

BIRD'S-EYE VIEW



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NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

There are many well-done nature programs to choose from on TV these days. They show many scientific details of ecosystems from the far corners of the world. National Audubon has also sponsored some TV programs which raise important environmental issues. While I enjoy these TV programs, too, I am concerned about nature becoming an armchair spectator sport.

Peoria Audubon's local meetings and field trips can not compete with these TV programs in terms of depth of information or entertainment value. We do offer a focus on local birds and their ecosystems. You can interact with other people with similar interests and concerns. And, you can participate in field trips, in communicating on environmental problems and policies and in other Peoria Audubon activities. Thanks...

Maury Brucker, President

Calling all members...WHAT NIGHT OF THE MONTH WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE OUR MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS HELD ON?

Up until May 1986, our membership meetings were held on the first Friday of each month. Back then our meeting attendance was much higher than it is today. But beginning with our 1986 September meeting, Lakeview Museum asked us if we would change our meeting night so they would not have to keep the museum open on Friday nights and save on utilities and receptionist fees. After canvassing our membership, we decided to hold our meetings on the 2nd Wednesday, September thru May.

Unfortunately, our attendance has dropped quite a lot, and we realize we are not serving our membership with an agreeable meeting night. Please write or call one of the following officers or board members and let them know

your preference for a meeting night. This will be discussed at our September 9th meeting, and we hope we may come up with a solution to our problem. REMEMBER! THIS CLUB IS FOR YOU. Please let us know how we may better serve you.

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WATCH THE BIRDIE! Channel 47 will be repeating some old shows and also will present some new ones. Tune in to these and other interesting programs this summer:

July 8th, 8 PM and July 14th, 11 AM:
"Mysterious Elephants of the Congo".
July 21st, 8 PM and July 28th, 11 AM:
"Battle for the Great Plains".
July 28th, 8 PM and Aug. 4th, 11 AM:
"Wildfire".
Aug. 4th, 8 PM:
"The Environmental Tourist--Travel and Conservation With a Conscience".
Aug. 11th, 8 PM:
"Great Lakes--Bitter Legacy".
Aug. 24th, 7-8:30 PM:
"Marine Life Miracles--Recent Preservation Efforts in Pacific Coast Wildlife".
Aug. 25th, 7-8:30 PM:
"Animal Olympians".



ITEMS OF INTEREST:

1. Forest Park Nature Center: The Peoria Park District has over 3,000 acres of park-land in natural areas. Join a FPNC naturalist and visit these gems of plant and animal diversity. All trips meet at FPNC at 9 AM. (Info: 686-3360)

Sat., July 11th...Detweiller Park
Sat., July 18th...Singing Woods

NOTE: The Trailhead Gift Shop has added new nature and environment-related T-shirts, posters, games, earrings, and books. Ground sunflower hearts are also back in stock.

2. Help is needed for brush cutting at the Nature Conservancy's following local areas:

July 11: Springdale Cemetary, 1 PM

July 18: Bennett's Terraq. Garden
9-11:30 AM

July 25: Springdale Cemetary, 1 PM

Aug. 9: Robinson Park North, 8 AM
(Also an Audubon Field Trip).
Bird Monitoring.

Aug. 15: Robinson North, 9 AM, FPNC.

Aug. 22: Root Cemetary, 9 AM
(Gen'l. Info: Melissa, 697-1643)

3. Most of our summer residents migrate to tropical rainforests in South America during our winter months. Here is a little protection you may wish to support in order that we will always see them return the following spring.



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4. Glen Oak Zoo: Stop in and see the new "Bird Program" with Great-Horned Owls, American Kestrel, various hawks, and "Aristotle" the vulture.

Visitor's Comments: My husband and I had not been to the zoo in several years and we were curious to see the new lion exhibit, so off we went. When we got there we were thankfully amazed at how the zoo has greatly improved. Instead of seeing just a dead tree and perhaps a tire swing and/or a shelf to rest on in the inside cages, there now are groundcovers (straw, grasses, sand, rocks, etc.) and trees/shrubs, greenery, rope swings, and painted backgrounds.

The outside grounds and display areas have been enhanced with grasses and plants... producing a feeling of being out in the wild observing the animals, instead of in a zoo. New or updated pens/cages, a show program area, an improved gift shop, and a fun "contact area" (petting zoo...the baby goats are adorable), all add up to a big

"THANK YOU GLEN OAK ZOO".

Stop in and see how the lions are adjusting to their new home. We know Jan Schwitzer and her crew have really given their all to the zoo's improvement plan and it really shows. Don't miss seeing one of Peoria's better family entertainment spots.

Marj Tattersall

SPRING BIRD COUNT/BIRD-A-THON REPORT:

Bird-a-thon Money Raised = \$377.44. A big "THANKS" goes out to our participants this year who worked hard at seeking sponsors for SBC 1992. Through their generosity, the earnings will be shared between local conservation issues and support of our Great Lakes Office. Les Bodel \$16.00, Maury Brucker \$5.60, Lu Ann Elwood \$28.00, Louise Endres \$205.00, Brant Holloway \$61.95, and Cindy Holloway with \$60.89. "Great Job".

SBC Counts: "Where were the birds?" Not one Brown Creeper, Osprey or Am. Woodcock was seen. Lowcount species this year were Dbl.-Crested Cormorant, Greater/Lesser Yellowlegs, Terns, Bank/Barn Swallows, Ruby-Crowned Kinglets, E. Bluebirds, Veery, Vesper Sparrow, Bobolink, and Eurasian Tree Sparrow. High count species: E. Phoebe, Carolina Wrens, most Warblers, Blue-Gray Gnatcatchers, Scarlet Tanagers, and Dicksissels. Total species seen = 170.

(Mason and Stark Co. reports were not available at press time.)

	FULTON	MASON	PEORIA	LAZEWELL		FULTON	MASON	PEORIA	LAZEWELL
Pied-billed Grebe	2	1	1	1	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	-	5	2	3
Double-Crested Cormorant	12	96	50	-	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	3	10	25	2
Great Blue Heron	84	303	24	39	Eastern Bluebird	17	29	25	12
Great Egret	36	61	14	19	Veery	-	1	-	-
Little Blue Heron	1	-	1	-	Gray-cheeked Thrush	-	3	1	-
Green-backed Heron	4	2	12	6	Swainson's Thrush	1	5	34	1
Black-cr. Night Heron	-	-	-	1	Hermit Thrush	-	2	2	-
Mute Swan	-	-	-	2	Wood Thrush	5	23	24	3
Canada Geese	201	63	176	158	American Robin	303	290	518	516
Wood Duck	19	59	45	16	Gray Catbird	29	58	45	44
American Black Duck	-	4	-	-	Northern Mockingbird	3	11	1	6
Mallard	80	110	82	72	Brown Thrasher	46	44	36	46
Blue-winged Teal	6	3	15	10	Cedar Waxwings	-	57	15	-
Northern Shoveler	-	4	-	-	European Starling	269	376	518	425
Gadwall	-	-	-	4	White-eyed Vireo	-	-	7	-
American Wigeon	1	-	-	-	Solitary Vireo	-	-	-	3
Ring-necked Duck	1	-	1	-	Yellow-throated Vireo	-	9	15	-
Lesser Scaup	-	2	-	-	Warbling Vireo	10	27	55	22
Common Goldeneye	-	-	-	1*	Philadelphia Vireo	-	-	-	1
Hooded Merganser	6	-	-	-	Red-eyed Vireo	2	17	36	4
Turkey Vulture	11	17	10	12	Blue-winged Warbler	-	2	18	-
Northern Harrier	-	-	-	2	Gold-winged Warbler	-	9	6	1
Sharp-shinned Hawk	-	2	-	-	Tennessee Warbler	1	36	103	-
Cooper's Hawk	-	-	1	-	Orange-crown Warbler	-	3	1	1
Broad-winged Hawk	-	-	4	-	Nashville Warbler	1	22	35	3
Red-tailed Hawk	6	4	10	13	Northern Parula	-	2	23	-
American Kestrel	1	1	8	3	Yellow Warbler	1	11	33	16
Ring-necked Pheasant	-	43	16	2	Chastnut-side Warbler	-	7	14	4
Wild Turkey	-	8	2	-	Magnolia Warbler	1	7	7	-
Northern Bobwhite	36	43	34	3	Cape May Warbler	-	2	2	-
Sora	1	1	3	-	Black-thrt. Blu Warbler	1	-	-	-
American Coot	2	-	2	10	Yellow-rumped Warbler	4	61	62	29
Semipalmated Plover	29	-	-	-	Black-thrt. Grn Warbler	-	12	10	2
Killdeer	47	15	94	41	Blackburnian Warbler	1	10	6	1
Greater Yellowlegs	3	-	4	-	Yellow-thrt. Warbler	-	-	1	-
Lesser Yellowlegs	12	2	1	-	Prairie Warbler	-	-	1	-
Solitary Sandpiper	2	-	3	-	Palm Warbler	1	22	12	12
Spotted Sandpiper	18	7	3	5	Bay-breasted Warbler	-	1	2	-
Semipalm. Sandpiper	15	-	7	-	Blackpoll Warbler	-	4	13	1
Least Sandpiper	25	-	2	-	Cerulean Warbler	-	1	1	-
Pectoral Sandpiper	15	-	12	-	Blk. & White Warbler	1	8	13	1
Short-bill. Dowitcher	4	-	-	-	American Redstart	1	41	5	4
Common Snipe	-	1	6	-	Prothonotary Warbler	1	16	3	1
Ring-billed Gull	5	22	51	97	Worm-eating Warbler	-	-	2	1
Herring Gull	6	4	61	1	Ovenbird	-	14	7	1
Caspian Tern	-	-	1	-	Northern Waterthrush	-	9	2	-
Forster's Tern	-	-	-	1	La. Waterthrush	-	1	2	-
Rock Dove	13	8	57	152	Kentucky Warbler	-	2	-	-
Mourning Dove	98	122	170	77	Common Yellowthroat	58	75	41	29
Black-billed Cuckoo	-	-	2	2	Yellow-breasted Chat	-	-	2	-
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	2	2	4	5	Summer Tanager	-	-	-	2
Great Horned Owl	-	1	3	-	Scarlet Tanager	1	18	14	-
Eastern Screech Owl	-	1	-	-	Northern Cardinal	106	103	136	247
Barred Owl	2	14	11	2	Rose-brst. Grosbeak	26	102	58	53
Common Nighthawk	3	3	6	1	Indigo Bunting	41	55	52	20
Chuck-will's-widow	-	1	-	-	Dickcissel	22	88	7	10
Whip-poor-will	3	35	5	-	Rufous-sided Towhee	10	60	27	13
Chimney Swift	56	28	127	24	Amer. Tree Sparrow	3	-	-	-*
Ruby-thrt. Hummingbird	-	2	2	-	Chipping Sparrow	38	61	73	29
Belted Kingfisher	2	1	8	9	Clay-colored Sparrow	-	-	1	1*
Red-headed Woodpr.	55	58	39	28	Field Sparrow	30	56	28	35
Red-bellied Woodpr.	21	40	34	33	Vesper Sparrow	3	3	-	-
Downy Woodpecker	11	18	27	18	Lark Sparrow	5	11	-	-
Hairy Woodpecker	3	1	3	2	Savannah Sparrow	10	-	1	5
Northern Flicker	57	32	30	23	Grasshopper Sparrow	2	49	9	20
Pileated Woodpecker	1	1	1	-	Fox Sparrow	-	-	-	2*
Olive-s. Flycatcher	2	-	-	-	Song Sparrow	56	21	82	72
Eastern Wood-Pewee	4	5	2	4	Lincoln's Sparrow	-	1	-	-
Acadian Flycatcher	-	1	-	1	Swamp Sparrow	9	1	11	3
Willow Flycatcher	1	1	-	-	White-thrt. Sparrow	89	175	121	45
Least Flycatcher	-	6	3	2	White-crown. Sparrow	41	31	31	11
Eastern Phoebe	18	3	12	9	Bobolink	-	1	-	-
Gr. Crest. Flycatcher	23	66	7	24	Red-winged Blackbird	1,925	811	758	541
Eastern Kingbird	23	26	13	16	Eastern Meadowlark	94	101	79	137
Horned Lark	36	48	64	30	Common Grackle	476	501	445	350
Purple Martin	70	27	27	30	Brown-headed Cowbird	117	165	121	58
Tree Swallow	50	203	22	26	Orchard Oriole	3	3	4	2
No. Rgh-wing. Swallow	23	3	34	37	Northern Oriole	89	93	124	42
Bank Swallow	13	-	6	-	House Finch	12	2	36	36
Cliff Swallow	16	-	-	-	American Goldfinch	106	122	109	83
Barn Swallow	88	80	48	51	House Sparrow	370	316	405	440
Blue Jay	150	174	199	91	Euras. n Tree Sparrow	7	25	1	2
American Crow	51	39	64	47					
Black-capped Chickadee	28	41	97	64	TOTAL SPECIES:	116	132	138	111
Tufted Titmouse	35	56	75	33					
White-Breast. Nuthatch	21	21	62	24	GROUPS/PARTICIPANTS:	5/13	4/10	2/19	2/10
Carolina Wren	10	14	12	6					
House Wren	47	86	102	93	* Documented Species				



RECENT JUNE SIGHTINGS:

Singing Woods: Ovenbird, La. Waterthrush, Kentucky Warbler, Summer Tanagers, Worm-Eating Warbler, and Parula Warbler.
Canton Airport: (on 6-21) seven Upland Sandpipers on Rte. 9 front field fence posts.
Princen's Home: Broad-wing Hawk seen in their driveway with mole in its talons...Bert believes they are nesting nearby.
Keystone land next to Mendenhall Boat Access Area: (early June before it dried up)
30-40 Black-crowned Night Herons.
Duck Island Gravel Pit: 100's of Great Blue Herons and 10-12 Great Egrets...possibly an overflow from dried-up Mendenhall.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

July: Be alert--crow hunting season 7-1 thru 8-15. Late in the month, shorebird migration begins.

12 - Field Trip to Robinson Park. Meet at 8 AM at 2nd parking lot on left on Mossville Road from Rte. 88. Wear protective clothing for walking thru brush. Areas available for pleasant walking or hill-hiking. 2-3 hours, more if interest shown. Bring snacks and a drink--may get hot. Call Marj Tattersall if you plan to attend (692-2247).

August: End of month, dove migration begins.

9 - Field Trip to Robinson Park (again). Meet at 8 AM at Forest Park Nature Center. We'll be joining interested neighbors of Robinson Park's area, along with Nature Conservancy people. Bring snack and drink. Call Marj Tattersall if you plan to attend (692-2247).

13-24 - Visit "Conservation World" at the Illinois State Fair, Springfield.

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August: (cont'd.)

30 - Shorebird Field Trip to Duck Island Gravel Pit, Banner Marsh, and Mendenhall Boat Access Area. Meet at 12 Noon at small city parking lot between Rte. 24 and Hardee's in Bartonville, south of I474 bypass Bartonville exit. 4-6 Hours. Please call Marj Tattersall if you plan to attend (692-2247).

September: Be alert...Dove, Rail, Snipe, and Squirrel hunting season on. First migrating ducks (Blue-winged Teal) move through Illinois; Bobwhite quail form coveys and select winter ranges.

9 - Membership Meeting, 7 PM, Lakeview Museum Rm. A/B. Program: Summer reports of member sightings and study projects.

19 - Field Trip along Illinois River from Peoria up to Henry on the west side, then cross over and return down the east side. Meet at 8 AM at Forest Park Nature Center. Pack a lunch/drinks for a full day of birding. Call Marj Tattersall if you plan to attend (692-2247).

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