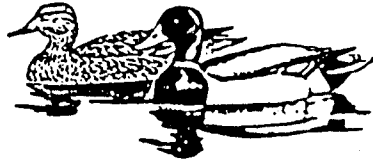
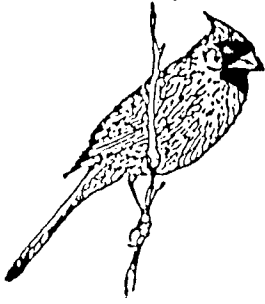


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AUGUST - SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 1993

NOTE FROM THE (PAST) PRESIDENT: Maury Brucker

Peoria Audubon has accomplished many things in the 52 years it has been organized. Right now, we are doing many activities - speaker programs, field trips, school education programs, conservation lobbying, Christmas counts, spring counts, newsletters, volunteer field research, bird seed sales, Peoria Eagle Days, and being representatives on Peoria Academy of Science, Illinois Audubon Council, and Heartland WRC. In July, the Peoria Audubon Board decided to reevaluate our goals and activities with a trained facilitator and would like to involve as many members as possible at one of our future meetings. Please help us by starting to think about how to update and focus our goals. Stay tuned for more information on your input on these goals.

AUDUBON ACTIVIST:

The Great Lakes Water Quality Initiative, drafted by the Environmental Protection Agency is under public review. It would reduce the industrial discharge of highly toxic chemicals such as lead, mercury, and PCB's. "This initiative recognizes the Great Lakes are one eco-system", says Stephen Sedam, Vice-President of Audubon's Great Lakes region. The plan would for the first time require eight states that border the Great Lakes (IL, IN, MI, MN, NY, OH, PA, and WI) to adopt uniform standards for the discharge of toxic pollutants.

Chemical contamination threatens the bounty of the ecologically rich lakes, which support rich fisheries, and abundant wildlife such as migratory waterfowl, bald eagles, and mink, and supply drinking water to more than 23 million people.

The EPA will take public comments until September 15 and will then issue final regulations. The states will have two years to adopt legislation. State and federal agencies will enforce the new standards. Write to:

EPA Administrator
Carol Browner
Environmental Protection Agency
401 M Street SW
Washington, DC 20460

Tell her you support the Great Lakes Water Quality Initiative and ask her to resist pressure from industry to weaken the proposal. Also, write to our Governor Edgar for his support.

LOCAL ITEMS OF INTEREST:

FOREST PARK NATURE CENTER:

AUGUST 21 - Prairie Plant ID Workshop, 9:30 a.m. From asters to yellow coneflowers, learn how to use a field guide to identify them! Field Guide cost is \$5.50.

OCTOBER 3, 10, 17, 24 - Fall color walks, 1:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 14 - Birdfeeder Workshop, 7:00 p.m. Learn to build a birdfeeder. Pre-registration is required! Call the Nature Center at 686-3360 for further information.

LOCAL ITEMS OF INTEREST (continued):

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Outdoor trail work is needed to repair damage done by recent rains. They are also looking for someone to donate 8-12 hours per month (1-2 year commitment) to maintain membership records of CORE. The Trailhead Gift Shop can also use help. Other areas available. For more information, call Kay at 686-3360.

ILLINOIS ECOLOGIST SERIES:

Forest Park Nature Center - 7:30 p.m.

8/12 - Illinois Climate Changes Since Settlement by Dr. Dave Wendland of Illinois Water Survey.

9/8 - Conservation Problems of Illinois Songbirds and Singing Woods Bird Survey by Dr. Scott Robinson.

10/7 - Largemouth Bass Recovery in the Illinois River by Paul Rabley, Illinois Natural History Survey.

CONSERVATION WORLD AT ILL. STATE FAIR:

Learn more about enjoying the outdoors and conserving our natural resources. August 13 thru 22. A Birds of Prey show will provide visitors with a close-up look of hawks, vultures, eagles, falcons, and owls. Times throughout the day.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION:

Be cautious - hunting season dates:

- 09/01 - 12/31: Squirrel
- 09/01 - 10/30: Dove
- 09/04 - 09/12: Early Teal
- 09/04 - 11/12: Rail
- 09/04 - 12/19: Snipe
- 10/01 - 12/04: Woodcock
- 10/01 - 01/13: Archery Deer/Turkey
- 10/16 - 10/24: Firearm Turkey

NATURE CONSERVANCY/ROBINSON PARK:

09/05 - Plant Identification

10/03 - Brushcutting/hand weeding
Information: Susie Barber 676-6856

NATURE CONSERVANCY/PUBLIC LECTURE:

09/30 - 7:00 p.m. at Neumiller Hall on Bradley University Campus. Noted environmentalist, Dr. Normal Myers, speaking on "Mass Extinction of Species, What We Can Do About It". Information: 673-6689.

3RD MIDWEST BIRDING SYMPOSIUM:

09/17-19 - Lake Michigan College near Benton Harbor, MI. Special guest is Roger Tory Peterson and guest speakers include: Victor Emanuel, Pete Dunne, and Walter Crawford of World Bird Sanctuary. Contact Marj Tattersall at 692-2247 for further information.

2ND ANNUAL AUTUMN IN THE OAKS WOODS:

10/10 - 12:00 noon thru 5:00 p.m. at Camp Wokanda. Bring the family for a nice autumn day of education and fun. Information: Forest Park Nature Center 686-3360.

RECENT SITINGS:

MAY:

5/15-16: Banner Marsh/Jubilee/FPNC (Ill. Audubon Annual Meeting). Highlights: Green Heron, Green- & Blue-Winged Teal, Wild Turkey, Sora, Lesser Golden- & Semipalmated Plovers, Semipalmated & Least Sandpipers, Yellow-Billed Cuckoo, Ruby-Throated Hummingbird, Olive-Sided- Willow- & Least Flycatchers, Veery, Swainson- Wood- and Gray-Cheeked Thrush, Solitary- Yellow-Throated- Warbling- and Red-eyed Vireos, Blue-Winged- Tennessee- Yellow- Chestnut-Sided- Magnolia- Black-Throated Green- Blackburnian- Blackpoll- Connecticut- Redstart- Ovenbird- & Mourning Warblers, Scarlet Tanager.

RECENT SITINGS - MAY (continued):

5/26: Jubilee State Park. Black-billed Cuckoo,
Swainson Thrush, Summer Tanager.
... Marj Tattersall

JUNE:

---- Near Lacon on flooded Ill. River backwaters in
tree by road. Adult Bald Eagle.
... Dennis Heck (friend of Marj Tattersall)

6/5 - Banner Marsh: Green Heron; Duck Island
Farm: Scarlet Tanager, Lark Sparrow, Eurasian
Tree Sparrow; near Liverpool: Yellow-billed
cuckoo, Ruby-Throated Hummingbird.
... Marj Tattersall

6/13 - Robinson Park: (2) Veery, Carolina Wren
... Marj Tattersall

6/27: Mackinaw River & Mackinaw area: Wild
Turkey hen with 6 fledged young, Grasshopper
Sparrow, Dickcissel, Orchard Oriole, (6 male)
Bobolinks
... Louise Endres & Marj Tattersall

JULY:

----Jubilee State Park: young Wild Turkey; Sand
Ridge State Forest: Wild Turkey
... friends

7/5 - Banner Marsh: King Rail with 1 black chick
... Jeannette McCaulley (friend of Marj
Tattersall)

7/11-7/25 - Duck Island Farm: (11) White
Pelicans, (1) immature Black-Crowned Night
Heron; Banner Marsh: Double-Crested
Cormorant, (2) Green Heron
... Linda Nicot, Brenda Onken, Virginia
Humphreys, Louise Endres

7/27 - Havana (2 mi. west in flooded farm field):
young Pied-billed Grebes and young Coots
... Marie Welty

7/29 - Spring Lake: (2) Mute Swans
... Louise Endres

7/31 - Spring Lake: Snowy Egret
... Jana Smith, Pete Hollingsworth

AUGUST:

8/4 - Mendenhall Boat Dock: Green Heron; Duck
Island Farm: (15) White Pelicans, American
Bittern, Semipalmated Plover, (5) Spotted
Sandpipers
... Jana Smith, Pete Hollingsworth

**1993/94 SCHEDULE FOR PEORIA AUDUBON
MEETINGS:**

All meetings are on Wednesdays and will begin at
7:00 p.m.

09/08/93 - Forest Park Nature Center
10/13/93 - Forest Park Nature Center
11/10/93 - Lakeview Museum, Room A&B
12/08/93 - Lakeview Museum, Room A&B
01/12/94 - Lakeview Museum, Room A&B
02/09/94 - Lakeview Museum, Auditorium
03/09/94 - Lakeview Museum, Room A&B
04/13/94 - Forest Park Nature Center
05/11/94 - Forest Park Nature Center

Weather permitting, bird walks will be at 6:00 p.m.
before meetings held at Forest Park Nature
Center.



AUDUBON 1993 CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

08/19 Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
803 W. Pioneer Parkway (Jim Maloof Office)
Contact Maury Brucker at 493-5181 if questions.

09/08 Meeting, FPNC 7:00 p.m.
Speaker: Dr. Scott Robinson of Ill.
Natural History Survey on "Conservation Problems of Ill. Songbirds"
6:00 p.m. bird walk (weather permitting)

09/11 Farmdale Field Trip 8:00 a.m.
Meet at School Street entrance to Farmdale Park (Sunnyland - between E. Peoria & Washington). Contact Jana Smith at 382-3889.

09/11 Peoria Audubon to host Ill. Audubon Council Mtg., 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Lakeview Museum, Room A&B. All members are welcome to attend! Volunteers needed - please contact Bert Princen at 691-0519.

10/16 Chautauqua Field Trip 7:30 a.m.
Meet at Powerton Fish & Wildlife parking lot. Pack a lunch for a full day of birding. Contact Marj Tattersall, 692-2247 if attending.

10/13 Meeting at FPNC 7:00 p.m.
Speaker: Dr. Richard Bjorklund on "The Status of Two Control Illinois River Valley Heron Colonies".
6:00 p.m. bird walk (weather permitting)

10/30 MSD Field Trip 8:00/8:30 a.m.
Meet at MSD (Metropolitan Sanitary District, Canton) at 8:30 a.m. or meet in Farmington at Junction 116 & Rte. 78 at 8:00 a.m. to travel to MSD. Bring a sack lunch. Contact Bert Princen at 691-0519 if attending.

11/10 Meeting at Lakeview 7:00 p.m.
Speaker: Dr. Lambertus (Bert) Princen presents "Viva Venezuela!"

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