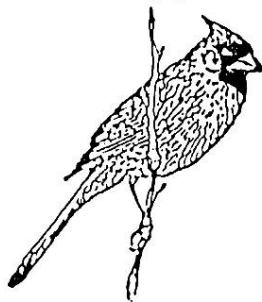


BIRD'S-EYE VIEW



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MID-WINTER BALD EAGLE COUNT REPORT:

This past January 30th, four teams totaling twenty-three participants counted 141 Bald Eagles along the Illinois River between Henry (Rte. 18 bridge) south to Havana (Rte. 136 bridge). This total is a corrected figure from the 132 I first reported...sorry for the error in my arithmetic. Though we did not break last year's high record of 149, we still had a very successful year. Our participants ranged in age from 5 to 65+. Though it was cold and breezy, it did warm up a bit as the day advanced. Identified birds were 54 adults, 22 immatures, and 65 unidentifieds (seen flying off a roost south of Lacon in the dark early hours of the morning--possible duplicate sightings within several miles of the roost were not tallied to prevent duplicate counting). A big "THANKS" to all who participated.

Marj Tattersall, Compiler

1ST ANNUAL BALD EAGLE DAY IN PEORIA:

On January 23rd, Peoria Audubon and Forest Park Nature Center held it's first "Bald Eagle Day in Peoria". Over 100 people attended the two informational sessions presented by Mike Miller of FPNC and Maury Brucker and Marj Tattersall of Peoria Audubon. People of all ages came to learn about Bald Eagles that winter here along our Illinois River. Due to the day's success, we plan to hold this event every year to inform the public of this natural wonder right here in our own home town.

1992 CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS:

Bad weather plagued the Chillicothe and Peoria Counts, but though it was very cold, the Chautauqua Count was a nice sunny day. Some nice unexpected sightings were: 5 Mute Swans, 2 Greater Scaup, 1 No. Goshawk, 1 Gray Catbird, 1 Fox Sparrow, and 240

Eurasian Tree Sparrows. Red-headed Wdpkrs. and Brown Creepers were down, but Hairy Wdpkrs., Swamp Sparrows, E. Bluebirds, both Kinglets, and Rough-legged Hawks were up. Since next year's Saturday counts will fall on Christmas Day and New Year's Day they have been changed. 1993 Christmas Bird Counts: Peoria on Saturday, Dec. 18th; Chautauqua on Thursday, Dec. 23rd.; and Chillicothe on Sunday, Jan. 2. ('92 Counts on P.2.)

CONSERVATION NOTE

In November, a meeting of 87 countries agreed to move the deadline up for eliminating chlorofluorocarbons (CFC's) from the year 2000 to January 1, 1996. Further evidence shows that the use of refrigerants, solvents, cleaning agents, etc. is a strong factor in ozone depletion. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says that this move can reduce skin cancer by one million cases in the U.S. alone. Also, the production of halons, which are used in fire extinguishers and are 10 times more dangerous to the ozone layer than CFC's, has been banned after January 1, 1994.

DON'T FORGET LINE 15a ON YOUR 1040 STATE TAX FORMS. Please give a donation to the Ill. Dept. of Conservation's Non-Game Wildlife Conservation Fund.

CHANNEL 47 NATURE PROGRAMS:

March 7 - 7 PM..."Echo of the Elephants"...follow the life of the herd with their 45-year old matriarch "Echo" and her baby "Ely".

March 17 - 7 PM..."Our Favorite Animals--The Best of Wild America"...bison, bighorn sheep, Scissor-tailed Flycatchers, and river otters.

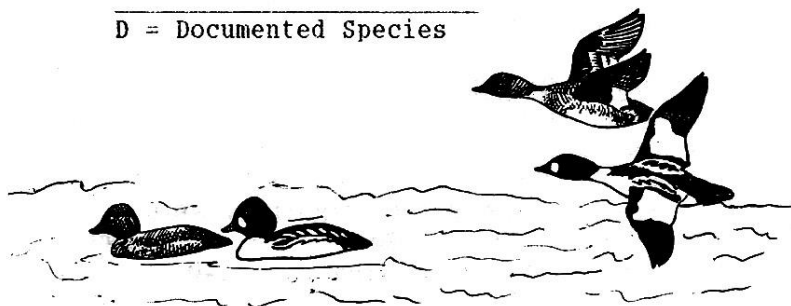
March 21 - 7PM..."The Private Lives of Dolphins", and a 8PM..."Encounters With Whales".

	CHIL.	CHAU.	PEOR.
Date	12-19-92	12-26-92	1-2-93
Participants	24	18	21
Teams	9	7	9
Pied-billed Grebe	-----	7	-----
Horned Grebe	-----	3	-----
Dbl-crest. Cormor.	-----	4D	3D
Gr. Blue Heron	17	29	1
Mute Swan	-----	5	-----
Canada Geese	2,028	6,624	843
Wood Duck	-----	3	-----
Green-wing. Teal	1	-----	2
Amer. Black Duck	1	46	8
Mallard	3,675	1,672	517
Northern Pintail	6	-----	-----
Northern Shoveler	-----	-----	9
Gadwall	-----	47	8
American Wigeon	-----	5	-----
Canvasback	-----	11	-----
Redhead	-----	7	-----
Ring-Necked Duck	-----	255	2
Greater Scaup	-----	2D	-----
Lesser Scaup	-----	54	11
Common Goldeneye	4	54	218
Bufflehead	1	2	-----
Hooded Merganser	3	17	2
Common Merganser	308	1,485	22
Red-Br. Merganser	10	11	-----
Ruddy Duck	1	2	-----
Bald Eagle-adult	9	63	12
-immat.	-----	46	4
-?	-----	2	-----
Northern Harrier	-----	8	-----
Sharp-shin. Hawk	-----	2	1
Cooper's Hawk	-----	4	1
Northern Goshawk	-----	-----	1
Red-Tailed Hawk	30	75	30
Rough-leg. Hawk	3	18	3
American Kestrel	36	22	26
Unidentified Hawk	-----	1	-----
Ring-neck. Pheasant	1	25	1
Northern Bobwhite	24	20	22
American Coot	-----	53	-----
Killdeer	2	-----	2
Common Snipe	5	-----	-----
Ring-billed Gull	374	54	2,472
Herring Gull	157	32	468
Unidentified Gulls	-----	4	150
Rock Dove	128	59	265
Mourning Dove	245	31	174
Eastern Screech Owl	3	8	2
Great Horned	3	7	1
Barred Owl	2	3	2
Belted Kingfisher	10	7	3

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Red-headed Wdpkr.	14	11	2
Red-bellied Wdpkr.	68	78	40
Yellow-bellied Saps.	1	2	-----
Downy Woodpecker	87	69	60
Hairy Woodpecker	12	6	13
Northern Flicker	27	48	7
Pileated Woodpecker	3	9	1
Horned Lark	31	87	14
Blue Jay	204	431	124
American Crow	153	392	477
Blk-cap. Chickadee	239	132	193
Tufted Titmouse	79	67	108
Red-Br. Nuthatch	-----	3	-----
Wht-Br. Nuthatch	77	64	60
Brown Creeper	9	17	-----
Carolina Wren	22	24	15
Winter Wren	-----	7	-----
Gold-cr. Kinglet	5	30	2
Ruby-cr. Kinglet	-----	2	-----
Eastern Bluebird	9	15	1
Hermit Thrush	-----	1	-----
American Robin	1	4	26
Gray Catbird	-----	-----	1D
No. Mockingbird	3	2	1
Brown Thrasher	-----	1	1
Cedar Waxwings	57	2	62
European Starling	3521	2,335	3,721
Yellow-rump. Wblr.	-----	2	-----
No. Cardinal	195	153	270
Amer. Tree Sparrow	112	322	76
Field Sparrow	-----	4	-----
Fox Sparrow	1	-----	-----
Song Sparrow	84	90	48
Swamp Sparrow	28	47	3
White-th. Sparrow	14	6	17
White-cr. Sparrow	-----	3	-----
Dark-eyed Junco	393	599	508
Red-wing. Blackbird	5	24	37
Eastern Meadowlark	-----	9	-----
Common Grackle	-----	7	1
Brn-head. Cowbird	-----	-----	11
Purple Finch	2	14	1
House Finch	20	12	53
Pine Siskin	2	26	-----
American Goldfinch	132	158	116
House Sparrow	1,171	950	1,413
Eurasian Tree Sp.	-----	240	-----
Total Birds	13,905	17,394	12,769
Total Species	63	84	65
Record # of Species	n/a	(86)	(72)

D = Documented Species

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GLEN OAK ZOO & SUN FOUNDATION'S POSTER

CONTEST: Students, pre-school thru high school, are invited to submit entries on Endangered Species. Deadline is May 1st. One poster will be chosen to be put in the Sun Foundation Journal and Peoria Park District's newspaper, and the winner will also be used for educational and promotional future use in educational awareness. Submitters will receive a free pass to the zoo on exhibit grand opening and sculpture day Saturday, May 8, 1-3 PM at Glen Oak Zoo. Preston Jackson and Pat Keck of Peoria will work with 4 area students on creating a steel sculpture of an endangered animal for permanent display at the Glen Oak Park Zoo. Poster Info: Glen Oak Zoo 686-3364.

UP-COMING PEORIA PARK DISTRICT COURSES OF INTEREST:

Mar. 4 - Build a Wren House (must register)
 Apr. 17 - Birding for Kids (must register)
 Apr. 18 - May 23 - Early Worm Bird Walks on Sudays (free)
 Apr. 22 - Earth Day (see local newspaper for events)
 Apr. 24 - Bird and Breakfast (must register)

SUPER HEROES: A HIGH-TECH ADVENTURE:

Don't forget to take the family to this fun hands-on exhibit at Lakeview Museum...lasts thru May 2nd.

AUDUBON HANDBOOKS: EASTERN BIRDS and HOW TO IDENTIFY BIRDS are on sale for \$20/both volumes with a savings of \$8.45 at Forest Park Nature Center's Trailhead Nature Store.

NOTES FROM MEMBERS:

Valerie Mount writes us about the wildlife at her parent's home in Hopewell. This past summer a pair of Carolina Wrens built a nest in their garage on a shelf. Unfortunately, the eggs did not hatch, but they sure enjoyed the wren's bold attention to anyone going into their garage. A Ruby-throated Hummingbird nest was also found in an oak tree about 8 feet from their deck...their feeder "wars" were fun to watch and they have been known to "taste" someone's coffee. A male Wild Turkey started hanging around when he became "attached" to a turkey lawn ornament. Several people were startled one day when one of the ornaments moved. They've had deer, snakes, moles (dug up and presented by their dog Molly), put up E. Bluebird houses with one pair nesting each year since. Valerie has even had Bluebird success in the backyard of their new home in E. Peoria.

Marcy Hoepfner (The Bluebird Lady of Metamora) has also had Carolina Wrens lunching on her homemade peanut butter/cornmeal/lard mixture. She had a White-throated Sparrow on 1-10-93, and on 1-24-93 their Bluebirds were already back investigating their nest box.

THIRD MID-WEST BIRDING SYMPOSIUM: Several members have attended this symposium in past years and highly recommend it to everyone. Two years ago, Luann Elwood, Louise Endres, Kris Huber, and Marj Tattersall attended. The highlight was having Roger Tory Peterson sign their copies of his books.

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**RECENT SIGHTINGS**

Jan. 20--Chestnut-sided Longspurs/Lapland Longspurs near Manito..L. Endres.
 --Tundra Swan at Chautauqua; 3 Mute Swans at Spring Lake..V. Humphrey.
 Feb. 24--E. Screech Owl in Marj Tattersall's backyard patio tree 2:30-4:30 PM... north side of Peoria.
 Mar. 1--Lapland Longspur near Manito, Purple Finch at Spring Lake No., Goldeneyes, Buffleheads, Redheads plus 4 Trumpeter Swans (2 with KU-- Kansas Univ. numbered neck bands) and 2 Mute Swans at Spring Lake, 7 Wild Turkeys at Sand Ridge S.E. in open snow-covered field near highway. White-crowned and White-throated Sparrows at Rice L. feeder..L. Endres M. Tattersall.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar.3--Endangered Species Lecture Series--

"Illinois Bats: Everything You Ever Wanted To Know", Forest Park N.C., 7:30pm.

7--Woodcock Watch--join Robinson Park's Steward Suzie Barber to watch the forest come alive near dusk, meet at Forest Park N.C., 4:30 PM. Suzie 676-6856.

10--Endangered Species Lecture Series--

"Endangered Species..."The Scientific Basis", 7:30 PM. (Attend in place of monthly membership meeting.)

20--Field Trip--Chautauqua Southern Circuit. Meet at 7:30 AM at Powerton Fish & Wildlife parking lot. Pack a lunch and dress warm for a full day of birding. Marj Tattersall 692-2247.

27--Field Trip--Metropolitan Sanitary District near Canton. Meet at 8 AM in downtown Farmington at Jct. Rtes. 116 and 78; or meet at MSD headquarters at 8:30 AM. Pack a lunch/dress warm. Full day. Bert Princen 691-0519.

Apr. 2--Peoria Academy of Science Banquet, 6 PM, Monastery of the Franciscan Bros., Reservoir Blvd., Peoria--flier in April-June Peo. Academy of Sci. newsletter.

3--Endangered Species Workshop for Summer Field Work--A Team Approach To Locate Endangered and Threatened Mammals and Birds Throughout Central Illinois, by Randy Nyboer, IDOC Natural Heritage Biologist, Forest Park Nature Center, 10AM - 3PM, bring a sack lunch.

14--Membership Meeting, 7:30 PM, Forest Park Nature Center. Program: Marge Bjorklund of Wildlife Prairie Park will speak on Wildlife Rehabilitation. She will bring live birds (hawk & Barred Owl) and a mammal to the meeting.

18--Field Trip--Johnson Sauk Trail St. Park. Meet at 7:30 AM at Landmark's parking lot closest to Forest Hill, or at 8:30 AM at JSTSP in first parking lot on your left. Pack a lunch and dress warm. Louise Endress 682-8500.

18--Early Worm Bird Walk, FPNC, 6AM.

24--Field Trip--McNaughton Park, Pekin. Trip is for people who don't mind some heavy hiking & creek crossings (wear old shoes). Meet at 8AM in the Park. Take Rte. 98 entrance in and on back to the circle drive area to park your car. Pack a lunch. Jana Smith, 382-3889.

25--Early Worm Bird Walk, FPNC, 6AM.

May 8--Spring Bird Count and Bird-A-Thon:
Fulton--Virginia Humphreys 682-0418
Mason--Dick Bjorklund 968-6502
Peoria--Eleanor Voeste 697-0353
Stark--Maury Brucker 493-5181
Tazewell--Louise Endres 682-8500
Woodford--John Todt 694-3948

12--Membership Meeting, 7:30 PM, Forest Park N.C. Program: Spring Bird Counts.

15--Endangered Species Workshop for Summer Field Work on A Team Approach to Locate Endangered Plants throughout Central Illinois, by John Taft, III, Natural History Survey, 10AM - 4PM, Forest Park N.C., pack a lunch.

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