



Upcoming Programs

Thursday, May 3, 2007

**7:00 P.M. - Conserving the Birds of Ecuador:
The Jocotoco Birdathon**

**5:30 P.M. - Bird and Wildflower Walk
Hawthorn Hollow Nature Center
880 Green Bay Rd. - Kenosha County**

Andy Paulios, Coordinator for the Wisconsin Bird Conservation Initiative (WBCI), will share with us through powerpoint slides and video the results of the first ever Wisconsin Bird Conservation Initiative (WBCI) sponsored international birdathon. In short, the Jocotoco Birdathon it was a smashing success!

Last September, a group of twelve adventurous birders, well stocked with gorp and rain gear, headed to the Andes of Ecuador to do a bit of "conservation birding". It's difficult to accurately describe birding in Ecuador, but "sensory overload" somehow seems appropriate. When all was said and done, the team heard and saw 390 species of birds. The tally included 47 species of tanagers, 33 species of hummers, a myriad flycatchers, antbirds, ovenbirds, tapaculos, and a smattering of the rarest feathered denizens on the planet - Jocotoco Antpitta, Long-wattled Umbrellabird, and Golden-plumed Parakeet, to name just a few of the headliners. The team also raised more than \$14,000 which led to the acquisition of approximately 140 acres of critical bird habitat in Ecuador!

The group had so much fun, they are doing it again this August. If you're interested in world class birding and would like to learn why funding is badly needed for land acquisition for the Mindo Cloudforest Foundation, come to the program or click on the Long-Wattled Umbrellabird at www.wisconsinbirds.org. This program is one you will not soon forget!

If interested in pledging to this year's bird-a-thon, please contact Eric Howe or visit www.hoyaudubon.org for details.



Election of the Hoy Audubon Society officers and board members will also take place this evening.

The Nominating Committee of the Hoy Audubon Society recommends the following slate of directors to our chapter members.

President - Rick Fare	Director - Fred Faraca
Vice President - Helen Pugh	Director - Eric Howe
Secretary - Bunny Bugnacki	Director - Janet LeSuer
Treasurer - Keith Kennedy	Director - Margaret Petrick
Director Emeritus - Joan Rohan	Director - John Raymond

Thursday, June 7, 2007

Landscaping with Native Plants

**Pringle Nature Center - Bristol Woods County Park
Program at 7:00 P.M. - Bird Walk at 6:00 P.M.
9800 160th Avenue - Bristol, Kenosha Co.**

Nan Calvert is with the Root River Chapter of the Wild Ones, an organization dedicated to serving as a resource for members of the community interested in natural landscaping and preserving native plant species

eBird *(Tentative Program)*

Thursday, July 5, 2007

**Pringle Nature Center - Bristol Woods County Park
Program at 7:00 P.M. - Bird Walk at 6:00 P.M.**

A real-time, online checklist program, eBird has revolutionized the way that the birding community reports and accesses information about birds. We'll go through with an online demonstration to show just how easy it is to use.

More information at: <http://ebird.org/wi>

Field Trips

Thursday Mornings in May - 7:00 A.M.

Throughout May, we'll meet at Myers Park (southeast of Racine Gateway Tech College - 11th St & Pershing) to take advantage of spring migrants found along the shoreline, wetland vegetation, and the hillside. A few of us may arrive earlier at 6:30 to begin. Depending on the bird activity here, the group may depart for Colonial Park and continue to bird until 8:15 A.M. or later.

Field Trips (continued)

**Evening Warbler Walks at Colonial Park
Wednesday evenings April 25 - May 30 - 5:30 P.M.**

Our annual evening hikes at Colonial Park are a great opportunity to relax after a long day and watch the progression of spring migrants. From the early Yellow-rumped and Palm Warblers to the later arriving species like Canada and maybe even Connecticut Warblers, they'll be plenty of eyes to help point out all the activity. Meet at the parking lot at the end of West High Street that is accessed off of Hwy 38/ Northwestern Ave.

**International Migratory Bird Day
Saturday May 12, 2007**

International Migratory Bird Day celebrates the International Migratory Bird Day celebrates the incredible journeys of migratory birds between their breeding grounds in North America and their wintering grounds in Mexico, Central, and South America.

This year's theme is *Birds in a Changing Climate*. More can be learned at www.birdday.org

To help with the Racine County IMBD Count, contact Eric Howe for assigned areas and instructions. Participants will cover an area of the county (i.e. parks or their backyards) to count every bird they see.

**May 17 - 20, 2007 - Birding the Lower Wisconsin River
with the WSO's 68th Annual Convention
UW-Richland, Richland Center.**

We'll join the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology for their multi day pre-convention field trip, the annual convention on Saturday, and the Saturday and Sunday morning field trips. Each year, the convention is held in a different area of our state to showcase the diverse habitats of Wisconsin. The Thursday and Friday (May 17-18) all-day field trip fill quickly, so register soon!

You can download more details and a registration form at:
http://www.uwgb.edu/birds/wso/2007_Convention.pdf

Mail in registration must be postmarked by May 1st, otherwise registration is at the door.

**International Crane Foundation Tour
Saturday, June 2, 2007**



Join Hoy Audubon on a visit to the International Crane Foundation (ICF). Nestled in Baraboo, WI amongst restored oak savanna, wetlands and tall grass prairie, it's the only place on Earth where one can view all fifteen species of crane. Through a special guided tour, we'll learn more about the wonder of cranes, the threats they face, and ICF's continued leadership to protect them throughout the world. Visit their website at: www.savingcranes.org

Space is limited.

Contact John Raymond to sign up or for further details.

Bong Bird Blitz

**Saturday, June 16, 2007
4:30 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.**

The fifth annual breeding bird survey of the park will be held from 5 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. at Bong State Recreational Area. This will be the last annual bird blitz at Bong and will be replaced by future surveys repeated every several years. These surveys have been valuable in determining which species of birds use this state park in the breeding season and have helped guide habitat restoration efforts in recent years. If interested in joining one of the other Hoy Audubon members in their count area, contact John Raymond. If "fluent" with bird calls and visual IDs and would like to cover your own area, contact Beth Goepinger at Bong SRA. Be prepared for wet, uneven ground (and mosquitoes/ticks). A morning of surveying can surely be filled with pleasant surprises. The Friends group at Bong provides a breakfast at the conclusion of the mornings count.

Birding Nauvoo, IL

Saturday, July 14 - Sunday, July 15, 2007

A trip is being planned the Nauvoo area, birding the grasslands and areas along the Mississippi. This would be a weekend trip with a night over at Nauvoo State Park or you may lodge in nearby Keokuk or Fort Madison.

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 directions to any of the Hoy meeting locations mentioned on this page.
Anyone with an interest is welcome to attend programs and fieldtrips.



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Hoy Audubon Society contributes to Wisconsin Birds

For many years the Hoy Audubon Society has made financial contributions to organizations that help support bird conservation and birding in Wisconsin. Once again this year the board of directors of Hoy Audubon has agreed to support the following groups: Chiwaukee Prairie Preservation Fund, Ferry Bluff Eagle Council, Hawk Ridge, Hawthorn Hollow Nature Center & Arboretum, International Crane Foundation, Operation Migration, Raptor Education Group, Inc., River Bend Nature Center, Wildlife Horizons, and Wisconsin Wetlands Association.

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. We'll discuss at our regular meetings if anyone would like to carpool to any of the below events.

May 11 - May 14 - HORICON MARSH BIRD FESTIVAL

With more than 275 species of birds having been sighted at Horicon Marsh over the years, the Bird Festival offers numerous opportunities to see the abundant wildlife of the area. This event will offer walking and bus tours of the marsh with experts, demonstrations on bird banding, live presentations with hawks and owls, children's programs and many other opportunities to experience the birdlife of this "Globally Important Bird Area". For a detailed list of events, locations and times go to <http://www.horiconmarshbirdclub.com/marshmelodies.cfm>

May 12-13 (Saturday and Sunday) - Honey Creek Birdathon and Bandathon

Join WSO at their Honey Creek property in Sauk County to join Carl Schwartz, as well as other WSO birders, for a Bandathon on Saturday & Sunday at the Nature Center. Then starting at 8 A.M. on Sunday join Carl in a Birdathon on the property (includes a hike up Honey Creek valley). Camping facilities will be available and the Nature Center building will be open. For more information on this, contact Carl Schwartz at 414-224-2877 or CSCHWARTZ@journalsentinel.com

June 2 (Saturday) - Northern Kettle Moraine State Forest

Join WSO at 6:30 A.M. at Mauthe Lake Recreation Area, the first large parking area, beyond the ticket booth, on the main road to the beach/picnic area. Please note that there is a state park entrance fee. Bring good walking shoes, because there will quite a little hiking, though leisurely. Most trails are well groomed. This trip often nears 100 species for the day. Notable species include Red-shouldered and Broad-winger Hawks, Pileated Woodpecker, Alder and Willow Flycatchers, upwards of 14 warbler species including Mourning, Canada, Hooded and Cerulean Warblers, and Grasshopper, Henslow's and Clay-colored Sparrows. Bring a bag lunch.

August 19 (Sunday) - Horicon Marsh

Join WSO at 8:00 A.M. along Hwy. 49, on the north end of Horicon Marsh. We'll bird areas around the marsh that harbor some of the best birds or have most variety of birds during this time of year. We expect to find a variety of shorebirds and water birds, as well as resident and early migrant passerines.

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>)

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 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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Send dues to P.O. Box 044626, Racine, WI 53404 Receive newsletter by email only? Yes No e-mail _____

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Next Board Meeting

Thursday, May 31st - 7:00pm - at the home of John Raymond.

Hoy's Library Open to Members

Hoy Audubon'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.