



Thursday, September 7, 2006

7:00 P.M. Program: Atlas of the Breeding Birds of Wisconsin

5:30 P.M. Birding Walk

River Bend Nature Center - Racine

3600 N. Green Bay Rd. - Racine



**Wisconsin
Breeding
Bird Atlas**

Noel Cutright is past president for the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology and co-editor of the new WSO Book, **Atlas of the Breeding Birds of Wisconsin**. Noel will speak on the importance of the information that was gathered between 1995 and 2000 by 1,600 field observers who submitted more than 160,000 bird records. The Wisconsin Breeding Bird Atlas represents the largest natural history survey ever conducted in the state Wisconsin. Come hear about this new comprehensive guide to birds that nest in our state. Meet early in front of the nature center for a bird hike.

Wildlife Rehabilitation

Thursday, October 5, 2006 at 7:00 P.M.

River Bend Nature Center - Racine

3600 N. Green Bay Rd. - Racine

Joanne Dean, our local wildlife rehabilitator in Racine County that Hoy Audubon supports, will discuss her recent patients, past and current projects.

Bird Gardening with Native Plants

Thursday, November 2, 2006 at 7:00 P.M.

River Bend Nature Center - Racine

3600 N. Green Bay Rd. - Racine

Mariette Nowak is WSO's education chair and a past director of the Wehr Nature Center. Mariette will discuss what plants we can incorporate into our yards to provide habitat for the birds we all enjoy. A "Birdscaping Your Yard" article that she has put together can be found at:

<http://www.uwgb.edu/birds/wso/factsheets.htm>

Holiday Potluck and Winter Birds

Thursday, December 7, 2006 at 5:30 P.M.

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Bring a dish to share and your own dinnerware. We will also hear updates on the River Bend Nature Center, how you can help on the next Christmas Bird Count and view slides on birds we can expect to see. We'll finish the evening with some holiday songs!

Field Trips

Lakefront Morning Birding at Wind Point Lighthouse / Shoop Park - Racine - Thursdays - 7:00 A.M.

Join the group at the Windpoint Lighthouse to view the return passage of fall migrants found along the lakefront and ravine. Meet at the lighthouse parking area.

Sunday, September 23 - 24, 2006

Winneconne-Shiocton-Winnebago

We'll go to Winneconne, WI and bird lakes Poygan, Butte de Morts or other areas where their have been good reports of birds. We'll look for migrating shorebirds and waterfowl on this trip, as well as the "confusing" fall warblers. This trip has been recommended by the WSO publication: "Wisconsin's Favorite Birding Haunts".

Raptor Viewing in September and October

Tentative dates are being planned to view migrant raptors at Cliffside Park or Concordia College. We'll discuss possibilities at our September and October meetings.

Please contact John Raymond (unless otherwise noted above), 262.633.0285 or fieldtrips@hoyaudubon.org for information regarding the above Hoy sponsored field trips or to suggest future fieldtrips. Go to www.hoyaudubon.org for recent bird sightings, events or for directions to any of the Hoy meeting locations mentioned on this page. *Anyone with an interest is welcome to attend programs and fieldtrips.*

Chimney Swifts and Common Nighthawks Counts

A few members of Hoy Audubon have been enjoying the sunsets and counting swifts and migrating nighthawks. They have located chimney swift roost sites in downtown Racine. Some area to look are the old Ala Rug Co, 500 6th Street (3 different chimneys); St. Patrick's Church on Erie St.; and the Water Department south of North Beach. You might see over a hundred at the Water Department chimney. This is our 5th year of monitoring the Swifts in downtown Racine. Perhaps some of you would like to participate in this endeavor in the next couple weeks. The count period is nightly for Night Hawks until mid September. Most of the birds will be seen in the next week. The next Swift Night Out will be September 8, 9, 10th. Call Helen Pugh at 637-4359 if interested and for further details on either count activity. For additional info on Swifts, go to www.chimneyswifts.org and click on the "A Swift Night Out 2006" link. For Project Nighthawk, go to: <http://members.localnet.com/~risinger>

**Birds, People, and
Their Future Together
Two Conferences
Plan to Attend!**



No Bird Left Behind

**Bird Interactions With Tall Structures and How To Reduce The Risk
Friday, October 13, 2006**

**Location: Ho-Chunk Conference Center
Wisconsin Dells / Baraboo, WI**

Purpose:

- Create awareness and increase knowledge of the problems migratory birds face from tall structures such as buildings, broadcast communication towers, wind energy generators, and power lines
- Gain understanding of the restrictions on owners/operators of these structures
- Bring interested parties together to discuss the problems
- Open lines of communication and foster cooperation to help alleviate the problems

Who should attend: Industry representatives: building managers, owners; architects, broadcasting station owners, staff (engineers); wind energy equipment owners and operators; government decision makers and technical staff involved in regulating tall structures, environmentalists and bird lovers.

Upper Midwest Audubon Conference

**Making Time For Birds And Nature
Saturday, October 14 and Sunday, October 15, 2006**

Purpose: Strengthen Audubon Chapters in Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin to make a greater environmental impact and social presence in our communities through successful conservation and advocacy programs.

Who should attend: Audubon members, volunteers, leaders, and staff from Upper Midwest chapters, state councils, state offices and centers, and National Audubon Society. Bring your family, bring your friends!

Hosted by: Wisconsin Audubon Council, with collaborative funding from National Audubon Society and support from co-sponsors and their members. Co-sponsors: Audubon Council of Illinois, Audubon Minnesota, Bird Conservation Minnesota, and Iowa Audubon (invited).

Breakout topics at this date include chapter leadership strategies, blue-bird production, wildlife field trips for parents and children, statewide bird conservation initiatives, Important Bird Areas, birdscape to attract birds to your backyard, how to be an effective advocate for your issues, monitoring avian migrants in Milwaukee, and National Audubon campaigns focused on the Mississippi River and the Great Lakes.

Fees include scheduled meals, breaks and materials:

- \$40 "No Bird Left Behind" - Friday conference only
- \$20 Friday night hors d'oeuvres in lieu of dinner, with speaker Al Manville - Migration & Technology
- \$80 Upper Midwest Audubon Conference - Saturday and Sunday, including Saturday night dinner with speaker Jim Fitzpatrick - In Search of the Ivory-billed Woodpecker

Both conferences take place at Ho-Chunk Convention Center, Baraboo/Wisconsin Dells. Lodging rate (single or double) is \$65 per night, plus tax. Participants are responsible for reserving and paying for their own lodging. Camping opportunities are available nearby.

For a detailed schedule of events/Sat. field trips and registration form for these events, go to:

www.wisconsinaudubon.org/wisconsinaudubon

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Other Upcoming State Events / Field Trips

The following events / field trips are not sponsored by Hoy Audubon Society but have been included here for those interested in attending.

Sunday, September 10, 2006 - Green Bay - Fall Warblers (WSO)

Meet: 8:00-8:30 am at Ken Euers Natural Area. Exit I-43 at Atkinson Dr. and go north to Hurlbut. Turn left on Hurlbut and go west to Military, and turn right to get to Ken Euers. Wear good walking shoes, because there will be some hiking, though leisurely. They'll probably tour by auto to Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary, Barkhausen County Park and possibly Sensiba Wildlife Management.

Saturday, September 23 - Sunday, September 24, 2006 - Superior - Wisconsin Point (WSO)

Meet: 7:00 am at the first beach parking area along the Moccasin Mike Road, the road that leads to Wisconsin Point. Weather plays such an integral part in birding this area, in fact the worse the weather the more incredible the birding could be. So prepare for the possibility of wet, cold weather as well as typical cool fall temperatures along lake Superior. Participants may want to bring old bread, popcorn, beef suet, etc. for "chumming" for gulls. If you are staying in a motel, make sure you book your reservation early!

Sunday, October 15, 2006 - Harrington Beach - Hawk Watch (WSO)

Meet: 8:00 - 8:30 am at the lower beach parking area of Harrington Beach State Park. Please note that there is a state park entrance fee. Bring a bag lunch or cooler.

For the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology (WSO) field trips, severe weather conditions may cancel the trip. In the event of cancellation, every attempt to notify participants via the WSO Hotline (call 262.784.4032 for recording) and WisBirdNet (recent postings at <http://www.birdingonthe.net/maillinglists/WISC.html>)

Badger Birds in Art - A Celebration of Wisconsin Artists

Seippel Homestead & Center for the Arts - 1605 North Spring Street, Beaver Dam, WI - 920-885-3635

The Seippel Center in Beaver Dam is an art gallery that changes its theme every two months throughout the year. Now until Sunday, October 22nd, the theme will be "Badger Birds in Art", with an emphasis on those that breed here, featuring the work of over thirty professional and amateur wildlife photographers from around the state including those who contributed to the Atlas of the Breeding Birds of Wisconsin.

Hours: Thursdays 1:00-7:00, Saturdays 10:00-4:00, Sundays 1:00-4:00

Volunteer Help Needed for Prairie Restoration / Seed Collecting

Volunteers are once again assisting the DNR with collecting mesic prairie seed within the Kettle Moraine State Forest - Southern Unit. The seed collected will be used towards a 30 acre wet mesic prairie planting at Lulu Lake State Natural Area (northern Walworth County) in late fall. This is the second year towards restoring 90 acres of a former soybean field which will benefit grassland birds among other species. To add to the diversity of prairie species on this planting, many hands are needed each weekend! Seed collection dates will vary, but will primarily take place on weekends, now until mid-November. Other times may be available on an individual basis. For more details on specific dates and meeting locations, go to: <http://www.hoyaudubon.org/lululakesna> or contact Eric Howe at oaksavanna@att.net or at 262.594.5853.

"Green Drinks"

Wednesday September 6th, October 4th, November 1st, December 6th (first Wednesdays of each month)

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

McAuliffe's Pub 3700 Meachem

This is a social gathering for green-minded people, everyone is welcome.

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 or does not appear, please send in your Chapter Contribution to continue to receive our bi-monthly newsletter for information on current programs and fieldtrips AND to help support LOCAL projects and organizations in our area. Thanks! To continue your national membership and the Audubon Magazine subscription with National Audubon Society (NAS), please refer to information you receive from NAS. NAS only members will receive the Hoy Audubon Society newsletter twice a year. Chapter Supporter Dues are \$15 per year (single)/ \$20 per year (families).

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Next Board Meeting - Thursday, September 28 - 7:00pm - at the home of Helen Pugh. Meet early at Wind Point Lighthouse at 6:00pm to bird.

Hoy's Library Open to Members

Hoy Club's library of books and multimedia are available to any member to check-out at the River Bend Nature Center. Should you wish to make a donation to the library, please give the item(s) to a board member. River Bend is open 9am-4:30pm Mon-Fri and 12:30pm-4:30pm Sat & Sun.