

# THE HOY HONKER



HOY AUDUBON  
SOCIETY, INC  
RACINE—KENOSHA, WI  
May, 2003

## UPCOMING HOY EVENTS

Thurs, May 1 at 7 PM

### “Peregrine Falcons in Wisconsin”

Presented by Greg Septon

Bird and flower hike at 6 PM

River Bend Nature Center, 3600 N Green Bay Rd, Racine



Mr. Septon is a nationally recognized falcon expert. Greg is a Racine native who is active in bird painting, carving, taxidermy, photography, and the recovery of endangered species. He started with the Peregrine Falcon Recovery Program in 1987. He will tell us how these exciting birds of prey have adapted to urban life, and how they have produced 50 young in 19 nests in Wisconsin in 2002.

Refreshments will be served. We will plan for the May Bird Count and hold Elections for the coming year.

### Election of Officers

The following nominees are announced for 2003-2004:

President	Eric Howe	Membership Chair	Open
Vice President	Joan Rohan	Program Chair	Open
Treasurer	Helen Pugh	Recording Secretary	Muffy Petrick
Newsletter	Stan Rosenstiel	Director at Large	Ed Prins

Nominations will be accepted from the floor. All club members are urged to attend. Help choose your directors and give your input for the upcoming year's programs and projects.

Thurs, June 5 at 7 PM

### ‘Celebrating Ed Prins: Birder, Artist, Photographer’

Bird and flower hike at 6 PM

River Bend Nature Center 3600 N Green Bay Rd, Racine

We will honor the amazing accomplishments of this multi-talented founding member of the Hoy Audubon Society. We will hear about his numerous birdwatching records and contributions to research. His photos and art have appeared in state and national publications.

Special refreshments will be served.

Thurs. July 10 at 7PM  
"The Biogeography and Recent Decline of the  
Red-headed Woodpecker in Wisconsin"  
Presented by Bill Mueller



Mr. Mueller is a researcher and he will discuss the reasons for the decline and make suggestions for conservation.

Other Hoy Audubon and related Events

*Spring Bird Count*  
*Saturday May 10*

Small groups will travel about and identify and count birds in an assigned area. Search out birds by car and by foot. This is the peak of the migration period. Contact Eric Howe (info below) to sign up or come to the next Hoy meeting. Many people count the birds in their own back yards as part of this.

**Field Trips**

April 23 to May 28

Weds. at 5:30 PM at Colonial Park in Racine

Many migratory birds are seen at Colonial Park. We should see many colorful warblers, as well as vireos and sparrows.

**EARTH DAY EVENTS -- SATURDAY APRIL 26**

Case Eagle County Park, Hwy J near Rochester, from 8:30 to 10:30 am. Help County Naturalist John Bielefeldt restore a rare "fen" by removing buckthorn and other non-native shrubs.

Bring gloves & small handsaws. Call 262-886-8440 during business hours to register.

Root River new pathway in Racine, help plant wildflowers and native grasses at various locations, all morning. Call Muffy Petrick at 262-619-0844 for details.

Adopt a River cleanup in Brose Park on Spring Street in Racine, cleaning up trash from park and riverbanks. Bring waterproof gloves.

**COMMUTER RAIL HEARINGS**

Wed. April 30 – KRM Commuter Rail Metra Extension public hearings at Gateway College in Racine in Great Lakes Room. Open house & questions from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Presentation by officials at 6:00. Hearings at 6:30.

**The Vital Information:**

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**Next Board Meeting**

May 8 at 7 PM at the home of Helen Pugh. All members are welcome to attend.

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