



## November 20 Program - Birds and Wildlife of New Hampshire



Many people never think to go to New Hampshire for birdwatching, but the secret is out - New Hampshire is a birders' paradise! Long-time AAS member Terry Neumeyer taught birding at Lake Winnepesaukee for Elderhostel for nine years, and tells us that Lake "Winnie," the largest lake in NH, is a bird magnet drawing over 100 species of birds in the spring and fall. Highlights include the Bicknell's Thrush, Boreal Chickadee, and Spruce Grouse. Warblers abound in the nearby forests and streams. Loon lovers will want to learn about their three different calls. During this program we will also explore the White Mountains including Mt. Washington, the "Olde Man on The Mountain", the Flume, and the Silver Cascades. Join us as Terry guides us on a photographic tour of this surprising birding mecca.

**And as always, meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. with refreshments and social time followed by announcements, with the program starting at 7:30 p.m.**

## 2008 Bird Seed Sale - A Big Success!

South-central PA birds should be eating pretty good this winter, judging from the 744 bags of birdseed and 274 blocks of suet sold at our 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Bird Seed Sale! Final accounting is still in process as of this writing, but it looks like our largest fundraiser of the year will allow us to send 3 or 4 deserving students or educators to Audubon environmental camp at Hog Island, Maine this coming summer.

Following tradition, the weather brought us a few sprinkles, chilly temperatures, and some breezy winds, despite a forecast which called for sunny skies and mild temperatures, but our enthusiastic volunteers persevered and enjoyed themselves overall. **We send a big thank you** to all of you that came out to support our sale and to the volunteers that gave of their time and talents to help the chapter. Thanks for helping our feathered friends, as well.



Lou and Natalie Gehosky get the "small carbon footprint" award for picking up their bird seed on bicycle!

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**Can We Exceed Last Year’s  
“Coins for Conservation” Donations?**

For the second year in a row, AAS will be collecting loose change and donations of any size in our *Coins for Conservation* box for the benefit of Dauphin County Wildlife Rescue (DCWR). This organization, which helps to rescue and rehabilitate injured raptors and other wildlife species, exists on donations alone. Owners Beth and John Carricato provide food, housing, medical care, patience and respect to the many creatures that find their way to DCWR, and it takes money to keep the place running.



Last year, AAS members donated a total of \$239.32 in the *Coins for Conservation* box for this cause. Let’s make it a goal to exceed that number in 2008-2009! Please drop your spare change or a couple of dollars in the specially designated bird box located on the refreshment table at our monthly meetings. Thank you!

**DON’T FORGET! You can recycle household batteries at monthly AAS meetings!**

Appalachian Audubon monthly (Sept-May) programs normally take place on the 3rd Thursday of each month in Christ Presbyterian Church, 421 Deerfield Road, in the Allendale neighborhood of Camp Hill, at 7:30 p.m. Exceptions are announced in this newsletter, as are field trips and other activities.

**PROGRAMS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.**

Directions: Take New Cumberland exit off I-83; cross Carlisle Road. Turn left onto Allendale Way; take first left at Deerfield Road (from the south, take New Cumberland exit, turn left onto Carlisle Road, left onto Cedar Cliff Road, left on Allendale Way, then left onto Deerfield Road) to the church.



## Bird Seed Sale Thank You's!

Our annual birdseed sale took place on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Many Audubon members and friends volunteered their time to make this fundraiser successful. Our thanks to the following for sharing their time and energy with us:

|                |                   |                          |                |
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Special appreciation to Tom Lehman, Lorrie Preston, and Ellen Zeph for many additional hours of work before & after the sale.

Additional special thanks to:

- Forklifts, Inc. for donating use of the forklift
- Isaac's Restaurants for donating meals for the volunteers
- Camp Hill United Methodist Church for letting us use their space for the sale
- Ken Davis and Bud Sutfin of Davis County Living/Agway for working with us to supply the seed and feeders for the sale



We hope we didn't miss anyone, but, if so, please accept our thanks for a job well done!

### **"Forever Wild" Benefit Concert for Appalachian Trail Museum -- November 8<sup>th</sup>**

Walkin' Jim Stoltz will perform at the Carlisle Theatre, 40 West High St, Carlisle, PA, on Saturday, November 8, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. for a fundraising concert to help establish the Appalachian Trail Museum, proposed for Pine Grove Furnace State Park. The event is being sponsored by the Appalachian Trail Museum Society, with AAS and other organizations as co-sponsors. AAS will be in the lobby distributing literature and greeting guests.

Tickets are available at the Carlisle Theatre Box Office (717-258-0666) for \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door, and \$5 for children 12 and under. For more information, call Larry Luxenberg at 845-708-5306.



### **Audubon Calendars for Sale**



A limited number of beautiful 2009 Audubon calendars will be for sale at our upcoming monthly program meetings, while supplies last. These calendars will be sold for a flat \$10.00 each. Retail price would normally be \$11.99 to \$12.99 plus tax. Images of nature, wildflowers, hiking locations, songbirds, and birding trails are captured in breathtaking beauty on these popular calendars. You can pay in cash or checks made out to AAS.

## **Project FeederWatch Benefits Birds and People**

More than 100 studies have shown that getting closer to nature reduces stress and promotes a feeling of well-being in children and adults. So, filling feeders and counting the birds that visit may be just what the doctor ordered! For more than 20 years, that's what participants in the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's Project FeederWatch have been doing--benefitting themselves and the birds.

The 2008-09 season of **Project FeederWatch** gets underway **November 8** and runs through April 3. Participants count the numbers and kinds of birds at their feeders each week and send the information to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Scientists learn something new from the data each year, whether it's about the movements of common backyard birds or unusual sightings of rarely-seen species.



Project FeederWatch welcomes participants of all ages and skill levels, from scout troops and retirees to classrooms and nature center visitors. To learn more and to sign up, visit [www.feederwatch.org](http://www.feederwatch.org) or call the Lab toll-free at (800) 843-2473. In return for the \$15 fee (\$12 for Lab members) participants receive the *FeederWatcher's Handbook*, an identification poster of the most common feeder birds in their area, a calendar, complete instructions, and the FeederWatch annual report, *Winter Bird Highlights*.

### **AAS Youth Committee Looking for Youth Advisor and Youth Members**

Plans are underway to create an active Youth Group as part of our Appalachian Audubon chapter. We already have two terrific Youth Coordinators - Katie Clark and Miranda Cover. These Cedar Cliff High School seniors are the Co-Presidents of the Environmental Club at their school, and are helping AAS organize a group of middle school and high school youth from throughout the area to get involved in the chapter.

We are currently looking for a fun-loving, energetic, organized, creative, responsible adult (who enjoys working with teens) to volunteer as the advisor and mentor to the group.

We are also interested in receiving the names and contact information (e-mail address, if possible) for all middle-school and high school youth that have an interest in this new opportunity with AAS. Our goal is to have a group of young people that can gather with peers with similar interests in nature and the environment, who will have fun together while learning and accomplishing good things for the local environment.

You may receive more information on the Youth Advisor position or send contact information of interested youth to AAS President, Lorrie Preston at [mitandpak@aol.com](mailto:mitandpak@aol.com). We will keep you up to date as more information becomes available.

### **Giant and Weis Gift Cards for Groceries, Gasoline, or Gift Giving**

Don't forget to purchase your Giant and/or Weis gift cards at the monthly AAS program meetings. Please see Judy Bowman, Carl Juris, or Lorrie Preston to purchase or for more info. AAS receives 5 percent of the face value of your purchase, and gift cards make paying at the store or at the pump a breeze.

## Upcoming AAS Field Trips



### Eagles at Conowingo Dam – Saturday, November 15

Join birding expert Pete Fox to watch for Bald eagles, gulls, and waterfowl at the Conowingo Dam and lower Susquehanna River in MD. For more details contact Pete at 583-2639 (*before 9 pm, please*) or at [pfox@raiderweb.org](mailto:pfox@raiderweb.org).

### Ned Smith Center and Berry Mountain Hike – Tuesday, November 18 (*Raindate: Wed, Nov. 19*)

We'll travel to the Ned Smith Center for Nature and the Arts in Millersburg to view "Ned Smith: Hidden Stories" - Ned's never-before exhibited artwork. The outing includes a 4-5 mile hike on nearby trails. Bring money for admission and holiday gifts for nature lovers. Optional lunch at the Wooden Nickel in Millersburg after. This is a joint trip with the Susquehanna Appalachian Trail Club. Contact Lorrie Preston at 732-5615 or [mitandpak@aol.com](mailto:mitandpak@aol.com) for more information.

### Christmas Bird Counts (CBC) – Various dates in December and January

AAS participates in four surveys in this century-old tradition. Teams of birders are given designated areas to conduct the counts. Details regarding each count may be obtained from the contacts listed below.

Harrisburg CBC - December 20, 2008  
Deuane Hoffman – 564-7475 or [corvuscorax@comcast.net](mailto:corvuscorax@comcast.net)

Curtin CBC – Date to be announced  
Scott Bills – 896-8859 or [sbills@state.pa.us](mailto:sbills@state.pa.us)

New Bloomfield CBC - December 27, 2008  
Ramsay Koury – 761-1871 or [RKoury123@aol.com](mailto:RKoury123@aol.com)

Newville CBC – January 3, 2009  
Bill and Linda Frantz – 776-4463

### Join Appalachian Audubon Society AND National Audubon Society

AT THE SPECIAL INTRODUCTORY RATE OF \$20 (\$15 FOR SENIORS AND STUDENTS)

This application is for **NEW** members joining Appalachian and National Audubon for the **FIRST** time (for members renewing, *renewal* information will come to you directly from National Audubon). This introductory offer includes membership in both National and Appalachian Audubon societies, the beautiful *Audubon* magazine, and our own *Kingfisher Courier* newsletter. Please send the form below, with **check** payable to **National Audubon Society**, to: Appalachian Audubon, PO Box 15123, Harrisburg, PA 17105-5123.

New Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Senior Membership? \_\_\_\_\_ Student? \_\_\_\_\_

Is any of this contact information new? If so, place an X here: \_\_\_\_\_ **U07 7XCH**

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