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APPALACHIAN AUDUBON SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Peregrine Falcons, A Saga of Recovery

Art McMorris fell in love with nature almost from the moment he started to walk and explore the outdoors. He spent his childhood hiking, fishing, collecting insects and tadpoles, and studying the stars and planets. His education includes receiving both a BA and PhD in Biology. His first career involved the study of molecules, a profession that, ironically, kept him indoors. Now retired from that position he has moved back outdoors where he coordinates the Peregrine Falcon Recovery and Management Program for the Pennsylvania Game Commission. Art also participates in other bird studies and conservation projects.



Photo by Art McMorris

Peregrine Falcons are making a remarkable recovery after being extirpated from eastern North America. Art will talk about the work he and others are doing to re-establish a self-sustaining and secure population of these birds in Pennsylvania. He will share information about the natural history of Peregrine Falcons and their distribution in North America. He will also discuss the reasons for the population crash in the mid-20th century and the reintroduction and management efforts that have led to one of the most remarkable recoveries of any endangered species anywhere. Come hear about these remarkable birds, the fastest animals on earth!

Please join us on Thursday, December 11, starting with our social gathering at 7:00pm. Our chapter meeting will start at 7:30 followed by Art's program.

NOTE EARLIER DATE!
Thursday, December 11 @ 7:00pm

AAS PROGRAM | JANUARY

Frosty Forests and Frozen Fields: Winter Birrrding in Ontario

Going north for the winter for bird watching? This program highlights the far northern specialty birds that have appeared in Ontario and the northeastern United States during recent winters. Irruptive species of raptors and finches, wintering northern species of waterfowl and gulls, and the occasional western and Eurasian vagrants will be covered. Wayne Laubscher will tell us where and when we might find them and why they show up south of their normal range. The focus of this program will be on southern and eastern Ontario but will also include a few areas of Quebec.

Wayne is a PA Birds compiler for Clinton County, compiler for the Lock Haven/Jersey Shore CBC, an owl and hummingbird bander, and a bio aide for the PA Game Commission. He is also a board member of the Lycoming Audubon Society.

You are welcome to join us on **Thursday, January 15** at 7:00pm for a social gathering. Our meeting will start at 7:30pm followed by Wayne's presentation.



Red Crossbills. Photo by Wayne Laubscher.

SAVE THE DATE!
Thursday, January 15, 2015 @ 7:00pm