



Upcoming Programs

Insect and Bird Connections

Thursday, April 3, 2008 : 7:00 P.M.

River Bend Nature Center

3600 N. Green Bay Rd. - Racine

Kerry Katovich is an assistant professor in biology at the UW-Whitewater. His primary research focuses on a large group of mostly South American scarab beetles. He currently has several students working on several local groups, including a study trying to document and identify Wisconsin's Robber Flies, The Assassin bugs, Lace bugs and Leaf-footed bugs of Wisconsin. At Whitewater he teaches invertebrate biology, evolution, animal physiology, animal diversity and ecology to the biology majors.

Kerry grew up in central Wisconsin and was taken by insects at an early age. His father was a state forester, and it was through him that he learned to appreciate the outside world. One of his earliest memories is going on the annual Sandhill Crane count with his dad and brothers.

Kerry will demonstrate some obvious and not so obvious connections between birds and insects in his talk.

Thursday, May 1, 2008

River Bend Nature Center

5:30 P.M. - *Bird / Wildflower Walk*

7:30 P.M. - *Annual Meeting*

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

Thursday, June 5, 2008

Event and Location TBD

Bird Watching for Beginners Introductory Classes

Saturday, April 12 and Saturday, May 10th - 9:00 - 11:00 A.M.

A two hour class will cover the following subjects: How to use and choose binoculars, basic Bird ID, when and where to find birds, birding guides/books. The location is to be determined at this time, *please contact Helen Pugh or Keith Kennedy for details.*

Beginning Bird Watching Walks

Experienced bird watchers will guide those less familiar in locating and identifying local and migrating birds. *Please contact Helen Pugh or Keith Kennedy for more information.*

Warbler Walks:

Wednesday evenings, May 7th-May 21st - 5:30 P.M. at Colonial Park

Saturday, May 10th - 3:30 P.M. at Colonial Park

Saturday, June 7th - 9:00 A.M. at Colonial Park

Local Bird Walks:

Saturday, June 14th - 9:00 A.M. - Meet at the picnic area at Johnson Park. We will have an opportunity to check on nesting bluebirds at this location.

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

Bird Song Walk: IDing common birds by their song (demo use of electronic media - mp3 players, etc.) Place and date to be announced.

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

Field Trips

Racine Lakefront Morning Birding

Wednesday Mornings - 7:00 A.M.

During April and May, we'll meet at Myers Park (11th Street and Pershing Blvd; south of the Racine Gateway Campus) 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. The group usually departs by 8:15 A.M., while others may continue on to Colonial Park.

Evening Woodcock Walks

Wednesday, April 9 and April 16

Chiswaukee Prairie (Kenosha Co.) : 7:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

Cliffside Park (Racine Co.) : 6:15 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

Listen to the peents and view the aerial dances of the twittering "Timberdoodle" at twilight. Choose from Kenosha or Racine locations, please note different start times.

Chiswaukee Prairie is located in the very southeast corner of Kenosha Co. From Hwy 32, take 116th Street east to Marina Road. Then go south to 121st Street and turn right (west) and then right again. Meet at the kiosk by 7:30 P.M. *Field trip leader Stan Rosenstiel.*



American Woodcock - E. Howe

Cliffside Park is located on the lakefront in northeast Racine Co., between the 6 and 7 Mile Road, off of Michna Road. Meet by 6:15 P.M. at Picnic Area #2 (near the yellow gate). While there is daylight, we'll bird along the main trail north of the yellow gate for spring migrants and may go as far north as the bluff overlooking Lake Michigan to view waterfowl. *Field trip leader Eric Howe.*

The American Woodcock may begin to call between 7:30 P.M. and 8:00 A.M. **Some of the trails may be wet from recent rainfall, so it is advised to wear waterproof footwear. A warm jacket and gloves are suggested.**

Morning Warbler Walks at River Bend and Colonial Park

7:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. - Dates below

Birding at River Bend Nature Center, Racine

Thursday mornings - 7:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.

April 17th, 24th, May 1st, 8th, 15th, 29th

Birding at Colonial Park, Racine (West High Street parking lot)

Saturday mornings - 7:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.

April 19th, 26th, May 3rd, May 10th, May 17, May 31

Evening Warbler Walks at Colonial Park, Racine

Wednesday evenings April 23 - May 28 - 5:30 P.M. until dusk

Our annual evening hikes at Colonial Park are a great opportunity to experience the progression of spring migrants. From the early Yellow-rumped and Palm Warblers to the later arriving species like Canada 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.

Daytrip Birding in Chicago Area : Early May

A daytrip in early to mid May is being planned to visit Chicago area birding hotspots, such as the "Magic Hedge". For more information, contact John Raymond.

All programs and fieldtrips are open to anyone interested.

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

HOY AUDUBON SOCIETY, INC.
P.O. BOX 044626
RACINE, WI 53404
www.hoyaudubon.org

Additional Programs of Interest

Root River Environmental Education Community Center Grand Opening - May 3, 2008 : 11:30am -4:00pm

The 'REC' facility (1301 6th Street) is in an ideal location to foster awareness of the ecological, economic, historic, cultural, and other assets associated with the Root River. Activities throughout the day and live music in the afternoon. Stop by at Hoy Audubon table and say "Hi" !

International Migratory Bird Day Count - May 10, 2008

An annual day in the field to find and count individuals of all bird species at various locations throughout Racine County. Read more about IMBD online at www.birdday.org. You can bird your backyard, a local park or join others. See page one for beginning bird watching activities on May 10th or sign up for a count area at one of our upcoming meetings.

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 first half of the year: April 12 at Mead Wildlife Area; May 3 at White River Marsh; May 11 at Honey Creek for the Birdathon and Bandathon; June 7 at N.Kettle Moraine State Forest.

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>)

Needed: Citizen Monitors for Wisconsin's First Salamander Survey

The Wisconsin Audubon Council, Inc. (WAC), a coalition of the state's 14 independent chapters and 2 National Audubon centers, received a grant from the Citizen-Based Monitoring Network of Wisconsin to coordinate a statewide survey of salamanders. Volunteer monitors will place live traps in local wetland sites that experts have identified as potential breeding habitats and will check the traps daily over a two week period in early April and enter their catch results on a data sheet.

Wisconsin has seven salamander species. The survey focuses on four species that breed in shallow woodland pools: the tiger, spotted and blue-spotted salamanders and the central newt. This survey brings attention to these secretive creatures, gives wildlife managers much-needed distribution data, and promotes the value of wetlands and woodland pools. According to Randy Korb, WAC president and project director, willing participants must belong to or join an Audubon chapter to become a salamander citizen monitor. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer salamander monitor and receive web-based or workshop training, please contact Rick Fare at 262.632.7585 or rick.fare@hoyaudubon.org

Wisconsin Society for Ornithology - 69th Annual Convention - "Birding Southeast Wisconsin"

May 15 - 18, 2008 : Mequon, Wisconsin and Southeast Wisconsin Birding Hotspots

All-Day Field Trips - Thursday and Friday, May 15 and 16 (centered around Delevan, WI)

Activities (Field trips and Convention Speakers) - MAY 16 - 18 (Friday evening - Sunday noon) - Mequon area

For more details and for a registration form, go to: http://www.wsobirds.org/2008_wso_convention.pdf

Hoy Audubon Society Membership

Hoy Audubon Society offers "Chapter Supporter" memberships. **PLEASE NOTE the expiration date by your mailing address.** Chapter Supporter contributions help support projects and organizations in our area and you will receive our bi-monthly newsletter for information on current programs and fieldtrips. 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.

___ \$20 Introductory 1-year National (includes "Audubon" Magazine) and Chapter membership) ___ \$20 Gift Membership (same as previous)

___ \$12 Renewal, Chapter supporter only (Chapter membership and newsletter)

Name _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

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

Contact Information:

President, Rick Fare, 262.632.7585, rick.fare@hoyaudubon.org

Vice-President, Helen Pugh, 262.637.4359, helen.pugh@hoyaudubon.org

Treasurer, Keith Kennedy, 262.639.8398, keith.kennedy@hoyaudubon.org

Secretary, Bunny Bugnacki, 262.835.4109, bunny.bugnacki@hoyaudubon.org

Director, Fred Faraca, 262.764.9610

Director, Eric Howe, eric.howe@hoyaudubon.org, 262.594.5853

Director, Janet LeSuer, 262.681.3223, janet.lesuer@hoyaudubon.org

Director, Muffy Petrick, 262.886.1185, muffy.petrick@hoyaudubon.org

Director, John Raymond, 262.633.0285, hoyfieldtrips@hoyaudubon.org

Director, Joan Rohan, 262.634.5245

Programs, Stan Rosenstiel, 262.694.2206, stan.rosenstiel@hoyaudubon.org

www.hoyaudubon.org

**Next Board Meeting
April 16th, 7:00 P.M. at Janet & Jack LeSuer
Members welcome**