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Red trillium (Trillium erectum) is always a favorite find with its beautiful reddish purple color. It is also known as Stinking Benjamin because of its unpleasant odor which attracts the flies that pollinate the flower. A delicate white flower named for its appearance of hanging upside-down pants, Dutchman’s breeches (Dicentra cucullaria) were found in abundance on the bank overlooking the river. We also saw toothwort, trout lily, smooth yellow violet and many others.

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The 2015 Annual Letter Appeal was conducted in late November and the month of December 2015. The appeal is only conducted once a year. The donations received from this appeal are used for the continuation of programs and field trips offered to the various communities and schools that are in our regions. The response has been very heartwarming. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has donated to us this time and in the past. (If you haven’t donated and would like to do so, please go to our website for information on how to do this.)

Thank you to the following people for their continuous support through our appeal: Jack Barnett, Marie Savage Leach, Kevin Mullally, Janey Loewe, Merabeth Moore, Pete Snyder and Kathy Dodge, Sandra Prose, Stevern and Lida Strauchler, Mary Keene, Joseph Deacon, Dano Miller, Paula Gannon, Carol Jemphil, Joann Appleyard, Jane Cullen, Bob and Linda Truman, Janet Crowther, Chris and Ronnie Fischer, John and Nancy Cruger, and Nancy Savage.

In Memoriam:

Donations were received in memory of Richard M. Boswell.

By: Nancy Savage, Treasurer

---Katharine Dodge, Adopt-a-Highway Chair

### NOTICE

Summary of proposed By Law changes:

1. Elimination of the Limited Membership in NEPAS.
2. Clarify sections on the removal and resignation of Board Members.
3. Change in some committees.
4. Allow electronic means as a way to transact Society business.
5. Grammatical correction and language clarification.

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2016 Environmental Hog Island Camp Scholarship winners Beverly Beers and Carly Martin and board member Lindsay Barrett George.

Northeast Pennsylvania Audubon Society offers a full scholarship for a child aged 8–12 and an accompanying adult family member to attend an environmental camp especially designed for families on Hog Island off the coast of Maine.

This specific session runs from August 14 through August 19, 2016 and provides a unique opportunity for a child and a family member to nature together. Activities include cruising Muscongus Bay to see seabirds and seals; examining aquatic insects, fish, amphibians, mushrooms, and wildflowers; and exploring the life of tide pools. In the evenings, there are night hikes, campfire programs, and star gazing. Comfortable lodging on the island and delicious food add to the magical experience.

If you are interested in future scholarship information or would like additional information and pictures of Hog Island, please visit the Hog Island website. If you have any questions, please call (570) 253-9250.

---Katharine Dodge, event coordinator

Happy Earth Day participants ready for the Species Parade with their homemade bird headdresses.

Earth Day Birding & Breakfast

Eleven people participated in our Birding & Breakfast event on Sunday April 24th, as part of the Hawley Earth Fest. We walked along the Lackawaxen River Trail identifying 17 species of birds. We had beautiful up-close sightings of Bluebird and Tree Swallow pairs guarding their nest boxes, a male Common Merganser brilliant in the morning sun sitting in the middle of the river, House Finches and the greenish female Goldfinch.

Turkey Vultures circled low above us triggering a conversation about their value as nature’s garbage trucks. We spotted Chipping Sparrows, Song Sparrows, iridescent Grasskies, a flashy Bluejay, and Robins (which probably should have been our national bird as it is so accessible to everyone and so cheery). Other sightings: American Crow, Tufted Titmouse, House Sparrow, Cardinal, the urban-loving Pigeon, and those pesky Starlings. Many of the participants were new to birding and were thrilled with the outing. One of the more experienced birders had never seen a bluebird.

Breakfast at the Settler’s Inn followed where we continued our conversations about birds, our up-coming Art & Craft Festival, and scholarship opportunities (there were three children in our group).

Thank you Barbara Leo and Pat & Jim Sanders for helping spot birds.

---Katharine Dodge, event coordinator

Eco-Notes by E-mail

Eco-Notes is available by e-mail. It appears in the same colorful, easy-to-read format as the paper version, but without the cost, paper, or ink. Go to our website, nepaaudubon.org, to sign up.

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.

---Katharine Dodge, Adopt-a-Highway Chair

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Find lots more about birds and the environment and the latest information on upcoming programs at [www.nepaaudubon.org](http://www.nepaaudubon.org).


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