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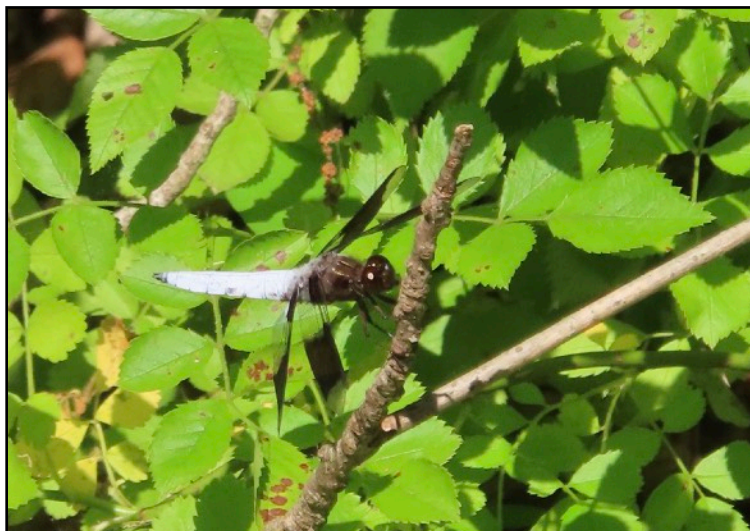
This Year

~ Deb Freed, President

We begin our 37th year as a chapter of National Audubon still very much aware of the Covid19 virus. We strive to be mindful of the different ways it impacts our members. We have been a relatively active chapter this past year with outdoor programming and events. We also received our 501c3 designation. As a group we enjoy the company of members and friends whenever we get together. Back in July the chapter leaders scheduled indoor programs and outdoor events. Now with the explosion of infections from the Delta variant and the high percentage of unvaccinated people in our area, we have decided to suspend our indoor programs at the library. Also, the September 19 Big Sit has been canceled.



We can still enjoy nature, sometimes in our own backyard - Tiger Swallowtail on Bee Balm/Coneflower, and Common Whitetail Dragonfly, photos by Flo McGuire



The Nighthawk watches, Owl Prowl and Christmas Bird Count remain on the schedule for now. We will have a fall birdseed sale as well. We are in uncharted waters and will remain flexible and responsible throughout the coming year.

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Photo by Pat Conway

Memberships

~ Deb Freed, President

The membership picnic was a success at the new location and launching the new membership campaign. Kay John was busy accepting new and renewed memberships. We have two chapter membership levels: Individual at \$10 and Family at \$15. Whenever our chapter has an official organization vote, members in good standing are eligible to vote with individuals having one vote and families having two votes. In addition, people who join National Audubon are assigned to their local chapters as members, with full privileges of chapter membership.

Member dues support the organization in many ways: programs, website, PO Box, insurance, printing, mailing, habitat, books and more. This year we are looking for ways to thank our members with “member benefits”. The first member benefit will be in purchasing the nest boxes and feeders that Jim Wilson so beautifully crafts from wood. The pine nest boxes will be \$10 to members and \$12 to non-members. That’s still an incredible deal! Also, cedar feeders (woodpecker, hopper and oriole) will sell for \$12 members and \$15 non-members. Owl boxes will be \$25 members and \$30 non-members. Another fantastic deal for everyone!



Photo by Pat Conway

We will be looking for ways to thank members throughout the coming year. Possible member and non-member pricing could be in books and calendar sales. We’ll see. In any case, we love our members and welcome friends to all our programs and events.

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Members are encouraged to contribute announcements, articles, photos, etc., to Editor Flo McGuire, 609 Ponderosa Lane, Tionesta, PA 16353 (814 755-3672) or email at fmcguire1@verizon.net.

Gil's Books and Prints

~ Deb Freed, President



Through a series of family and friends, Seneca Rocks Audubon acquired books that belonged to Dr. Gil Twiest. Gil was a founding member of SRAS, a former editor of the Drummer and a frequent presenter. His programs were always fun as he used his knowledge of birds to deliver good information and his humor to take us along on his adventure with his wife Linda. Gil was also a published bird photographer. We have several framed prints and a series of large unframed prints.

When the time is right, we will announce a date to display Gil's photos and prints and offer them to members and friends for a donation. Take a look at what we have. Perhaps you know someone who will be traveling and would like a bird book for a certain location. I am not a librarian, so the categories are my attempt at organizing the books. There are four books that may have some value to collectors. If you know anything about collectible books, please be in touch with Deb.

Collectible

A Field Guide to the Birds, Roger Tory Peterson, 1947 2nd edition, signed, fair condition

Nests and Eggs of North American Birds, Oliver Davie, 1898 5th edition, good condition

Nests and Eggs of North American Birds, Oliver Davie, 1898 5th edition, fair condition

Birds of America, Editor T. Gilbert Pearson, 1936, fair condition (2 copies)

Species

The Peregrine Falcon, Derek Ratcliffe, 1980, excellent with jacket

Wild Geese, M. A. Ogilvie, 1978, excellent with jacket

The Giant Canada Goose, Harold C. Hanson, 1965, excellent condition with jacket

The Swans, Peter Scott, 1972, excellent condition with jacket

Birds of Prey of the World, Mary Louise Grossman & John Hamlet, 1965, good condition

The Gannet, Bryan Nelson, 1978, excellent with jacket

Autumn of the Eagle, George Laycock, 1973, good

Waterfowl in the Marshes, A. C. Becker Jr., 1969, good with jacket

Life Histories of N American Petrels & Pelicans & Their Allies, Arthur Bent, 1964, excellent

Swans of the World, Sylvia Bruce Wilmore, 1979, good

Songbirds, intro D. H. S. Risdon, 1974, good with jacket

American Water and Game Birds, Austin L. Rand, 1956, good with jacket

Reading

Seasons of the Wild, John & Karen Hollingsworth, 1994, excellent with jacket, signed

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100 Birds and How They Got Their Names, Diana Wells, 2002, excellent with jacket

Parrot's Wood, Erma J. Fisk, 1985, excellent

The Song of the Dodo, Island Biogeography, David Quammen, 1996, good with jacket

Who Killed the Great Auk, Jeremy Gaskell, 2000, excellent with jacket

Memoirs of a Naturalist, Herbert L. Stoddard Sr., 1969, excellent

Guides

- Birds in Our Lives*, US Dept. Interior, 1966, good
Birds of the World, Colin Harrison, 1993, excellent with jacket
The Land Birds, H. E. Jaques, 1947, excellent
N. American Game Birds of Upland and Shoreland, Paul A. Johnsgard, 1975, good
Land Birds of America, Robert Cushman Murphy & Dean Amadon, 1953, good with jacket (2)
Birds of Pennsylvania, James S. Wakeley, 1989, 2nd ed, excellent with jacket

Birding Locations

- The Birds of Michigan*, Norman Wood, 1951, good condition
British Columbia, Liz Bryan, 1982, excellent with jacket
Las Aves De Puerto Rico, Virgilio Biaggi, 1983 3rd Ed, excellent with jacket
The Birds of East and Central Africa, J. G. Williams, 1964, 2nd print, excellent with jacket
Owls of Europe, Heimo Mikkola, 1983, excellent with jacket
A Birder's Guide to Trinidad and Tobago, William L. Murphy, 1995, good
A Field Guide to the Birds of China, John MacKinnon and Karen Phillipps, 2000, excellent
Arctic Summer Birds of N. Norway, Richard Vaughan, 1979, excellent with jacket
The Birds of the Falkland Islands, Robin W. Woods, 1975, excellent with jacket
Birds of the Tropics, John A. Burton, 1978, good with jacket
South American Land Birds, John S. Dunning, 1982, good
Birds of Trinidad and Tobago, Richard French, 1991, excellent
Where to Watch Birds in South America, Nigel Wheatley, 1955, excellent

Photography

- Birds*, Katrina Cook, 2007, excellent with jacket
Aves da Mata Atlantica, Birds-Atlantic Forest, Fotos Edson Endrigo, 2006, boxed
The Hummingbird Garden, Johan Dalgas Frisch, after 1981, fair with jacket
The National Audubon Society Speaking for Nature, 1999, excellent with jacket
Beyond the Basics, George Lepp, 1993, good, signed
Brazil, Araquem Alcantara, 2000, good
The Complete Book of Photographing Birds, Russ Kinne, 1981, good with jacket
Mendaboni's Birds, Athos and Sara Mendaboni, 1950, good with jacket

Academic

- An Introduction to Ornithology*, George J. Wallace, 1955, 1st ed, good condition
An Introduction to Ornithology, George J. Wallace, 1969, 3rd ed, good condition
Birds of Our Lives, US Dept of Interior, 1966, good condition
The Birds of Michigan, Norman Wood, 1951, good
American Game Birds, Frank C. Edminster, 1954, good
Migratory Nongame Birds of Management Concern in the Northeast, Fish & Wildlife, good
Birds/Scientific America, intro by Barry W. Wilson, 1980, good
A Dictionary of Birds, Bruce Campbell, 1985, excellent with jacket
The Life of Birds, Joel Carl Welty, 1975, fair
A Natural History of the American Birds of Eastern and Central North America,
Edward Howe Forbush and John Bichard May, 1955, good with jacket

Gil's Prints

- 6 1/2 X 10 Soaring Eagle
 Fighting Albatross*
- 13 X 10 Blue Jay
- 13 X 20 Barn wood
 Eagle in tree (2)
 Sunset Trinidad
 Sunrise in Newfoundland
 Two Turkeys
 Single Turkey
 Winter road
 Tree knot
- 16 X 20 Hummingbird on nest (2)
 Great Blue Herons (5)
 Eagle with Flag (2)
 Two Eagles



Framed Prints – frames could be used with prints above

- 8 X 10 Red-breasted Grosbeak
 American Goldfinch
- 13 X 19 Sunset Trinidad
- 14 X 18 Two Eagles
 Soaring Eagle
 Fighting Albatross*

**Editor's Note:* I believe Gil won an international competition with this photo of fighting albatross, and it was featured on a magazine cover.

Note:

If you missed the Picnic
and our membership drive,
you may mail your dues
to:

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Birding!

Owl Prowl

Mal Hays will again be leading our Owl Prowl on November 10. Meet at 6 pm at Roberts Hill Road, the State Gamelands parking lot off of Rt. 208 between Shipperville and Knox. The rain date is November 11. You can contact Mal for more information.

Common Nighthawk Watches Continue

Both Common Nighthawk Watches are continuing every evening till dusk. Bring a chair and join the fun!

Mal Hays reported on the Mill Creek Watch as of 8/19, the count is at 49 with 23 on the 17th and 17 on the 16th. They have had a Merlin every night sitting in a dead tree 30 feet away. They have seen Blue and Green Herons most nights, and Spotted and Solitary Sandpipers most nights. Also a Bald Eagle a couple of nights, so “we have had a great time so far”.

Gary reports on the Oil City Marina Watch as of 8/22, “A little slow so far (26) but the next 10 days have historically been the best”.



Great Horned Owl, Saskatchewan, photo by Flo McGuire

Programs at Cook Forest State Park

~ Dale Luthringer



Friday, September 3 at 8:30 pm - **‘Night Hike: Fire Tower, Seneca Point Caves & Rocks’** Please join us at the Fire Tower parking lot for a night hike in, around, and under the rocks of Seneca Point. We’ll be looking and listening for animals that go bump in the night, and exploring the caves and crevices they live in. One never knows what we’ll find on this challenging hike at night. Creepy cave crickets abound. Bring your hardhats and headlamps! (2 hrs)

Saturday, September 4 at 9:00 am - ***'Tour to the Ancient Trees of Ridge Camp'*** Did you know that ancient trees abound within and around our family campground? Both the Ridge Camp and Seneca Forest Old Growth Areas surround the campsites, with some trees surpassing 300 years old! Join us at the park amphitheater to join us on a walk rediscovering ancient trees in the park's own "backyard". (2 hrs)

Saturday, September 4 at 12:30 pm - ***'River Critters'*** Please bring your river sneakers, swimsuits, mask and snorkels to the Park Office as we drive to various sections of the Clarion River to search for and identify hard to find underwater creatures. Various species of fish, mussels, snakes, and salamanders often make an appearance. Children must be with a participating adult. Low clearance vehicles are not suggested due to access to some of these areas. (2 hrs)

Sunday, September 5 at 11:30 am - ***'Fire Tower Historical Tour'*** Please bring your binoculars to the Fire Tower for an historical tour of Fire Tower #9 conducted by park intern, Laryssa Bauer. Take a breathtaking view from the box at the very top of the Fire Tower and learn how it operated. The tower will be open until 2:30 pm. (3hrs)

Saturday, September 25 at 9:00 am - ***'Bike with Friends'*** Bring your bicycle and join the *Friends of Cook Forest* for a guided ride up the Tom's Run Valley. We'll start at the Log Cabin Inn Environmental Learning Classroom and pedal slightly uphill 4 miles along Tom's Run Road to Lencer Drive, then coast back to the starting point. We may stop at some historical sites along the way, including the long abandoned logging village of Cobbtown. Tom's Run Road will be closed to vehicle traffic during the ride. Don't forget to bring a drink. (3 hrs)

Sunday, October 3 at 1:00 pm - ***'Walk in Penn's Woods'*** Join the *Friends of Cook Forest* at the Log Cabin Inn Environmental Learning Classroom for a Walk in Penn's Woods. We'll celebrate the beauty of Pennsylvania's forests with an interpretive hike along the Liggett, Heffern Run and Brown's Run trails. (2 hrs)

Friday, October 8 at 7:00 pm - ***'Animal Calls'*** Please bring your chairs, blankets, and your best animal call imitation to the Ridge Camp Park Amphitheater for an evening of animal calls. Join the park naturalist as he demonstrates how and why animals of PA talk to each other. (1 hr)

Friday & Saturday October 8-9 - ***'Spooky Nights Halloween Decorating Competition'*** Join the fun of competing & judging campsite decorations at Ridge Camp. All proceeds will benefit the Ridge Camp playground equipment replacement fund. Event hosted by the *Friends of Cook Forest*. Please refer to the *Camp Fright* flyer or contact cffriendstreas@gmail.com for more information.

Saturday, October 9 at 7:00 pm - ***'Cathedral by Candlelight: History of Cook Forest Through the Eyes of an 1800's Lumberjack'*** Please meet at the Park Office to take a walk back in time with a lumberman from the 1800's who will lead us on a candlelit tour through the Cook Homestead, then show us the old bracket dam along Tom's Run. Moving the lumber downstream to markets in Pittsburgh was a very dangerous job! Program sponsored by *Kalyumet Campground*. (1 hr)

Saturday, October 16 at 8:00 am - **‘Cook Forest Fall Workday’** Have you been looking for a way to get involved with Cook Forest State Park? Please consider joining us for the day to help maintain the park through various work projects. Jobs may include trail maintenance, litter pickup, painting, wood stacking, etc. Free camping Friday & Saturday nights will be available for volunteers with prior notice received by Monday, October 4. If you are planning to join us for the day, please contact the Park Office (814)744-8407 at least two weeks in advance so that we can have a volunteer project lined up for you. Sorry, lunch will not be provided this year due to COVID-19. (4 hrs)

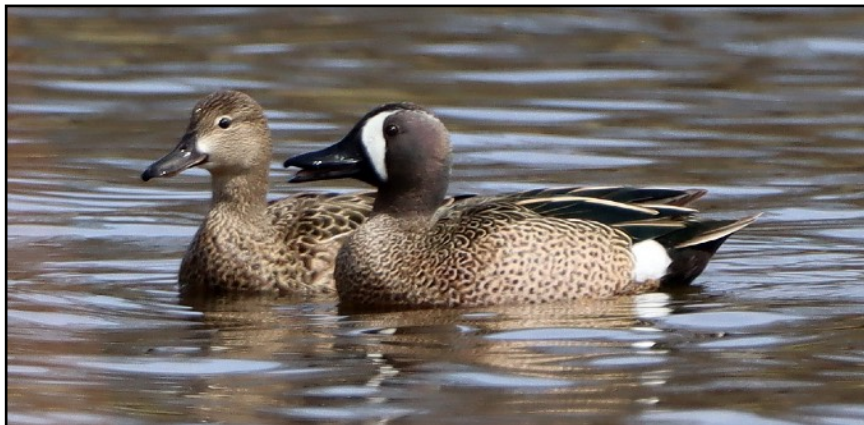
Saturday, October 30 at 7:00 pm - **‘Cathedral by Candlelight’** Want to experience something different this year for Halloween instead of the standard “trick-or-treaters”? Walk back in time with us into the depths of the Forest Cathedral with an historical character from the past. Come view the ancient forest as we walk beneath the giants by candlelight. Either a French Marine from the 1750’s who saw these massive trees 250 years ago, or a lumberman from the 1800’s will be there to guide us. Bring your flashlights! (2 hrs)

Clarion County Spring 2021 Bird Sightings

~ Carole Winslow

Locations: Beaver Creek Nature Area (BC), Clarion (CL), Curlsville (CV), Foxburg (FB), Kahle Lake (KL), Lucinda (LU), Mt Zion/Piney Tract/SGL 330 (MZ), New Bethlehem (NB), Redbank Valley Trail (RVT), Sarah Furnace Armstrong Trail (SF).

A late **Tundra Swan** was found at a pond outside of CL 5/5 (ES). A less common waterfowl, **Blue-winged Teal**, was noted in two areas. At BC, one bird was found 4/8 (JH) and 4/19 (ES), then two were present from 4/23-5/2 (AK, SK, RN, ES). Up to five birds were seen at nearby KL 4/27-5/4 (BF, JH, ES). **Northern Shoveler** is also less often reported, with just one at BC 3/19 (RN). Only two **Northern Pintails** were recorded, near FB on the Allegheny 3/5 (ES).



Blue-winged Teal, photo by Meg Kolodick

Once again, **Ruffed Grouse** were only noted in one location, a single bird along the RVT near Mayport 5/28 (ES). The only **Common Nighthawk** was seen at dusk calling as it flew over near CV 5/24 (CW). At what has become a regular location for them, two **Eastern Whip-poor-will** were heard calling outside Strattanville 5/1 (MH).

Any rails are of note for a county with few wetlands, so the sighting of a **Virginia Rail** at BC is quite noteworthy. It was first found 5/4 (JH) then two were seen 5/5 (MH, RM, LT). Unfortunately no definitive reporting was had after that date. Another species that may likely become a



Virginia Rail, photo by Meg Kolodick

confirmed nester is **Sandhill Crane**, and they were found this season again with three birds seen 4/29-4/30 in cornfields near Fryburg (JR fide ES).

Several great shorebird reports were received, with the first that of **Wilson's Snipe** heard near CV winnowing at dusk in marshy field areas. Two were first noted 4/13 and then just one heard 4/28 (DD, CW). Another bird was also heard nearby on Rankin Rd 4/14 (DD, CW). The most noteworthy species was **Wilson's Phalarope**, with an adult male found at KL 5/2 (RN). This provided the only record at this location and for the county. **Greater Yellowlegs** were found with one near CL 5/5 (ES), three at BC 4/26 (ES) and two still continuing there 5/2 (RN). **Willetts** were another unusual record for BC, with eight present 5/2 (RN) and up to nine birds 5/3 at KL (ES, JS, RS). Both were the first eBird record for this species at these locations.

Lesser Yellowlegs were also found, with three at ponds outside CL 5/2 (ES), and one at KL 5/2 (RN).

A single **Herring Gull** was found lingering a little late at KL 5/6 (ES). At this same location **Caspian Terns** were reported, with a single bird 5/2 (RN), and two present 5/3 (ES). **Common Terns** are actually less common than **Forster's Tern**, and both were found this season at KL, with five commons present 5/3 (RS) and at least one seen 5/5 (JS, CW). Forster's were also seen there with at least three present 5/5 (JS, CW).

Common Loons were found in good numbers with 20 seen at KL 5/3 (RS) and then a single **Red-throated Loon** found there 5/4 (JS). There were more than the usual number of **Great Egrets** reported, with the first being a flyover outside CV 4/7 (CW). One was also seen at ponds outside of CL 4/18 and 5/16 (ES), and one at KL 5/2 (RN). The last report was one lingering a little late into the season along the Allegheny near SF 5/27 (OM).



Willetts, photo by Meg Kolodick

An immature **Golden Eagle** was seen along the Allegheny at FB 3/13 (KC). **Northern Harriers** continue to show some decline in numbers. All sightings were just single birds early in the season. A male was near Wolfs Corners 3/5 (T&JK), one near CV 3/6 (ES), and one near LU 4/3 (ES, MS). A new nesting area for **Bald Eagles** was found near Climax on the RVT, with one young in the nest 5/15 (ES). A previously used nest site along the Clarion River had an adult on the nest 3/3

(CW). At another known nesting site along the Clarion River near Callensburg there were two adults seen 4/9 (ES), but then later reporting noted a female that was injured and removed for rehab, resulting in nesting failure at this site.

Always uncommonly reported, a **Red-headed Woodpecker** was seen in a yard in Marianne from 5/7 through at least 5/13 (JaS). At a new **American Kestrel** nest box near LU, a female was found on five eggs 5/8 (ES). **Merlins** were noted in CL on several occasions from 3/24-4/4 and two observers noted a pair with breeding behavior exhibited 4/7 (ES, TS). Breeding confirmation of this species is hopefully possible within the next year or two and would be a first for the county.



Red-headed Woodpecker, photo by Flo McGuire

White-eyed Vireos were noted more often with the first near CV, a singing male from 4/28-5/17 (CW). One was also seen at KL 5/4 (JS), and one along the RVT 5/13 (KP). **Yellow-throated Vireo** are present in limited habitat areas along the rivers usually, and one was singing at RVT near RI in their typical location 5/20,5/25 (CW), and 5/31 (ES). One was also found at SF 5/31 (ES).

Common Ravens were again found with fledged young in cliff areas along the RVT near Redbank 5/15 ((MH, RH). **Purple Martins** were found at a new nesting site in Fryburg, first with a likely scout appearing 4/18, then seven adults being present 5/8 (JR fide ES). Another bird was seen at KL 5/6 (ES). **Cliff Swallows** were found nest building at the bridge in NB, with 15 birds noted 5/15 (ES). **Winter Wrens** are usually found more regularly in their few remaining breeding areas, in the older forested hillsides along the waterways north of I-80. In CL along the river they were reported 4/24 and 5/15, and in SGL 63 4/18 and 5/2 (TS). One was near Piney Dam 4/29, near Snydersburg 5/9, and two birds seen at a probable nest site in Clear Creek State Forest at Blyson Run 4/20 (ES). An unusual wren species was a **Marsh Wren**, first spotted at BC 4/23 (AK,SK) and then found again 4/26 (ES).



Evening Grosbeak, photo by Flo McGuire

Gray-cheeked Thrush are less reported in spring usually, and this year one was seen fairly early in migration for this normally late May migrant. One was heard giving its wiry descending call several times in thick understory at a property near CV 5/5 (CW).

Swainson's Thrush reports were down this year for unknown reasons. One was reported at the RVT 5/1 (ES) and just two more near CV 5/20 (CW).

The northern finch invasion from winter carried over into the spring season,

with **Evening Grosbeaks** continuing at one winter location near Leeper through 5/2 (AK, SK) as well as at another nearby site, with an average of 15 birds through 5/9, and a max of 36 birds 4/25 (MS). Three were also found at SGL 63 on 4/4 (TS), and a single male at a feeder in RI 4/21 (MM). **Common Redpolls** also continued, though with just one sighting of 55 birds feeding in a weedy field in CV 3/10 (CW). **Pine Siskins** were found in low numbers at multiple feeders starting 4/6 through April, including at RI, NB, LU, CL and Knox (ML, MM, ES, MS). At one feeder location near CV, two birds were present and singing as late as 5/23, though no further activity indicating breeding was noted after that date (CW).

Grasshopper Sparrows were not reported back on their typical breeding grounds until rather late, with three noted at MZ 5/6 (AB). One was also reported at a new location north of I-80 near Fryburg 5/9 (ES). Their more typical habitat is in southern *Clarion* in the large grassland areas of old reclaimed strip mines. **Clay-colored Sparrows** had started to take advantage of the aging of these grasslands, as they started to fill in with more autumn olive, honeysuckle and multiflora rose. Over the last five years though, these numbers have started to decline. Only one sighting was noted for the season, a single bird found at MZ 5/22 (MC, ME). **Henslow's Sparrows** were first heard back at Rankin Rd near CV where three birds were singing at dusk 4/14 (CW). Overall good numbers were present at typical sites for the season, with the exception being at MZ where early into May numbers were reported much lower than normal, particularly in areas where controlled burns had been completed earlier in the season (PC, MH, ML). By later in the season numbers had increased to the more typical level, especially in areas that had not been burned. Fifteen birds were found singing at the main site of MZ 5/26 (CW).

Another species of the overgrown stripmine fields is **Yellow-breasted Chat**. They are likely underreported for lack of birders visiting their preferred habitat. One regular breeding location is CV strips area, and they were reported there from 5/20 through May (PF, JH, AM). Another location with good habitat near CV had 2 birds present and singing from 5/5 through May (CW). **Rusty Blackbirds** are not regularly reported anymore, and only a single bird was noted this season, near NB 3/7 (ES).

Several warblers are of note for the season, with the first being **Worm-eating Warbler**. In their typical location along the southern border, they were found at SF, with up to two birds seen 5/20 (EN, KN) and 5/31 (KP, ES). Up to three birds were also seen along the RVT starting 5/15 and through the season (MH, RH, ES, CW). At a location further north than typically found, an apparent pair was seen along Mill Creek near Fisher 5/12 (MH, LT). **Cerulean Warblers** were seen at CF, where not normally reported, with two birds found 5/22 (m.ob.). At their typical location along the RVT, up to 3 birds were seen starting 5/2 through the season, lower numbers than typically reported (MH, RH, ES, CW). They were also seen at SF with two birds reported 5/20 (EN, KN). **Yellow-throated Warbler** was only reported once at its typical breeding area along the RVT, with one bird singing 4/30 (CW). They were also noted along the Clarion further north in CF with one seen 5/22 (BB, SB, FD), and one in CL during a migratory fallout 5/4 (ES).

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Bird Feeders for Sale

Our craftsman, Jim Wilson, has the following Bird Feeders for Sale— Left to right, the hopper feeder for seed, the Oriole feeder, with a glass for jelly and a peg for oranges, and the suet feeder, with a long perch to enable the woodpeckers to prop their tails. These are \$12 for members, \$15 for non-members.

Also, not pictured, are Bluebird Boxes, which are \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members, and Owl Boxes, \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members.

All proceeds go to SRAS.

Contact Jim if interested!

Thank you, Jim!



Bird Seed Sale!

~Alice Thureau

It is time for the fall bird seed sale! The Pennsylvania Game Commission has lifted its recommendation of not feeding birds... While it is still not certain what was killing birds across at least 10 states since last May, the deaths have dropped off significantly.

Bird seed orders are due by September 25, with pick up from J&J Feeds, October 9-16.

Please be reminded to clean feeders and bird baths every week. First clean with soap and water, then disinfect with a 10% household bleach solution. Allow it to sit for 10 minutes, and then rinse with clean water and air dry.. That will help to keep our birds healthy as they happily congregate to eat and drink.



Events

Nighthawk Watches

continue at the Oil City Marina and Millcreek Boat Launch every evening till about Mid-September.

Bird Seed Sale -

Order by September 25, Pick up October 9 through 16

Owl Prowl, November 10, rain date November 11. Meet Mal at Roberts Hill Road at 6 pm.

Christmas Bird Count – Saturday, December 18



This is the most beautiful place on Earth. There are many such places. Every man, every woman, carries in heart and mind the image of the ideal place, the right place, the one true home, known or unknown, actual or visionary.
~Edward Abbey

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