

BIRD'S-EYE VIEW



PEORIA AUDUBON SOCIETY

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JANUARY - FEBRUARY 1994

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Congratulations to our new officers and board members for 1994:

President Marj Tattersall
Vice Pres. Jana Smith
Secretary Greg Brown
Treasurer Greet Princen
Conservation Les Bodell

Board Members:

Dean Johnson (94) Carol Parker (94)
Judy Marshall (94) Jerry Pini (94/95)
Brenda Onken (94/95) John Ruggles (94/95)

This year we wish to reassess our capabilities in order to try and increase our membership, provide more interesting activities for our members, and better serve our community. Our mission and goals, as set by the officers and board members last year are:

"Our mission is to promote birding through education, nature appreciation, habitat preservation and fellowship."

Mission Goals:

1. Promote the enjoyment of birding activities through field trips, bird counts and research surveys.
2. Educate members and the public in bird recognition and behavior, general ecology and environmental issues.
3. Cooperate with other environmental organizations.
4. Petition elected officials and other government employees regarding existing, upcoming and desired legislation on environmental and related issues.
5. Keep close liaison with our parent organizations (Peoria Academy of Science and National Audubon Society).

Your ideas, suggestions and participation in Peoria Audubon are requested in order that our society will become an interesting, enjoyable and rewarding experience for you. Please come and join us. We are here for you.

Marj Tattersall, Pres.

MID-WINTER BALD EAGLE COUNT: Saturday, January 29th. We will again be covering the Illinois R. between Henry and Havana. For those interested in one of the two northern routes, meet at the Henry Harbor Inn parking lot, 8 AM, and for the two southern routes meet at Eckwood Park (Peoria Boat Works by old anchor) at 8 AM. Plan on 4-6 hours, dress warm, bring a snack, warm drink, binoculars and a scope if you have one. Leaders:

NW = Marj Tattersall, 692-2247

NE = Les Bodell, 745-5479

SW = Brenda Onken, 923-7676

SE = Bert Prince, 691-0519

INTERNATIONAL MIGRATORY BIRD DAY MAY 14, 1994:

About 255 of our N. American song-birds are neotropical migrants. Many of those species nest in Illinois or migrate through the state each spring and fall. To bring people's attention to the problems faced by these birds, an annual Migratory Bird Day was organized several years ago, in the hope that it will become as well known as Arbor Day or Valentine's Day.

Wildlife Prairie Park, the Peoria Audubon Society and various other organizations are planning activities such as a lecture series, field trips, a poster contest and a bird-a-thon. If you are interested in helping with the planning committee or on the actual day, please contact Linda Prescott at Wildlife Prairie Park (PH: 676-0998) or Bert Princen at home (PH: 691-9148, day or evening.)

IT'S TAX TIME AGAIN--DON'T FORGET TO DONATE!:

The name of the state fund to conserve non-game resources has changed to "Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund", but it's purpose is still the same--and it needs your help. Donate dollars to keep the birds, the fish, the flowers, and the butterflies from vanishing. Please be generous! Look for: LINE 15a, IL-1040 form.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DISABLED TO WATCH

BIRDS: Many people who cannot leave their homes because of physical disabilities miss the opportunity to watch birds. The Golden Gate Audubon Soc. of Berkeley, CA, has remedied that situation in its area by initiating a program to provide bird seed and feeders to people confined to their homes. Volunteers donate feeders and seed and periodically return to visit and restock that person's birdseed supply. If anyone is interested in starting up a program such as this for the Peoria area, please call Marj Tattersall, 692-2247.

LEARN ABOUT BIRDING IN AMERICA WITH CHICAGO

AUDUBON SOCIETY: A symposium entitled "Birding America" will be held at the Chicago Botanical Gardens in Glencoe from 9AM to 4PM on Saturday, February 12, 1994. Programs on premier birding sites within North America will be presented by experts in the field of birding. Nature Tour groups will be on hand to present illustrated lectures and to answer all questions on where to go, when to go, what will be seen, how to dress, etc. Info: Chicago Audubon Society, Attn: Symposium, 5801-C North Pulaski Road, Chicago, IL 60646, or call (312) 539-6793.

A TRIAL CHANGE IN OUR MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE:

Years ago we used to meet on the first Friday of the month, and our member-ship attendance was much larger that it is today. On a trial basis, our April and May meetings at Forest Park Nature Center will be changed to the **SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH**. We are hoping this will allow some of our younger members to attend, Friday not being a school night, and free up other members who are busy during the week. Your attendance will be the deciding factor.

1994 SPRING COUNT BIRD-A-THON CHAIRMAN

SOUGHT: We have volunteers to work on this committee but no one has stepped forward to chair it. We need some new ideas on increasing membership and public participation in this annual event. If you are interested in volunteering to chair this committee, please call Marj Tattersall at 692-2247.

1994 ILLINOIS CONSERVATION CONGRESS

REPRESENTATIVES: We extend our thanks to Les Bodell for volunteering as Peoria Audubon's representative in this year's Congress, and to Dean Johnson for being his backup. They will keep us posted of any developments.

FOR YOU LISTERS: The American Birding Association Checklist Committee voted to add six new species: Stejneger's Petrel, Pin-tailed Snipe, Eurasian Collared-Dove, Monk Parakeet, Tufted Fly-catcher, and Pine Bunting. One species was removed: Ringed Turtle-Dove. Full details will appear in April 1994 issue of BIRDING.

CLEAN WATER CELEBRATION--SUNDAY/MONDAY

MARCH 20/21, 1994: The Illinois Rivers Project started in 1990 with eight schools in Alton, Illinois. This interdisciplinary project to bring students' attention to the importance of clean water, has grown to over 250 high schools in 23 states, including 250 in Illinois. This year's Project 1994 will be held at the Peoria Civic Center. The Sun Foundation is planning the major exhibit and associated programming for the second day in the large exhibition hall.

Students will have an opportunity to set up exhibit booths, together with booths from companies, research institutions and conservation organizations. The Ill. Audubon Council, the local Sierra Club, Peoria Academy of Science, USDA Agricultural Research Service and Soil and Water Conservation Agency, the Ill. Dept. of Conservation and many others have already committed to display in their own booths and to sponsor student booths. Even the Governor of Illinois will be there to talk to and be with the students.

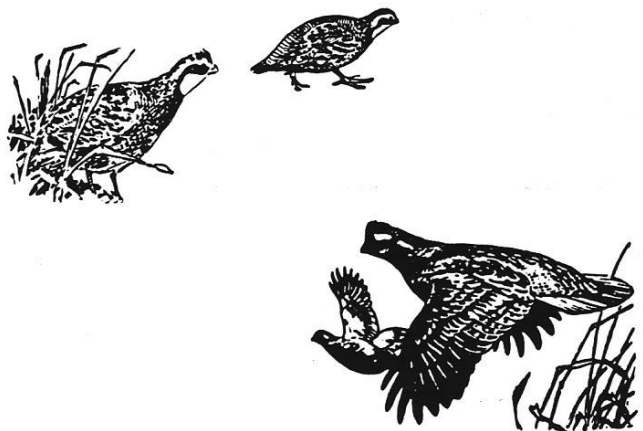
If you are interested in helping, especially on Monday, March 21, in setting up and staffing the Audubon display, please contact Bert Princen (PH: 691-9148, day or evening.)

CONSERVATION ALERT:

In the Canadian province of Quebec, the energy conglomerate Hydro-Quebec is conducting a project known as the James Bay Project. Phase 1 is completed and has flooded portions of a 4,000 square mile wilderness area. Now Phase 2 is being started without a proper environmental review. Phase 2 will flood an area of 6,000 square miles and destroy a vital waterfowl staging area. Letters need to be sent to the Canadian ambassador to the United States protesting Phase 2 of the James Bay Project. The address is: Honorable Derek H. Burney, Ambassador to the United States, Embassy of Canada, 501 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20001.

ILLINOIS LANDOWNERS WHO WANT TO ATTRACT

QUAIL TO THEIR PROPERTY--plan to attend a Landowners Quail Management Workshop, 10 AM, March 26th, at the Moose Lodge, 328 S. Third Street in Vandalia, IL. Free, includes lunch, and weather permitting two field trips. Info: Steve Kearm, Ill. Dept. of Conservation private lands biologist, (618) 283-3070.



1993 CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS

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HIGHS--PEORIA=CANVASBACK, OLDSQUAW, COM. MERGANSER; CHAUTAUQUA=CANVASBACK, COM. GOLDENEYE, RED-BR. NUTHATCH, AM. ROBIN, CEDAR WAXWING, PURPLE FINCH; CHILLICOTHE=COM. MERGANSERS, BALD EAGLES, HERMIT THRUSH, AM. ROBIN, NO. SHRIKE, NO. CARDINAL, E. PHOEBE. LOWS--PEORIA=BALD EAGLE, GR. HORNED OWLS, HORNED LARKS, SPARROWS: SWAMP, WHT-THROAT, WHT-CROWNED; CHAUTAUQUA=BARRED OWLS, SWAMP AND WH-CR. SPARROW; CHILLICOTHE=GR. HORNED OWLS, HORNED LARKS, SPARROWS: SWAMP, WHT-THROATE/CROWNED.

	PEORIA 12-18	CHAUT. 12-23	CHILL. 1-2		PEORIA 12-18	CHAUT. 12-23	CHILL. 1-2
PIED-BIL.GREBE	---	6	---	RED-HEAD.WDPKR.	2	6	4
GR. BLUE HERON	20	36	30	RED-BELL.WDPKR.	47	73	104
MUTE SWAN	---	5	---	YELL-BELL.SAPS.	---	---	1
SNOW GOOSE(blue)	---	6	---	DOWNY WOODPECKER	93	55	104
CANADA GOOSE	1,040	1,412	2,202	HAIRY WOODPECKER	17	17	12
WOOD DUCK	4	1	---	NORTHERN FLICKER	24	77	44
GREEN-WING.TEAL	---	1	1	PILEATED WDPKR.	1	7	1
AMER.BLACK DUCK	36	78	40	HORNED LARK	11	62	17
MALLARD	460	2,291	1,436	BLUE JAY	195	284	241
NO. PINTAIL	---	9	---	AMERICAN CROW	593	210	248
NO. SHOVELER	7	7	13	BLK-CP.CHICKADEE	323	92	324
GADWALL	34	136	5	TUFTED TITMOUSE	127	61	138
AMER. WIGEON	---	2	---	RED-BR. NUTHATCH	5	43	2
CANVASBACK	1	17	---	WHT-BR. NUTHATCH	82	39	117
REDHEAD	---	---	2	BROWN CREEPER	10	15	3
RING-NECK. DUCK	---	113	2	CAROLINA WREN	14	14	20
LESSER SCAUP	---	12	2	WINTER WREN	---	1	---
OLDSQUAW	2	---	---	GOLD-CR. KINGLET	---	21	5
COMMON GOLDENEYE	54	182	117	RUBY-CR. KINGLET	2	3	1
BUFFLEHEAD	---	4	50	EASTERN BLUEBIRD	2	19	16
HOODED MERGANSER	2	37	---	HERMIT THRUSH	---	---	2
COMMON MERGANSER	37	1,264	1,627	AMERICAN ROBIN	32	228	298
RUDDY DUCK	---	7	---	NO. MOCKINGBIRD	1	6	4
TURKEY VULTURE	2	---	---	BROWN THRASHER	---	1	---
BALD EAGLE	1	77	80	CEDAR WAXWING	30	136	76
(ADULT)	(1)	(47)	(57)	NORTHERN SHRIKE	---	---	1
(IMMATURE)	(-)	(27)	(23)	EUR. STARLING	4,730	1,681	2,790
(UNKNOWN)	(-)	(3)	(-)	YELL-RMP.WARBLED	---	---	3
NORTHERN HARRIER	---	6	---	NORTH. CARDINAL	284	218	280
SHARP-SHIN. HAWK	---	---	2	RUF.-SIDE.TOWHEE	---	---	1
COOPER'S HAWK	---	2	2	AM. TREE SPARROW	167	209	222
NORTH. GOSHAWK	---	1	---	FIELD SPARROW	---	2	1
RED-TAILED HAWK	45	45	61	SONG SPARROW	42	28	49
ROUGH-LEG. HAWK	2	8	7	SWAMP SPARROW	1	13	5
AMERICAN KESTREL	45	17	46	WHITE-TH.SPARRROW	15	16	3
RING-NECK.PHEASANT	1	11	---	WHITE-CR.SPARRROW	---	---	1
NORTH. BOBWHITE	---	18	12	DARK-EYED JUNCO	287	329	421
AMERICAN COOT	2	259	1	OREGON JUNCO	(-)	(1)	(-)
KILLDEER	1	1	9	RED-WING BLKBRD.	1	1	32
COMMON SNIPE	---	---	1	EAST. MEADOWLARK	1	13	2
RING-BILLED GULL	994	1,047	711	RUSTY BLACKKBIRD	---	10	---
HERRING GULL	115	22	635	COMMON GRACKLE	116	6	8
THAYER'S GULL	---	---	1	BROWN-HD.COWBIRD	11	---	1
GULLS UNKNOWN	15	---	---	PURPLE FINCH	---	38	11
ROCK DOVE	300	9	155	HOUSE FINCH	100	---	39
MOURNING DOVE	139	48	332	PINE SISKIN	1	24	5
E. SCREECH OWL	1	4	5	AMER. GOLDFINCH	149	62	216
GR. HORNED OWL	---	5	1	HOUSE SPARROW	1,622	558	1,179
BARRED OWL	4	---	---	EUR.TREE SPARROW	---	64	---
BELT. KINGFISHER	10	12	17				

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OTHER DOCUMENTED SPECIES:

DBL.CREST CORMORANT---	8	---
WHITE-WNG. SCOTER 1	1	---
EASTERN PHOEBE ---	---	1

(SEEN IN AREA OUT OF DATE: TRUMPETER)
(SWAN 12-17 & 1-2 --- --- 1)

<u>TOTAL SPECIES</u>	63	81	75
<u>TOTAL BIRDS</u>	12,513	11,970	14,671

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS	27	20	22
TOTAL TEAMS	10	6	10

MARK YOUR CALENDARS--1994:

CHILLI=12-17; CHAUT=12-23; PEO=12-31

SOUTH BEND AUDUBON TO CELEBRATE ITS GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY WITH STYLE AND FUN:

On April 16th, South Bend Audubon will celebrate its 50th anniversary. Congratulations South Bend!! A number of activities are planned: pancake breakfast, variety of field trips, banquet, and a visit from National Audubon Society's President, Peter Berle. Info: Tom Stankus, President, South Bend Audubon Society, (219) 288-3523.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:January

27--Board Meeting, 7 PM.

29--Mid-Winter Bald Eagle Count

February

9--Membership Meeting, 7 PM, Lakeview

Museum. Program: Dan Holm, Ill. Dept. of Conservation, "Wood Ducks".

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