

THE HOY HONKER

HOY AUDUBON SOCIETY, INC
RACINE — KENOSHA, WI
May - June, 2005



UPCOMING HOY EVENTS

Thursday, May 5, 2005

Warbler & Wildflower Walk — 5:30 P.M.

Meeting and Program — 7:00 P.M.

Hawthorne Hollow Nature Sanctuary & Arboretum
880 Green Bay Road, Kenosha

Reintroduction of the Whooping Crane in the Eastern U.S.

Alyssa Rod, naturalist with the International Crane Foundation, will share the reintroduction efforts of our largest crane species. UPDATE — Earlier reintroduced cranes are now pairing up and exhibiting nesting behavior this spring. Despite a recent loss of an egg to predation, excitement grew in mid April as one of a several pairs of cranes at Necedah Wildlife Area produced the first Wisconsin Whooping Crane egg in more than a century. Refreshments will be served.

Links to checkout: www.savingcranes.org or www.operationmigration.org

Election of the Board will be held.

The Hoy Audubon Nominating Committee announces the following nominees:

President - Mike Goodman

Directors at Large:

Vice-President - Joan Rohan

Ray Collins John Raymond

Secretary - Muffy Petrick

Eric Howe Dan Werner

Treasurer - Stan Rosenstiel

Helen Pugh

Thursday, June 2, 2005

Birding and Wildflower Walk — 5:30 P.M.

Annual Picnic — 6:15 P.M.

Meeting and Program on Patagonia — 7:00 P.M.

Pringle Nature Center — 9800 160th Avenue, Bristol — Kenosha Co. — Bristol Woods County Park

Join us at 5:30 P.M. for a bird and wildflower hike. Bring a dish to share along within your own dinnerware at 6:15 P.M. Shortly after 7:00 P.M. we'll begin our meeting.

Jack LeSuer will discuss history and share his photos and experience of a recent trip to Patagonia (southern tip of S. America). A trip he had only imagined since his childhood took him to Argentina and Chile. Having read a child's biography of Magellan as a ten-year old, he had longed to see the land of the "Patagens", and the strait that Magellan had at last discovered in 1520. He also was inspired by the sea adventures of Sir Francis Drake, the endurance of Captain Fitz Roy and the indefatigable efforts of Charles Darwin to understand the nature of earth and life on his and Fitz Roy's five year tour of the globe, 1826-1831.

The trip became a reality through a seventy-fifth birthday gift from his son in November and December of 2004. Sixteen days of strenuous trekking, camping and sailing. Marvelous! Refreshments will be served.

The park entrance is located one mile south of County Highway C on County Highway MB.

May Bird Count — Saturday, May 14, 2005 is International Migratory Bird Day. Join us in groups or as individuals as we scour the county in search of migratory and resident birds. Come to our May 5th meeting or contact Eric Howe at info@hoyaudubon.org (or 262.594.5853) to signup for areas or go to our website for more information on how you can participate in this fun event.

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Weekly Spring Field Trips

Wednesday Evenings from April 20 to May 25

Meet at 5:30 PM at Colonial Park, Racine. Park at end of High St (6 blocks WEST of Northwestern Avenue). Watch for the brown information sign on Northwestern Ave (Hwy 38) where you turn off onto High Street. This is another GREAT place to see warblers and other spring migrants.

Thursday Mornings

Through the end of April we will meet at 6:45 A.M. at Meyer's Park (11th St. and Pershing Blvd., Racine.)

Beginning in May we will meet at 7:00 A.M. at Colonial Park to continue the search for spring migrants.

For an optional early start, we'll begin at Meyer's Park (11th St. and Pershing Blvd., Racine.) at 6 A.M. to look for shorebirds and other migrants.

Beginning in June, we will meet at 6:45 A.M. at the Racine Windpoint Lighthouse. A trip to Cliffside Park (north of 6 Mile and Michna Roads) may follow to look for Clay-colored Sparrow, Bobolink, perhaps even a Yellow-breasted Chat, Dickcissel and more.

Hoy Audubon Field Trips

Wyalusing State Park — Fri, Sat and Sun, May 6-8. Fantastic birding, scenery and good company. Evening potlucks. There is a STRONG interest for some in leaving after the Hoy meeting on Thursday night. Last year's trip tallied over a 109 species, despite rain. See <http://www.wyalusing.org> and <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/parks/specific/wyalusing> or our website for more info.

Point Pelee National Park of Canada — Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, May 10-13. This trip is being defined now. PLEASE, let John Raymond know your interest level. This tiny green oasis at the southernmost tip of Canada's mainland (east of Detroit, MI), is internationally known for its spring and fall migration of birds. This migratory stopover is the first chance that many birds get after crossing Lake Erie in the spring. Pt. Pelee is on many top ten lists of places to look for birds.

(http://www.pc.gc.ca/pn-np/on/pelee/index_e.asp)

Turtle Valley Wildlife Area (western Walworth Co.) — Saturday, June 11. This is a relatively new State Wildlife Area with 1800 acres of grassland / wetland. A great place to find numerous Dickcissels. We'll also look for Western Meadowlarks, Bobolinks, Savanna Sp., Grasshopper Sp., and perhaps Henslow's Sparrows and Upland Sandpipers. Migrant shorebirds are a possibility. Those wishing to carpool can meet at the Park & Ride at I-94 and Hwy 20 (Racine Co.) by 6:30 A.M. TVWA is north of Delevan on County P about 6 miles, a little over a mile north of Sugar Creek Road, where the highway jogs to the northwest. A small parking lot is on the west side of the road where we'll meet at about 7:30 A.M.

***** Check our website at www.hoyaudubon.org for more details on any above or future planned trips or contact John Raymond. *****

UEC Announces Conservation Award Competition

The United Environmental Council of Racine and Kenosha Counties announces its first annual Ed Prins Community Conservation Awards competition. Awards will be given in four categories, one set in each county. The awards will recognize an individual or family, a youth group, a nonprofit organization, and a business for contributions to the quality of land, air, water, natural areas, or wildlife habitat of our community. Applications for the awards are due by August 31, 2005. The winners will be announced in October. Applications are available at Pringle Nature Center in Bristol, Hawthorn Hollow in Somers, and River Bend Nature Center in Racine. For more information or to receive an application by mail, contact Dan Werner, Pringle Nature Center, 9800 160th Avenue, Bristol, WI 53104, phone 262-857-8008.

***** Hoy Audubon Society Chapter Membership Renewals *****

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, fieldtrips AND to help support LOCAL projects in our area. Refer to mailings from National Audubon Society, to continue your national membership and to continue receiving Audubon magazine. 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: _____

Would you like to be added to our email list for reminders on programs, field trips, etc? Yes No (Your email will be not be disclosed)

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Next Board Meeting

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 31 at 7 PM at the home of John Raymond. All members are welcome to attend. The Audubon Chapter Regional Election will be conducted.

See <http://www.audubon.org/nas/board/regional> for information on the candidates, etc.