

# THE HOY HONKER

**HOY AUDUBON SOCIETY, INC**

**RACINE — KENOSHA, WI**

**November - December 2007**

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## Upcoming Programs

### **Birds through the Seasons**

**Thursday, November 1, 2007**

**River Bend Nature Center - Racine**

**3600 N. Green Bay Rd. - Racine**

**Program at 7:00 P.M.**

Our speaker, Wayne Rohde, will share the progression of migrant birds throughout the year. Wayne is a long-time active birder in Walworth Co./Lake Geneva area and is with the Lakeland Audubon Society.

### **Holiday Potluck and Winter Birds**

**Thursday, December 6, 2007**

**5:30 P.M. - Doors open / Snacks**

**6:00 P.M. - Potluck 7:00 P.M. - Program**

**River Bend Nature Center - Racine**

**3600 N. Green Bay Rd. - Racine**

Bring a dish to share and your own dinnerware. We'll hear how you can help with the next Racine Christmas Bird Count scheduled for December 16th along with viewing slides of birds we can expect to see. We'll also hear updates on the River Bend Nature Center and finish up the evening with some holiday songs!

### **Birding in Ecuador:**

### **The Mindo Birdathon**

**Thursday, January 3, 2008**

**River Bend Nature Center - Racine**

**3600 N. Green Bay Rd. - Racine**

**Program at 7:00 P.M.**

Hoy member, Eric Howe, will highlight his trip to Ecuador this past August. The purpose of the trip was not only to see a lot of great bird species but also to raise money for the Mindo Birdathon, a fundraiser for the Mindo Cloudforest Foundation. The MCF is working to acquire critical bird habitat in the Choco Bioregion of Northwest Ecuador, home to over seventy-five endemic bird species (in addition to several hundred other species)



### **Sunday, December 16, 2007** **Racine Christmas Bird Count**

The Christmas Bird Count, in its 108th year nationwide, has become a valuable method to monitor the winter range and numbers of bird populations throughout the decades. Join us in eastern Racine County as we go out on foot and by vehicles to count all the birds we see and hear. Birders will be assigned to territories within our count circles. There is a \$5 fee per person that is sent to the National Audubon Society to help Audubon defray their work on this project. There is no fee for feeder watchers and those under 18. To sign up, contact Eric Howe at [hoyinfo@hoyaudubon.org](mailto:hoyinfo@hoyaudubon.org) or 262.594.5853.

### **Eastern Bluebird Nest Box Trails Successful in 2007**

Four new Bluebird Trails were set up early this year in Racine and Kenosha Counties, thanks to collaborative funding from the National Audubon Society and the Bluebird Restoration Association of Wisconsin (BRAW). The trail locations include Sunset Ridge Memorial Park Cemetery in Kenosha Co. and Ives Grove Golf Course, Johnson Park Golf Course, and West Lawn Cemetery in Racine Co. Our appreciation go to these landowners. Thanks also go out to Rick Fare, Helen Pugh, John Raymond, and Stan Rosenstiel who helped installed and monitored these trails AND to Kent Hall from BRAW whose enthusiasm and visits from Steven's Point aided in placement/installation of nest boxes.

In 2008, we'll also have a new Bluebird Trail installed at Petrified Springs Golf Course in Kenosha Co. A thank you to Bob Stocks for the donation of nest boxes.

What were the results in 2007? A total of 130 Eastern Bluebirds had fledged as well as 126 Tree Swallows. Not bad for the first year!



## **Field Trips**

### **Lakefront Morning Birding at Wind Point Lighthouse / Shoop Park - Racine**

**Wednesdays - 7:00 A.M. to 8:15 A.M. (or later)**

Join us at the Windpoint Lighthouse to view the return passage of fall migrants (waterfowl, northern birds and other late passerines/shorebirds) found along the lakefront and ravine. Meet at the lighthouse parking area.

Please contact John Raymond, 262.633.0285 for information regarding this field trip or to suggest future fieldtrips.

*Anyone with an interest is welcome to attend programs and fieldtrips.*

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**January 5 (Saturday) Lake Michigan Lakefront**

Join the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology at 8:00 A.M. at the South Shore Yacht Club in Milwaukee Co. Dress warmly and bring your "energy" foods. Directions to South Shore Yacht Club: take I 794 EAST over the Harbor Bridge. At the south end of the bridge take the Port of Milwaukee exit. The exit terminates at Carferry Drive (stop sign), turn left (east) on Carferry, continue east to a "T- intersection" with So. Lincoln Memorial Drive. Turn right (south) on Lincoln Memorial Dr. At the top of the hill the road curves right (west) and becomes Russell Avenue. After 1 block you will come to a stoplight at Superior Street; turn left (south) onto Superior and go 3 blocks to Iron Street. Again, turn left (east) on Iron, go 2 blocks and then down the hill into the parking lot, continue to the south end of the Yacht Club.

For the 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>)

**Volunteers Needed**

Hoy Audubon Society is seeking additional committee members. Please contact one of the below committee chairs for more information.

Conservation - Rick Fare, Jack LeSuer, and Bob McFall

Publicity - TBD (contact Rick Fare)

Education - Keith Kennedy

Field Trips - John Raymond

Membership - Helen Pugh

Newsletter - Eric Howe

Programs - Stan Rosenstiel

**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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**Next Board Meeting  
Thursday, November 29th - 7:00pm  
Contact Muffy Petrick for location  
Members welcome**