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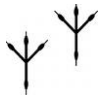
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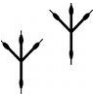
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This newsletter is published twice a year for members of the Wyncote Audubon Society. (see inside for membership information)

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President's Message :

The end of each year is both a time of joyous celebration and a reflection on the past year. Quite unexpectedly, I added three new life birds to my list this year. The first occurred on the WAS trip to Peace Valley on a snowy Saturday morning.

After birding the primary spots, we decided to go to Lake Nockamixon State Park to look for the White-winged Crossbills being reported there. After a second pass along the marina road we found them. Over a dozen birds were feeding in cedar trees along the road. My second find (really more of a gift) was a less likely winter visitor, a Rufous Hummingbird along New England Road in Cape May County. The Le Conte's Sparrow that hung out in DelCo PA at the Darlington Tract was my third, and what turned out to be my last, life bird for the year. Imagine, three life birds in the first two months of the year and all in the Delaware Valley. Unfortunately, I was unable to add the Ivory Gull, the "Bird of the Decade" in Cape May earlier this month.

I find it interesting that all three of these birds were seen within earshot of one or more houses. We at WAS share a passion for birding and we also have a common goal of preserving, protecting and restoring the natural world. (Check our website for the Houston Woods meadow restoration and our ongoing work at Crosswicks, a NAS Nature Sanctuary). Let's set our sights on being responsible stewards of the planet, our mutual home (Consider Audubon at Home).

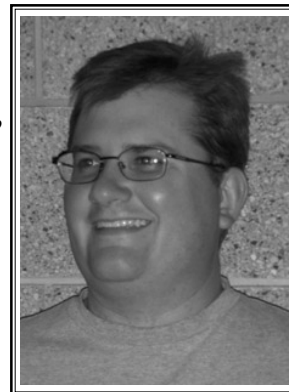
Wishing you all a happy and meaningful new year.

Rick White
President

NEXT MEETING January 15, 2010

"A Montgomery County Big Year" with Stephen E. Kacir

In an attempt to satisfy his curiosity about birding Montgomery County, Steve embarked on the task of completing a Montgomery County big year.



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Field Trip Schedule

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)

January 16, 2010 .. Cape May, NJ

Meet at 9AM at the WAWA 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)

February 20, 2010 .. Indian River Inlet 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 13, 2010.. SPECIAL FAMILY TRIP: Middle Creek NWR, Lancaster Co. PA

Families and kids welcome, we will be looking for late wintering waterfowl and early migrants. Meet 9AM at Visitors Center. Leader: Rick White (215-483-9321)

March 27, 2010 .. Gettysburg Birds and History

Meet at 9am at the Buford Statue on Chambersburg Pike, west of Gettysburg. Leaders: Martin Selzer (215-233-9090) and Bob Berghier (215-508-1075)

April 17, 2010 .. 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 24, 2010. Fort Washington State Park

(Flourtown side) Meet 8AM at the Mill Road day use side of the park for migrant songbird walk with many Wyncote field trip leaders. Leader: Jane Henderson (215-836-1965)

May 1, 2010 .. 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 2, 2010 .. Belleplain N.J.

Meet 7AM at the WAWA (NJ Rts 47 and 347) for a birding trip to the nearby State Forest. Leader: Rick White (215-483-9321)

May 5, 2010 (Wed. morning) . 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 8, 2010 .. White Clay Creek, DE

Meet at the McDonalds on Rte. 896 in DE. at 6:30AM (Take I-95 to the south Newark exit. Go 1/4 mile to the McDonalds' on the right) From there we'll head to the park searching for migrants and breeding warblers. Leader: Rick White (215-483-9321)

May 12, 2010 (Wed. morning) 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 15, 2010 . Hawkin Road & Brightview Farm,

NJ Meet at the bridge at Hawkin Road at 7AM and after birding there we will carpool to Brightview farm. Bring lunch and wellies as it can be quite wet and muddy. Leader: Martin Selzer (215-233-9090)

May 29, 2010.. South Jersey Bayshore – Thompson's Beach, Heislerville, etc

Meet at the WAWA (NJ Rts 47 and 347) at 8AM for a half day trip. Leader: Rick White (215-483-9321)

July 17, 2010 .. Bombay Hook NWR

Please call leader for exact details before the trip. We'll be looking for shorebirds and other migrants. Bring lunch and scopes and lots of bug juice. Leader: Lynn Jackson (215-548-9034)

Special Bird Walks for Kids/Families

Join Education Chair, Pam Serenty at Ft. Washington for these special afternoon walks. *Binoculars provided as needed.* For more info, call Pam at 215-483-9321

**April 4th and June 6th
4-5PM**

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

February 19, 2009 ... "Trans Pecos Birding" with Frank Windfelder

In the spring of 2008, some members of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club (DVOC) traveled to Southern Texas, where they birded their way from East to West visiting Three Rivers, the Edwards Plateau, Big Bend and the Davis Mountains. Come and relive the adventure with us.

March 19, 2010 ... "The State of Open Space in the Wissahickon Watershed" with Jamie Stewart .

Jamie's talk, lavishly illustrated with photographs, will illustrate the currently established open spaces within the area of the Wissahickon Valley Watershed, and plans for expansion.

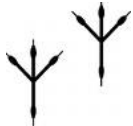
April 16, 2010 ... "Hawaii - Birding in Paradise" with Cliff Hence

This program will visit two of the islands to sample some of the birdlife, both native and introduced. The youngest and largest island, Hawaii, known for active volcanoes, has a population of native species surviving in the higher elevations. The second island, Kauai, is one of the oldest in the chain. It has some of the richest birding because it was spared some of the threats that plagued the other islands in the chain.

May 21, 2010 - ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING and Election of Officers

Program: "Birding in Panama: The Avian Crossroads" with Hernán Arauz

Hernán founded Panama's first ecotourism business over 20 years ago. His program will include many photos of birds, scenery, lodges and recreational areas.

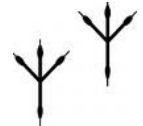


Meetings are held at the Plymouth Friends Meeting House,
2150 Butler Pike, Plymouth Meeting 19462,
at the corner of Germantown Avenue and Butler Pike.

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 Days & Bird Walks - March 27 & April 24, 2010

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

Contact Leigh Altadonna at 215-886-0656

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www.wyncoteaudubon.org

Conservation Issues :

According to an article by Julie Schmidt in the Dec. 28 issue of USA Today, "Colleges are rapidly adding new majors and minors in green studies, and students are filling them fast." Nationwide, more than 100 majors, minors or certificates were created this year in energy and sustainability-focused programs at colleges big and small. Paul Rowland, the executive director of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, says that two factors are driving the surge: Students want the courses, and employers want the trained students. (see our website for the full article) ... *Jane Henderson*



c. 2009 Jane Henderson

Another fun field trip. This time Wyncoters visited the famous jetty at Barnegat Light in November looking for such sea birds as Common Eider and Harlequin Duck.

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