

# THE HOY HONKER

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SOCIETY, INC  
RACINE — KENOSHA, WI  
July / August 2005



## UPCOMING HOY EVENTS

**Change in Avian Communities  
in Response to Housing Growth**  
Thursday, July 7, 2005 at 7:00 P.M.  
River Bend Nature Center

**3600 N. Green Bay Rd. — Racine**

*Christopher Lepczyk* is a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in the Department of Forest Ecology and Management where he works on understanding how people interact and influence wildlife. His work has ranged from studying bird behavior to how people interact with wildlife on their property and across landscapes. Currently, Chris is beginning work on how avian communities change in response to housing growth in the Northeast United States using the North American Breeding Bird Survey. For his upcoming talk Chris will discuss how breeding birds respond to human influence across the Midwest as share some of his recent finding from the Northeast.

**Butterfly Gardening**  
Thursday August 4, 2005 at 7:00 P.M.  
At Pringle Nature Center  
9800 160th Ave., Kenosha

*Cathie Mann* is a retired librarian, Master Gardener and a Master Naturalist. She volunteers at Wehr Nature Center participating in phenology and bird walks as well as serves as a plant health advisor for the Racine Extension Office. She also teaches the Native Plant Class for the General Training session and is a member of the Wehr Wild Ones, the Milwaukee Metro Audubon Society, and the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology. Cathie started participating in the Illinois Butterfly Monitoring Network using Chain of Lakes State Park as her park to do the count.

**An Overview of Insect Communication**  
Thursday September 1, 2005 at 7:00 P.M.  
At Pringle Nature Center

*Robert J. Kopanic, Jr.*, an entomologist with SC Johnson & Son, Inc., will discuss the many fascinating ways insects communicate with each other.

**Central Wisconsin Grasslands Partnership —  
Cooperative Efforts Focused on Restoring  
Grassland Habitat for Birds**  
Thursday October 6, 2005 at 7:00 P.M.  
At River Bend Nature Center

*Andy Paulios* is with the Wisconsin Bird Conservation Initiative

**Wisconsin Bird Songs**  
Thursday November 3, 2005 at 7:00 P.M.  
At River Bend Nature Center

*John Feith* is a Madison birdwatcher and the author of both a DVD (Birds, Birds, Birds!) and a CD (Bird Song Ear Training Guide) designed for learning how to identify birds. He will talk about recording bird songs, bird song mnemonics and how he created his DVD and CD.

**Holiday Potluck**  
Thursday November 3, 2005 at 5:30 P.M.  
At River Bend Nature Center  
Speaker (TBD)

## FIELD TRIPS

**Sunday, July 17 (Tentative date)**  
**Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie near Joliet IL**  
Contact John Raymond if you are interested or to check on other dates.

**Saturday, August 20th. Shorebird Hotspots in western Racine, Kenosha and Walworth Counties.**  
Will we start our morning at Bong State Recreational Area at 7:00 A.M. Meet at the wildlife observation platform. Burlington, Wind Lake Sod Farms (for Plovers and Buff-breasted Sandpipers), and Tuttle Valley State wildlife Area are all possibilities. For those wishing to carpool from Racine, meet at 6:15 A.M. at the Hardee's parking lot at Hwy 20 and 31.  
A vehicle admission sticker at Bong is required. You may obtain one upon entry.

**Sunday, September 18. We will go to Winneconne, WI and bird lakes Poygan and Butte de Morts.** We seek migrating shore birds and waterfowl on this trip, as well as the "confusing" fall warblers. This trip hold a lot of promise, it is highly recommended by the WSO publication: "Wisconsin's Favorite Birding Haunts".

**Saturday November 5: November is the first of our Annual Racine Backyard Feeder Walks.** We will tour six or more backyard feeding stations. Hopefully, we will all learn how to better sustain our feathered friends during the harsh winter months ahead; and how to outwit our fluffy tailed mammalian friends. If you are interested in displaying your feeders and participating in this first ever tour, please contact John Raymond at 262.633-0285.

Please contact John Raymond, 262.633-0285 or [theturtler@hotmail.com](mailto:theturtler@hotmail.com) for information regarding the above trips, unless noted otherwise.

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### **Hoy's Library Now Open to Members**

Hoy Club's growing library of books, videos, CD's, etc. is being set up for your use at the River Bend Nature Center. Any member may access any material by simply signing out for it. Should you wish to make a donation to the library, please give the item(s) to a board member. The Nature Center is open 9am-4:30pm Monday-Friday and 12:30pm-4:30pm Saturday & Sunday. They are located across from Batten Airport at 3600 N. Green Bay Road in Racine.

### **Project: Give a second life to used feeder / Feeder Walk**

Hoy Club is actively seeking....

- Usable, used feeders.
- Persons who would like to receive used feeders.
- A person to rehab used feeders and redistribute them.
- Persons to open their feeder areas (not inside your home) for viewing one day in November.
- A person to coordinate "Project: Feeder Walk". The board members have endorsed an idea for a feeder walk. As Gardening Clubs have garden walks; prairie enthusiasts have prairie walks; etc. A field trip is already scheduled for November 5th to view some of our members feeding stations. We'd like to invite the public and give handout information on bird feeding. Please contact a board member to express your interest in this project.

### **Hoy Audubon Society Membership**

Hoy Audubon Society offers "Chapter Supporter" memberships. PLEASE NOTE the expiration date by your mailing address. If it is past due, please send in your Chapter Contribution to continue to receive the newsletter for information on current programs and fieldtrips AND to help support LOCAL projects in our area. Thanks!  
Dues are \$15 per year/ \$20 per year for families.

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Would you like to receive the newsletter by email only? Yes No e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Weekday Field Trips**

Our weekday lakefront fieldtrips will resume later this summer., tentatively set to begin at the Racine Wind-point Lighthouse — 7 a.m. Wednesday mornings in Mid August. Check the next issue of the Hoy Honker or website for further details.