

Hoy Audubon celebrates 40th year.

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HOY AUDUBON
SOCIETY, INC
RACINE—KENOSHA, WI
November/December, 2004



UPCOMING HOY EVENTS

“Owls of Wisconsin” by Beth Goepfinger

Thursday November 4, 2004 at 7 PM

At River Bend Nature Center, 3600 Green Bay Rd., Racine

Owl Prowl--Discover an owl's adaptations for hunting. Learn to identify Wisconsin's owls by sight and voice. Dress for the weather because we will also be outside trying to call in one of these fascinating predators.

Beth Goepfinger is originally from Minnesota. She started volunteering in ninth grade at a local nature center and was hooked. She attended UW-Stevens Point and received a BS in Forestry and Environmental Education. She received a masters in MSED from Northern Illinois University specializing in Outdoor Teacher Education. This is also the place her fascination with birds and birding began. After graduation she was the Assistant Director of the Pecatonica Environmental Center in Illinois. After 3/12 years there, she became a Naturalist for the Wisconsin DNR. She has been at Richard Bong State Recreation Area in western Kenosha County for 12 years.

Refreshments will be served.

Annual Holiday Party

Thursday, December 2nd at 5:30 PM

At River Bend Nature Center, 3600 Green Bay Rd., Racine

The annual holiday potluck dinner will be from 5:30 to 7:30 and is a joyous time for our club to come together. Please bring a dish to share along with your own tableware. Coffee will be supplied. There will be time for socializing and, perhaps, for some Christmas carols.

UPCOMING HOY FIELD TRIPS

Nov. 6, Jasper/Pulaski Park, Indiana. Contact John Raymond*

If you have never seen cranes in large numbers, you are in for a treat. This is an incredible sight. We will leave Racine at 10.00 a.m. and return about 11 p.m.

The park is a staging area for 10,000 to 15,000 Sandhill Cranes. The cranes leave the park at dawn and return at dusk.

Nov. 12 to 14, “Rivers and Bluffs Fall Birding Festival” in Lansing, Iowa. Contact John Raymond*

The 3rd annual festival features opportunities to view several hundred thousand ducks, geese and other waterfowl, plus eagles and hawks. Most of North America's canvasback are here. There will be half day fieldtrips on land and by boat to see the birds. Many interesting programs will be presented, including some on binoculars for birding and birds as dinosaurs. We will probably go on Saturday Nov. 13.

***John Raymond**, 262.633-0285 or theturtle@hotmail.com if interested.

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NON-PROFIT ORG

Certified Shade Grown, Fair Trade Coffee

Coffee will be available at our November and December Meetings. This is the coffee for discriminating java lovers. Shade grown coffee protects the forests and provides food and shelter for birds. You may also contact Helen at 632-4492 to pick up coffee in Racine.

Why I Wake Early by Mary Oliver

Reading Mary Oliver's new collection of poetry is one of the nicest things I've done for myself in a long time. Oliver shows us a natural world that is too often forgotten, in all its humor, grace, and absolute loveliness. She has the ability to transform everyday life events into something extraordinary. The book is a nature lover's treat; you will want a copy for yourself and one to give to a nature-oriented friend. (Beacon Press, \$22) Helen Pugh

Sunday, January 2nd—Racine Christmas Bird Count

More than 50,000 observers in the Western Hemisphere participate each year in this all-day census of early-winter bird populations. The results of their efforts are compiled into the longest running database in ornithology, representing over a century of unbroken data on trends of early-winter bird populations across the Americas. Simply put, the Christmas Bird Count, or "CBC", is citizen science in action. Join us on foot and by car for a half day or whole day as we count each bird we find in varied habitats. Home feeder watchers can also participate. Those new to CBC's can be paired with more experienced birders where possible. A \$5 dollar fee per participant is requested to help National Audubon Society defray the cost of compiling the data. Birders under 18 are free. To sign up and be assigned to your designated count area, contact Eric Howe. To view our Racine count circle go to www.hoyaudubon.org/cbc/racine.

Purchase a gift membership in Hoy Audubon

Enroll a friend or relative as a member of Hoy Audubon Society. Gift memberships are a wonderful way to help our club grow. Plus, they introduce others to the benefits of belonging to Hoy, such as field trips—both local and distant, informative programs at the monthly meetings, and social events, including the annual picnic and Holiday party.

Yes, I want to join the Hoy Audubon Society

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the Hoy Audubon Society is now offering "Chapter Supporter" memberships. This is due to the decrease in the amount of funds shared with us by the National Audubon Society. Dues are \$15 per year/ \$20 per year for families. You will need to join Hoy to continue to get the newsletter.

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Send dues to P. O. Box 044626, Racine, WI 53404

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Weekly birding walks

Meet Wed at 7 AM at Myers Park, 11th St on the lake front. If time permits we will continue to Wind Point and Shoop Park.

Next Board Meeting

The next meeting will be Tuesday Nov 30 at 7 PM at the home of Helen Pugh. All members are welcome to attend.