

Hoy Audubon celebrates 40th year.

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SOCIETY, INC  
RACINE—KENOSHA, WI  
September/October, 2004



## UPCOMING HOY EVENTS

### Pam Blackledge on The Legacy of the Oceans

Thursday September 2, 2004 at 7 PM

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

After growing up in northern Iowa and attaining her BS in Fisheries and Wildlife Biology from Iowa State University in 1995, Pam moved to Washington DC to begin working for a non-profit environmental organization – focusing on gathering the skills necessary to become an effective environmental organizer. She is now working to save our oceans. Oceans have provided people a seemingly inexhaustible bounty for millennia. This changed, however, during the last half century, marking a sharp environmental decline. Today, many more species, considered threatened or nearly so, are drifting toward extinction. Learn what is being done and how each of us can make a difference.

Refreshments will be served.

### Vic Berardi, “Identifying Falcons and Accipiters in Flight”

Thursday, October 7th at 7 PM

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

Accipiters (Sharp-shinned Hawks, Cooper’s Hawks and Northern Goshawks) are probably the most difficult raptor groups to identify. Learn how to tell the difference. Falcons (American Kestrel, Merlin and Peregrine) will also be discussed at length.

Vic Berardi is a Board member of the Hawk Migration Association of North America (HMANA) and is currently the organization’s Treasurer. He is also the Central Continental Flyway Editor for Hawk Migration Studies which records and reports migration results throughout North America. Vic also organizes the hawkwatch at Illinois Beach State Park and personally observed migrating hawks over 230 hours last fall and over 150 this past spring. He has written numerous articles on hawk identification and gives talks throughout the Midwest on raptors.

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### UPCOMING HOY FIELD TRIPS

Sept. 18-19, Duluth, Hawk Festival. Contact Helen 632-4492

Oct. 2nd, Duluth, Hawk Banding. Contact John Raymond\*

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

#### Notes on Jasper/Pulaski Park Field Trip

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. Please contact :

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

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**NON-PROFIT ORG**

**Nighthawk Migration is Underway!**

Monitors along the lakefront have seen the greatest numbers in late August and early September in recent years. Optimum wind condition is a bit from the west—so as to stack them up against the lake shoreline. Join us on Tuesday evenings, 8/31 and 9/7, Michigan Blvd and High St, Racine--7 PM.

**Bluebird Trail Volunteers**

We are looking for people who may want to volunteer to check on bluebird boxes once or twice a month in the summer. The club has trails in both Kenosha and Racine counties. It takes about 1 1/2 hours each time. If you would like to help the bluebirds and see some up close, contact Stan at 262/694-2206.

**Federal Duck Stamp**

On July 1, a new Federal Duck Stamp became available at post offices, national wildlife refuges, some national retail chain stores, and various sporting-goods stores nationwide. The Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp, which is the Duck Stamp's official name, has been a magnificent success story in its 70-year history. Started in the mid-1930s, to address a major crisis in bird conservation and wetland habitat loss, the stamp has been used as a highly effective funding mechanism for our refuge system, having accrued over \$670 million and having been used to secure more than five million acres of valuable wetland habitat for the system. About \$25 million a year is currently collected through yearly stamp sales. Proceeds from the \$15 stamp go into the Migratory Bird Conservation Fund, used to purchase valuable wetlands for the National Wildlife Refuge System. (Indeed, about 98 percent of the revenue from the stamp goes through the Migratory Bird Conservation Fund to purchases these refuge wetlands.)

**Yes, I want to join the Hoy Audubon Society**

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the Hoy Audubon Society is now offering “Chapter Only” 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 have to join Hoy to continue to get the newsletter.

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**Summer Walks:** Weds. 7 AM. Starting Sept. 1st through October 27th, we will meet at Myers Park, 11th Street on the Lakefront, Racine, 7AM. Time permitting, continue to Shoop and Wind Pt.

**Next Board Meeting**

The next meeting will be Thursday Sept 30 at 7 PM at the home of Joan Rohan. All members are welcome to attend.