

VPCOMING EVENTS

7 PM - OCTOBER 7 HOY MEETING (THURSDAY) - Unusual Plants and Animals of Racine County. Guest speaker, John Bielefeldt, Naturalist-Field Biologist for Racine County Parks. Learn about animals, birds and plants that are special and /or unusual in Racine County and SE Wiconsin parks. John will also discuss natural resources in Racine County from a historical perspective (1830's to the present day).

LOCATION: Gateway Technical School, Racine, Superior Room. Refreshments will be provided by Louise Weber and Nancy Ramsey.

7 PM - NOVEMBER 4 HOY MEETING (THURSDAY)- Threatened and Endangered Birds of Wisconsin. Guest speaker, Dr. Noel Cutright, Terrestrial ecologist with Wisconsin Electric Power Co., and conservation chair and past-president of the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology. The biodiversity of species of an area is one measure of its health. When biodiversity declines, it is cause for concern. In Wisconsin, there is an ongoing program to monitor the population status of the state's plants and animals. Birdlife receives special attention, and there are currently a number of birds that are officially listed as threatened or endangered. What are these species, why are they declining, and what can be done to help their populations to recover? Each of these questions will be explored, and the species possible future in Wisconsin will be examined in this slide program.

LOCATION: Gateway Technical School, Racine, Superior Room. Refreshments will be provided by Donna Peterson and Jean McGraw.

OTHER EVENTS

OCTOBER 10, SUNDAY. *RIVERBEND FALL FESTIVAL. 12-4 PM.* Come and celebrate Riverbend's 40th birthday!! Fun things to do (hay and canoe rides, arts and crafts for kids) and food. Admission charge. Call 639-0930 for more information.



SEPTEMBER 11 - NOVEMBER 7. BIRDS IN ART, 1999. Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum, 700 North Twelfth St., Wausau, Wi. View works of art and attend special talks. Call for information: 715-845-7010; e-mail: museum@lywam.org. Closed- Monday and holidays.



SATURDAY, OCT. 23. MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY in Racine. This year this award winning event will focus on cleaning up the Root River and surrounding areas. Projects will start at 8:00 AM or other times in the morning. Hoy Club will be one of the many participating groups. We could clean up the river banks, a park, help test water quality, supply refreshments to clean-up groups, or any other ideas. Call Muffy at 619-0844 by Oct. 16 to volunteer.

SATURDAY, NOV. 6. First annual ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE for Racine and Kenosha. Local environmental groups, fishing, hunting, 4-H, DNR and county officials will gather at Riverbend to network, communicate and collaborate. The goals are to learn about each other's organizations, consolidate efforts to work on local issues, create an ongoing calendar and website and plan future events. Four delegates from Hoy Club will attend. Look for a report in the next newsletter.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Telecommunication towers kill 1000's of birds annually. Birds of all sizes are attracted to their lights, especially in the fog. Other birds hit the guy wires. Forty thousand towers have been built in North America in recent years, and many more are planned. We need a local ordinance to limit the size and type of towers. Call Joan Rohan, 634-5245, for more information on what we can do to help.

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NEXT BOARD MEETING: OCT 12, 6 PM; Helen Pugh's, Old Coast Guard Bldg. inside Pugh Marina, gate will be open, 1001 Michigan Blvd.; 637-4359.

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