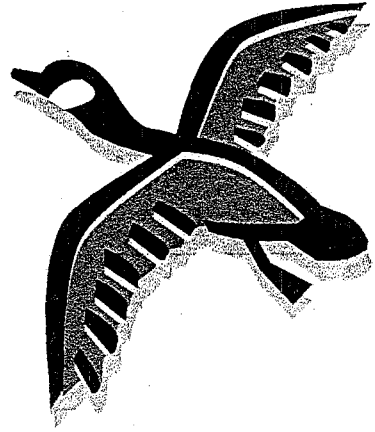


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SOCIETY, INC
RACINE—KENOSHA, WI
OCTOBER, 2003

UPCOMING HOY EVENTS

Saturday, November 1 at 11 AM

Hoy Field Trip to Schlitz Audubon Center

Hwy 94 N. to Hwy 43 N. exit Brown Deer Road east about 1 ½ miles to 1111 E. Brown Deer Rd., Milwaukee about 40-45 minutes from Hwy 20

Meet: at 11AM at the front entrance

Carpool: meet at 10:15 at the McDonald's at Hwy 20 and I-94, Racine

Outing to include tour of building & immediate grounds followed by Raptor Watch at 1 PM. There are numerous trails that can be birded with short walks. Dress for cool & windy conditions.

A \$5 fee/person will cover Audubon expense.

Raptor Watch: Juvenile Bald Eagle two years old stands 36 inches & weighs 10 lbs. Sir Frederick adult bald eagle, two Eastern screech owls and two American Kestrels

For Info, Contact: Schlitz Audubon Cece Bower 1-414-352-2880 ext. 141

THURSDAY, NOV 6th at 7 PM

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

We will show a video of the film "Winged Migration", which is a fabulous film (90 min) showing birds in flight and on the ground. Ed Prins will prepare us for the birds of winter by showing a few slides of winter birds and, possibly, some migrants.

As always, refreshments will be provided.

Thursday Dec 4 at 5:30 PM

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

The annual holiday potluck and dinner will be from 5:30 to 7:30 and is a joyous time for our club to come together. Please bring a dish to share along with your own tableware. Coffee will be supplied. There will be time for socializing and, perhaps, for some Christmas carols.

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Saturday, December 20th Racine Christmas Bird Count

More than 50,000 observers in the Western Hemisphere participate each year in this all-day census of early-winter bird populations. The results of their efforts are compiled into the longest running database in ornithology, representing over a century of unbroken data on trends of early-winter bird populations across the Americas. Simply put, the Christmas Bird Count, or "CBC", is citizen science in action. Join us on foot and by car for a half day or whole day as we count each bird we find in various habitats. Those new to CBC's can be paired with more experienced birders where possible. A \$5 dollar fee per participate is requested to help National Audubon Society defray the cost of compiling the data. Birders under 18 are free. To sign up and receive your designated count area, contact Eric Howe at info@hoyaudubon.org (preferred) or call 262.594.5853. To view our Racine count circle go to www.hoyaudubon.org/cbc/racine



Cataloguing of our library resources will begin this month so that the library will be available at every meeting at River Bend. If you have any birding references that you wish to contribute to the Hoy library, please bring them to a meeting.

Donations made by Hoy Audubon (clarified)

In the last newsletter it may have been unclear that only the following donation was through the anonymous donor. In addition, the club will present the staff of River Bend Nature Center with 15 pair of Eagle Optic Triumph Binoculars, 16 Binocular Harnesses (so the binoculars don't get dropped), and 3 lens cleaners. Plus, we neglected to add that Eagle Optics of Middleton, WI contributed part of the cost of the binoculars.

Chapter Dues for Hoy

For more than a year we have been able to supply newsletters to all of the National Audubon Society (NAS) members in our area. However, due to a changed dues structure by the N.A.S., the amount that our Hoy Audubon Society Chapter (HAS) received back per membership has dropped to a level below the price of a supplying the newsletter. Starting January 1st, we will be offering a chapter only membership. This money will go directly to Hoy. For \$15 for singles and \$20 for families, you will be able to continue to receive the newsletter that will fill you in on all of our field trips, monthly programs, and news. This cost does not include the Audubon magazine. These chapter-only membership rates can be sent directly to our P.O. Box. To continue to receive the Audubon magazine from N.A.S. (at your option), please refer to the renewal notices that come from N.A.S. directly. We regret having to take this action, but feel there is no alternative. Hoy Audubon continues to support the goals of the National Audubon Society.

Weekly Field Trip

Wednesday mornings
Meet at 6:45 AM at Meyers Park at 12th and the lake front and search for rare and uncommon birds.

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Next Board Meeting

Nov 6 at 6 PM at River Bend. All members are welcome to attend.