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APPALACHIAN AUDUBON SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

AAS PROGRAM | APRIL

Identifying Warblers



Former AAS president Terry Neumyer will share with us 10 techniques that can be used to aid in springtime warbler identification. His program includes both songs and photographs of fourteen warblers that are found in Pennsylvania during this season. In addition, Terry will treat us to a selection of his incredible pictures of other songbirds that reside in our Western Hemisphere.

Terry has had a long history of educating others about birds and their environment. He has led many field trips for AAS, including the very popular spring weekends at Cape May. He has led bird walks and served as docent for the Wetlands Institute in Stone Harbor, New Jersey, and has taught beginning birding classes at Cape May Observatory. He has also been involved in the Elderhostel programs at Geneva Point Center in New Hampshire.

Please join us on Thursday, April 17th, at Christ Presbyterian Church, Camp Hill. From 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm we will have social time and refreshments. At 7:30 we will hold our chapter meeting followed by Terry's program.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
Thursday, April 17 @ 7:00 pm

Native Plant Sale

It has certainly been a long, cold, snowy winter. But spring is on its way and it's time to prepare our yards for its arrival. AAS, along with Meadowood Nursery, can help you select plants that both beautify your outdoor spaces and benefit the birds and insects that are so important to our environment.



Eastern Tiger Swallowtail, *Papilio glaucus*, on Purple Coneflower, *Echinacea purpurea*.

Courtesy Karen E.H. Atwood / Atwood Photo

We will be holding our annual Spring Native Plant Sale at the nursery on Saturday, April 26th, from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. Volunteers and nursery staff will be available to help you choose plants that meet your needs, whether you have a large tract of land or want to fill a spot in a small flower bed. We'll even help you load your vehicle.

A visit to Meadowood is always a great way to spend a spring morning and the proceeds from this sale support AAS educational programs, including our scholarship fund. The birds, bees, and butterflies will thank you!

We are also looking for volunteers to assist us on the 26th. No experience necessary and it's a great way to get involved in our chapter. Please contact Sue Strassner at strassneri@aol.com if you'd like to help.

Learn more about Meadowood at www.meadowoodnursery.org.

Directions to Meadowood

24 Meadowood Drive
Hummelstown, PA 17036

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.

SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday, April 26 @ 9:00 am–1:00 pm

Breeding Bird Atlas

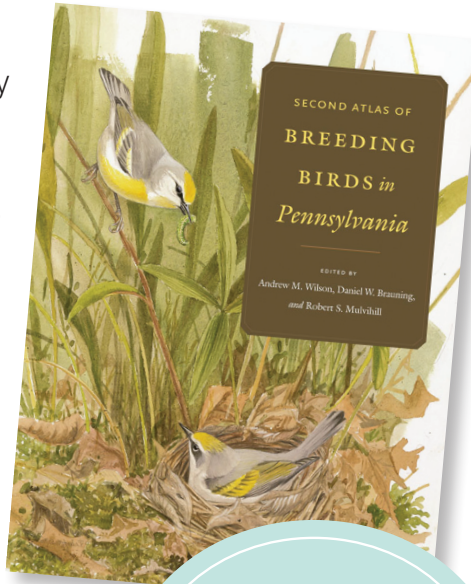
Penn State University Press has graciously offered a new discount for the recently-published *Second Atlas of Breeding Birds in Pennsylvania*. Audubon chapters and bird clubs helped create the Second Atlas with your observations and financial support, and we are eager to make it as available as possible.

The resulting book is beautiful, full of color photos of each species of nesting bird, multiple maps, and habitats. It's a real treasure trove of information about Pennsylvania's nesting birds; a must-have in the library of anyone interested in birds.

To get this special offer, find the book at the web site of Penn State University Press: <http://www.psupress.org/books/titles/978-0-271-05630-2.html#>. Select "add to cart," then "proceed to checkout" and check the box "I have a discount code" and enter AUD14.

I hope you enjoy the book and learn much, pouring over its pages. Thank you for your continued support of bird conservation.

— Dan Brauning, Co-editor, with Andy Wilson and Bob Mulvihill



Through this summer, the *Second Atlas* is now available for **25% off** the already subsidized price.

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Silent Auction Items Needed

Our annual banquet in May will include a silent auction of nature-related items. Past auctions have included bird houses and feeders, books, jewelry, binoculars, scopes, artwork, outdoor equipment, native plants, and a few surprises. If you have a new or gently used item to donate for the auction please contact Jane Barnette at 657-2055 (Harrisburg area), Sue Strassner at 243-5731 (Carlisle area), Kathy Kuchwara 319-0828 (Camp Hill/West Shore area), or Susan Miller at 697-6696. Please call by May 12th.

Want More Birding?

For more great information on birds and birding, check out the Pennsylvania Society for Ornithology's website at <http://www.pabirds.org/>. The PSO was founded to foster the study and appreciation of the birds of Pennsylvania and to promote the conservation of birds and their habitat. They offer great field trips around the state throughout the year, and their annual meeting will be held this year at the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford from June 6 through June 8, 2014. Membership is open to everyone, including beginning birders.



Peregrine Falcom—Joe Josack | PGC Photo

AAS Annual Banquet

Join Us on May 15th

Reservations required by Thursday, May 8th

Alaska: Beyond the Cruise Ships by Scott Weidensaul

If you laid Alaska across the Lower 48, one corner would be in California, one in North Carolina and one in Minnesota. Yet few visitors to the 49th state ever get beyond the typical cruise-ship itinerary. Scott Weidensaul, who has been exploring Alaska for more than 30 years, takes us to some of the most remote parts of this immense and wild state, from the isolated Aleutian Islands and Pribilofs, to native villages within sight of Russia, to wilderness rivers on the North Slope — breathtaking landscapes alive with birds and mammals.



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Enjoy this great evening for only \$26 per person!

When: Thursday, May 15

6:00 pm Silent Auction, Appetizers, Cash Bar
(Doors won't open until 6:00 sharp!)

6:45 pm Buffet Dinner, followed by a brief meeting and then the program

Where: West Shore Elks Lodge #2257

108 N. St. John's Church Road, Camp Hill, PA (Just off the Carlisle Pike, near Liebman's Furniture)

Menu:

Buffet dinner features Chicken Marsala, Braised Roast Beef Burgundy, Rigatoni Marinara with Mushrooms & Fresh Basil, Fresh Steamed Vegetables, Mixed Greens Salad, Rolls, Beverages, and Dessert. Cash Bar.

AAS BANQUET RESERVATION FORM

Must be received by Thursday, May 8th!

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please make reservations for _____ persons @ \$26 each \$ _____

I would like to donate to the AAS Annual Appeal
to support the ABA Birders' Exchange (see reverse) \$ _____

I would like to donate to the AAS Camp Scholarship Program \$ _____

Total included \$ _____

Mail this form, along with your check payable to AAS (Appalachian Audubon Society), to:
Andy Groff, AAS Treasurer • 14 Chelton Circle, Camp Hill, PA 17011

AAS 2014 ANNUAL APPEAL — ABA BIRDERS' EXCHANGE

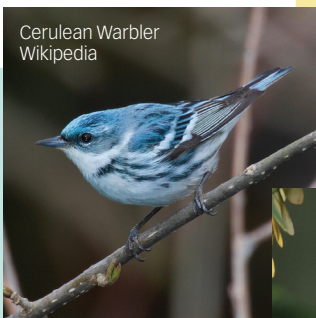
It is no secret that habitat loss continues to be a major threat to birds worldwide. Many of the beautiful warblers and other songbirds that spend part of their lives in South Central Pennsylvania are negatively affected by the shrinking rainforest. Local educators, scientists and conservationists in Latin America and the Caribbean are working to protect birds and their environment, but they need our help! The American Birding Association's Birders' Exchange is one important way we can assist with their efforts. This group provides educational materials and equipment such as field guides and binoculars to help them in their work and also to

excite the citizens of these areas about birds and the importance of preserving their surroundings. These are the individuals who will ultimately make the difference in land protection. You can learn more about the Exchange at www.aba.org/bex.

Appalachian Audubon Society has chosen this cause as the recipient of our 2014 Annual Appeal because it has the potential to positively affect those birds we love to see, hear, and count every year. Please consider making a donation.

"Birders' Exchange must have studied the art of wizardry. With nothing more than donated birding equipment, books, and a bit of cash, they turn local communities and school kids into committed conservationists, struggling NGOs into recognized players on the international scene, and "paper parks" into real protected areas. And in the process they remind us how rewarding it is to lend a hand when none is expected."

— Charles D. Duncan,
Director of the Shorebird Recovery Project, and
Director of the Executive Office of
The Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network,
Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences



Cerulean Warbler
Wikipedia

"Birders' Exchange is an inspired idea and a highly effective reality. It's making a big difference throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Anyone who cares about the future of birds and wildlife should support this program."

— Kenn Kaufman, author of
Birds of North America



Wood Thrush
Wikipedia

"With Birders' Exchange, the need for a good pair of binoculars won't stand in the way of developing first-class ornithologists all over the world, and can only lead to increased information and appreciation of the birds and their habitats at the local level."

— David Allen Sibley, author of
The Sibley Guide to Birds

Yes, I want to support the work of the ABA Birders' Exchange.

(If you are attending our Annual Banquet, you can make your donation on the Banquet reservation form.)

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I would like to donate to the AAS Annual Appeal to help the Birders' Exchange. \$ _____

I would like to donate to the AAS Camp Scholarship Program \$ _____

Total included \$ _____

100% of your contribution is tax-deductible.

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WILDFLOWER WALK AT PINE HILL

Saturday April 5th

(Date subject to change based on weather forecast.)

Jane Earle will take us through the wooded ravine at Pine Hill Arboretum in East Pennsboro Township to look for early spring wildflowers such as:

- Dutchman's breeches
- toothwort
- saxifrage
- trout lily
- blue phlox

We will meet at 1:00 pm. Contact Jane at janeearle@msn.com or 728-4241 for meeting location

(Bring your binoculars as there are often a nice variety of birds at the arboretum.)

CONNEWAGO RECREATION TRAIL

Sunday April 27th

Jane Barnette will lead us through a new nature trail located outside of Middletown. We will search the habitat for migrant and resident birds and other wildlife.

Meet at JC Penney's parking lot (Swatara Square) at 7:00 am. Contact Jane at 657-2055 or jbird5582@aol.com.

Would you like to help?

Volunteers are the driving force of Appalachian Audubon Society. We are looking for a few more good folks to help plan and carry out activities by serving as directors, officers, or committee members. If you would like to become more involved with our chapter please contact Rick Price at 657-1950 or Susan Miller at 697-6696 to learn about available opportunities.

Update on Paton Property

By Jane Barnette

Last September the AAS Board approved a \$200 donation to help Tuscon Audubon purchase the Paton property in Patagonia, Arizona. At that time this historic birding land was up for sale and the concern was it would be bought by someone who wouldn't maintain it like Wally and Marion Paton had. This could have resulted in the loss of valuable habitat that has served as a haven for hummingbirds and other avian species that frequent the property. An important part of the birding experience in Southeastern Arizona would be altered. The October/November edition of the Kingfisher Courier Newsletter featured an article about the proposed sale and its implications and also provided information on how individuals could donate to preserve the land if they wished.

On February 21, 2014, acquisition of the Paton property was finalized through a partnership with the American Bird Conservancy and Victor Emanuel Nature Tours. Paton's Birder Haven will now be managed by Tuscon Audubon and forever maintained as a hummingbird sanctuary. Over 1,000 contributions from individuals and organizations from all over the world answered the call to help make this come about. For anyone planning a trip to Southeast Arizona, a stop at Paton's Birder Haven in Patagonia should be on your list. Many thanks to all those whose donations helped make this possible.



2014 AAS Hog Island Scholarship Awarded

Congratulations to Nathan Vorodi of Boiling Springs, PA! Nate is our 2014 Hog Island Teen Camp Scholarship recipient. He will be attending the week-long Audubon Coastal Maine Bird Studies for Teens camp this summer on amazing Hog Island in Muscongus Bay off the coast of Maine. Nate will be a freshman this fall at Boiling Springs High School. He has enjoyed hiking, camping, kayaking and orienteering in summer programs at King's Gap Environmental Education Center in Carlisle and at the YMCA's Camp Thompson in Pine Grove Furnace State Park. He also participates in other wildlife and outdoor activities with his family. Nate's hope is that his Hog Island journeys will help him explore the idea of pursuing a scientific career. Currently he is interested in marine ecosystems and population

counts and migration patterns in birds and other species, especially in view of potential impacts on them from climate change. Nate plans to document his Hog Island experiences through photographs and share them with our chapter at a later date. Best wishes to Nate for a great week up in Maine this summer!

Each year Appalachian Audubon offers student and educator scholarships to Hog Island; watch for application materials in the fall. For future years, we are also considering offering a choice of additional ornithology, wildlife, and nature education scholarships for students, families and educators. We invite feedback and suggestions. Please send your ideas and thoughts to the AAS Education Committee, c/o Karen Atwood: crakeha5556@verizon.net.



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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 7:00 pm for socializing and refreshments. The program begins at 7:30 pm.

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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Summer Scholarship Opportunity

Appalachian Audubon is partnering with the Central PA Conservancy to offer one scholarship for the Goddard Leadership Legacy Institute at Pine Grove Furnace State Park from July 13–18. The camp is open to rising 8th, 9th, and 10th graders (ages 13–15). The AAS scholarship will be awarded to a resident of our chapter territory. The selected recipient will be asked to provide an article about his/her experience for this newsletter. For more information and application instructions, check www.goddardleadership.org.

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Please go to the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/515034908575016/> and click to join the group. An administrator will add you to the group promptly.

