



# Kingfisher Courier

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APPALACHIAN AUDUBON SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

## AAS PROGRAM

### Unraveling the Secrets of the Night: Flight-call Research and Advanced Birding Strategies

Michael Lanzone started birding when he was eight, and since then has traveled the world to watch, listen, study and photograph birds. In his professional career he has worked as a field ornithologist for various state, federal, and private organizations across the United States and Mexico. Recently he was the Assistant Coordinator for the 2nd Pennsylvania Breeding Bird Atlas and he was the Biotechnology and Biomonitoring Lab Supervisor stationed at Powdermill, the biological research station of Carnegie Museum of Natural History. In the spring of 2011 he was awarded the Conservation Award from the Pennsylvania Society for Ornithology for his work done on eastern Golden Eagles. You may remember his presentation on that topic for Appalachian Audubon last season.

Currently, Mike is the Chief Executive Officer of Cellular Tracking Technologies in Somerset, PA. He is still actively involved in research — his major foci include Golden Eagle flight behavior and telemetry and nocturnal monitoring of birds using flight calls. A lot of his recent work recently has focused on advances in the application of bio-acoustics to the monitoring of geographically remote breeding populations of songbirds in North America. Join us for an intriguing lesson as Michael shares what he has learned about those sounds of the night.

#### Mark your calendar: September 19.

Refreshments and social time start at 7:00pm. A brief meeting begins at 7:30, with the program to follow.

## Native Plant Sale



Once again we are sponsoring a fall plant sale at Meadowood Native Plant Nursery. Nursery owners Jan Getgood and Ernie Johnson have partnered with AAS for a number of years to provide these special opportunities for our chapter. Stop by to enjoy the beautiful nursery and learn more about why native plants are so important to birds, butterflies, and other wild visitors to our gardens. You can leisurely browse among a wide variety of plants that are native to our area and do well in the south central PA climate. Fall is a good time for planting because roots can become established without being stressed by summer's heat. Volunteers will be on hand to help you make appropriate choices for your yard, and a percentage of proceeds will benefit our chapter. More information is available on the Meadowood website: [www.meadowoodnursery.org](http://www.meadowoodnursery.org).

If you would like to volunteer to help with the sale, please contact Sue Strassner at [strassneri@aol.com](mailto:strassneri@aol.com) or 579-0714.

#### DIRECTIONS TO MEADOWOOD

*From the South* — At Hershey Park's Giant Center, take PA-39 West for 3 miles. Turn left on Red Top Road and go 1.1 miles. Turn Right on Long Lane, then Left on Meadowood. Drive to the end where two driveways split into a "Y." Take the paved drive on the left, up the hill to the nursery.

*From the North* — On Route 81 take Exit 77. Follow PA-39 East for 3 miles. Turn Right on Red Top Road and go 1.1 miles. Proceed as above.

**Join us on Saturday, September 14 from 9am–1pm** at Meadowood: 24 Meadowood Drive, Hummelstown, PA • [www.meadowoodnursery.org](http://www.meadowoodnursery.org)

It's a Sunday morning in July and already the humidity is high, indicating that it will be pretty uncomfortable outside later on. So, before having to leave home for the day, I bring a book out to the porch to read and enjoy the last bit of coolness. Wood Thrushes are singing in the nearby woods where Pileated and Red-bellied Woodpeckers are also sounding off. A Carolina Wren stops by to investigate a hanging flower basket. Several hummingbirds visit the nearby salvias, sage, and feeder, intermittently taking turns to chase each other away with some very fancy aeronautical maneuvers. I wonder if the female Rufous that visited last fall will return later this year. A variety of butterflies and other winged critters are making use of the coneflowers, and, for the first time this season, the annual cicada chorus is noticeably warming up. Needless to say, after about 30 minutes the book is lying open on a table, only one page turned.

If someone had not invited me to join Appalachian Audubon many years ago, who knows if I would even take time to notice any of this? Because of that invitation a lot of things hold an importance that might not have otherwise. Over the years dozens of people have influenced my appreciation of the natural world in large and small ways, people who willingly share their knowledge and love of nature with others. Many of those folks have also donated their time and talent to AAS as officers, board members, field trip leaders, speakers, event volunteers, and, in general, have contributed to keeping our chapter alive and active.

As we begin our 2013–2014 season, an invitation is extended to you to join in the fun and learning opportunities. How? Attend our monthly educational program meetings or field trips. All are welcome! Volunteer to provide refreshments, help set up, or be a greeter at a meeting. Help out at our annual native plant or birdseed sales. Introduce an educator or young(er) person to our environmental camp scholarships. Assist with our silent auctions. Say YES when someone asks you to participate. There are many ways to become involved and make a difference. Our wonderful officers and directors have planned an exciting series of events for you, but we can often use some extra hands to get everything accomplished.

Welcome to this new year of Appalachian Audubon activities! Whether you are a long time member or a potential new visitor, we look forward to seeing YOU soon.

— Susan Miller



Top: Pileated Woodpecker

Bottom: Coneflowers are a good food source for butterflies and American Goldfinches.

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## 2014 CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

Appalachian Audubon Society will be offering a Bird Studies for Teens ornithology camp scholarship and a \$500 Sharing Nature: An Educator's Week scholarship for the Hog Island Audubon Camp for summer, 2014. Applications will be due in early 2014. Hog Island is a beautiful forested island off the coast of Maine offering student ornithology camps, educator camps and many other programs. Puffins and many seabirds can be found in the surrounding bay. Check the website for more information: <http://hogisland.audubon.org/>. The AAS scholarships help to cover part of the cost for the camps, however applicants will need to arrange and pay for the cost of travel to Maine and may need to refund the scholarship to AAS if they cancel their trip. Watch for more information on the AAS website and future newsletters.

AAS also works with Wildwood Nature Center to provide scholarships to students for Wildwood nature camps and programs. See more at: <http://www.wildwoodlake.org/events/>.

### 2013 Annual Appeal Update

Many thanks to everyone who so generously contributed to our annual spring appeal.

A total of \$1,645.00 was raised and sent to the Friends of Forsythe for recovery efforts at the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge in southern New Jersey. This is a favorite birding site for many AAS members and your donations are helping to clean up the damage caused by Hurricane Sandy last fall. Your support is greatly appreciated!

## Help AAS — Volunteer for Birdseed Sale

Would you like to get more involved in our chapter? We have a number of jobs that volunteers can fill, all of which help make this important fundraiser a success. Any time you can donate is appreciated and it's a great way to get to know other chapter members.

If you are interested please contact:

- Marcia Wilson  
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- Kathy Kuchwara  
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or call one of their numbers listed on the previous page.

Happy volunteers at our 2012 Birdseed & Feeder Sale.



Annual Birdseed Sale is held on **Friday, October 4th and Saturday the 5th** in Camp Hill.

## APPALACHIAN AUDUBON IS GOING GREENER

To reduce our impact on the environment, our budget, and volunteer time, the AAS board of directors has decided to change the number of newsletter issues published. This season we will produce six newsletters as follows: September, October/November, December/January, February/March, April, and May.

Please be sure to hang on to your copies from one month to the next so that you don't miss any important activities. You can also check our website for a listing of events.

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AAS monthly programs typically take place on the third Thursday of each month at the **Christ Presbyterian Church** located at 421 Deerfield Road, in the Allendale neighborhood of Camp Hill. Join us at 7:00pm for socializing and refreshments. The program begins at 7:30pm.

## DIRECTIONS

**I-83 southbound** — take exit 40B towards New Cumberland. Stay straight, cross Carlisle Road to Cedar Cliff Drive. Turn left onto Allendale Way and turn left onto Deerfield Road. The Church is on the left. Park in the second lot.

**I-83 northbound** — take exit 40B, turn left onto Carlisle Road/Simpson Ferry Road and go under I-83. Turn left again at the light onto Cedar Cliff Drive. Turn left onto Allendale Way and turn left onto Deerfield Road. The Church is on the left. Park in the second lot.

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Birdseed Sale Flyer  
Program & Field Trip Brochure

The *Kingfisher Courier's* updated look is attributed to Karen Stiffler, a new volunteer who is sharing her design talents with us. Karen also did the layout of the program/field trip brochure and birdseed sale flyer.

Thanks, Karen!

## GO "GREEN!"

Save valuable resources and receive your full-color *Kingfisher Courier* via email instead of paper! Just send an email to: [millerscorner@msn.com](mailto:millerscorner@msn.com).

Thanks!

## Appalachian Audubon in Dillsburg

On behalf of AAS, longtime member Jon Dale will present a program at the Dillsburg Area Public Library on Tuesday, September 24th at 6:30pm. Jon will use slides, demonstrations, and samples of feeders and seed to educate about the do's and don'ts of feeding birds. The library is located at 17 South Baltimore Street, Dillsburg and the program is open to the public. More info at [www.yorklibraries.org/dillsburg](http://www.yorklibraries.org/dillsburg).