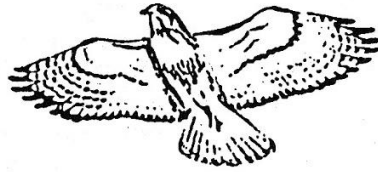


# BIRD'S-EYE VIEW



## PEORIA AUDUBON SOCIETY

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### NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT:

The large participation by many groups in the 20th Earth Day last April was encouraging to see. This indicates a widespread concern for many environmental problems. Each person is hopefully focusing on at least one of these problems and is working for improvements in it throughout the year.

Also during Earth Day last year, I felt very angry at the National Public Radio for their coverage of the issue of the amount of cutting of old growth forest in the Pacific Northwest. The program featured two interviews with logging interests and with Earth First, a recent group whose members advocate and sometimes use violence and sabotage to publicize their views. The program did not mention groups like Audubon which for years have been working with the Forest Service and with Congress to formulate balanced plans for sustained yield timber cuts and for setting aside old growth areas for preservation as natural areas and habitat for rare animals such as the Spotted Owl.

The use of violence actually harms the cause of any group that uses it whether it be Earth First or loggers. While Audubon's approach is not as sensational and did not get any credit in this situation, I feel that steady effort to solve difficult environmental problems is the most effective approach in the long run.

Maury Brucker



### CONSERVATION COMMENTS:

Reauthorization of The Endangered Species Act will occur in 1992. Write to your senators and representatives in opposition to weakening the act.

President Bush's 1992 budget includes The Peoria Lake project. It provides \$1.69 million for work at the upper end of the lake. Lake Chautauqua is slated to get \$1.77 million. Please become educated on these projects and voice your opinion where it counts.

John Richard  
Conservation Chairman

### NOTES FROM: **NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY**

Audubon National Convention July 21-27, 1991:

This year's national convention, to be held at the Estes Park Center in Boulder, Colorado, will feature "Audubon's Activities in the Americas". Programs and workshops will be featured that promote activities to influence the forthcoming June 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development slated for Brazil. Ted Turner, international communicator extraordinaire, will be the keynote speaker. A major objective is to attract youth, minorities, educators, indigenous people, business leaders as well as Audubon members. For a brochure, write:

Audubon Convention Office  
4150 Darley Avenue - Suite #5  
Boulder, CO 80303

Audubon kicks off its seventh year of specials on TBS Superstation with "Hope for the Tropics" hosted by actress Lauren Bacall. The program takes viewers into the heart of Costa Rica, where conservationists from around the world are working to find

alternatives to the rapid destruction of the rainforests. "Hope for the Tropics" debuts on TBS Sunday, February 24 at 10 PM (EST), and will be shown again February 25 at 1:05 AM; March 2 at 11:05 AM; and March 11 at 2:05 AM.

#### OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A recently published document reflects important advances in the federal government's commitment to bird conservation. Strategies for Conservation of Avian Diversity in North America, a USFWS publication, is a blueprint for monitoring, research, and management strategies for nongame birds in the U.S. Although 93 percent of our country's 836 bird species are considered "nongame", Federal and State agencies historically have made the 7 percent that are hunted--mostly ducks and other waterfowl--a priority. The new USFWS document recommends a million-dollar allocation for nongame research and management and gives the Service the role of coordinating all nongame monitoring efforts.

To receive a copy of this document, and to express your pleasure that the agency has at last made nongame birds a priority, write to: United States Fish & Wildlife Service  
Office of Migratory Bird Management  
Mail Stop 634, ARLSQ  
Washington, DC 20240.

It's tax time--  
don't forget:



Donate to the Nongame Wildlife Conservation Fund on your State Income Tax Return.

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Your dollars can save precious lives.  
Thank you!



#### PEORIA AUDUBON SOCIETY - UPDATE:

Breeding Bird Atlas Workshop: March 16, 1991, at Wildlife Prairie Park, Garden Room near the main dining hall. A great program is to be presented with excellent and exciting speakers who have acquired great experience in finding and identifying nesting birds. Included are programs by Mr. Vernon Kleen from the Illinois Dept. of Conservation, Mr. Joe Milosevich from Joliet, and Mr. Mike Baum from Galesburg. Also present will be compilers from adjacent counties. Come and join us as we begin our last year of the survey. For registration information, contact Mrs. Greet Princen, 677 E. High Point Terrace, Peoria, IL 61614, (309) 691-0519.



Mid-Winter Bald Eagle Count Report: Thirteen people participated in this year's count held on February 2nd. The area covered was the Illinois River from Henry to Havana, Illinois. A total of 94 Bald Eagles were seen: 71 Adults and 23 Immatures. This is six over last year's count of 88. Thanks to all who participated in this worthwhile project--all reports are studied by government agencies when rating the Bald Eagle as an endangered species.

Marj Tattersall, Compiler

Spring Bird Count "Bird-a-thon": Join us on Saturday, May 4, 1991 by helping our chapter to raise money for local conservation efforts by participating in the 1991 Bird-a-thon. We are asking people to pledge so much per species seen by counters in the six counties to be covered (Fulton, Mason, Peoria, Stark, Tazewell and Woodford). Fifty to 100+ species are seen by the average team or individual counter. If you pledge 5¢ a species and 75 species are recorded, then your donation would be \$3.75.

Sign up your co-workers, friends and relatives for this worthwhile event. You can make up your own record sheets, or pick up a supply of pre-printed forms at our March and April membership meetings. Keep track of your pledges and collect them by our May 13th membership meeting. (Checks should be made out to "Peoria Audubon Society".) Or, send your bird-a-thon contributions to Mrs. Greet Princen, Treasurer, 677 E. High Point Terrace, Peoria, IL 61614.

All members of Peoria Audubon Society are invited to attend the Peoria Academy of Science Annual Banquet on Thursday, April 4, 1991. The banquet will be at 6:00 PM in the Lakeview Museum Auditorium. Guest speaker will be Mr. Steve Tackard of the Chicago Nature Conservancy. For more information and reservations, contact Mrs. Greet Princen, 677 E. High Point Terrace, Peoria, IL 61614. (309) 691-0519.

The next BIRDS-EYE VIEWS article deadline is April 10th. Send items of interest to Marjorie Tattersall, Editor, 915 W. St. Mary's Ct., Peoria, IL 61614. (309) 692-2247.



#### LOCAL ITEMS OF INTEREST:

March 8/9 - "1991 CENTRAL ILLINOIS WORLD AFFAIRS CONFERENCE" at the Hotel Pere Marquette in Peoria. The main topic will be "Energy and the Environment: Strategies for Survival". Developing effective global strategies to utilize alternative energy resources to halt the destruction of the environment while promoting sustainable development may determine the very future of life on this planet. The Saturday keynote address will be on redefining international security in terms of the environment--to propose some global solutions, and the role the United Nations agencies can play in solving the continuing ecological crisis. Information: Monique Verbeke, 206 E. Morningside Drive, Peoria, IL 61614, (309) 692-6697.

Four Wal-Mart stores in East Peoria, Pekin, Bloomington and Washington have begun serving as recycling centers as part of a national program to reduce landfill needs. Area residents can deposit plastic bottles and aluminum and metal cans in drop boxes at their store locations. The program is not-for-profit, and any proceeds above the cost of operation will be donated to the United Way.

- Rinse metal cans and remove labels.
- Do not drop off aluminum foil or pie tins.
- Remove all caps from plastic containers.
- Do not drop off plastic soap, bleach or shampoo bottles.
- Do not drop off newspapers.

(Call local animal shelters to see if they can use your newspapers; call Glen Oak Zoo to see if they can use clean pie tins as feeding trays.)

MODEL COMMUNITY COMES TO PEORIA. On Tuesday, March 12th, interested businesses, organizations and individuals are invited to come to the Peoria Public Library, 107 N. E. Monroe in Peoria, at 6:30 PM, to hear John Thompson from Central States Education Center in Champaign, discuss the "Model Community" program. This is a nationally known waste reduction and recycling education project for communities, supermarkets, garbage haulers, printers, churches, schools, offices to become models for the rest of the community. By setting up waste reduction and recycling programs we can reduce waste at work, at home, and while shopping, while at the same time meeting the state's mandatory waste reduction goals. Information: Lisa, Haderlein, Recycling Coord. Peoria County Courthouse, Rm. 301 Peoria, IL 61602 (309)672-6915

Forest Park Nature Center will be offering "Early Worm Bird Walks" on Sundays at 6 AM from April 14 through May 12--free to the public--for all ages.

The "River City Garden Show" will be held on February 23/24 at the Peoria Civic Center. Learn how to landscape and garden through today's ecologically sound methods. Call the Civic Center for more information: 676-8700.

#### RECENT SIGHTINGS:

- Jan. - A dark-phase Gyrfalcon at the nuclear plant near LaSalle-Peru has been seen four times by Louise Augustine and once by Cindy Holloway--still in the area mid-February.
- 1-27: Brown Thrasher in Knox Co.--B. Onken
- 2-1: Eurasian Tree Sparrows at Rice Lake feeder; also on 2-2 in Liverpool area.
- 2-2: (30) Red-tailed Hawks seen on East side of Ill. R. between Henry & Peoria during Mid-Winter Bald Eagle Count by G. Brown, L. Endres, and M. Tattersall.
- 2-3: (5) Wild Turkeys were seen near Isaac Walton area in Woodford Co.
- 2-7: A Lesser Black-backed Gull was sighted on the ice at Spring Bay by B. Princen. Many gulls (6 species) are in the area between Peoria Post Office north to Detweiller Marina; also at Hamms Marina.
- Thousands of Canada Geese seen at Duck Creek Station in Fulton Co.
- 2-9: (2) Golden Eagles seen in trees on the Sun Foundation's marsh land.
- 2-10: (5) Wild Turkeys seen in Marshall Co.
- E. Tjaden reports (2) Snipe seen at the old Dr. Herman swamp in Woodford Co.
- D. Collins reports that the Illinois D.O.C. has released (12) Wild Turkeys on his farm. We wish them luck--location is not being revealed for their protection.



MARCH:

- 13 (Wed.) - Board Meeting at 6:30 PM.  
Membership Mtg. at 7:30 PM, Lakeview Museum Auditorium (room change). Program: A representative from the Heartland Water Res. Council will present a slide show with general discussion on "The Challenge-- Saving the Illinois River and Peoria Lake."
- 16 (Sat.) - Breeding Bird Atlas Workshop. (See article on page 2.)
- 23 (Sat.) - Field Trip to Metropolitan Sanitary Dist. near Canton. Bring a lunch and meet at 8 AM in downtown Farmington parking lot (Rtes. 116 & 78), or at 8:30 AM at MSD headquarters. Call trip-leader Bert Princen if you plan to attend (309) 691-0519.

APRIL:

- 4 (Thurs.) - Peoria Academy of Science Annual Banquet. (See article on page 3.)
- 10 (Wed.) - Membership Meeting at 7:30 PM, Lakeview Museum, back in our regular place Room A/B. Program: Ms. Ella Maxwell of D. A. Hoerr & Sons Nursery will present a program on what to plant in your yards to attract birds.
- 21 (Sun.-not Sat.) - Field Trip to Johnson Sauk Trail St. Park near Kewanee. Bring a lunch and meet at Landmark's first parking lot at 7 AM, or at JSTSP at 8 AM in the first parking lot on the left. Call trip-leader Louise Endres if you plan to attend (309) 682-8500.
- 22 (Mon.) - EARTH DAY 1991. Consult local newspapers for activities.

MAY:

- 4 (Sat.) - SPRING BIRD COUNT and BIRD-A-THON:  
 Please join us as we count all birds in six counties--call compilers listed below to help. Don't forget your Bird-a-thon pledges.  
 Fulton - Virginia Humphreys, 682-0418  
 Mason - Dick Bjorklund, 677-3012  
 Peoria - Eleanor Voeste, 697-0353  
 Stark - Maury Brucker (for info.), 493-5181  
 Tazewell - Louise Endres, 682-8500  
 Woodford - John Todt, 694-3948
- 11 (Sat.) - WARBLER WALK at Forest Park Nature Center, 7:30 AM. Dale Goodner will lead a 2-hour walk on the center trails. There will be a short break then for interested parties to carpool to go to Singing Woods.

JUNE: Breeding Bird Atlas Block-Busting counts for Mason and Fulton counties (dates to be set later.)



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