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This newsletter is published twice a year for members of the Wyncote Audubon Society. (see inside for membership information)

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202 Penn Oak Rd.  
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## President's Message :

This issue of *Naturally* has a new look. Over the past spring and summer, some other things at Wyncote Audubon have changed as well. After many years of service to Wyncote, Cliff Hence, past president and editor of *Naturally*, has decided to step down and enjoy a well earned respite. We cannot begin to thank him for all the work he has done for the club over the years. Cliff has promised to stay involved with the club. His wife Nancy is continuing in her role as Crosswicks Sanctuary Chairperson.

Other things have not changed at Wyncote. We will continue to offer monthly programs at Plymouth Friends Meeting House, as well as regular field trips to good birding spots in the Delaware Valley. The yearly calendar contains a brief listing of these events. The spring and fall issues of *Naturally* will contain more detailed information about field trips and programs.

The Wyncote website ([www.wyncoteaudubon.org](http://www.wyncoteaudubon.org)) contains up to date information about club activities and schedule changes. Field trip reports and photos, as well as members' essays about bird travel will appear on the website. We encourage everyone to visit the website often in order to stay current.

We hope to see all our old friends, as well as some new people at our meetings and on our field trips. Everyone is welcome.

Good birding,  
Jane Henderson

## NEXT MEETING September 19, 2008

*"Apostrophes, or Where Those  
Bird Names Came From"*  
presented by Bert Filemyr



A significant number of the birds we are familiar with include the names of people - Wilson's Warbler, Anna's Hummingbird, Bachman's Sparrow, Cooper's Hawk, etc. This program will look at the real people behind these names and explore how they came to be so honored.

# Wyncote Audubon Society

## Field Trip Schedule

**Sept. 8, 2008 ~**

**Chimney Swifts in Chestnut Hill**

Meet at the Jenks School at 8310 Germantown Ave. around 6:45PM to observe the amazing spectacle of thousands of chimney swifts coming into their evening roost.

Leader: Jane Henderson. (215-836-1965)

**Sept. 20, 2008~**

**Fort Washington State Park**

Meet 8AM at the Militia Hill Hawk Watch platform for migrant songbird walk with many Wyncote field trip leaders. Followed by coffee and snacks at the Hawkwatch at 10AM.

Leader: Jane Henderson (215-836-1965)

**October 18, 2008 ~**

**Cape May, NJ**

Meet 9AM at the Cape May Point State Park parking lot for hawks and other fall migrants.

Leader: Rick White (215-483-9321)

**November 8, 2008 ~**

**Bake Oven Knob**

Good time for eagles and late migrating raptors. Meet at Borders across from Montgomeryville Mall (northbound side of Rt. 309) at 7:30AM or in the parking lot at Bake Oven at 8:30AM. Bring lunch, water and hiking boots for the climb.

Leader: Andy Fayer (215-542-8114)

**Nov. 22, 2008~**

**Barnegat Light and Brigantine NWR**

Meet at 9AM at the Barnegat Light parking lot for wintering ducks. Bring lunch & scope.

Leader: Rick White (215-483-9321)

**Dec. 6, 2008~**

**Conowingo Dam, MD. (1/2 day)**

Meet at 9AM at the parking lot at the base of the dam for wintering gulls and eagles. Dress warmly and bring a scope if you have one. Leader: Pam Seretny (215-483-9321)

PLEASE NOTE: due to security conditions check with leader week of trip!

**December 20, 2008  
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS  
BIRD COUNT**

Celebrate the holiday season with our annual winter bird count. All skill levels are welcome. Contact Andy Fayer at 215-542-8114

**January 10, 2009 ~**

**Peace Valley Park, Bucks Co. PA**

Meet at 8AM at the Peace Valley Nature Center on Chapman Rd. for Wintering Waterfowl.

Leader: Rick White (215-483-9321)

**January 17, 2009 ~**

**Cape May, NJ**

Meet at 9AM at the WAWA's parking lot (NJ Rtes. 47 & 347) for seabirds and wintering waterfowl. Dress for the weather and bring lunch & scopes. Leader: Martin Selzer

(215-233-9090)

*It is rare that field trips are cancelled but, if in doubt, contact the leader beforehand or contact Field Trip Chairman, Rick White, at 215-483-9321*

# Wyncote Audubon Society

## Fall Programs

### October 17, 2008

*"A Rite of Spring – Migrate to Nebraska with the Sandhill Cranes"* presented by Connie Goldman.

This presentation will focus on early Spring birding in Nebraska.. Sandhill Crane migration in the area of the Platte River provides one of the great wildlife spectacles of North America. Scott Weidensaul has advised that this is *"a pilgrimage that every North American birder should make at least once."* For Pennsylvania birders, it presents an uncomplicated travel prospect and does not necessarily require extensive time away from home or work. Yet it provides a birding experience that often claims a charmed corner among birding memories.

### November 21, 2008

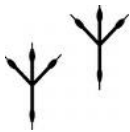
*"Birding in Spain and the UK"* presented by Cliff Hince

Former Wyncote President, Vice-President and *Naturally* editor, Cliff Hince has been a birder and photographer for over 25 years. Come see and hear about his latest birding foray.

### December 7, 2008 - ANNUAL DINNER (reservation form enclosed)

"The Delaware Birding Trail" with Jeff Gordon

Jeff A. Gordon is a writer, tour leader, and naturalist who lives in Lewes, Delaware. He currently serves as Field Editor for Bird Watcher's Digest and is a frequent speaker at various birding and nature festivals.

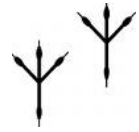


Meetings are held at the Plymouth Friends Meeting House,  
2150 Butler Pike, Plymouth Meeting 19462,  
at the corner of Germantown Avenue and Butler Pike.

**Time: 7:30 PM**

Plenty of parking available.

Refreshments served.



## Crosswicks Work Day

Crosswicks is a National Audubon Society Sanctuary solely maintained and managed by the Wyncote Audubon Society and the neighbors who are members of the *"Friends of Crosswicks"*. It comprises about 13 acres, mostly wooded with several small streams. Trails give access to birding sites and planted areas. Located in Abington Township, Montgomery County, the sanctuary is 1.5 miles east of Jenkintown and 10 miles north of Philadelphia's City Hall. The main entrance is at Delene and Crosswicks Roads.

**Clean Up Day - September 27, 2008 - 2:30PM - 4:30PM .**

Contact Nancy Hince at 215-247-3559 if you want to help out.

RAIN DATE: Sept. 28, 2008 (10:30AM- 12:30PM)

# Wyncote Audubon Society

## Of Interest

### Conservation Corner :

Wyncote carries on the mission of National and State Audubon in endorsing certain environmental initiatives. Our recent efforts have included:

- \* Letters to Governor Corzine of New Jersey to thank him for supporting the ban on horseshoe crab harvesting.
- \* Letters to US Senators and Representatives protesting the use of NWR property on Merritt Island, Florida for the use of private launch pads. Our efforts, and those of many others, have been rewarded. Other sites are being evaluated for the launch pads.
- \* We applaud the sale of 187,000 acres of United Sugar's property to the state of Florida to help restore the Everglades.

Our website contains information about other conservation issues.

### WAS Scholarships ~Deadline: Jan. 31, 2009

Each year the Wyncote Audubon Society offers our Griscum Scholarship to the National Audubon Society's Ecology Camps and Workshops. Scholarships cover the cost of the camp or workshop but not travel expenses. Scholarship applications are open to adults and child members of Wyncote. The decision will be made by the Scholarship committee based upon the qualifications of the applicant. Partial scholarships are sometimes awarded.

The **deadline for applications is January 31, 2009.**

For information and application forms, contact our Scholarship Chair Andy Fayer at 215-542-8114

For general information about the camps, call 1-866-4AUDUBON (1-866-428-3826).

### Membership Info

When you join National Audubon, you will automatically be assigned to the Wyncote chapter if you live within our mailing area. With this level of membership, you will receive Audubon Magazine as part of your membership.

#### OR ....

Join Wyncote only for just **\$15** a year. This option makes you a full member of Wyncote Audubon and, as such, you to receive all information about our local chapter, including the Newsletter and notice of all local activities. Please note that under this option, you will NOT receive Audubon Magazine nor will you be a member of National Audubon.

Please send the following information to:  
Rich Conroy:Wyncote Membership Chair  
208 North Hills Ave. ,Glenside, PA 19038

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

{ } \$15 Membership for Wyncote Audubon  
{ } I have already joined National Audubon and  
wish to be added to Wyncote Audubon's mailing list

# Wyncote Audubon Society

## Annual Dinner

Sunday, December 7, 2008

Williamson's Restaurant  
Blair Mill and Easton Road in Horsham, Pa.  
(Entrance on Blair Mill Road)

**Social Hour: 5 PM**

**Dinner: 6 PM**

**Program: 7:30 PM**

Jeff Gordon : "The Delaware Birding Trail"



Jeff's program will focus on highlights of the *Delaware Birding Trail* from White Clay Creek in the north to Assawoman Wildlife Area in the south and many points in between. As most of us know, Delaware is a great state for birding. It is brimming with a wealth of natural habitats, wonderful birds and wildlife areas. Its parks, refuges and wildlife areas welcome birders from all over the world. Jeff's program will take us to familiar spots as well as ones we have always wanted to visit, but have not yet done so.



Registration Form: please fill out and mail to:

Marlene Morano  
1308 Brighton Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19111-4247

**EARLY BIRD SPECIAL:**  
take a \$5 discount if you  
reserve **before Oct. 15th**

Make checks payable to: *Wyncote Audubon Society*

Reservations are Required :

**Deadline: November 11, 2008.**

For more info contact Marlene Morano at 215-342-7996

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of People \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Choose One per Person: \$35 each (**Early Bird Price - \$30 before October 15th**)

\_\_\_\_\_ Roast Top Sirloin of Beef

\_\_\_\_\_ Boneless Breast of Chicken Maryland

\_\_\_\_\_ Brook Trout Stuffed with Crabmeat

\_\_\_\_\_ Pasta Primavera

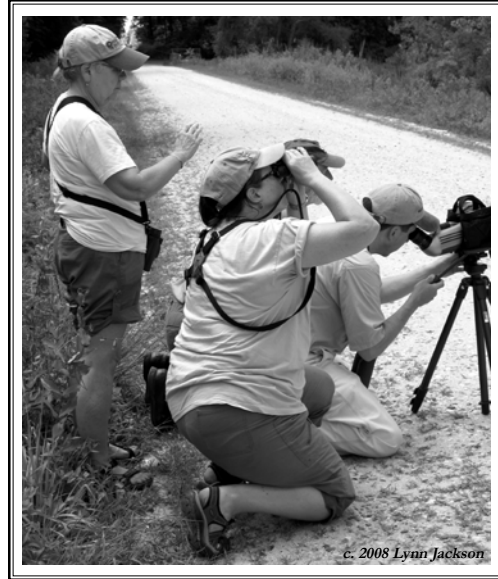
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[www.wyncoteaudubon.org](http://www.wyncoteaudubon.org)

## **Annual Militia Hill Hawk Watch**

The annual hawk watch runs through Oct 31st at Fort Washington State Park from 9AM to 5 PM . The observation platform offers easy handicapped access to the lower deck and there's lots of free parking, so come out and join us for the spectacle of fall migration.



c. 2008 Lynn Jackson

*Our annual Bombay Hook field trip  
never fails to bring in some great shorebirds.  
This year, as a special bonus, we had great  
scope looks at Barred Owls as well.*

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