

THE HOY HONKER

HOY AUDUBON SOCIETY, INC

RACINE — KENOSHA, WI

August - September 2007

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Upcoming Programs

Thursday, August 2, 2007
Summer Potluck - 6:00 P.M.

Program - 7:00 P.M.

The African Fish Eagle and Madagascar Buzzard
Pringle Nature Center - Bristol Woods County Park
9800 160th Avenue - Bristol, Kenosha Co.

Join us for our summer potluck. Bring a dish to share and your own dinnerware.

At 7:00 P.M., Jim Berkelman will share his research with ecology of the Madagascar Buzzard and the African Fish Eagle. Jim is a professor at U.W. Madison and teaches amongst other classes, Wildlife Ecology. Jim received his B.S. in Biology at Cornell University. He received his M.S. at Boise State University for Raptor Biology on the Ecology of the Madagascar buzzard in the rain forest of the Masoala Peninsula and his Ph.D. from Virginia Tech in Wildlife Science where he studied the habitat requirements and foraging ecology of the Madagascar fish-eagle.



Enjoying the Ice Age Trail
Thursday, September 6, 2007

River Bend Nature Center - Racine
3600 N. Green Bay Rd. - Racine

Program at 7:00 P.M. - Bird Walk at 6:00 P.M.

Some may say hiking is Frank Evans fourth career. He leads hikes, along with Russ Evans (no relation) for the Waukesha/Milwaukee chapter of the Ice Age Park & Trail Foundation. Last June, he completed day hiking the entire 1000 mile trail. Frank & his wife Janet live in Glendale, Wisconsin. More info on the Ice Age Trail at: www.iceagetrail.org



Digital Photography

Thursday, October 4, 2007

River Bend Nature Center - Racine
3600 N. Green Bay Rd. - Racine

Program at 7:00 P.M. - Bird Walk at 5:45 P.M.

Hoy member Keith Kennedy will share the evolving field of digital photography with photos and tips.

Birds of the Season

Thursday, November 1, 2007

River Bend Nature Center - Racine
3600 N. Green Bay Rd. - Racine

Program at 7:00 P.M.

Our speaker, Wayne Rohde, will share the progression of migrant birds throughout the year.

Holiday Potluck and Winter Birds

Thursday, December 6, 2007

5:30 P.M. - Doors open and snacks

6:00 P.M. - Potluck 7:00 P.M. - Program

River Bend Nature Center - Racine

3600 N. Green Bay Rd. - Racine

Bring a dish to share and your own dinnerware. We will also hear updates on the River Bend Nature Center, how you can help on the next Christmas Bird Count in mid December and view slides on birds we can expect to see. We'll finish the evening with some holiday songs!

Chimney Swifts and Common Nighthawks Counts



A SWIFT NIGHT OUT is a continent-wide effort to raise awareness about and encourage interest in Swifts. In late summer, after the swifts have completed raising their young, these aerial acrobats begin to congregate in communal roosts prior to their migration in the fall. Some roosts may consist of an extended family group of a half a dozen birds, but the larger sites can host hundreds or even thousands of swifts! The Racine Water Department, for instance, in past years has had nearly 250 swifts come in to roost. This is our 6th year of monitoring the Swifts in downtown Racine. Perhaps some of you would like to participate in this endeavor? The Swift Night Out dates this year are August 10, 11, 12th and September 7, 8, 9th. Call Helen Pugh at 637-4359 if interested and for further details on either count activity. For additional info on Swifts, go to www.chimneyswifts.org and click on the "A Swift Night Out" link. For Project Nighthawk, the count period is nightly for Night Hawks until mid September.



Field Trip to Zeloski Marsh
Saturday, August 18, 2007

Join Hoy Audubon on a visit to the Lake Mills State Wildlife Area - Zeloski Marsh Unit in Jefferson County to view wetland species, namely shorebirds at this time of year. We may also visit other conserved lands in the Lake Mills area. To carpool, meet at the Park and Ride at Highway 20/194 (Racine County) by 8:00 A.M.

Please contact John Raymond, 262.633.0285 for information regarding this field trip or to suggest future fieldtrips. Go to www.hoyaudubon.org for recent bird sightings, events or directions to any of the Hoy meeting locations mentioned on this page.

Anyone with an interest is welcome to attend programs and fieldtrips.

Volunteers Needed

Hoy Audubon Society is seeking additional committee members. Please contact one of the below committee chairs for more information

Conservation - Jack LeSuer and Rick Fare

Education - Keith Kennedy

Field Trips - John Raymond

Membership - Helen Pugh

Newsletter - Eric Howe

Programs - Stan Rosenstiel

Publicity - TBD (contact Rick Fare)

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October 12 - 14 : Upper Midwest Regional Audubon Conference
Fall conference to probe status of birds and their habitats

Everyone who cares about birds and their habitats is invited to attend the Upper Midwest Regional Audubon Conference; "Declining Species, Declining Habitat: Reversing the Trend" and "Mississippi River: America's Flyway." This important three-day conference runs October 12 to 14 at the Embassy Suites in Bloomington Minnesota, and features researchers, authors and policy-makers discussing the good, the bad and the ugly in our region's ecosystems. The conference, sponsored by Audubon Minnesota, is open to the general public.

Join experts as they discuss the latest information on grassland, forest, wetland and neighborhood birds. Learn about how changes in the environment affect birds and current efforts to preserve them. Hear keynote speaker Dr. Bridget Stutchbury, noted scientist and author, probe whether migratory songbirds are "canaries in the coal mine." A full day devoted to the Mississippi River spotlights the importance of this major flyway, culminating in an excursion on a Mississippi River sternwheeler. Kenny Salway, a true "river rat," will be on hand and humorist Al Batt entertains luncheon guests.

Field trips and a special presentation on global warming, featuring John Flicker, president of the National Audubon Society and Dr. Mark Seeley, University of Minnesota climatologist and Minnesota Public Radio weather commentator, round out the weekend's events. Find out more and get registration materials at <http://mn.audubon.org> or call 651-739-9332 for information about registering. This is a "don't miss" event so mark your calendars now.

August 19 (Sunday) -Horicon Marsh

Join WSO at 8:00 A.M. along Hwy. 49, on the north end of Horicon Marsh. We'll bird areas around the marsh that harbor some of the best birds or have most variety of birds during this time of year. We expect to find a variety of shorebirds and water birds, as well as resident and early migrant passerines. *If you are interested in carpooling, contact John Raymond (number below) to see if anyone from Racine/Kenosha plans to head up for the day.* For the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology (WSO) field trips, severe weather conditions may cancel the trip. In the event of cancellation, every attempt to notify participants via the WSO Hotline (call 262.784.4032 for recording) and WisBirdNet (recent postings at <http://www.birdingonthe.net/maillinglists/WISC.html>)

Hoy Audubon Society Membership

Hoy Audubon Society offers "Chapter Supporter" memberships. **PLEASE NOTE the expiration date by your mailing address.** If it is past due or does not appear, please send in your Chapter Contribution to continue to receive our bi-monthly newsletter for information on current programs and fieldtrips AND to help support projects and organizations in our area. Thanks! To continue your national membership and the Audubon Magazine subscription with National Audubon Society (NAS), please refer to information you receive from NAS. NAS only members will receive the Hoy Audubon Society newsletter twice a year. Chapter Supporter Dues are \$15 per year (single)/ \$20 per year (families).

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Next Board Meeting
Thursday, September 27th - 6:30pm
at the home of Helen Pugh