



Do ducks need suitcases? That was the opening question at a program presented by Kathy Dodge on April 11th. This was part of a series of Audubon programs at the Wayne County Library in Honesdale. About ten children and eight adults attended.

“We made a list of all the things a person might need to take a trip to Central America,” said Kathy. “It was long and varied and included such things as passports, shoes, compass, alarm clock, gasoline, a parachute, and of course, a suitcase full of clothes for warm and cool weather. Then we made a list of what a ring-necked duck might need to make the same journey (which it does each fall, returning north each spring). It was much shorter and did NOT include a suitcase. It was basically food, water and air. Ducks have built-in compasses and certainly don’t need shoes, jet fuel, or parachutes!”

The group then discussed the amazing migrations of eels, monarch butterflies, salmon, and grey whales, and how important it is to protect habitat for migrating creatures at each end of the journey as well as along the way. A coloring page made by Education Chair Lindsay George, showing a duck with a suitcase, was given to each child. Handouts were also provided about how to create a more biodiverse yard.

Each participant made a bird crown which featured neotropical bird species found in our area. The white board then became a mural created by the children featuring many of the creatures from the program.

Future programs at the library will be **“Learn – Look – Make A Book!”** led by Lindsay George on Saturday, August 1st from 12:30 to 2 PM. And **“Trees and Me”** led by Audubon President and Wayne Conservation District Forest Specialist Sarah Hall-Bagdonas –Time to be determined. (check out our website for updates)



The Nature Treasure Hunt was a Success!
Twelve children and accompanying adults attended the Nature Treasure Hunt led by Pete Snyder and Katharine Dodge at our Browning Beaver Meadow on October 11th. After a session teaching map and compass skills, the students measured their own paces before setting out on a hike to practice their skills. Each was given a list of tasks to complete that incorporated not only map and compass work, but nature observations. Questions such as “list five sounds you hear,” and “find something soft, hard, round, red, etc.” were designed to encourage them to be observant of their surroundings. After reporting back with their results, each received a bag of treasures.

By Kathy Dodge

Our Mission Statement
Our goal is to conserve and restore our environment to benefit humanity as well as birds and other wildlife through education, action, and advocacy.

AUDUBON ART AND CRAFTS FEST: A GREAT FAMILY EVENT!

By Jim Sanders



Celebrated Storyteller John Porcino photo by Chriss Flscher

The annual Northeast PA Audubon Arts and Craft Festival will be terrific this year, with award-winning new artists and artisans, and a lineup of activities that will please everyone young and old! We'll have an ice sculptor at the outside entrance to greet you with wildlife ice sculptures, the Pennsylvania Woodmobile, and educational displays and activities with the theme "Birds and Climate Change."

Inside, the great displays of art works and wares of skilled artisans will be on the main floor, and on the stage we will have three wonderful wildlife shows with live birds, reptiles and animals each day. There will be an area with crafts and games for children, and the cafeteria will have food and beverages available.

The Arts and Craft Festival will be held on Saturday, July 18 and Sunday, July 19, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Wallenpaupack High School in Hawley, PA. It's a great event for the whole family! Tickets are \$5.00 (children under 12 free) and will be available at the door. The money we raise from this event is used to fund environmental camp scholarships and college scholarships. More information can be found on our website at www.audubonfestival.com

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Welcome, New and Returning Members

Carlita Bird	Joan Cooley	Nancy J. Hillis	Gerald Manley	James Peirce	Donna Tompkins
Russell Bird	Thomas Cummings	Theresa Krempasky	Mary Matchulat	Lynne Reba	David Wenzel
James Bryan	Ralph Deloy	Betty Lange	Sylvia O. Montes	Catherine Sanders	Dr. Midori Yamanoouchi-Rynn
Henry J. Burk	Nancy Firmstone	Eleanor Lewis	Kimball Mountjoy	Eileen J. Tice	
Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Colwell	Michael Forry	Ruth Makelonis	Maryann Mulfino	Richard Tierney	



Photos by Marge Brion

Another Great Turnout for Adopt-a-Highway Day

We had a wonderful turnout of volunteers thank you to: Angel Gilliotto, Karli Minew, Hannah Bronson, Aletis Barr, Miranda Barr, Dorothy Wood, Heather Banna, Camden Bannan, Ryan Fashauer, Julie Alvarez, Grace Alvarex, Darlene Black, Justin Black, Meckenne Athenassion, Robin Perri, Cindy Minew, Tracy Koezeno, Jason Barr, Shirley Chmielewski, Trish Smith, Margaret Alvarex, Karen Black, Ann Brown .

We collected 20 bags of garbage and 8 bags of recycling. Thanks to our volunteers from Giddy-Up and Tally-Ho 4-H and to all the people who don't throw trash out the car window. You are also part of our team keeping the highway looking good.

Audubon Board members Pete Snyder and Kathy Dodge treated the volunteers to breakfast at their home. Penn Dot supplied bags, vests, and gloves.

This was Marge Brion's 18th & last year doing the Adopt-A-Highway Day Event. Thank you so much for your dedication, Marge.

Annual Migration Count Tallies 101 Species in Wayne County

By Chris Fischer

On Saturday, May 10, 2014, six volunteers in Wayne County joined hundreds of others across the state for the Pennsylvania Annual Migratory Count (PAMC), a one-day survey of birds that migrate through Pennsylvania. They counted a total of 2,374 birds consisting of 101 different species over the 24-hour period. In addition to 19 species of warblers (including Blackburnian, Magnolia, Prairie, Nashville, and Hooded), highlights of the day included a Lincoln's Sparrow and four Purple Martins, which are rarely seen in the county.

The data collected during this quick snapshot of the spring seasonal movement of birds spending their time in Pennsylvania contributes to our common knowledge of where each bird species migrates and what locations are important stopovers for these diverse species. How many birds are there? How do the patterns of timing and numbers change annually? Are species increasing or decreasing? Are species changing their migration routes and timing? What locations are most important to migrating birds?

Organized by the Pennsylvania Society for Ornithology, the PAMC is part of a larger continent-wide migratory bird survey and a celebration of the bird migration event.



Lincoln's Sparrow. Credit: Andy Teucher.

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Mark Your Calendars Future NEPAS Programs & Field Trips (Check our website at nepaaudubon.org for the latest updates & information!)

June 14: Father's Day Canoe and Kayak Outing

Join us for a wonderful 5 or 6 mile float down the Delaware. See lots of birds and wildlife including eagles, waterfowl, and possibly a deer or bear along the shore! Bring a dish to share for supper at a nearby cabin after the trip. Don't have a boat? A few are available, but reserve early. Call Pete at (570) 253-9250.

July 6: NEPAS Election of Officers & Program

5:30 p.m. at our monthly Board Meeting at the Chamber of Commerce building in Honesdale.

July 11: Pocono Waterfall Tour with Sue Thompson

A day-long tour of our area's waterfalls. Trails easy to moderate, wear hiking shoes and bring a lunch. Rain or shine unless pouring! Meet and return to PPL Environmental Learning Center off Rt. 6, Hawley, PA. Suggested donation \$5 for adults, \$3 for ages 5 to 12. Registration required. Contact Sue at (570) 352-4997.

July 18-19: Art & Craft Festival

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. A wonderful family event with art and crafts for sale, free wildlife shows, nature exhibits, and children's crafts. The \$5 entrance fee supports NEPAS scholarship programs. Children under 12 free. Held at Wallenpaupack High School on Rt. 6 in Hawley.

August 2: NEPAS Annual Picnic & Installation of Officers

Time and location to be announced online.

August 11: "Learn-Look-Make a Book"

1:00 to 2:30 p.m. at the Wayne County Library, Honesdale. Lindsay George, Naturalist and author of children's books, will lead a discovery walk around the block, looking for clues, and then make a book about what you saw. Attendees get a book called "Who's been there?"

September 18 & 19: Birds and Wine Tour

Trip to Finger Lakes wine country and Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge to enjoy birds and wine tasting. Camping (cabins and tent/RV sites available) Friday and Saturday nights at Cayuga State Park, Seneca Falls, NY. Camping and optional wine tasting fees. Limit 14 people. Call Audubon at (570) 253-9250 to reserve your spot by Sept 4th.

October 16: Saw-whet Owl Banding

8 p.m. Revel in the migration of the smallest nocturnal raptor in the eastern U.S. Witness its capture in mist nets, collection of data, and the release of this little 8 inch owl. A few lucky attendees may be able to hold and release one. Call Bob for further information and reservations at (570) 676-9969.