



Upcoming Programs

Thursday, May 1, 2008

River Bend Nature Center

3600 N. Green Bay Rd. - Racine

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.

We'll also view slides of migrant birds, with an emphasis on warblers and discuss the upcoming International Migratory Bird Day Count.

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 5, 2008

Hawthorn Hollow Nature Center

880 Green Bay Rd. - Kenosha County

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

7:30 P.M. - Program TBD

Bird Watching for Beginners Introductory Classes

Saturday, May 10th - Racine Zoo - 9:00 - 11:00 A.M.

Tuesday, June 17th - Racine Library - 10:30A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

A two hour class led by Hoy Audubon members will cover the following subjects: How to use and choose binoculars, basic Bird ID, when and where to find birds, birding guides/books. *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 on the below.*

Warbler Walks:

Wednesday evenings, May 7th-May 21st - 5:30 P.M. at Colonial Park (Meet at the parking lot at the end of West High Street.)

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 Chiwaukee Prairie

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

Saturday, May 10, 2008

International Migratory Bird Day Count

An annual day in the field to find and count individuals of all bird species at various locations throughout Racine County. Counts across the nation provide a snapshot of migration in May with their numbers and distribution. You can bird your backyard, a local park or join others. Just keep track of the time and mileage you spend and the total of each species you see. Sign up for a count area at our May 1st meeting or contact Eric Howe at eric.howe@hoyaudubon.org (or 262.594.5853). Read more about IMBD online at www.birdday.org or 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.

Morning Warbler Walks at River Bend Nature Center

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

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

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

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

Birding at Tabor Woods

Sunday, May 4 - 7:00 A.M.

Rick Fare will lead a bird walk for The Caledonia Conservancy at the Conservancy's Tabor Woods parking area at the west end of Tabor Road, west off Highway 31, about 1/4 mile south of Six Mile Road. All are welcome.

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 : Tuesday, May 13

A daytrip is being planned to visit Chicago area birding hotspots, such as the "Magic Hedge" and Lincoln Park Bird Sanctuary. After lunch, a trip to Hyde Park, site of the 1893 Columbian Exposition (Chicago World's Fair), where we will see the resident Monk's Parakeet. The group will depart the "Windy City" at 2:00 P.M. to return to Kenosha/Racine by late afternoon.

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.

For the most updated information, visit:

www.hoyaudubon.org

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Additional Programs of Interest

Root River Revival

Root River Environmental Education Community Center (REC) Grand Opening

Saturday, May 3, 2008

9:30 A.M. - Noon: Fish-On! & Canoe/Kayak Trip

12:00pm-4:00pm: Grand "O" Fun

1301 West 6th Street

The 'REC' facility is in an ideal location to foster awareness of the ecological, economic, historic, cultural, and other assets associated with the Root River. Activities are throughout the day and live music in the afternoon. 9:30 A.M. - noon - Fish-On! (Free youth fishing event) & Canoe/Kayak Trip; Noon - Opening Native Drum Ceremony; 12:30 Official Ribbon Cutting; 12:30-4:00 Festivities. Free! Fun! Food! View/learn about: Art, Plant Clinic, Worm Compost Bin Construction, Smoothie Cycle, Green Construction & Design, Sustainable Agriculture, Bat Monitoring, Rhythms Band. To learn more about the REC, go to www.uwp.edu and search using the keyword "REC" or call UW Parkside at 262.595-3340. *Note, free parking for the event is at the 21st Century Prep School (Mound Avenue).* Stop by at the Hoy Audubon table and say "Hi!"

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 2008: May 3 at White River Marsh; May 11 at Honey Creek for the Birdathon and Bandathon; June 7 at N. Kettle Moraine State Forest; 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>)

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

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

All-Day Field Trips - Thursday and Friday, May 15 and 16 (beginning from 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)

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