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APPALACHIAN AUDUBON SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

AAS Program | Thursday, September 19, 2019

Raven Ridge Wildlife Rehabilitation

To help us celebrate the start of the Appalachian Audubon program year, Raven Ridge Wildlife Center will bring native PA animals from their rehabilitation center in Washington Boro, PA. Meet the mammals, birds, and reptiles that share our backyards! Learn to appreciate and live in harmony with some of these amazing creatures.

Raven Ridge offers rehabilitation services for native birds and mammals. Although their facilities are not open to the public, they accept wild animal drop-offs by appointment.

Raven Ridge Wildlife Center was founded in 2015 by Tracie Young, who currently serves as the director and rehabilitator. Tracie holds permits from the PA Game Commission, PA Fish and Boat Commission, and US Fish and Wildlife Service that allow the organization to provide wildlife rehabilitation services and wildlife education programs.

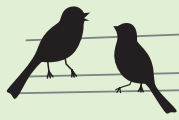
Every year, Raven Ridge rehabilitates nearly 2000 animals and provides homes to several non-releasable animals. All the services of this volunteer organization are funded by the community.

Join us at 6:30pm for refreshments and socializing. Announcements will begin at 7:00pm and will be followed by the evening program.



Photos courtesy
Raven Ridge Wildlife
Rehabilitation





President's Perch



September is a time of transition. Summer break is done and the kids are back in school, summer is fading away to fall, and the cycle of migration continues. But while the world notes this as a time of transition, for Appalachian Audubon Society, September marks the beginning of our program year. That gets me excited!

In addition to our monthly programs, field trips, and regularly scheduled activities — like the birdseed fundraiser — there are many new things in store for the year. One of the biggest is the change in our monthly program meeting start time. The start time for our monthly meetings has shifted a half hour earlier to 7:00pm with social time beginning at 6:30pm in hopes of getting more folks to our programs. Then there are the field trips. Several field trips are new, such as a weekend of birding Lake Erie and Presque Isle State Park and we've included three specific field trips for beginning birders. In March we will host our first ever international birding trip.

These are just a few reasons to be excited for the start of the new AAS year. As with any 'new year' I propose that we each make a resolution for Appalachian Audubon Society. Perhaps it's going on your first AAS field trip, planting one more native plant in your garden, or bringing someone new to an AAS program. For the board and me, it's to ensure that you value your AAS membership and that you always have the opportunity to learn something new. Happy birding!



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.

SEPTEMBER FIELD TRIP

New!

Fall Warblers at Noel Dorwart Park

Sunday, September 22, 2019

Noel Dorwart Park is located near the city of Lancaster and has a history of attracting warblers during spring and fall migration. Recently, fall vagrants like the Black-throated Gray and Orange-crowned Warbler have lingered in the park into the winter. The park offers a nice mix of habitats including field, stream, and woodland trails to accommodate observation of various species.

Contact Rick Price at 717-657-1950 or rprice210@comcast.net to register.



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Native Plant Sale

On Saturday, September 21, from 9:00am until 3:00pm, Appalachian Audubon will hold a Native Plant Sale in conjunction with Diakon Wilderness Greenhouse. Kim Patten, who manages the greenhouse, and knowledgeable Audubon volunteers will be on hand to answer questions and help you find the best plants for your yard. AAS will receive a portion of the day's profits in support of the mission of the chapter.

The Wilderness Greenhouse & Native Plant Nursery is a unique greenhouse that not only provides native perennials, but also serves as a vocational training site for at-risk youth. As a teaching nursery, it offers students the opportunity to learn valuable skills, gain workplace experience, and deepen their understanding of the relationships in the world around them.

The Wilderness Greenhouse is at 571 Mountain Road in Boiling Springs, PA 17007. Take Route 174 west past Allenberry Resort, toward Boiling Springs. Turn left (south) onto Bucher Hill Road. At the south end of Children's Lake turn left onto Mountain Road and cross the one lane bridge. Continue about two miles to the sign for the Wilderness Center and Greenhouse. Turn left onto the dirt road and follow the signage for another two miles. Turn right up the hill, after the ropes course; the greenhouse and plant sale will be on the left.

▶ If you are interested in volunteering at the native plant sale please contact Chris Kemmerer at president@appalachianaudubon.org

▶ For more information, go to <http://www.diakon.org/youth-services/services/greenhouse-program/>

Bring your binoculars; there is good birding in the forest that surrounds the greenhouse.

See you there!

WHY NATIVES?

- Planting natives contributes to the biological diversity of the natural world that surrounds your home.
- Native plants support the insects needed by the songbirds we want to attract to our yards.
- Because they are adapted to growing conditions in Pennsylvania, native plants shouldn't require fertilizer or additional water after they are established.



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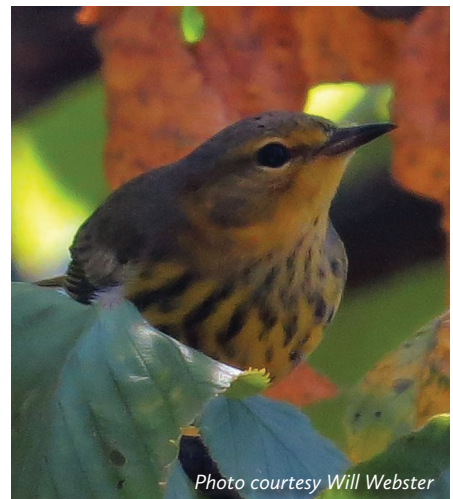


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Birdseed Fundraiser

Our 2018 AAS Birdseed Fundraiser was a resounding success, and we trust that our members and friends will make the 2019 event an even bigger success. We are again partnering with Agway Stores on both East and West shores as we have done in the past.

Ben and Emma Riffard at the East Shore Hanoverdale Agway (<https://hanoverdaleagway.com/>) near Hummelstown and Tim Lehman at the West Shore Davis Country Living Agway (<https://daviscountryliving.com/>) in Mechanicsburg are generously helping us with our Birdseed Fundraiser by providing popular birdseed varieties at affordable rates plus feeders and other bird-related items at discount prices.

Listed below are the items of interest for the 2019 Birdseed Fundraiser:

- The Birdseed Fundraiser will run during **November** and **December** 2019.
- Birdseed order forms will be emailed to all members and previous walk-in customers in October. We will have forms available at the October, November and December AAS program meetings as well as at both Agway stores. In addition, the order form will be available as a downloadable pdf file from the AAS website. We will be recruiting individuals to volunteer at both Agway stores on the first three Saturdays in November to hand out order forms to potential walk-in customers.
- The order forms will clearly identify the items available at both Agway stores and those items specific to a single store.
- Please provide at least your email address on the blank form so that we have the ability to notify everyone of Birdseed Fundraisers in the years ahead.
- Remember, do not send money to AAS for birdseed purchases! Payment for purchases will be made when you shop at the Agway store for birdseed and/or other bird-related items of your choosing.
- AAS members and friends will receive a 25% discount on all bird feeders and bird feeding accessories when they purchase either a 40-pound bag of sunflower birdseed or spend at least \$25 on other types of birdseed.
- We know that many of you want to start feeding the birds earlier than November and our friends at the Agway stores conduct their birdseed sale in October. Therefore, we kindly suggest that members and friends purchase sufficient birdseed at either Agway store to get them through the month of October but hold off purchasing the bulk of their birdseed until November or December when the birdseed purchases directly benefit AAS.
- Please consider purchasing other items available at our partners' Agway stores such as gardening tools, pet food, etc.
- We hope you enjoy the flexibility and convenience of this birdseed sale format and we look forward to our 2019 Birdseed Fundraiser being even more successful than last year!
- If you are interested in volunteering or have questions regarding the Birdseed Fundraiser, please contact John Latsha, Birdseed Fundraiser Chair, at 717-982-1141 or email him at jlat1965@gmail.com.

The Benefits of Two Memberships

When you join an organization, you are showing support for the mission of that group and helping it to reach its goals. Many people together create a force much stronger than any one individual's ability to provide education, conservation, and experiential learning opportunities and activities.

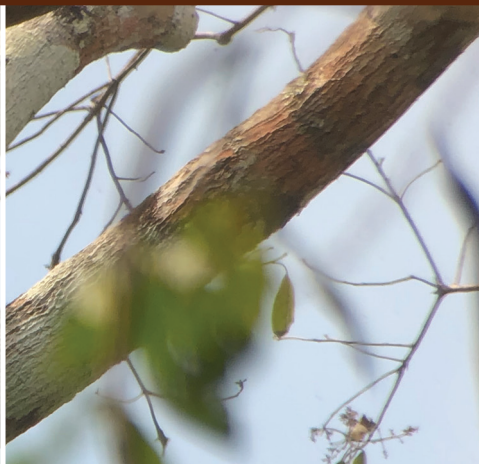
When you join the National Audubon Society <https://www.audubon.org/> you are helping a nation-wide environmental group, and you receive the beautiful quarterly Audubon magazine. A small portion (roughly \$2) of your National Audubon Society (NAS) annual dues are provided to us, the Appalachian Audubon Society (AAS), to help us perform our local, community-wide activities. When you join NAS, you are automatically a full-fledged member of AAS. But you don't have to stop there.

AAS has found that many people like to provide even more support in our Central PA region, so we offer an AAS Chapter Support Membership <http://appalachianaudubon.org/membership.html>. The entire \$15 for the Chapter Support Membership comes directly to AAS for scholarships, education, field trips, programs, newsletters, and conservation in our area.

Many people are happy with their NAS membership, knowing that NAS helps AAS as well. Some people prefer to become AAS Chapter Support members without belonging to NAS. And now, many NAS members are finding it satisfying to provide an additional Chapter Support Membership contribution to AAS so we can do even more locally.

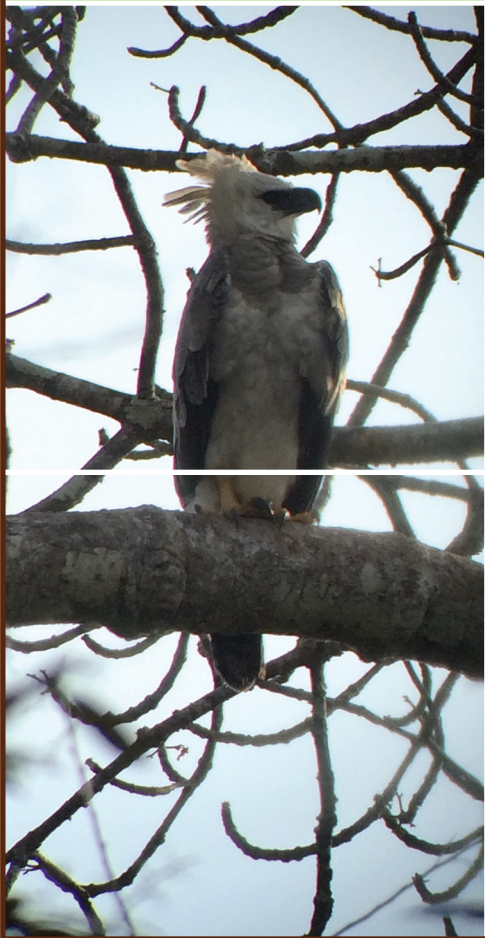
AAS is also offering a \$5 Student Chapter Support Membership allowing the youth to be an integral part of what we're doing. There is pride in membership and involvement.

So, consider joining Audubon both at the national level and at the local level. Why? Well, one reason is the satisfaction of knowing that you are a key part of two very important organizations working hard to support things that matter to you. You can probably think of more.



Abroad
WITH
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Panama



With almost 1,000 bird species frequenting an area the size of South Carolina, the avian diversity of Panama impresses as much as its cultural history. Take a trip with fellow AAS members through two major geographic zones of this beautiful nation, the Central Canal Area and the Darien Jungle in the East. Come see birds as diverse as the 3-inch Rufous-crested Coquette (a tiny but mighty hummingbird) and the Harpy Eagle, one of the largest birds of prey on Earth!

Contact Tony Arnold at 2tonyarnold@gmail.com for more info or visit <http://appalachianaudubon.org/birding.html>.

**ONLY
2 SPOTS
LEFT**
Inquire Soon!!



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Costa Rica Focus*



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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 6:30pm for socializing and refreshments. The program begins at 7:00pm.

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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Mark your calendars!

New Start Time for Membership Meetings

Mark your calendars — our monthly membership meetings now start at 7:00pm!

Over the last several years we heard from you regarding the relative late start time to our monthly membership meetings. This came into particular focus when we moved our September and October meetings a half hour earlier to be more accommodating of families. A lot of you liked this earlier start time too. Therefore, starting this year all monthly membership meetings will begin at 7:00pm, the program will immediately follow. Social time will begin at 6:30pm. We hope this encourages more of you to spend a night learning from the program and chatting with your fellow Appalachian Audubon members.

Organic Regular & Decaf Coffee that Protects Bird Habitat for Sale at Monthly AAS Meetings

Did you know that you can have a positive impact on neo-tropical bird habitat first thing every morning even before you've finished your breakfast? AAS will once again be selling delicious, organic, shade-grown coffee this year. Grown under tall native canopy trees and vines, shade-grown coffee offers a layered landscape in which birds and other wildlife flourish. We are excited to add an organic decaf option to our coffee line-up this year.

We will continue to partner with Ragged Edge Roasting Company in Gettysburg. They have generously offered to keep our coffee prices low and partner with us to support a local bird rehabilitator of our chapter's choosing — a win-win for the birds here as well as in the tropics, and for all of us who enjoy a good cup of coffee. Come to the September meeting to learn more and make our organic shade-grown coffee an enjoyable part of your daily routine. **Questions?** Contact Lorrie at lpreston5156@gmail.com.

“A leaf fluttered in through the window this morning, as if supported by the rays of the sun, a bird settled on the fire escape, joy in the task of coffee, joy accompanied me as I walked.”

-Anais Nin



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