

THE HOY HONKER

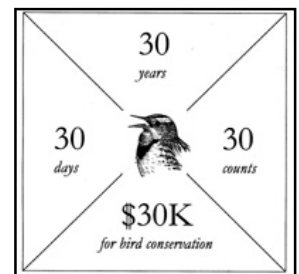
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RACINE—KENOSHA, WI
March/April, 2005



UPCOMING HOY EVENTS

The Quad 30 Campaign Presented by Noel Cutright

Thursday March 3, 2005 at 7:00 PM
At River Bend Nature Center
3600 N. Green Bay Rd., Racine



Noel Cutright, past president of the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology, recently celebrated more than 30 years of collecting Breeding Bird Survey data with an unprecedented venture. He traveled the Midwest to conduct one survey each day of June, 2004 -- 30 routes in 30 days, with the goal of raising \$30,000 for bird conservation. He succeeded and to date has raised over \$46,000 (and counting) for the Important Bird Areas program.

Join us for Noel's presentation of photos and observations from his campaign. Visit www.quad30campaign.org for more information. Refreshments will be served.

Neotropical Migrants Presented by Bill Volkert

Thursday, April 7, 2005 at 7:00 PM
At River Bend Nature Center,
3600 N. Green Bay Rd., Racine



Many of the birds that we see in spring, summer and fall spend their winters in the tropics. Maintaining proper habitat in their wintering and breeding grounds and along the migration routes is a continual struggle. Mr. Volkert has been to many of these areas and has a wealth of knowledge about this subject. He will also discuss the ways in which Horicon Marsh fits into this.

Mr. Volkert is an educator and naturalist at Horicon Marsh National Wildlife Refuge, where he has been since 1984, and has been a popular speaker around the state.

Thursday May 5, 2005 — Program at 7:00 PM (Warbler Walk beginning at 5:30 P.M.)

Reintroduction of the Whooping Crane in the Eastern U.S.

Presented by Joan Garland (Education Coordinator with the International Crane Foundation)
Hawthorn Hollow Nature Center — 880 Green Bay Rd., Kenosha
Links to checkout: /www.savingcranes.org or www.operationmigration.org

Thursday, June 2nd at 5:30 P.M.

Picnic at Pringle Nature Center — 9800 160th Ave., Kenosha
Program (TBD) at 7:00 P.M.

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NON-PROFIT ORG

Lakefront Bird Tour on Saturday, March 5:

Enjoy a day of intense birding of Southeast Wisconsin's Lake Michigan Shore from Kenosha to Two Rivers. Meet at 7:30 AM Fisherman's Drive & 55th, Kenosha. There's more than just gulls out there. Contact John Raymond at fieldtrips@hoyaudubon.org for information on meeting time and place.

Trip to Crex Meadows to see Sharp-tailed Grouse on April 16 and 17

Join us as we get a close-up view of the Sharp Tailed Grouse. We will await their pre-dawn arrival in a blind near the dancing ground, and watch males do the "flutter-jump". The males will try to establish a prominent position so as to be more attractive to the hens. They play rough! Small fee for blind usage. We will stay at a motel nearby in Burnett County. Blind space is extremely limited, contact John Raymond at fieldtrips@hoyaudubon.org or 633-0285.

Weekly Spring Field Trips

Wednesday evenings from April 20 to May 25

Meet at 5:30 PM at Colonial Park, Racine. Park at end of High St (6 blocks WEST of Northwestern Av). This is another GREAT place to see warblers and other spring migrants.

Have you wondered what groups of birds are called? Here are a few terms.

Flamingos	A stand
Geese	A flock, gaggle (on the ground), skein (in flight)
Grouse	A pack (in late season)
Gulls	A colony
Hawks	A cast, kettle (flying in large numbers), boil (two or more spiraling in flight)

Hérons	A sedge, a siege
Jays	A party, scold
Lapwings	A deceit
Larks	An exaltation
Mallards	A sord (in flight), brace
Magpies	A tiding, gulp, murder, charm
Nightingales	A watch
Owls	A parliament
Parrots	A company

***** Hoy Audubon Society Chapter Membership Renewals *****

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Weekly Field Trip

Wednesday mornings

Meet at 7:00 AM at Wind Point Lighthouse and search for the common, uncommon and rare birds. Starting in April, we'll begin at Meyer's Park (11th St. and Pershing Blvd., Racine.)

Next Board Meeting

March 31 at 7:00 PM at the home of Muffy Petrick. All members are welcome to attend.