

# 2014 Pennsylvania Audubon Assembly

## Healthy Forests for Birds and People

**When:** Sept. 19 & 20, 2014

**Where:** Wellsboro, PA

**Who:** All Audubon members and others who care about the future of the forests of Pennsylvania.



### Field Trips on Friday & Sunday

- ➔ Enjoy Pine Creek Gorge — known as PA's Grand Canyon — in its autumn splendor! Birding, biking, fishing, hiking!
- ➔ Local hospitality and field trips by members of the Tiadaghton Audubon Society.
- ➔ Plan an extra day or two and enjoy the sights and wildness of northern PA!



Friday and Saturday programs will be in the Deane Center for Performing Arts, 104 Main St. in Wellsboro:  
[www.deanecenter.com](http://www.deanecenter.com)

### Friday, September 19

7:30 pm — Kickoff speaker

(program is open to the public for free):

“Status of PA’s Forest Birds” — Dan Brauning  
Chief, Wildlife Diversity Section, PA Game Commission



- ➔ Bring an exhibit to promote your group (contact Paul Zeph for exhibit/table space)
- ➔ Bring handouts or visuals to share a successful program during our “Conservation Bazaar” sharing session!

### Saturday, September 20

Saturday plenary and breakout sessions will include:

- ◆ Birds that depend on Pennsylvania forests
- ◆ How to create bird-friendly yards and communities
- ◆ Latest research on the value of Pennsylvania’s urban forests for bird migration, and rural forests as bird nurseries
- ◆ Impacts on our forests from fracking operations
- ◆ Individual and group action opportunities to help forest birds locally and statewide
- ◆ National Audubon’s new Climate Initiative
- ◆ Actions to help winter habitat in Latin America
- ◆ Audubon chapter sharing on many topics and issues
- ◆ Plus, exhibits, social opportunities, and fun!

**Questions?** Contact Paul Zeph:  
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Wellsboro, PA

### DRAFT AGENDA

#### Friday, Sept. 19

Morning and afternoon -- optional field trips

7:30 PM Evening Program – open to the public

Dan Brauning “Status of Forest Birds in Pennsylvania”

#### Saturday, Sept. 20

7:30 – 8:45 Exhibit setup

7:30 – 8:45 Chapter President’s Breakfast

9:00 Welcome

9:15 Plenary Session **PA Forest overview** -- Quick review of types of forests in PA, NAS flyway forest analysis and priority forest blocks, new IBA map, places being threatened, climate change.  
Focus for the Assembly is on action opportunities.

9:45 **Sustainable Forests** -- strategies for protecting our best forests for nesting.

Break out sessions:

- Forest Protection Advocacy (current campaigns and action opportunities to influence protection of public forests)
- NAS Climate Change Initiative
- Landowner Stewardship (Forestry for the Birds)

10:45 Break, socializing

11:00 **Bird-friendly Communities:** providing safe passage during migration  
Panel speakers from various Audubon chapters

12:30 **Lunch** – optional topic tables for discussion

1:30 **Conservation Bazaar** – chapters, staff, and others at numerous tables sharing success stories or information about programs. Assembly participants roam about and informally stop to chat at tables of interest.

2:30 Snack break, socializing, continue with Bazaar

2:45 **International / Winter Habitat** – panel speakers sharing opportunities for helping to protect habitat in Central America.

3:15 Wrap Up

3:30 End

**Sunday, Sept. 21:** Optional field Trips

# Accommodations

## Hotels closest to the Deane Center in downtown Wellsboro:

### **Penn Wells Hotel and Lodge**

Penn Wells Hotel is older and has an historic charm, but room facilities are dated. The rooms are smaller and mostly have one bed per room. Ask for the Audubon conference discount. Prices start around \$80 for a double bed and go up to \$125 for a king. [www.pennwells.com](http://www.pennwells.com); 570-724-2111 (starting at \$80)

Penn Wells Lodge just down the street from the hotel, and has newer rooms and suites. All rooms have two beds with doubles going for \$110 up to queens for \$140. Ask for the Audubon conference discount. [www.pennwells.com](http://www.pennwells.com); 570-724-3463.

**Sherwood Motel** is next to the Penn Wells Lodge: [sherwoodmotel.org](http://sherwoodmotel.org); 570-724-3424 (starting at \$80)

**For other hotels, see website and phone number at bottom of page.**

## **Cabins for rent around Pine Creek Gorge, near Wellsboro, PA**

For rates and availability call Flossie@ 570-724-3796

### **Cabins on Pine Creek**

[tallpineslodge.net](http://tallpineslodge.net)  
[rileycabins.com](http://rileycabins.com)  
[finsandfeatherscamp.com](http://finsandfeatherscamp.com)  
[cricketcove.yolasite.com](http://cricketcove.yolasite.com)  
[hydeawayrental.com](http://hydeawayrental.com)  
[atthepinesedge.com](http://atthepinesedge.com)  
[riverofpineslodge.tripod.com](http://riverofpineslodge.tripod.com)  
[chaletinthewoods.net](http://chaletinthewoods.net)

### **Cabins near Pine Creek**

[ansoniapines.com](http://ansoniapines.com)  
[shingleburyhollow.com](http://shingleburyhollow.com)  
[canyonandcreekretreat.com](http://canyonandcreekretreat.com)

**For other cabins, see bottom of page.**

## **Camping Nearby**

**Leonard Harrison State Park** -- Picnic tables, fire rings, showers, flush toilets and a sanitary dump station are provided. Some sites have electricity. Pets are permitted on designated sites.

**Coulton Point State Park** -- Rustic toilets, tables, fire rings and a sanitary dump station are provided. Campsites at Colton Point are not reservable but are available first-come, first-served. Pets are permitted on all campsites.

**Hills Creek State Park** -- Campsites, cabins and yurts.

(For state parks online reservations: [www.pa.reserveworld.com](http://www.pa.reserveworld.com) or call 888-727-2757)

**Canyon County Campground** (private) -- 130 Wilson Rd., Wellsboro -- [www.campinpa.com](http://www.campinpa.com); 570-724-3818

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**More cabin rentals, bed and breakfasts, hotels & motels, and camping locations are listed at the Tioga County Visitors Bureau website: [www.VisitTiogaPA.com](http://www.VisitTiogaPA.com)**

**Or call for a travel guide and map: 1-888-TIOGA28 • Wellsboro tourism info: [www.wellsboroPA.com](http://www.wellsboroPA.com)**



## REGISTRATION FOR AUDUBON PA ASSEMBLY

### Healthy Forests for Birds and People

September 19 & 20, 2014 in Wellsboro, PA

Note: Registration can also be made online with credit card payment at <http://pa.audubon.org>

Name for Nametag: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ or Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Audubon Chapter or other organization affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

(an affiliation with a local or state group is not required to attend -- all are welcome)     No affiliation

I am (we are) planning to attend:     Friday Night & Saturday    **or**     Saturday Only

Please note any special dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send me **Field Trip** information when it becomes available.

I might be interested in a group trip on:

Friday morning     Friday afternoon     Sunday morning

**Enclosed is my registration fee of \$24 per person**

(includes food and drinks for Saturday lunch and snacks)

Make checks payable to: **Audubon PA** -- mail check with this form to:

**Audubon Assembly • 1201 Pawlings Road • Audubon, PA 19403**

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