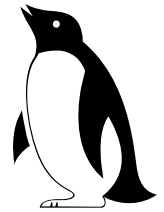


April Program -- Iceland and Islands of the Extreme Atlantic Ocean



Presenter: Walt Pomeroy
Thursday, April 17th at 7:30 pm
(for directions to meeting location, see page 2)

Combining pictures and stories from four different trips, Walt Pomeroy will take us on a quick historic and naturalist tour of Iceland, the world's oldest democracy. It is the land of seabirds, windswept open vistas and geothermal hot water.

The Atlantic island Canadian provinces of Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island will be seen from the perspective of the water as you begin to travel south. These coasts are rich in bird life and historic settings. A visit to a nearby piece of France still remaining in the "New World" will also be included.

Then buckle your seatbelt and travel to the southern Atlantic Ocean and to the bird-rich Falkland Islands and South Georgia Island. You will be amazed; extreme winds and moderate temperatures part of the year have created a habitat rich with millions of birds, including almost half of the world's penguins.

Last, Walt will share with us in pictures and words his visit in March 2008 to the most remote inhabited island in the world. Tristan da Cunha is a British Overseas Protectorate Island halfway between nowhere and somewhere in the south Atlantic. Actually, it is a volcanic island about half-way between Cape Horn and the Cape of Good Hope and home to about 300 people and countless migrating seabirds.

Walt Pomeroy is the retired National Audubon Mid-Atlantic Regional Vice President. While working in the Mid-Atlantic states for 17 years he charted over 20 new Audubon chapters and organized over a dozen regional and national Audubon conferences. He started the first state Important Bird Areas program in the US (Pennsylvania) and helped to establish the Pennsylvania Audubon state office.

And remember... prior to all monthly AAS programs is social time (with snacks) at 7:00 pm, followed by "Sightings of the Month" at 7:20 pm. Please join us for this fun get-to-know-you time!

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Silent Auction Items Needed

Once again AAS will hold a silent auction of nature-related items during our annual banquet on May 15th. Proceeds from the auction support our many educational activities, including scholarships to Hog Island environmental camps. Some past auction items have included optics, guide books, artwork, guided field trips, plants that provide food for wildlife, jewelry, and books. If you have a new or gently used birding/nature-related item to donate for the auction, please contact Susan Miller at 697-6696 or millerscorner@msn.com.



Protect Birds at the Feeder

Did you know that, according to a 1992 study conducted by the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, predation, predominately by household cats, caused 36 percent of bird deaths? You can help prevent this by placing bird feeders in locations that do not provide hiding places for these predators. Birdfeeders should be placed 5 to 12 feet from low shrubs or bushes that provide cover for hungry cats.

Appalachian Audubon monthly (Sept-May) programs normally take place on the 3rd Thursday of each month in Christ Presbyterian Church, 421 Deerfield Road, in the Allendale neighborhood of Camp Hill, at 7:30 p.m. Exceptions are announced in this newsletter, as are field trips and other activities.

PROGRAMS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Directions: Take New Cumberland exit off I-83; cross Carlisle Road. Turn left onto Allendale Way; take first left at Deerfield Road (from the south, take New Cumberland exit, turn left onto Carlisle Road, left onto Cedar Cliff Road, left on Allendale Way, then left onto Deerfield Road) to the church.



AAS Field Trips

Wildwood Lake Sanctuary Joint Field Trip – Saturday, April 12

Art Schiavo will lead this joint field trip with Quittaphilla Audubon to Wildwood Lake Sanctuary to witness the season's arrival of the Great Egret. Other early season migrants will be sought. This outing offers two choices for the length of the day's hike around the sanctuary. Check with Art at 520-5711 or 533-1978 for more details.

Pinchot State Park Spring Wildflower Walk – Saturday, April 19

This outing will feature early wildflowers of this popular local state park. Dan Welte will lead participants through Pinchot to find what spring offerings are showing. Call Dan at 728-0421 for meeting time and location.

Nescopeck State Park Early Spring Birding – Saturday, April 26

Another one of Pa.'s outstanding state park facilities will be featured in this early birding trip. Highlights to include thrushes and warblers in this Luzerne County location. Al Mercik will lead the trip, and can be reached at 657-8548.

Annual Warbler Walk in Stony Creek Valley – Saturday, May 3 *(New trip!)*

This trip, led by Tom Smith, has been added to our field trip line up. You may contact Tom for more info at 921-2461. This will replace the **Spring Migrants for Beginners** field trip, which has been canceled.

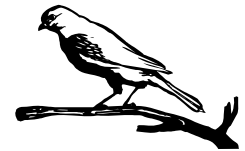
PA Migration Count Annual Survey – Saturday, May 10

This annual trip provides an excellent opportunity for birding and learning while contributing to a scientific effort. Various leaders scour the Tri-County area in order to count as many species as possible within the day.

Contact County Coordinators for more details:

Dauphin County – Carl and Nancy Juris, 564-1479, hbgrdrs@verizon.net

Cumberland County – Ramsay Koury, 761-1871



State Gamelands 230 Warbler Walk – Sunday, May 11

This popular walk near Carlisle Springs will be hosted by Pete Lusardi. Join Pete as he searches for wandering warblers, furious flycatchers and tremendous thrushes. Call Pete at 243-6419 for last minute details prior to the trip.

Bird Migration Festival

Enjoy the height of spring migration at Presque Isle State Park, where 320 species of birds have been recorded. Take part in workshops and field trips geared for the beginner and the seasoned naturalist. Attend the premiere of a film highlighting the birds, habitat and hot spots of Presque Isle in all seasons. Visit the state-of-the-art Tom Ridge Environmental Center.

Hurry, limited spots are available for this first-ever festival to take place on **May 9–11, 2008**. Call (814) 835-8069 Ex 102, or go to www.presqueisle.org/audubon for more details.



Waggoner's Gap Fundraiser Reminder



This is a reminder about the AAS annual appeal that arrived in the mail the second week of March. We are hoping to raise \$5,000 from member donations that would be matched by chapter funds, making a total \$10,000. These funds will be used entirely toward the purchase of an important piece of land next to the Waggoner's Gap Hawk Watch on the Kittatinny Ridge (known locally as Blue or North Mountain).

If you misplaced the appeal letter, you can send a check to the AAS treasurer indicating your donation is for the Waggoner's Gap project.

Mail to: Ellen Zeph, 18 Glendale Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.



Why are we so excited about this project?

- Waggoner's Gap is known for the Audubon-owned Hawk Watch, where volunteers have been counting the annual fall raptor migration for more than 50 years. It's also where many Appalachian Audubon members have spent countless hours educating visitors and doing trail work to make it an outstanding resource for the public.
- Waggoner's Gap is located "down ridge" from Hawk Mountain Sanctuary; and due to several ridges joining at the Susquehanna River, more eagles and hawks end up flying past "the Gap" than at Hawk Mountain. *Last year, 539 eagles and more than 26,000 total raptors were counted passing by Waggoner's Gap during their migration along the ridge.*
- This property is adjacent to the Reineman Sanctuary in Perry County and the Audubon Hawk Watch on the top of the Ridge, so buying it will prevent homes from being built next to the Hawk Watch and will create an even larger block of protected ridge-top habitat!

AAS Hosts ZooAmerica at Cleve J. Fredricksen Library

Our chapter tried something new this year. In an attempt to reach out to families and children of all ages, on March 2nd we invited the community to a free program about Endangered Species, (presented by ZooAmerica) which included some very interesting live creatures. We chose a Sunday afternoon during the chilly, sometimes boring part of winter, hoping that there would be interest, while avoiding conflicts with sports activities and other social events. It worked!

About 100 participants of every age came out that day to meet a burrowing owl, an alligator (to talk about disappearing crocodiles), an American Kestrel, a gopher tortoise, and an indigo snake. Human activity and loss of habitat is the main reason for these creatures becoming endangered. Our speaker, Mike Kerr, also brought a de-scented striped skunk, to make the point that some animals adapt easily to human activity. Tasty refreshments topped off the day. Everyone had a great time and learned a lot. We send a big thank you to Mike and Hershey ZooAmerica.

Thanks also to Susan Miller, who arranged the event, and Sue Strassner, Kathy Kuchwara, Paul Zeph, Tom Lehman, and Lorrie Preston who gave up several hours on a Sunday afternoon for our chapter. We all came away feeling pleased about the success of the event.



AAS Committees Can Use Your Help



The various AAS Committees that serve our chapter play such an important part in our success. The duties that are performed by the Chairmen and women of these committees often goes unnoticed by the general membership, and yet, this is where much of the work takes place behind the scenes that defines who we are and what we accomplish as a chapter.

We have our new line-up of Committee Chairs in place for the coming year, and we thank them for being willing to serve our chapter. We would like to boost the strength and effectiveness of our Committees by welcoming additional Committee members aboard to share ideas, energy, time and talent. Please help us make a difference for birds, wildlife, conservation and the environment. Feel free to contact the Chairs of the following committees, or AAS President, Lorrie Preston, (732-5615 or mitandpak@aol.com) to see what would be involved in your area of interest and how you can help. We have fun while we make a difference! Please join us!

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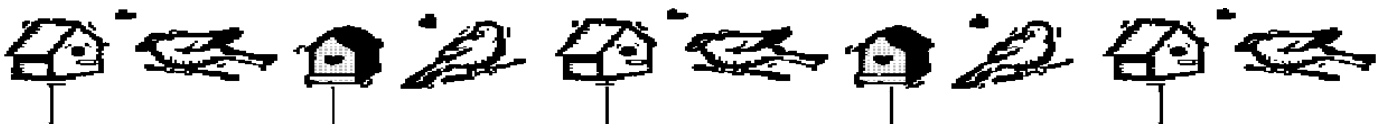
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- Kathy Kuchwara: 319-0828, Kathykatbird1@aol.com

Youth Coordinator – VACANCY (Interested teens, please contact us!)

Webmaster – Brandon O’Neill

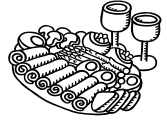


Please Join Us for the Annual AAS Banquet

Thursday, May 15, 2008 (Reservations Required! Return form by May 8th)



Appetizers: 6:00 p.m.
Buffet Dinner: 6:45 p.m.
Program: 8:00 p.m.



Location – Christ Presbyterian Church, 421 Deerfield Rd., Camp Hill, PA 17011

Program - "We Are All in this Together"

By Marcus Schneck, Patriot News Outdoor Columnist and Nature Author

Birders, hikers, hunters, campers, and anglers...We all share a love of the same things that are threatened daily by other interests. Marcus Schneck will discuss how we can all unite in an all-encompassing conservation movement to protect those things we love.

Banquet attendees are encouraged to help the environment by bringing their own permanent plates, silverware, and glasses from home, along with newspaper to wrap dishes in for transport after use.

Silent auction to benefit our scholarship program. Please contact Susan Miller, at 697-6696 or millerscorner@msn.com if you have nature items to donate for our silent auction.

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Please make reservations by May 8, 2008

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please make reservations for _____ Adults at \$16.00 each
and _____ Children (under 12 yrs) at \$12.00 each

Send this form along with your check payable to AAS or Appalachian Audubon Society to:

Appalachian Audubon Society
c/o Ellen Zeph
18 Glendale Drive
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Membership Survey

Within the last few weeks you should have received in the mail a membership survey. Please take a few minutes to fill that out and return it. Your input will be very helpful to us. Thanks!

Report of the Nominating Committee

- Jon Dale, Kathy Kuchwara, and Lorrie Preston



In accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Appalachian Audubon Society, the Nominating Committee submits the following slate of Officers and Directors for your consideration to serve our chapter in the coming year and throughout the terms of office.

* *Nominees up for election in May 2008*

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| Treasurer * | Ellen Zeph | Secretary * | Steven Horner |

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| | Jean Graybill | | Jon Dale * |
| | Sue Strassner | | Ed Smith * |

The election will take place at the Annual Meeting and Banquet on May 15, 2008. Suggestions for nominations of Officers or Directors may be submitted to any member of the Nominating Committee at any time, up to and including from the floor at the time of the elections, in accordance with the By-Laws.

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New Member's Name: _____ Today's Date: _____
 Address: _____ E-mail Address: _____
 Phone: _____ Senior Membership? _____ Student? _____
 Is any of this contact information new? If so, place an X here: _____ **U07 7XCH**

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To receive AAS mailings when away on long vacations or after moving, PLEASE contact our AAS chapter Membership chair (see p.2) with your address change. This saves us money while keeping you current with our activities. Giving a change of address form to the US Post Office (USPS) **will NOT help**; our USPS addresses are handled by National Audubon. We incur a \$.41 charge per item for each piece of incorrectly addressed, returned mail.

Please help us help you!