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## President's Message :

The poet Percy Bysshe Shelley wrote, in *Ode to the West Wind*, "... O Wind, if Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?" As this issue of *Naturally* goes to press, the Winter Solstice has passed and the days are growing longer. But for us in the Delaware Valley, winter is not over just yet. We still have a few months of cold weather ahead. In January and February we'll be bundling up for field trips to Indian River Inlet and Cape May Point. Before we know it, though, we will be looking forward to the return of the spring warblers, and we will tune up our iPods to re-study their songs.

Many things have changed since the publication of the autumn issue of *Naturally*. The Philadelphia Phillies won the World Series, and we will soon have a new administration in the White House. As John Flicker, current President of The National Audubon Society, wrote in the special Election Issue of *Audubon Action*, "Voters in this historic election cast their ballots not only for change, but for a new era of hope for our environment, and the people, birds, and other wildlife that depend on it. ... President-elect Barack Obama and a more environmentally aware Congress offer the promise of leadership and fundamental change that could usher in new protections for America's great natural heritage, and a new lease on life for species in decline."

We at Wyncote Audubon echo Mr. Flicker's sentiments, and hope to hear the word "conservation" more often in the words of our new President and other stewards of the environment.

*Jane Henderson*

## NEXT MEETING

January 16, 2009

"Winter Birding in Newfoundland"  
with Jane Henderson

Jane Henderson, currently President of WAS, has been birding since the mid 1980s. She has birded hot spots in the United States and Canada, as well as Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica, Trinidad and Tobago, the United Kingdom, and the Czech Republic.



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## Field Trip Schedule

**Jan. 10, 2009 ..... Peace Valley Park, PA**

Beginners welcome. Meet 8AM at the Peace Valley Nature Center on Chapman Rd. for Wintering Waterfowl. Leader: Rick White (215-483-9321)

**Jan. 17, 2009 ..... Cape May, NJ**

Meet 9AM at the WAWA (NJ Rtes. 47 & 347) for seabirds and wintering waterfowl. Dress for the weather and bring lunch & scopes. Leader: Martin Selzer (215-233-9090)

**Feb. 21, 2009 ..... Indian River DE and north**

Dress for the weather and bring lunch & scopes. We'll meet at the parking lot on the north side of the Indian River Inlet at 9AM and look for gulls and waterfowl. Leader: Martin Selzer (215-233-9090)

**March 14, 2009 ..... Middle Creek WMA, PA**

For late wintering waterfowl and early migrants. Meet 9AM at Visitors Center. Leader: Rick White (215-483-9321)

**April 18, 2009 ..... Coastal Delaware**

For early migrants and lingering winter visitors. Bring lunch and scopes. Contact leader for meeting time and place. Leader: Lynn Jackson (215-548-9034)

**April 25, 2009 ..... Ft. Washington State Park**

Meet 8AM at the Militia Hill Hawk Watch platform parking lot for a spring migrant walk. Leader: Jane Henderson (215-836-1965)

**May 2, 2009 ..... Woodlawn Trust, DE**

Meet at 7AM at the Ramsey Road parking lot of the Woodlawn Trust for a walk along the Brandywine Creek and in Brandywine Creek State park for migrant songbirds. Leader: Martin Selzer (215-233-9090)

**May 3, 2009 ..... Belleplain N.J.**

Meet 7AM at the WAWA (NJ Rts 47 and 347) for a birding trip to the nearby State Forest. Leader: Martin Selzer (215-233-9090)

**May 6, 2009 (Wed.) Carpenter's Woods**

Meet 7AM at the corner of W. Sedgwick and Wayne Ave. in Mt Airy. (park on the street but NOT in the bus turn-around) . Leader: Rick White (215-483-9321)

**May 9, 2009 ..... White Clay Creek, DE**

We'll meet at McDonald's on Rte. 896 in DE. at 6:30AM (Take I-95 to the south Newark exit. Go 1/4 mile to McDonald's on the right. ) Search for migrants and breeding warblers. Leader: Rick White (215-483-9321)

**May 13, 2009 (Wed) Carpenter's Woods**

Meet 7AM at the corner of West Sedgwick and Wayne Ave. in Mt Airy. (park on the street but NOT in the bus turn-around) . Leader: Rick White (215-483-9321)

**May 16, 2009 Hawkin Road / Brightview Farm**

Meet at the bridge at Hawkin Road at 7am and after birding there we will drive to Brightview farm. Bring lunch and wellies. Leader: Martin Selzer (215-233-9090)

**May 30, 2009..... South Jersey Bayshore –**

Thompson's Beach, Heislerville, etc  
More info to come on website. Leader: Martin Selzer (215-233-9090).

**July 18, 2009 ..... Bombay Hook NWR**

We'll be looking for shorebirds and other migrants. Bring lunch and scopes and lots of bug juice. Call Leader: Lynn Jackson (215-548-9034)

*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*

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## Spring Programs

### February 20, 2009

"My 'Big Year' in Philadelphia" - Frank Windfelder  
Frank Windfelder has been an avid birder for over 30 years. In 2007, he did a Big Year in Philadelphia, an attempt to see as many species of birds as possible within the city limits and within that year. He ended up with 233 species, a new record.

### March 20, 2009

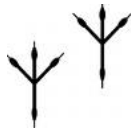
"Birds and Humankind" - Jim Lockyer  
Jim Lockyer, a biologist and artist for the US Forest Service recently retired after 35 years. "Birds and Humankind" is a lively, entertaining, and provocative program that takes the audience on a bird walk through history .

### April 17, 2009

"PA Breeding Bird Atlas" - Bob Mulvihill  
Bob is a graduate of U. Of PA and the U. of Pittsburgh. Since 1992, he has worked exclusively with bird-banding and other field ornithology research and education projects at Powdermill.

### May 15, 2009 -ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING

"Salt Marshes" - presented by Doug Wechsler  
Take a deeper look at what is going on in the marsh, why they are such great places for birds, and what else lives in them. Doug Wechsler will talk about the value of salt marshes to birds and the rest of us and explain why we should be vigilant about protecting our marshes.

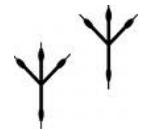


Meetings are held at the Plymouth Friends Meeting House,  
2150 Butler Pike, Plymouth Meeting 19462,  
at the corner of Germantown Avenue and Butler Pike.

**Time: 7:30 PM**

Plenty of parking available.

Refreshments served.



## 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 will 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:  
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## **NEW! Spring Bird Walks for Youngsters :**

Pam Seretny, Wyncote Education Chair, will lead bird walks at Fort Washington State Park on dates as follows:

Children 8-10, "Bluebird Level",

First Saturday in April, June, Oct., Nov. 10-11 AM

Children 11-13, "Raptor Level",

First Saturday in April, June, Oct., Nov. 8-10 AM

### Family Half-day birding trips:

- A. Morning Bird Walk at FWSP 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in September
- B. Conowingo Dam, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in December
- C. Middle Creek, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in March

Binoculars provided as needed. Call Pam Seretny at 215-483-9321 for more info

### **Crosswicks Work Days:**

Two Saturdays, April 4 and May 16. Bird Walk scheduled for 7:30 AM followed by work day at 9:00 AM. Meet at Mill Road Circle entrance to Crosswicks. Bring work gloves, pruning shears, trash bags. For more info, call Leigh Altadonna at 215-886-0656 or email [laltadonna@comcast.net](mailto:laltadonna@comcast.net). All welcome.



*The November field trip to Barnegat Light never fails to deliver great looks at Harlequin Ducks. This group was photographed by Jane Henderson.*

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