



# Kingfisher Courier

MAY 2019

APPALACHIAN AUDUBON SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

## Harrisburg Falcon Watch

Since 1997, the Rachel Carson State Office Building in Harrisburg has been host to a pair of Peregrine Falcons, the longest continuously successful nest site in Pennsylvania. Since 2000, this nest has fledged 66 chicks, several of which have subsequently been identified in their own nesting territories in PA and surrounding states. Peregrine Falcons have proven themselves highly adaptable to city living. But urban environments, including cars and windows, present unique hazards to young falcons as they learn to fly. To improve the fledglings' odds of survival, each spring the all-volunteer Harrisburg Falcon Watch and Rescue mounts a dawn to dusk watch, seven days a week, to monitor the young falcons' activity, and when necessary, rescue grounded or otherwise threatened fledglings. Appalachian Audubon Society members have given strong support for this program in the past and have made a great difference in the survival of a number of Harrisburg's fledglings. If you are interested in participating as a volunteer, please contact AAS member Sue Hannon, or email [hbgfalconwatch@gmail.com](mailto:hbgfalconwatch@gmail.com). No prior experience is necessary.

## AAS Supporting Young Scientists

As you may recall, AAS recently began expanding our support for youth interested in conservation and the natural sciences through scholarship awards at the Capital Area Science and Engineering Fair. We are pleased to announce that AAS has been able to add to that support through a scholarship at the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Sciences Science Fair. The AAS scholarship winner was Adele Shirmer of Perry County. Her project is described below. Congratulations to Adele!



### Beetles Beware: Effects of Various Biopesticides on *Callosobruchus Maculatus* Behavior

This experiment was conducted in order to investigate the pesticidal capabilities of oil derived from neem (*Azadirachta indica*), chinaberry (*Melia azedarach*), and Eastern red cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*). To obtain this information, various amounts of each substance were applied to Asian bean beetles (*Callosobruchus maculatus*). Over time, data was collected on migration patterns, mortality rate, laying preference, and viability of laid eggs. It was hypothesized that application of neem oil would result in data indicating the most effective pesticidal abilities across the board due to its well-known popularity as a highly effective form of general pest control. Though neither alternative provided the same results as neem in any situation, both provided generally applicable results in regards to migration pattern and mortality. In both cases, cedarwood provided behavior closest to that of neem in its ability to deter beetles, but it performed much less well in terms of laying preference.

## Board Nominations

The Appalachian Audubon Society's Nominating Committee (Chris Kemmerer, Dale Rupert, and Jane Webster) is pleased to present this slate of candidates for consideration by members.

**President** Chris Kemmerer (2-year term)  
**Vice President** Tony Arnold (1-year term)  
**Treasurer** Dan Kemmerer (1-year term)

**Secretary** Alexandria Zwanziger (1-year term)  
**Director** John Latsha (2-year term)  
**Director** Georgia Kagle (2-year term)

**Director** Betsy Riter (2-year term)  
**Director** Kelly Arnold (1-year term)

Elections will be held at the Annual Banquet on May 16, 2019. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor.

JOIN US ON MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> FOR THE  
**AAS Annual Banquet!**

**Reservations required by 5/9/19.**  
 See page 5 for registration form.



## Appalachian Audubon Thanks Leaders

Appalachian Audubon sends our appreciation to departing board members. They have given their time and energy to work on various aspects of the chapter's purpose — conserving birds and other wildlife and the habitats they need through education, land conservation, and stewardship.

Sarah Klunk has served as Secretary for two years. In addition, she has led an effort to ramp up the visibility of the chapter on social media. Under her guidance, we have gone from sporadic posts on Facebook to an active community with over 300 members sharing sightings and other postings. AAS is excited for her to continue this work as the chapter's Publicity Chair.

Kevin Shannon has served four years on the board. He has been a willing volunteer, serving on the Finance Committee, Birdseed Fundraising Committee, and helping with Native Plant Sales. His perspective and ideas are always welcome additions at board meetings.

Mary Brenner has served three years on the board. In addition to working on the Trout Run Committee, she has been a passionate supporter of scholarships for youth. She helped expand the number of scholarships we offer each year and has worked with recipients to present the popular Scholarship Roundup for the October program.

If elected, the following will serve next year: Chris Kemmerer will become President; Tony Arnold steps up to Vice President; Dan Kemmerer continuing as Treasurer; John Latsha serving another term on the board and chairing the Birdseed Fundraiser. Ann DePaulis will continue on the board and Youth Outreach Committee while Dale Rupert will continue on the board and as Membership Chair and Webmaster.

We thank these people for stepping forward to be nominated as an officer or director: Georgia Kagle, who will continue as Education Chair; Ali Zwanziger, who volunteered to help after attending her first AAS program meeting; Betsy Riter and Kelly Arnold, who have both been serving on the Youth Outreach Committee.

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Chirag Saini on  
Unsplash.com

Volunteers  
are the heart & soul  
of Audubon!

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# Volunteers Wanted!

Do you enjoy the outdoors? Do you like working with elementary school kids? Audubon Pennsylvania is seeking volunteers to help with spring field trips to Gifford Pinchot State Park in Lewisberry as part of our Learn, Explore & Restore Our Watershed program. Volunteers assist students with activities including bird watching, collecting aquatic insects, and habitat improvements. No experience necessary! Training and support provided. Spend a day outside learning, having fun, and nurturing the next generation of environmental stewards! If interested contact Kelly McGinley at [kmcginley@audubon.org](mailto:kmcginley@audubon.org).

**Dates:** May 1, May 2, May 10, May 11, May 17 & May 18

**Time Commitment:** 9:00am–3:00pm



**Volunteer  
for one  
day — or a  
handful of  
field trips!**

*Photo courtesy  
Kelly McGinley*

## Introducing Our 2019 Hog Island Teen Scholarship Recipients

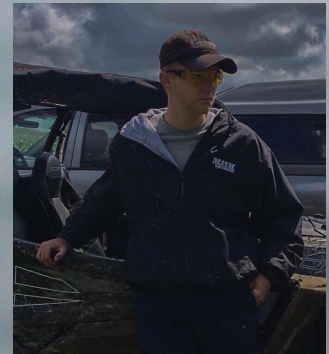
Harrison Booth, Jesse-Thomas (JT) Eubanks, and Cade Fennell will attend a Hog Island Audubon Camp's Coastal Maine Bird Studies for Teens week this summer with scholarships from AAS. Our camp scholarships are possible thanks to donations by generous AAS members and fundraising activities (e.g., silent auctions, birdseed, and native plant sales) by the chapter and the Board.

**Harrison** is from Leola, PA and is currently a junior at Conestoga Valley High School. He is an avid birder who has been interested in birds since he first visited Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area with his family when he was in the first grade. He is active in Boy Scouts and is a Life Scout, the rank below Eagle, is an Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and has earned many nature related badges, including Bird Study, which was his first badge. He plans to be an ornithologist and is looking forward to the camp in order to obtain a more in depth understanding of birds as well as for the hands-on experience it will provide. He also is hopeful that camp will impact his more creative side, whether it be his love of writing, art, or songwriting.

**Jesse-Thomas** lives in Carlisle and is currently a junior at the Diakon Wilderness School in Boiling Springs. At Diakon he has worked in the Wilderness Greenhouse with all stages of the plantings and has had the opportunity to raise monarch butterflies from caterpillars. He has developed an interest in local birds and looks forward to seeing coastal birds and being better able to identify birds and learn more of their natural history. JT has a strong interest in the 18th century and hopes to be a history teacher, or perhaps better explore the field of natural history where he also holds an interest.



*Harrison Booth*



*Cade Fennell*

**Cade** lives in Mechanicsburg and is also a junior at the Diakon Wilderness School in Boiling Springs where he works at the Wilderness Greenhouse and has participated in tracking monarch butterflies as they develop. Cade has assisted at the AAS Native Plant Sales held at the greenhouse. Since about nine years old, he has been interested in adventure documentaries based on wildlife and their environments. He is looking forward to camp for the opportunity to have a hands-on field experience and to get close to the animals he loves. He is also looking forward to meeting new people and to hearing about their experiences and journeys.

We look forward to hearing about these teens' summer Hog Island experiences in the fall!



*Photo courtesy Johan Wathélet  
on Unsplash.com*



## President's Perch

It's fallout time, when we head to the woods with the hope of seeing warblers drop into the trees after a night of flight. Memories feed anticipation. What will we see this year? Each combination is unique. The phenomenon is as exciting as the birds themselves.

Appalachian Audubon is coming up on its own sort of fallout — annual elections. The fact that we can turn over half the board every year while seamlessly continuing the mission for 35 years is a pretty cool phenomenon.

The Nominating Committee sometimes has a hard time filling all the slots and finds themselves resorting to a bit of arm twisting. But this year, we have been fortunate to have people come to us. They notice that there's something good going on here and step forward to join the effort.

I appreciate the work of officers, board, and committee members over the last two years. Their enthusiasm for what they do through AAS has made the work something we look forward to. That in turn attracts more volunteers. I'll share a little secret that may already be leaking out — we actually have fun at meetings.

Although the slots for officers and board members are filled, there is always room on committees. You don't need to wait to be asked. Volunteer to join the effort!

— Jane Webster



## Field Trips

**Appalachian Audubon Society welcomes people at all levels of experience. Birding with a group is a good way to improve your skills and confidence in birding.**



### MAY FIELD TRIPS

#### Warbler Walk in Stony Valley — Classic!

**Saturday May 4, 2019**

Join warbler expert Tom Smith on this annual classic trip through the Stony Creek area to see, hear, and learn about the various species of warblers and other spring birds. Meet at the power line by the PPL substation along Stony Creek Road at 7:00am. Participants must register with Tom at 717-921-2461.

#### Warbler Walk at PA State Game Land 230

**Sunday May 5, 2019**

Pete Lusardi will lead a walk along the base of Blue Mountain near Carlisle Springs to look for migrating and summer resident warblers and other songbirds. This trip has a history of uncommon birds showing up, including Golden-winged Warbler, Mourning Warbler, Canada Warbler, Summer Tanager, and Bobolink. Contact Pete at 717-243-6419 or [pjlusardi@aol.com](mailto:pjlusardi@aol.com) to register. Participants will meet at the first parking lot on the right (coming from the east) at 7:30am.

#### Annual Spring Migration Count

**Saturday May 11, 2019**

Actively participate in counting as many birds as possible within the day in a specified area. In Dauphin County call Rick Price at 717-657-1950 or [rprice210@comcast.net](mailto:rprice210@comcast.net) and in Cumberland or Perry counties contact Vern Gauthier at 717-385-9526 or [pabirder@gmail.com](mailto:pabirder@gmail.com) for more information.



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# AAS Annual Banquet!

## Cindy Adams Dunn: The Future of Our State Parks and Forests for Birds and People

As Pennsylvania's conservation agency, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) is working to address today's challenges on parks, forests, and climate, while engaging with youth to assure the next generation of conservationists and outdoor enthusiasts.

Join us for a special evening featuring a presentation by Cindy Adams Dunn. Since 2015, she has served as Secretary of DCNR, where she has held multiple positions over the last two decades.

Previously, Secretary Dunn was president and chief executive officer of PennFuture, a statewide environmental advocacy organization. Her other leadership roles include serving as the president of Appalachian Audubon, the executive director of Audubon Pennsylvania from 1997–2003 and as the Pennsylvania program director for the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay for 10 years.

In addition to working to protect natural resources, Secretary Dunn enjoys them through hobbies like birding, canoeing, fishing, and hiking.

**Reservations  
required by  
5/9/19**

**Enjoy this memorable evening for only \$31 per person!**

**When:** Thursday, May 16

6:00 pm Silent Auction, Appetizers, Cash Bar (Doors won't open until 6:00 pm sharp!)  
6:45 pm Buffet Dinner, followed by a brief meeting and then the program

**Where:** West Shore Elks Club

108 N. St. John's Church Road, Camp Hill, PA, 17011, 717-761-3904  
(Just off the Carlisle Pike, near Liebman's Furniture) You are encouraged to car-pool if possible.

**Menu:** Buffet dinner features Braised Roast Beef Burgundy, Grilled Chicken Breast with Greek Marinade, Rigatoni Marinara with Mushrooms & Fresh Basil, Fresh Steamed Vegetables, Mixed Greens Salad, Rolls, Beverages, and Dessert. Cash Bar.

**REMINDER — We can accept only cash or checks for auction item purchases.**

### AAS BANQUET RESERVATION FORM

Must be received by Thursday, May 9th!

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please make reservations for \_\_\_\_\_ persons @ \$31 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to donate to the AAS Annual Appeal for Central PA Conservancy's Kittatinny Ridge Projects \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total included \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Mail this form, along with your check payable to AAS (Appalachian Audubon Society), to:  
Appalachian Audubon Society, P.O. Box 234, Camp Hill, PA 17001-0234



# 2019 Annual Appeal

## CENTRAL PA CONSERVANCY: PROTECTING THE KITTATINNY CORRIDOR

The Kittatinny Ridge slices through Appalachian Audubon chapter territory as it stretches across Pennsylvania and beyond human borders, providing habitat and a migration corridor for wildlife. Mostly forested, only one third of the corridor's land is protected by a patchwork of federal or state ownership, land trusts, and conservation easements. The majority is privately owned, leaving it vulnerable to fragmentation by development or unsustainable timber harvest.

Central Pennsylvania Conservancy (CPC), a local land trust, actively protects land that is essential to Kittatinny's wildlife. Additional benefits of preservation include ecosystem services like carbon sequestration, safeguarding water quality, and outdoor recreation opportunities. CPC is this year's Annual Appeal recipient for preservation work in the Kittatinny Corridor. These three projects are supported by the appeal:

- The Spangler project on Blue Mountain in Dauphin County will acquire 86 acres protecting two miles along the ridge and securing access to Boyd Big Tree Conservation Area from Blue Mountain Parkway.
- Flemish Down, a 400-acre property on Peters Mountain, will be acquired for transfer to the state. It includes the Appalachian Trail near the Peters Mountain Shelter and Table Rock View and adjoins State Game Lands #211, Ibberson Conservation Area, and Clarks Creek, a high quality trout stream.
- The natural diversity of Brady Bryner Preserve in Juniata County includes Cerulean and Golden-winged Warblers. CPC needs funds to purchase a 36-acre inholding and prevent fragmentation of valuable habitat. Support from organizations like AAS can make a big difference in the success of a grant proposal for a small project like this.

### Yes, I want to support the Annual Appeal:

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

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to donate to the AAS Annual Appeal for Central Pennsylvania Conservancy's  
Kittatinny Corridor Projects \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total included** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Donation  
deadline is  
6/15/19**

**100% of your contribution is tax-deductible.**

Mail this form, along with your check payable to

AAS (Appalachian Audubon Society), to:

Appalachian Audubon Society, P.O. Box 234, Camp Hill, PA 17001-0234



## AAS Chapter-Support Membership

When you join National Audubon Society (NAS), you are assigned to a local chapter based on your zip code. By being a member of NAS, you are automatically a member of the Appalachian Audubon Society (AAS) and receive all of its benefits. Your membership in National Audubon Society strengthens its voice in nation-wide environmental affairs and provides you with the beautiful quarterly Audubon magazine. Go to the National Audubon Website to renew your annual membership there.

A small portion of your National Audubon membership fee comes to your local Appalachian Audubon Society. That is one reason that many NAS members also subscribe to the AAS Chapter-Support Membership. AAS Chapter-Support Membership is a separate membership opportunity. The entire \$15 for this membership is retained by Appalachian Audubon for scholarships, education, field trips, programs, newsletters, and conservation in our local area.

You may choose one or both memberships, but please note that you will receive the Audubon magazine and mailings from NAS only if you are also an active member of National Audubon.

Appalachian Audubon Society Chapter-Support Memberships are annual memberships that run from July 1 through June 30. You may join at any time, but all memberships must be renewed by the following July 1. Please consider helping your local chapter by becoming an AAS Chapter-Support Member today.

### To become an Appalachian Audubon Society Chapter-Support Member

- 1 Download the Membership Application Form online at: <http://www.appalachianaudubon.org/membership.html>
- 2 Or simply include the following information: your name, address, email, phone, current membership status and
- 3 Mail the completed application form along with your \$15 membership fee to:

Appalachian Audubon Society  
PO Box 234  
Camp Hill, PA 17001-0234

## Silent Auction Reminder

We have received a wide variety of items for the silent auction to be held during our banquet on May 16. The large selection will include books, native plants, feeders, bluebird houses, artwork, gift certificates and much more. You can expect to find something special for yourself or a gift for someone else! Remember to bring cash or a check to pay for auction items.







MAY 2019

Except for the December program and the May banquet, AAS monthly programs 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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## AAS MEMBERS ON THE MOVE



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### Field Trip at Trout Run

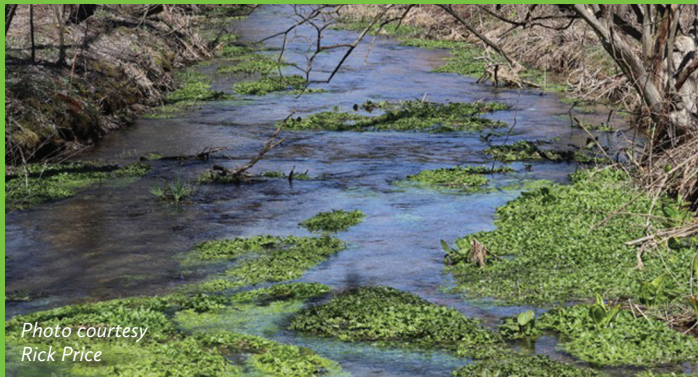


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