



Upcoming Programs

Thursday, August 7, 2008

Behind the Scenes Tour at the Racine Zoo

2131 North Main Street - Racine

6:00 P.M. - Tour

Gather at the Racine Zoo's new entrance on the corner of Goold and N. Main Streets (2131 North Main Street). Racine Zoo President, Jay Christie, will be our guide. (<http://www.racinezoo.org>) Admission: Adults - \$4.00; Seniors (62 plus) - \$3.00; Children (3-15 years of age) - \$2.00

Thursday, September 4, 2008

River Bend Nature Center

3600 N. Green Bay Rd. - Racine

5:30 P.M. - Bird Walk 7:00 P.M. - Program

Kirtland's Warbler in Wisconsin and Elsewhere.

Chuck Hagner, Editor of *Birder's World* magazine, will speak on the recent discovery of nesting Kirtland's Warblers in Wisconsin, his first hand experience from their wintering grounds in the Bahama Islands archipelago, and what the future may hold.

The Kirtland's Warbler population had hit a low of 167 singing males as recently as 1987 but since have made a steady rise as documented through annual surveys in Michigan and now other neighboring US States and Canadian Provinces. Surveyors last year recorded nearly 1,700 singing males which equates to as many as

3,400 total (male and female) Kirtland's Warblers in existence.



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Thursday, October 2, 2008

The Buzz About Bees

River Bend Nature Center

7:00 P.M. - Program

Do you like carrots? How about cucumbers, broccoli, onions, cranberries, blueberries, apples, muskmelons, avocados, almonds or cherries? These crops, among others, can't grow without honeybees, and a mysterious die-off of these hard-working pollinators could put \$15 billion worth of U.S. crops at risk - not to mention put a damper on your diet. Come and hear what Tim Fulton, a local beekeeper, has to say about his experience with bees.

Thursday, November 6, 2008

River Bend Nature Center

7:00 P.M. - Program

Eric Hileman, Director of Conservation, Education and Animal Welfare at the Racine Zoo, will be our speaker.

Thursday, December 4, 2008

Holiday Potluck and Winter Birds

5:30 P.M. - Doors open and snacks

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

River Bend Nature Center

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

Field Trips

Saturday, August 23rd - 9:00 A.M.

Bird and Wildflower Walk at Chiwaukee Prairie. Meet at 121st Street and 2nd Avenue. From Hwy 32 in Kenosha, go east on 116th Street. Take Marina Road south to 121st Street and turn right (west). Turn right again on 2nd Avenue and park along the road near the kiosk.

Friday, September 19th - Sunday, September 21st

Mississippi River Camping Trip

Saturday, October 11th - 12:45 - 3:00 P.M.

Canoe Trip on the Root River

Enjoy a relaxing paddle surrounded by the wonderfully rich fall colors along the banks of the Root River, while Hoy Audubon experts help us locate fall migrating birds. We'll meet at the nature center at 12:45 and canoe from 1:00 - 3:00 P.M. The cost for River Bend Nature Center and Hoy members is \$7. The public is invited at \$10. River Bend will provide the canoes, paddles, and life vests. Bring your binoculars and cameras--if you dare--and a drink and perhaps some skeeter juice.

Reservations are required; call River Bend Nature Center at 639-0930. See you there!

All programs and fieldtrips are open to anyone interested.

Contact John Raymond, 262.633.0285 for information regarding field trips or to suggest future fieldtrips.

Chimney Swifts Count

August 8, 9, 10 and September 12, 13, 14



A SWIFT NIGHT OUT is a continent-wide effort to raise awareness about and encourage interest in Swifts. It has become a favorite late summer event for professional and amateur birdwatchers alike.

As summer draws to a close and the swifts have finished raising their young, these fascinating aerial acrobats begin to congregate in communal roosts prior to their migration in the fall. Some roosts may consist of an extended family group of a half a dozen birds or so, but the larger sites can host hundreds or even thousands of swifts!

Here is how it works: Keep your eyes to the skies at dusk in late July/early August and watch for areas where swifts are feeding. Look for a tall shaft, chimney or similar structure to locate where Chimney Swifts roost in our area.

This year, on one night over the weekend of August 8, 9, 10, and/or September 12, 13, 14 observe the roost starting about 30 minutes before dusk and estimate the number of swifts that enter. When you have your number, email it to DWA@austin.rr.com and eBird.org. That's all there is to it!

Include the following information:

- Number of swifts counted
- Date, Time, Location
- Broad description of the site, e.g. school, warehouse, residence, Chimney Swift Tower, etc.
- Weather conditions may also be reported

In addition, you can learn more about the North American Chimney Swift Nest Site Research Project : track the spring movements of Chimney Swifts; learn about wildlife rehabilitation; download past issues of "Chaetura" (their publication); and order publications from Driftwood Wildlife Association. Their web site is:

www.ChimneySwifts.org

For the most updated information, visit: www.hoyaudubon.org

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See details on reverse page.

Highlights of Hoy Projects in 2008

Hoy Audubon Society hosted three Beginning Bird watching classes during the spring and summer. They were held at River Bend Nature Center, Racine Zoo and the Racine Public Library. A total of 39 people attended the two hour sessions. The introductory class covered the topics of basic bird ID, best birding spots in Racine and Kenosha, selection and use of binoculars, and birding reference works and organizations. Our thanks go out to Rick Fare, Keith Kennedy and Helen Pugh for making these presentations as a community service.

Additional Trips of Interest - Wisconsin Society for Ornithology Field Trips

Join the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology (WSO) for field trips throughout the year. **2008 field trip dates and meeting locations can be found at www.wsobirds.org**. The following are locations for WSO trips through the end of 2008: August 24 at Horicon Marsh; September 7 at Green Bay for Fall Warblers; September 19-21 at Wisconsin Point (Superior) for "JAEGERFEST"; October 19 at Harrington Beach for "Hawk Watch". 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>)

New Annual Renewal Date for Hoy Audubon Society Chapter Membership***

Annual renewals for Hoy Audubon Society "Chapter Supporter" memberships will now be due on July 1 of each calendar year. This simplifies the renewal process for everyone and insures that all members continue to receive our bi-monthly newsletter for information on current programs and field trips. To renew your Chapter Supporter membership for 2008/2009, please send in a check for \$12 (payable to Hoy Audubon Society). Your local chapter membership also helps to support local Hoy Audubon projects in our area such as our Bluebird restoration projects, beginning birding classes, and bird walks. Please note: if you have submitted Chapter Supporter dues (\$12) for 2008 in the past 6 months (January-June), you are considered to be in full membership for 2008/2009.

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 \$12 per year.

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The next Board meeting, August 18th at 7:00 P.M., is at Helen Pugh's house at 17 Redwing Lane in Wind Point. Call 637-4359 if you need directions. All members are welcome. Come and find out what your club is doing!!

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