free. Seating is limited. Call (262) 260-2154 for reservations.

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**HOY LIBRARY NOW AVAILABLE AT MEETINGS!!**

Do you need a new field guide?

Do you want to know where to bird in the Great Lakes?

How about learning bird songs for the upcoming spring migration? Yes, Hoy's library is up and running. Every meeting you'll be able to check out a book, tape, map, CD, DVD or whatever you need to be a better birder—and, of course, amuse yourself. Our library is just starting; we will be increasing the library through donated items as well as purchasing items. Please let one of the board members know if there is an item you would like to see included in our library. Bring any donation items to our regular meetings.

Our club is making available to all chapter members—at no cost—the Wisconsin Checklist as well as the new "Blue Book". Pick up yours in the library area.



**Field Trip to Buena Vista Grasslands to see Greater Prairie Chickens**

**Date to be determined**

Join us as we get a close-up view of the Greater Prairie Chicken. We will await their pre-dawn arrival in a blind near the booming ground, or iek. The males will try to establish a prominent position so as to be more attractive to the hens. The males will stamp their feet to produce the booming sound, and call the hens. Last year one of the males went up on the roof of the blind. We will stay at a motel in Wisconsin Rapids. Call Stan at 694-2206.

**Have you wondered what groups of birds are called? Here are a few terms.**

|            |                 |
|------------|-----------------|
| Bitterns   | A sedge         |
| Buzzards   | A wake          |
| Bobolinks  | A chain         |
| Chicks     | A brood; clutch |
| Coots      | A cover         |
| Cormorants | A gulp          |
| Cranes     | A sedge         |

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| Crows     | A murder, horde  |
| Dotterel  | A trip   |
| Doves     | A dule, pitying (specific to turtle doves)                                     |
| Ducks     | A brace, flock (in flight), raft (on water) team, paddling (on water), badling |
| Eagles    | A convocation  |
| Finches   | A charm  |
| Flamingos | A stand  |

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**Weekly Spring Field Trip**

Wednesday evenings  
 April 21-May 26  
 Meet at 5:30 PM at Colonial Park, Racine. Park at end of High St (6 blocks WEST of Northwestern Av).

**Next Board Meeting**

Mar 9 at 6 PM at the home of Muffy Petrick. All members are welcome to attend.