



Kingfisher Courier

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2019

APPALACHIAN AUDUBON SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

AAS Program | Thursday, October, 17, 2019

Discover One Bird, Save a Thousand

In 1997, an odd bird was discovered in the cloud forest of the Andes Mountains of Ecuador. Scientists rushed to learn more about the bird and found themselves in a race to save it. Cascading events led to the establishment of a chain of bird reserves and conservation action across the globe. Join Doug Wechsler, former staff member of the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia, as he recounts this fascinating history and talks about bird conservation in Ecuador today. He will also discuss some perplexing management problems that arose and how the Jocotoco Conservation Foundation solved them. His beautiful images focus on the biodiversity of the Ecuador Reserves run by the foundation.

Join us at 6:30 pm for refreshments and socializing. The meeting starts at 7:00, followed by the program.



Photo courtesy
Doug Wechsler

AAS Program | Thursday, November, 21, 2019

Happy Campers: Scholarship Roundup

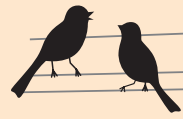
Education is an important part of the Appalachian Audubon mission. This past summer, several youth received AAS scholarships to attend two different camps with ornithological, natural history, and environmental themes. This evening, a few of the campers will share their favorite experiences and some of what they learned. In addition, we'll hear from an adult scholarship recipient who was selected to attend the Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education's Global University, an international women in the outdoors leadership institute.

During the evening, there will be opportunities to make donations in support of scholarships. Join us for this inspiring program and consider bringing young relatives and friends to learn about the scholarships the chapter has available.

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Photos courtesy
Christine Ticehurst



President's Perch



On a recent Sunday morning, myself, Lorrie Preston AAS's Hospitality/Coffee Fundraiser chair, Secretary Ali Zwanziger, and AAS member Ann Glasscock were taste testing Rainforest Alliance certified coffees from Ragged Edge Roasters in Gettysburg. Our objective? To determine what coffee will be sold at this year's monthly membership meetings. But what could have been a few sips of coffee and some pleasant chit chat turned into a morning of scientific investigation, deep conversations, interesting viewpoints (ask Ali about her opinion on European Starlings), and friendship building. It reminded me how thankful I am for my AAS membership. To be able to talk about conservation issues, foreign policy, and other topics with a group of intelligent and open-minded people is an absolute pleasure. It's this friendship and dedication to a common cause that makes being a member of AAS so special.

Over the next two months, come out early for our monthly memberships meetings and put that social time to work, attend a field trip, or participate in one of many volunteer opportunities. Perhaps you'd like to help at King's Gap Garden Harvest Day on Sunday, October 6th helping to promote AAS to over 1,500 people, or encourage support of AAS by helping staff our booth at Boscov's Friends Helping Friends event on Wednesday, October 16th. You could also help welcome shoppers to local Agway stores in November during our annual birdseed fundraiser. Any opportunity to spend time and strike up a conversation with fellow Audubon members is a good way to spend an afternoon or evening.

And if you're not a member — you're welcome to come to any of our monthly programs or field trips. Being a member is as easy as clicking a few links — you can start with this one <http://www.appalachianaudubon.org/membership.html> for a Chapter-support Membership. I hope to see you all out and about over the next two months. Enjoy the beginning of Fall and Happy Birding!

— Chris Kemmerer

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Abroad
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Panama

MARCH 9–16, 2020

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! **ONLY 2 SPOTS LEFT** on this amazing trip so inquire soon!! Contact Tony Arnold at 2tonyarnold@gmail.com for more info.



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.

OCTOBER FIELD TRIPS

Beginners' Bird Walk: Fall Raptor Migration at Waggoner's Gap

Saturday, October 19, 2019

Bring the whole family to this fun outdoor program of raptor identification at one of the best hawk watches in Pennsylvania! At a time when you can expect to see anything from a tiny American Kestrel to a hulking Golden Eagle, we will take time to talk about raptor ID, ecology, and the basics of birding. This field trip will be great for the beginner birder or anyone who appreciates the majesty of migration. The terrain around the hawk watch is rocky and uneven so wearing sturdy shoes is a must. The program will start at 8:00 am. Contact Tony Arnold at 2tonyarnold@gmail.com to register.

Directions to the parking lot can be found here:

<https://www.visitcumberlandvalley.com/listing/waggoners-gap-hawk-watch/1141/>



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Audubon Pennsylvania*

Owl Banding at Small Valley

Sunday, October 27, 2019

Once again we will have the opportunity to observe a Northern Saw-whet Owl being banded, assuming an owl is caught. Last year 10 owls were caught and banded, a record for this field trip. Most years we have seen an owl banded, but there are no guarantees. Participation is limited to 10 and carpooling is required and limited to three vehicles. No children under six, please. The group will meet near Harrisburg at 6:30 pm. The demonstration should be over before midnight. Dress warmly as the cabin is not heated. Contact Rick Price at 717-657-1950 or rprice210@comcast.net to register.



NOVEMBER FIELD TRIP

New!

Water Birds at John Heinz NWR

Sunday, November 10, 2019

It's been over a decade since AAS made a field trip to the John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge adjacent to Philadelphia Airport. This wetland area draws many migrants from the Delaware Valley flyway and is a good place to find common shorebirds, waterfowl, and raptors as well as occasional vagrants. Dress warmly as the breeze off the lower river can be brisk in late autumn. Contact Rick Price at 717-657-1950 or rprice210@comcast.net to register.

Appalachian Audubon Scholarship Opportunities for 2020

If you are considering applying for an Appalachian Audubon Society (AAS) scholarship for 2020, come to our November program which will feature this year's Hog Island scholarship recipients as well as other campers and camp representatives. Come out to enjoy camper tales and slide shows and find out what your scholarship donations support.

For 2020, AAS scholarship opportunities again include a variety of natural history and environmental education camps for youth and teens at Hog Island Audubon Camps in Maine and also closer to home. Hog Island registration will open October 21, 2019, and the other organizations will post information in early 2020. Please monitor AAS newsletters/website or specific program websites for new information. Important: To obtain scholarship consideration from AAS, you must reside in an appropriate zip code. For a listing of acceptable zip codes, see the AAS Education webpage at www.appalachianaudubon.org.

Hog Island Audubon camps in Maine are opportunities to learn about birds and natural systems from talented educators on an amazing island. In 2020, AAS will again offer full scholarships to Coastal Maine Bird Studies for Teens ages 14–17. Beginning October 21, 2019, you can download the AAS scholarship application from the Education page of our website at <http://appalachianaudubon.org>. If you plan to go to Hog Island, whether or not you receive a scholarship, you may register on the Hog Island website beginning October 21, 2019, pay your own deposit, and then apply for an AAS scholarship, with the understanding that there is no guarantee you will be selected for a scholarship. Recipients must reside within designated chapter area zip codes as indicated above. For further information on the camp program go to <http://hogisland.audubon.org>.

In addition to the Hog Island scholarships, there are opportunities to attend camps in Pennsylvania. Register with the organization and let them know you are interested in an AAS scholarship.



*Photo courtesy
Stephen Kress*

Wildwood Park has week-long day camps for ages 6 through 14. Active learning is focused on birding and other natural history topics while hiking and canoeing. Go to www.wildwoodlake.org.

Wildlife Leadership Academy offers the opportunity to work with professionals while learning about wildlife/fisheries biology and conservation, leadership skills, and community outreach. This rigorous camp is for high school youth ages 14 through 17. Go to www.wildlifeleadershipacademy.org and check out the Drummers, Brookies, and Bucktails camp pages.



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Friends of Pine
Grove Furnace*

Goddard Legacy Leadership Institute (GLLI) is for youth ages 13 to 15 with an interest in environmental connections and civic engagement. Hands-on learning opportunities take place on South Mountain, at Pine Grove Furnace State Park, and on the Chesapeake Bay at the Smith Island Environmental Education Center in Maryland. GLLI applications usually appear in late spring. Go to www.goddardleadership.org.

Ned Smith Center for Nature and Art has day camps that concentrate on specific topics like birds or native pollinators. Some camps are for children participating with their grandparents/other adults. Go to www.nedsmithcenter.org.

Contact: Georgia Kagle, Education Chair, at education@appalachianaudubon.org.

Birdseed Fundraiser

Appalachian Audubon is once again partnering with local Agway stores on both East and West shores to host our annual birdseed fundraiser. During the months of November and December, AAS members and friends will receive special pricing on popular birdseed varieties plus 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.

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. The order forms will clearly identify the items available at both Agway stores and those items specific to a single store. Remember, do not send money to AAS for birdseed purchases! Take your completed order form to either of our partners' Agway stores:

East Shore: Hanoverdale Country Store, Inc. in West Hanover Township at 486 S. Hershey Rd., Route 39, Harrisburg, PA 17112.

Hours: Monday through Saturday 8:00 am – 6:00 pm; Sunday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.

West Shore: Davis Country Living at 45 W. Allen St., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

Hours: Monday through Friday 8:00 am – 5:30 pm; Saturday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm; closed Sunday.

You will be able to pay for your order using cash, check, or credit card. While picking up your birdseed, choose from a wide variety of feeders and other bird-related gear available at the store. Please consider shopping for other items at our partners' stores, as well.

We will again 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. 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. We're looking forward to a very successful 2019 Birdseed Fundraiser!



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Bills for Birds and Wildlife Rehabilitation

At each program meeting AAS accepts donations in our *Bills for Birds* collection box to support the rehabilitation of injured or orphaned wildlife. During our 2019–2020 season those funds will go to Raven Ridge Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, located in Washington Boro, Lancaster County. Raven Ridge representatives (both human and non) provided a wonderful educational program for our AAS meeting in September.

Rehabilitation centers must be permitted for the wildlife they can accept. Raven Ridge provides rehabilitation services for raptors (birds of prey), mammals, and waterfowl. Learn more about their efforts at <https://ravenridgewildlifecenter.org>. The phone number is 717-808-2652.

Previously our *Bills for Birds* collection was donated to Red Creek Wildlife Center in Schuylkill County. Red Creek can provide rehabilitation services for all PA animals (including songbirds), except adult bear and adult deer. More information is available at <https://redcreekwildlifecenter.com>. The clinic phone number is 570-739-4393.

Raven Ridge and Red Creek Wildlife Centers are both 501(c)3 non-profit organizations that rely on community support and donations. They receive no federal, state, or local government funding.

Neither center can always have someone available to pick up animals for transport, and both organizations request that animals be brought to their center if at all possible. Each center arranges for veterinary care, feed and care for the animal, and necessary medical treatment. All they ask is that you get the animal to them.

If delivery of the animal is not possible a center might be able to arrange pick-up, but that's not guaranteed. On this note, there is an upcoming one-day seminar for people who may be interested in learning the proper way to capture and transport wildlife. It will be held in Sewickly, PA (near Pittsburgh) on November 2, 2019. In addition, this training can be a first step for individuals seeking a permit for more frequent capture and transport of wildlife in PA. This and other trainings are also offered online. Check Red Creek's website (listed above) for more details

Both websites include information about what to do in a wildlife emergency situation.

“To offer a second chance to distressed Pennsylvania wildlife through rescue and rehabilitation, public education and by providing training for wildlife rehabilitators.”

— Mission statement of
Red Creek Wildlife Center

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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, Camp Hill, PA 17001 in the Allendale neighborhood of Camp Hill. Join us at 6:30 pm for socializing and refreshments. The program begins at 7:00 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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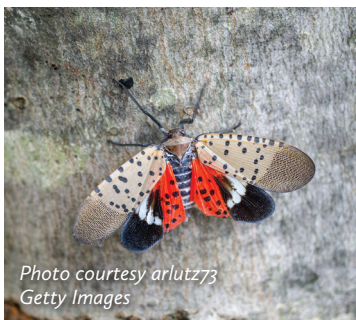


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at the Fall Native Plant Sale ...

