



### Upcoming 2007 Programs

#### Low Input Lawn

**Thursday, January 4, 2007 at 7:00 P.M.**

**River Bend Nature Center - Racine**

**3600 N. Green Bay Rd. - Racine**

"Low Input Lawn Care" will cover the culture and maintenance of turf grass. Our speaker, *Jill Clampit*, has a B.S. with majors in Microbiology and Public Health and Botany from the University of Wisconsin. She has been a Master Gardener since 2001 and works part time at Nursery in landscape plant retail sales and as a horticultural consultant.

#### Haitian Birds

**Thursday, February 1, 2007 at 7:00 P.M.**

**River Bend Nature Center - Racine**

**3600 N. Green Bay Rd. - Racine**

*Mara McDonald* is currently Assistant Administrator in Genetics and Administrator of the Evolution Initiative at UW-Madison. Mara also runs the bird banding station on Picnic Point. On this evening we'll hear about research and other facts on Haitian birds.

#### Native Americans and Plants

**Thursday, March 1, 2007 at 7:00 P.M.**

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*Kate Redmond*, aka the "The Traveling Naturalist", has a Master's degree in Environmental Education from Cornell University. Kate has been a naturalist more than half her life and has taught area scouts, school children, seniors, garden clubs, teachers and nature center audiences for the past 15 years.

#### Economic Values of Horicon Marsh Birding

**Thursday, April 5, 2007 at 7:00 P.M.**

**River Bend Nature Center - Racine**

**3600 N. Green Bay Rd. - Racine**

*Jon Motquin* is a land use planner specializing in environmental comprehensive planning.

#### Jocotoco Birdathon

**Thursday, May 3, 2007 at 7:00 P.M.**

**River Bend Nature Center - Racine**

**3600 N. Green Bay Rd. - Racine (Tentative location)**

*Andy Paulios* (with the WDNR - Citizen Monitoring Network) will present to us the results of the first ever Wisconsin Bird Conservation Initiative (WBCI) - sponsored Jocotoco Birdathon. In short, it was a smashing success!

In September, a group of twelve adventurous birders, well stocked with gorp and rain gear, headed to the Andes of Ecuador to do a bit of "conservation birding". It's difficult to accurately describe birding in Ecuador, but "sensory overload" somehow seems appropriate. When all was said and done, the team heard and saw 390 species of birds. The tally included 47 species of tanagers, 33 species of hummers, myriad flycatchers, antbirds, ovenbirds, tapaculos, and a smattering of the rarest feathered denizens on the planet - Jocotoco Antpitta, Long-wattled Umbrellabird, and Golden-plumed Parakeet, to name just a few of the headliners. The team also raised more than \$14,000 to help purchase critical bird habitat in Ecuador.

The group had so much fun, they are doing it again in August of 2007! If you're interested in world class birding and would like to learn why funding is badly needed for land acquisition for the Mindo Coludforest Foundation, come hear and see the program this May or click on the Long-Wattled Umbrellabird at [www.wisconsinbirds.org](http://www.wisconsinbirds.org).

### Field Trips

#### Lakefront Birding

**Wind Point Lighthouse / Shoop Park - Racine**

**Thursday NOON in January and February**

*Helen Pugh* will lead bird walks in January and February beginning at noon at the lakefront. This will take the place of our usual Thursday morning walks. Meet at the parking area at the Wind Point Lighthouse. For questions, call 262.637.4359

#### Lakefront Morning Birding -

**Thursdays - 7:00 A.M. - March - May**

**Beginning in March** at 7:00 A.M., join the group at the Wind Point Lighthouse in Racine County. Meet at the lighthouse parking area.

**Beginning in April** we will begin meeting at Myers Park at 7:00 A.M. (11th Street and Pershing Blvd, Racine) to watch the return of the spring migrants.

### April and May Evening Field Trips

**Watch for details in early April** on evening trips to Cliffside Park, where we'll view the aerial displays of the American Woodcock at dusk.

**Beginning April 18th** we'll begin our Wednesday Evening Warbler Walks at Colonial Park at 5:30 P.M. which continue through late May.

### Southeast Wisconsin Lake Michigan Birding

**Saturday, January 13, 2007 (All Day)**

Meet at Myers Park by 9:00 A.M. (11th Street and Pershing Blvd, Racine) where we will head north along the Lake Michigan Lakefront to search for waterfowl, gulls, raptors, and other wintering birds. We'll also search for any rare birds that might have been reported that week. We may travel as far north as Sheboygan and will return by late afternoon. Contact John Raymond for additional details (i.e. carpooling from Myers Park). Meet earlier at Myers Park to bird if you wish.

### IOS Gull Frolic at Winthrop Harbor Yacht Club.

**Winthrop Harbor, IL**

**Saturday, February 10, 2007**

The Illinois Society for Ornithology holds its annual education day on gull identification (outdoor and indoor). Registration begins at 8 a.m.

A program on "Winter Raptors in Illinois" by Steve Bailey, Illinois Natural History Survey Ornithologist, will be presented in the morning and afternoon. A display of winter raptor specimens will be available to examine up close and personal, thanks to Doug Stotz of The Field Museum. Our renowned gull experts will again be available to answer questions.

A \$10 registration fee includes a breakfast of muffins, doughnuts, fruit, coffee and tea, and the traditional lunch of the world famous Sea Gull Stew, Vegetarian Chili, pizza, a drink, salad, and a nice cookie for dessert. Free beverages will be available all day.

To reach the Winthrop Harbor Yacht Club take the I-94 toll road north towards Milwaukee. Exit at Route 173. Turn right (east) and go to Sheridan Road (Rt. 137). Turn left and proceed to 7th Street. Turn right on 7th Street and follow the North Point Marina signs to the yacht club.

**Contact John for carpooling details.** More information about the event can be viewed at:

[http://www.illinoisbirds.org/gull\\_frolic.html](http://www.illinoisbirds.org/gull_frolic.html)

### May 17 - 20, 2007 WSO Convention

**UW-Richland, Richland Center.**

More details to come. We'll join the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology for their annual convention and multi day pre-convention field trip. Each year, the convention is held in a different area of the state.

### April 13-15, 2007 - Weekend Birding Trip to Navauo, IL

**More details to come.**

**Please contact John Raymond (unless otherwise noted above), 262.633.0285 or [fieldtrips@hoyaudubon.org](mailto:fieldtrips@hoyaudubon.org) for information regarding the above Hoy sponsored field trips or to suggest future fieldtrips.** Go to [www.hoyaudubon.org](http://www.hoyaudubon.org) for recent bird sightings, events or for directions to any of the Hoy meeting locations mentioned on this page.

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

### Symposium 2007: Recent Developments

**in Wisconsin Ornithology**

**February 23 - 24, 2007**

**Country Inn & Suites, Port Washington.**

**Sponsored by WSO, Wisconsin Bird Conservation Initiative, Citizen-based Monitoring Network of Wisconsin, and Wisconsin Audubon Council.**

Lighten the doldrums in the dead of a Wisconsin winter by gathering with amateurs and professionals to learn about some of your favorite birds and bird-related projects. Prepare now to attend our identification workshop and become a better birder for your own enjoyment and to improve your participation in Wisconsin's monitoring programs.

Don't miss this chance to hear about exciting research and inventory projects involving Wisconsin birds, including:

- ?? current findings regarding Avian Influenza and wild Wisconsin birds
- ?? how little birds cope with our winter weather conditions
- ?? what's being done to conserve Wisconsin's prairie grouse species
- ?? how Red-winged Blackbirds deal with cowbirds
- ?? results from the Wisconsin Breeding Bird Atlas project, with an opportunity to reminisce about great birds and great times and to celebrate the success of the entire project - the largest volunteer bird monitoring program in Wisconsin to date

**Sign up today!** Attend both days for \$35 (includes lunch, does not include lodging). Registration fees increase to \$40 for both days beginning January 23, 2007. To download a registration form and for more information, go to: [http://www.uwgb.edu/birds/wso/docs/symp\\_registration\\_web.pdf](http://www.uwgb.edu/birds/wso/docs/symp_registration_web.pdf)

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### **Other Upcoming State Events / Field Trips**

The following events / field trips are not sponsored by Hoy Audubon Society but have been included here for those interested in attending.

#### **Saturday, January 6, 2007 - (WSO) Milwaukee - Winter Birding**

Meet: 8:00 am at South Shore Yacht Club. Dress warmly and bring your "energy" foods. Directions to South Shore Yacht Club: take I 794 EAST over the Harbor Bridge. At the south end of the bridge take the Port of Milwaukee exit. The exit terminates at Carferry Drive (stop sign), turn left (east) on Carferry, continue east to a "T- intersection" with So. Lincoln Memorial Drive. Turn right (south) on Lincoln Memorial Dr. At the top of the hill the road curves right (west) and becomes Russell Avenue. After 1 block you will come to a stop-light at Superior Street; turn left (south) onto Superior and go 3 blocks to Iron Street. Again, turn left (east) on Iron, go 2 blocks and then down the hill into the parking lot, continue to the south end of the Yacht Club.

#### **January 27 (Saturday)** **(WSO) Necedah NWR - Eagles**

Meet: 9:00 am at the eagle observation platform at the Petenwell Dam on south end of the flowage. Directions: from the west end of the Hwy. bridge over the Wisconsin River (~3.4 mi. east Necedah) take 18th Avenue north one mile. You will find the observation tower and a public parking area here just below the dam. From here they hope to see Bald Eagles, diving ducks and possibly wintering kingfishers. Later they'll drive to other local birding spots as well as exploring the Necedah NWR looking for other winter birds including Golden Eagles. Bring bag lunch to eat in the car.

#### **March 11 (Sunday)** **(WSO) Sheboygan - Lakefront Birding**

Meet: 8:00 am at Sheboygan Marina. Directions: take Hwy. 23 (Erie Av.) east into downtown Sheboygan. Continue east on Erie to 4th Street, turn right (south) to Wisconsin Ave. At Wisconsin turn left (east) and follow to it's end. You'll see the marina across the street. Depending on current birding information, their travels may take the group north to Manitowoc and Two Rivers harbors or south to Harrington Beach State park and Port Washington.

#### **March 17 (Saturday)** **(WSO) LaCrosse - Lansing Loop**

Meet: 7 am at entrance to Goose Island County Park off Hwy. 35 south of LaCrosse. This outing is roughly an 8-hour car caravan trip with minimal walking to see migrant waterfowl, raptors, and early passerines. Lunch in Lansing, Iowa at any of several restaurants. South from Goose Island along the River with a foray east near Rush Creek, west into Iowa at Lansing and the power plant for Peregrine Falcon. Then north, on Hwy 26 through New Albin, Iowa, on into Minnesota and the west bank of the river to Pool 8 at Reno. On to LaCrescent, MN/LaCrosse, WI. This trip will be led by Fred Lesher. If you'd like detailed information, contact him at 608-783-1149 or email to: [corax6330@yahoo.com](mailto:corax6330@yahoo.com).

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 LOCAL 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, January 25 - 7:00pm - at the home of Joan Rohan.

### **Hoy's Library Open to Members**

Hoy Club's library of books and multimedia are available to any member to check-out at the River Bend Nature Center. Should you wish to make a donation to the library, please give the item(s) to a board member. River Bend is open 9am-4:30pm Mon-Fri and 12:30pm-4:30pm Sat & Sun.