



Hoy Needs Your Help

Calling all Hoyers: The Hoy Board needs your help!

We are in the process of determining when to hold our next board election. The pandemic has made holding regular meetings difficult, and we continue to monitor the situation as new variants of COVID-19 occur. Many current board members are looking to change positions due to other commitments and due to our bylaws, which dictate a periodic change in officers.

What do board members do?

We attend board meetings (6 a year) where we review our budget and membership status, plan upcoming field trips and programs, suggest ideas for the newsletter, and discuss Hoy's education and conservation efforts. Due to the ongoing pandemic, we have been meeting via Zoom.

What positions does the board offer?

In addition to the standard **Officer** positions (President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary), Hoy has **Directors**, who provide support to the officers and vote on meeting items, and **Committee Chairs**, who oversee specific aspects of Hoy.

Who's currently interested in which board positions?

See the table below. If a position says OPEN with no name listed, then no one has expressed interest in that position yet.

Officers			
President: Rick Fare		Treasurer: Sue Schuit	
Vice President: OPEN		Secretary: OPEN	
Directors			
John Dixon	Karen Gavahan	Eric Howe	Kristin Wegner
Helen Pugh			
Committees & Committee Chairs			
Conservation: Sue Schuit		Field Trips: John Dixon	
Education: Rick Fare		Programs: Frank Sharkozy	
Newsletter: Kristin Wegner		Membership: Helen Pugh	
Publicity: OPEN			

What if I'm interested in a position that looks "taken"?

No positions will be official until Hoy votes (at a date TBD), so if you'd like to be considered for ANY position, please let us know, and we'll add you to the running. We welcome new board members and new ideas!



What if I want to help another way?

Hoy is always looking for committee members to help the committee chairs, so please let us know if you are interested.

We can always use help with:

- Planning field trips and programs
- Creating newsletter content
- Managing memberships
- Generating ideas for conservation activities

We appreciate any help you can give!

Don't forget—our board meetings are open to all Hoy members, so if you'd like to attend one to see what it's like or to share some ideas, please join us!

Blackburnian Warbler,
Jenny Wenzel



Did You Forget to Renew?

It's not too late to renew your 2022-2023 Hoy Audubon Society "Chapter Supporter" membership!

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Hoy Board of Directors

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Frank Sharkozy	262-770-2481
Treasurer:	
Sue Schuit	262-752-5955
Secretary:	
Karen Gavahan	262-633-7136
Directors:	
John Dixon	
Rick Fare	262-902-9020
Eric Howe	
Helen Pugh	262-308-6419
Kristin Wegner	

Email addresses of Board members are available at: hoysaudubon.org

Next Board of Directors Meeting:

August 11, 2022. We will continue to meet via phone and Zoom for now.

Newsletter Editor

Kristin Wegner

Ideas for the newsletter?

Send your suggestions, recaps of birding seminars/activities, fun facts, and birding tidbits to the Newsletter Editor at: Hoy Audubon, PO Box 044626, Racine, WI 53404 or email to: hoynewsletter@hoysaudubon.org

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Warbling Vireo vs Philadelphia Vireo

Even though we are at the beginning of summer, before you know it fall migration will start for some of our migrants. Two that are very similar in appearance, Warbling Vireo and Philadelphia Vireo, will be among them. The Warbling Vireo is a summer resident, but once migration is here, one has to look out for Philadelphia Vireos also. Here are some tips to hopefully make identification easier.

Let's start with the Warbling Vireo, the more common of the two. It is small, only about 5.5 inches in length, and a rather drab-plumaged bird. It has a greenish-olive back, a light gray crown which blends in color with the nape and upper back, a whitish supercilium, pale lores (the feathers between the eye and base of the bill), a very pale light gray eyeline, and whitish underparts with a slight tinge of yellow on the flanks. Some individuals are a little brighter yellow on the flanks with a bit more extensive yellow plumage than others.



Warbling Vireo,
Rita Wiskowski

On the other hand, the Philadelphia Vireo, which is just a bit shorter than the Warbling, is often a bit plumper in appearance. It has a dark crown which contrasts with the grayish nape and upper back. Its mid and lower back are also a darker shade of greenish-olive. It has a dark eyeline which contrasts more with



Philadelphia Vireo,
Kristin Wegner

the supercilium, and dark lores, making the face more contrastingly marked than the Warbling Vireo's face. Its throat has a good deal of yellow feathering, as does its abdomen and flanks. On some brightly colored individuals, the yellow is quite bright and includes the chest, abdomen, and flanks. These more distinctly plumaged birds most of the time also have a crown which is darker gray, even darker than the lighter colored individual's crown.

The contrasting face coloring and the tendency to have brighter yellow and more of it are probably the best field marks to separate these two species.

Just a personal observation of mine, but I tend to see Philadelphia Vireos lower in bushes and understory rather than in the upper canopy of trees where Warbling Vireos tends to hang out. This is not foolproof, as I've seen both in the lower trees and bushes or higher up, but it may give you a good start on a possible ID.

- John Dixon

April Excitement Along the Lakefront

The end of April brought two unique vagrant flycatchers to the Racine lakefront, presenting some lucky birders with county, state, and/or life birds! Both of these birds were first reported by Hoy members, which was also exciting.

Drew Goldberg found this stunning Scissor-tailed Flycatcher on April 25 at Shoop Park:



Kristin Wegner

Rita Wiskowski and Sue Kulinski spotted this amazing Ash-throated Flycatcher at the Wing Point Lighthouse on April 26. This bird appears to be only the 5th Ash-throated ever reported in the state, and the 2nd for Racine County:



Kristin Wegner

Nice work, everyone!

It was a joy to be able to see these unexpected birds before they left for parts unknown. Let's hope they made it home!

Hoy's May Bird Walks



Here's a few photos of groups from Hoy's May bird walks. These photos were taken at Cliffside Park, River Bend, and Hawthorne Hollow. Of course there were walks in Colonial Park, but I failed to take photos—too busy hunting birds! In mid-May there were several groups that had about 20 participants. With all those pairs of eyes, many wonderful birds were seen. The novices in the groups were helped by more experienced birders, and everyone got to see most of the beautiful migrants. By the end of May, there were no novices. See you next spring!

- Helen Pugh



Upcoming Activities

If you have questions or need directions to field trip locations, contact hoyfieldtrips@hoyaudubon.org.

Hoy will not have any field trips or activities in July.

Saturday, August 13

Hoy Field Trip: Horicon Marsh

7:20 a.m. Hwy 20 Park & Ride, Greenmonte Dr, Sturtevant, WI

9:00 a.m. @ Auto Loop parking lot

This is our 14th trip to Horicon, one of Wisconsin's premiere birding hotspots. If you plan to carpool or caravan, meet at the Hwy 20 Park & Ride at 7:20 a.m. OR meet at the Auto Loop Trail parking area off of Hwy 49 at 9:00 a.m. Sunscreen, hats, water, and snacks highly recommended. If you have questions or need directions, contact hoyfieldtrips@hoyaudubon.org.

Saturday, August 27, 8:00 a.m.

Hoy Field Trip: Wind Lake Sod Farms

Meet @ corner of Burmeister and Britton Roads in Racine County

We'll meet at the sod farms and, from the roadside, look for Buff-breasted Sandpipers, American Golden-Plovers, Brewer's Blackbirds and other fall migrants.

Thursday, September 8, 5:30 p.m.

Hoy Field Trip: Petrified Springs

Petrified Springs Park, Area 2

716 Green Bay Road, Kenosha, WI 53144

Meet at the area 2, where the feeders are, for a bird walk.

Saturday, September 17, 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Big Sit

Carre-Hogle Park, 1699 Main St. Racine, WI

Hoy's 12th Big Sit is a FREE EVENT and open to EVERYONE!

It is an easy activity for those with limited mobility, as birders watch from a stationary location. Bring binoculars, sunscreen, water, snacks, and a folding chair.



Newly fledged Chipping Sparrow,
Kristin Wegner

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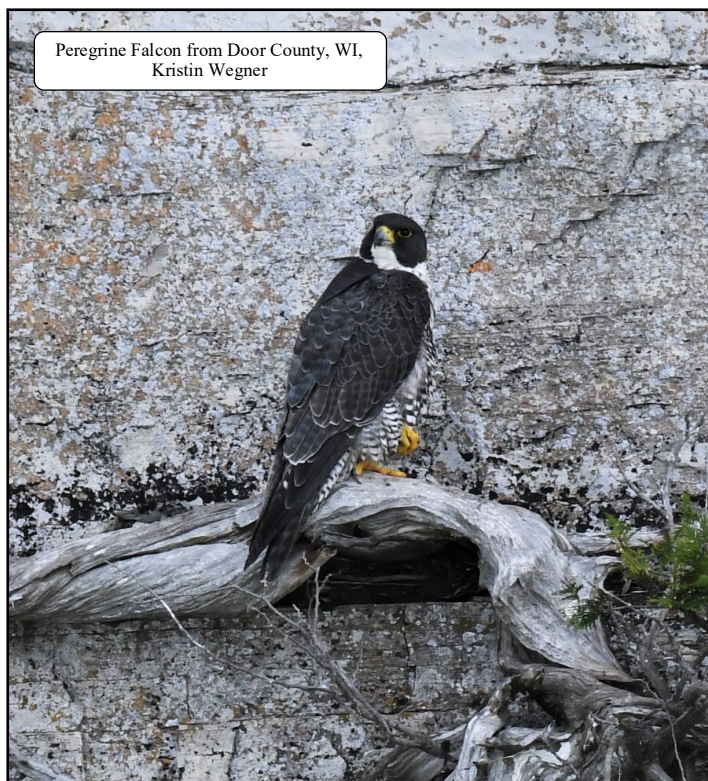
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Peregrine Falcon from Door County, WI,
Kristin Wegner