

Bird's-Eye View

April
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The Newsletter of The Peoria Audubon Society...

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Field Trip Results

On Sunday, March 26, 2000 Bert and Greet Princen lead a trip From Peoria to Havana (P-H in listing) and another trip to the Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago(WRDGC in listing) near Canton, Illinois. Both trips were quite successful. It was the first time that the Eurasian Tree Sparrow was seen on the WRDGC premises. There were 10 participants on the WRDGC fieldtrip.

	P-H	WRDGC		P-H	WRDGC
Pied-billed Grebe	X	X	Mourning Dove	X	X
White Pelican	X		Belted Kingfisher		X
Double-crested Cormorant	X	X	Red-headed Woodpecker		X
Great Blue Heron	X	X	Red-bellied Woodpecker	X	X
Great Egret	X		Downy Woodpecker	X	X
Canada Goose	X	X	Hairy Woodpecker	X	
Mute Swan	X	X	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		X
Wood Duck		X	Northern Flicker	X	X
Green-winged Teal	X	X	Eastern Phoebe	X	X
Mallard	X	X	Horned Lark	X	X
Blue Winged Teal	X	X	Tree Swallow	X	X
Northern Shoveler	X	X	Blue Jay	X	X
Gadwall	X	X	American Crow	X	X
Redhead	X		Black-capped Chickadee	X	X
American Widgeon	X	X	Tufted Titmouse	X	X
Canvasback		X	White-breasted Nuthatch	X	X
Ring-necked Duck	X	X	Brown Creeper		X
Lesser Scaup	X	X	Eastern Bluebird	X	X
Bufflehead	X	X	American Robin		X
Red Breasted Merganser	X		European Starling	X	X
Common Merganser		X	Northern Cardinal	X	X
Hooded Merganser		X	Eastern Towhee		X
Ruddy Duck	X	X	Field Sparrow		X
Turkey Vulture	X	X	Vesper Sparrow		X
Bald Eagle	X	X	Song Sparrow	X	X
Northern Harrier	X		Fox Sparrow		X
Sharp-shinned Hawk		X	White Throated Sparrow		X
Red-tailed Hawk	X	X	Dark-eyed Junco	X	X
American Kestrel	X	X	Red-winged Blackbird	X	X
American Coot	X	X	Eastern Meadowlark	X	X
Killdeer	X	X	Western Meadowlark	X	X
Greater Yellowlegs	X	X	Common Grackle	X	X
Lesser Yellowlegs	X	X	Brown-headed Cowbird		X
Common Snipe	X	X	Purple Finch	X	
Pectoral Sandpiper		X	House Finch	X	
Common Snipe		X	American Goldfinch	X	X
Semipalmated Sandpiper		X	House Sparrow	X	X
Bonaparte's Gull	X		Eurasian Tree Sparrow	X	X
Ring-billed Gull	X	X			
Herring Gull	X	X			
Rock Dove	X	X			
			Total Species:	61	68

Upcoming Meetings

Wed, April 12

7:00 PM

Forest Park Nature Center

Watching Warblers: A Video Guide to the Warblers of Eastern North America, a video presentation with narration by Brenda Garman and other Audubon Members

Wed, May 10

7:00 PM

Forest Park Nature Center

Review of the Annual Spring Bird Census and a Birthday Party for Virginia Humphreys

All Meetings are free and open to the public. For directions and information, call Forest Park Nature Center at (309)686-3360

There will be no meetings in June, July or August. Monthly meetings will resume in September

Spring Count Date

Saturday, May 6

County Coordinators:

Peoria, Mike Miller

Fulton, Helen Gasdorf

Mason, Dick Bjorklund

Tazwell, Marj Tatersall

Woodford, Brenda Garman

Birdathon Date

Saturday, May 13

See Pledge Sheet on Back Page!



Dr. L. H. (Bert) and Greet Princen receive a service award from the Board and Members of Peoria Audubon for their years of dedicated service in organizing and participating in Spring and Christmas Bird Counts.

Eagle Count Results...

by Marj Tattersall

The Eagle Count was held on Saturday, January 29, 2000. The weather was cold and overcast with snow starting around 11:00 AM for the southern teams and hitting the Chillicothe area around 12:00 PM which hampered sightings. The river was frozen with only the channel open. Along the way, we enjoyed watching the eagles fish as the barges came through.

We had four land teams and one boat team with a total of 16 observers. We had no observers at the roost site before dawn this year. The northwest team also saw one immature Golden Eagle. The one boat team counted eagles from Pekin down to Banner, Illinois Copperas Creek landing. Two new nest sites were spotted, one north of Pekin on the east side of the river and one on the west side of the river south of Pekin.

Lists were compared for duplicate sightings. Due to the boat in the southern areas, Bert Princen compared the southeast and southwest data and concluded that 48 of the 228 eagles seen by the boat were duplicates of those counted by the land teams. All duplicates were subtracted.

We are very thrilled and encouraged by the count this year. Even if we didn't have the fortune of the men in the boat assisting with the count, we would have still seen a record 465 eagles. Thanks for all who participated this year!

Birdathon, Saturday, May 13

Several teams will be scouring central Illinois in an all out effort to see as many species as possible. This is an annual fundraiser for our local club. We challenge each member to take a pledge from a friend or fellow employee. We will also be donating 25% of the proceeds to the Partners in Flight Project- an international organization dedicated to the protection of neotropical migrating bird species.

We hope to see a total of 140 species between the two teams on this year's birdathon. The competition is getting pretty fierce! To make your pledge, fill out the enclosed form and mail it to Greet Princen.

Here's a pledge for the Birdathon:

Name _____
Street _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone# _____

I will pledge \$_____ per species for the cumulative count total

OR

I will pledge a flat amount of \$_____ for the cumulative count total

**Mail pledge form to Greet Princen, 677 E High Point Terr,
Peoria, IL, 61614.**

You will be contacted after the Birdathon and notified of the number of species seen and the total of your pledge donation..

	Adults	Immatures	Unidentified	Totals
Northeast Team (Henry to Peoria)	59	37	0	96
Northwest Team (Henry to Peoria)	90	79	0	169
Southeast Team (Peoria to Havana)	44	31	0	75
Southwest Team (Peoria to Havana)	41	34	0	75
Southern Boat Team (Pekin to Banner)	67	113	0	180
TOTALS	301	294	0	595

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