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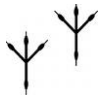
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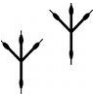
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This newsletter is published twice a year for members of the Wyncote Audubon Society. (see inside for membership information)

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202 Penn Oak Rd.
Flourtown, PA 19031

President's Message :

Let me begin by saying how glad I am to be serving on the Executive Committee as your President. We look for ways to connect people with nature in a meaningful way. A few highlights of our upcoming year:

Birding Field Trips- If you have been to Bombay Hook for late summer shorebird viewing or Cape May, NJ for wintering waterfowl you know how valuable these trips are. New this year, quarterly bird walks for children at Ft. Washington State Park (see Field Trips)

Presentations feature locally and nationally known speakers held at Plymouth Meeting Friends Meetinghouse and our Annual Dinner .

Sponsorship and Volunteering- The Ft Washington State Park Bluebird Trail and Hawkwatch. The nest box program success was greatly enhanced this year by the addition of predator guards and new posts. Twenty five bluebirds fledged this season! The Hawkwatch records thousands of raptors each year. Crosswicks-a WAS managed nature sanctuary-is another way we tend important greenspace

Please join us for an event whenever you can. Let us know how we can help you preserve and protect the environment as we move towards a more sustainable future.

Rick White, President

NEXT MEETING

September 11, 2009

"A Trip to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands"

with Jane Henderson,
past President of Wyncote &
an active birder.



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Field Trip Schedule

Sept. 12, 2009 .. Fort Washington State Park (Flourtown Day Use Area). Meet 8AM at the Mill Road side of the park for migrant songbird walk. Leader: Jane Henderson (215-836-1965)

Sept. 14, 2009 ...Annual 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)

Oct. 4, 2009... SPECIAL KIDS' WALK Meet at Fort Washington State Park Hawk Watch Platform at 4PM. Contact Pam Seretny for details. (215-483-9321)

Oct 17, 2009..... Cape May, NJ Meet 9AM at the Cape May Point State Park parking lot near the hawk watch platform for hawks and other fall migrants. Leader: Rick White (215-483-9321)

Nov. 1, 2009... SPECIAL KIDS' WALK Meet at Fort Washington State Park Hawk Watch Platform at 4PM. Contact Pam Seretny for details. (215-483-9321)

Nov 7, 2009..... Waggoner's Gap Good time for eagles and late migrating raptors. Bring lunch, water and hiking boots for the climb. Call leaders for directions.

Bad weather will cancel the trip.
Leaders: Andy Fayer (215-542-8114) and Rich Conroy (215-480-9116) .

November 14, 2009 Barnegat Light and Brigantine NWR Meet 9AM at Barnegat Light parking lot for wintering ducks. Bring lunch & scope and dress warmly. Leader: Rick White (215-483-9321)

December 5, 2009 SPECIAL FAMILY WALK - Conowingo Dam, MD. (1/2 day) Families and kids welcome, we will meet at 9AM at the parking lot at the base of the dam for wintering gulls and eagles. Dress warm and bring scopes if you have them. Leader: Pam Seretny. PLEASE NOTE: due to security conditions check with leader week of trip! (215-483-9321)

December 19, 2009 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 9, 2010 Peace Valley Park, Bucks Co. PA. Meet at 8AM at the Peace Valley Nature Center on Chapman Rd. for wintering waterfowl and other species. Leader: Rick White (215-483-9321)

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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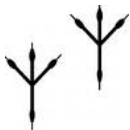
Fall Programs

Oct. 16, 2009 - "Birdwatcher: The Life of Roger Tory Peterson" with Elizabeth Rosenthal. Rosenthal was bewitched by birds, reading everything about them and going on field trips whenever possible. This led her to research and write *Birdwatcher: The Life of Roger Tory Peterson*. For the past 20 years, Rosenthal has worked for the New Jersey state government. She lives in Burlington, New Jersey.

Elizabeth's program will explain how she became interested in the work of Roger Tory Peterson, and what led her to write the book.

Nov. 13, 2009 "The Rarest of the Rare - The Composite Prints of John James Audubon's Birds of America" with Bert Filemyr and Jeff Holt

Jeff Holt and Bert Filemyr are active field birders both locally and nationally. They have combined their passion with birding with their interest in early American Ornithology. Both are officers of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club. Their program will explain the story behind Audubon's monumental work *Birds of America*. Major emphasis will be on the very rare 13 "composite prints" that were added to a few sets at the end of production.

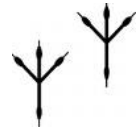


Meetings are held at the Plymouth Friends Meeting House,
2150 Butler Pike, Plymouth Meeting 19462,
at the corner of Germantown Avenue and Butler Pike.

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 & Bird Walk - October 24, 2009

7:30AM for birding..... 9AM-noon for clean-up

Contact Leigh Altadonna at 215-886-0656

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Of Interest

Conservation Corner: Conservation Efforts Paying Off *

by **Bob Berghier, Conservation Chair**

Bald Eagles and Peregrine Falcons – saved by the Endangered Species Act and the banning of DDT. Having lived nearly my entire life in Philadelphia I am amazed that this year there are now three breeding pairs of Bald Eagles within Philadelphia City limits. In the Eastern USA, Peregrine Falcon re-introduction efforts have been successful in urban areas.

Other raptor species' being added to the protection laws of the Migratory Bird Act in the 1970's has been the key. This is why you now often see Red-tailed Hawks along our highways, within our cities and even on the grounds of the Philadelphia Zoo, as well as Coopers and Sharp-shinned Hawks stalking your bird feeders

** excerpt - to see Bob's entire article visit our website.*

WAS Scholarships ~Deadline: Jan. 31, 2010

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 children who are members of Wyncote. The decision will be made by the Scholarship committee based upon the qualifications of the applicant. Partial scholarships are sometimes awarded.

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 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:
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
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wish to be added to Wyncote Audubon's mailing list

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Annual Dinner

Sunday, December 6, 2009

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

Social Hour: 5 PM

Dinner: 6 PM

Program: 7:30 PM

**“Birds and Birding at Cape May”
with Clay & Pat Sutton**



Clay & Pat Sutton are a husband and wife team of naturalists and writers whose careers and names are synonymous with their home town of Cape May, New Jersey, a place that has been aptly called the migration capitol of North America. This migratory crossroads is famous for its hawk, owl, songbird, shorebird, and Monarch butterfly migration. They have keenly studied the natural world for over 30 years.



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, 2009

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

_____ Chicken Parmesan

_____ Baked Salmon with julienne vegetables and chardonnay sauce

_____ Pasta Primavera

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Annual Militia Hill Hawk Watch

The annual hawk watch runs from Sept 1 to 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.



Our Annual Bombay Hook trip attracted an impressive 25 participants for a great day of birding in Delaware. We had lots of returning shorebirds. The day ended at Thousand Acre Marsh searching for American White Pelicans (yes) and Roseate Spoonbill (alas, no). Still a fun day all around.

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