



Upcoming Programs

Digital Photography

Thursday, October 4, 2007

River Bend Nature Center - Racine

3600 N. Green Bay Rd. - Racine

Program at 7:00 P.M.

Bird Walk at 5:45 P.M.

Digital has rapidly replaced film as the medium of choice for many consumers and most professional photographers. Digital photography has provided a convenient and easy way to capture photos of many backyard bird species but many people are unsure of how to get started.



Keith Kennedy (Hoy Audubon member) will discuss tips in his presentation on:

- digital cameras: amateur vs. semi-professional
- how many mega pixels is enough
- digital noise and why it's important
- resizing photos for email
- saving digital photos
- software for simple editing
- composition rules and tips for improving your bird photography (Illustrated via a digital slide show on Florida Birds)

Birds of the Season

Thursday, November 1, 2007

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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

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Bring a dish to share and your own dinnerware. We'll hear how you can help with the next Racine Christmas Bird Count scheduled in mid December along with viewing slides on 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!

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.

Join the group at the Windpoint Lighthouse to view the return passage of fall migrants (waterfowl, late shorebirds and other passerines) 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.

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

Education - Keith Kennedy

Field Trips - John Raymond

Membership - Helen Pugh

Newsletter - Eric Howe

Programs - Stan Rosenstiel

Publicity - TBD (contact Rick Fare)

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October 12 - 14 : Upper Midwest Regional Audubon Conference
Fall conference to probe status of birds and their habitats

Everyone who cares about birds and their habitats is invited to attend the Upper Midwest Regional Audubon Conference; "Declining Species, Declining Habitat: Reversing the Trend" and "Mississippi River: America's Flyway." This important three-day conference runs October 12 to 14 at the Embassy Suites in Bloomington Minnesota, and features researchers, authors and policy-makers discussing the good, the bad and the ugly in our region's ecosystems. The conference, sponsored by Audubon Minnesota, is open to the general public.

Join experts as they discuss the latest information on grassland, forest, wetland and neighborhood birds. Learn about how changes in the environment affect birds and current efforts to preserve them. Hear keynote speaker Dr. Bridget Stutchbury, noted scientist and author, probe whether migratory songbirds are "canaries in the coal mine." A full day devoted to the Mississippi River spotlights the importance of this major flyway, culminating in an excursion on a Mississippi River sternwheeler. Kenny Salway, a true "river rat," will be on hand and humorist Al Batt entertains luncheon guests.

Field trips and a special presentation on global warming, featuring John Flicker, president of the National Audubon Society and Dr. Mark Seeley, University of Minnesota climatologist and Minnesota Public Radio weather commentator, round out the weekend's events. Find out more and get registration materials at <http://mn.audubon.org> or call 651-739-9332 for information about registering. This is a "don't miss" event so mark your calendars now.

October 14 (Sunday) Harrington Beach - Hawk Watch

Join WSO at 8:00 A.M. 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 WisBird-Net (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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Next Board Meeting
Thursday, November 29th - 7:00pm
Contact Muffy Petrick for location
Members welcome