



# Programs & Field Trips 2018–2019

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Appalachian Audubon Society is excited about the variety of field trips and programs we are offering this year. We hope you will take advantage of the opportunities available to be informed and entertained by our program schedule. We have planned field trips that provide new outdoor opportunities for our members, while some of our popular excursions remain on our schedule. The information in this brochure will be presented in more detail in upcoming newsletters.

Membership is not required to participate in chapter activities. The benefits of membership include the *Kingfisher Courier* newsletter, emails reminding you of upcoming programs and field trips, as well as the knowledge that you are supporting the work of the chapter in your local area. Learn more at <http://www.appalachianaudubon.org/membership.htm>.

Unless otherwise noted, programs take place at Christ Presbyterian Church, 421 Deerfield Road, Camp Hill. The public is welcome to attend. Social time with refreshments starts at 7:00 pm. Announcements begin at 7:30 pm, followed by the program. All programs except the Annual Banquet are free.

## SUPPORT AUDUBON AND WILDLIFE

### NATIVE PLANT SALES

**Saturday, September 22, 2018 and Saturday, April 20, 2019  
9:00 am until 3:00 pm**

Appalachian Audubon will hold Native Plant Sales in conjunction with Diakon Wilderness Greenhouse at 571 Mountain Road in Boiling Springs, PA. Kim Patten who manages the greenhouse and knowledgeable Audubon volunteers will be on hand to answer questions and help you find the best plants for your yard. AAS will receive a portion of the profits in support of the mission of the chapter.

Why natives? Planting natives contributes to the biological diversity of the natural world that surrounds your home. These plants support the insects needed by the songbirds we want to attract to our yards. Because they are adapted to growing conditions in Pennsylvania, native plants shouldn't require fertilizer or additional water after they are established.

More information at [www.appalachianaudubon.org](http://www.appalachianaudubon.org) and <http://www.diakon.org/youth-services/services/greenhouse-program>.

### BIRDSEED SALE FUNDRAISER

**Throughout November and December**

The AAS Birdseed Sale and Fundraiser will be held at the Agway stores in West Hanover Township and Mechanicsburg throughout the months of November and December. See the website and newsletter for details and the form needed to get the special Appalachian Audubon price.

## PROGRAMS

### RAVEN RIDGE WILDLIFE CENTER, NATIVE PA SPECIES

**September 20 at 6:30 pm — *Special Time: Please note that we will start a half hour earlier than usual to accommodate families with children.***

To help us celebrate the start of the Appalachian Audubon program year, Raven Ridge Wildlife Center will bring native PA animals from their rehabilitation center in Washington Boro, PA. Meet the mammals, birds, and reptiles that share our backyards! Learn to appreciate and live in harmony with some of these amazing creatures. Raven Ridge offers rehabilitation services for native birds and mammals, caring for nearly 2000 animals every year and providing homes to several non-releasable animals. All the services of this volunteer organization are funded by the community.

### HAPPY CAMPERS: SCHOLARSHIP ROUNDUP

**October 18, 2018 at 6:30 pm — *Special Time: Please note that we will start a half hour earlier than usual to accommodate families with children.***

Education is an important part of the mission of Appalachian Audubon. This past summer, seven youth received AAS scholarships to attend two different camps with ornithological, natural history, and environmental themes. This evening, a few of the campers will share their favorite experiences and some of what they learned. Join us for this inspiring program and consider bringing young relatives and friends to learn about the scholarships the chapter has available.

### ANTARCTICA BY MAGGIE DEWANE

**November 15, 2018 at 7:00 pm**

As winter approaches, take a journey to the end of the world, where temperatures can drop to -70 and the sun only shines for two hours a day. In Antarctica, only the toughest survive. Penguins, renowned and cherished for their charisma and curiosity, as well as their dapper demeanor, thrive here. Environmentalist Maggie Dewane, who visited Antarctica, will focus on penguins and touch on the valuable ecological lessons she learned and how we can all be a part of protecting this magical place.

Maggie served as AAS's Youth Coordinator in the early 2000s. With an AAS scholarship, she attended Hog Island Camp in Maine, which fueled a lifelong dedication to environmental stewardship. She is a guest lecturer at the Audubon camp in Maine, a freelance journalist, and the US Communications Manager to the Marine Stewardship Council.

### YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU'LL SEE AT WILDWOOD

**December 13, 2018 at 7:00 pm — *Please note: This month's meeting is on the second Thursday.***

Most Appalachian Audubon members have birded at Wildwood Park in Harrisburg and have probably noticed some of the photographers who are frequent park visitors. This evening's program will feature

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some of those photographers sharing their most memorable photos. The program starts with a little park history and continues with several wildlife photographers telling the stories behind their favorite Wildwood shots.

### **HUMMINGBIRDS: JEWELS OF THE AIR BY SANDY LOCKERMAN**

**January 17, 2019 at 7:00 pm**

Sandy Lockerman is a trained and federally licensed bird bander and field ornithologist with over 25 years of experience in bird research and education. She conducts several research projects in the central Pennsylvania area. In addition to songbirds and Saw-whet Owls, she has been studying the Ruby-throated Hummingbird migration as well as chasing, catching and banding wintering hummingbird species that are reported in Pennsylvania. Her program tonight will be about these hummingbirds.

### **CRITICAL CONNECTIONS — DENALI BY GEORGE GRESS**

**February 21, 2019 at 7:00 pm**

George Gress participates in the Critical Connections project which is seeking to learn more about the migration of birds that breed in Denali National Park, and to connect Denali with the places from where its visitors come. This evening, we will learn about the project and the technology and field work used to track migrating birds across the world. George is a Fire Specialist/Land Steward for the Pennsylvania Chapter of The Nature Conservancy. He works from the Acopian Preserve office and assists with all aspects of the management of TNC's preserves in Pennsylvania, including prescribed fire and managing the chapter's bog turtle program. An avid photographer, many of his images have appeared in TNC's chapter and national publications.

### **BATS BY DAVE MCNAUGHTON**

**March 21, 2019 at 7:00 pm**

This evening's program on bats will be presented by Dave McNaughton. He is the Assistant Wildlife Program Manager for the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs at Fort Indiantown Gap, where he has worked since 2004. He has a broad background in botany, herpetology, mammalogy, and ornithology and teaches classes in the PA Master Naturalist program.

### **BIRDING BY EAR BY DALE RUPERT**

**April 18, 2019 at 7:00 pm**

We all know several birds just by the sound of their voice even when we can't see them. This program will provide a fun and interesting presentation on ways to improve your ability to identify those birds that you didn't actually get a chance to see. Their voices give them away. Their songs give them away. And sometimes their habits and attitudes give them away. You just might gain a whole new perspective on bird identification. By the end of the meeting, you will undoubtedly know a few more things about birds and their songs. Especially if you pass the Birding by Ear Final Exam (which you will)!

### **ANNUAL BANQUET WITH PROGRAM BY RON ROHRBAUGH**

**May 16, 2019 at 6:00 pm**

Join us for a special evening that features Ron Rohrbaugh, who joined Audubon Pennsylvania recently as Forest Program Manager, leading efforts to enhance forest habitat for birds in Central and

Western Pennsylvania. In addition to Ron's program, there will be fun and fellowship as well as a silent auction in support of scholarships.

## FIELD TRIPS

**September 2018**

### **BIRDING CHESTNUT GROVE FOR EARLY FALL MIGRANTS**

**Saturday, September 8, 2018**

Chestnut Grove Natural Area in southern Lancaster County can offer some different birds during the late summer/early fall migration. We will attempt to find Bobolinks, Sora, Virginia Rail, and early fall warblers. Last year Dickcissels bred in the area and a Red-necked Phalarope arrived in late summer. Participants should register with Rick Price at 717-657-1950 or rprice210@comcast.net.

**October 2018**

### **OWL BANDING AT SMALL VALLEY**

**Sunday, October 28, 2018**

Once again, we will have the opportunity to observe a Northern Saw-whet Owl being banded, assuming an owl is caught. Last year this trip had to be cancelled due to high winds. In the past we have seen owls banded on the majority of trips, but there are no guarantees. Participation is limited to 10 and carpooling is required and limited to no more than 3 vehicles. No children under six please. The group will meet near Harrisburg at 6:30 pm. Contact Rick Price at 717-657-1950 or rprice210@comcast.net. The demonstration should be over before midnight. Dress warm as the small cabin is not heated.

**November 2018**

### **BIRDING HARFORD COUNTY, MD**

**Sunday, November 18, 2018**

**New!**

In past years AAS has conducted field trips to the Conowingo Dam to see Bald Eagles, gulls, herons, and waterfowl. This year we will start with a short morning stop at Conowingo Dam before moving further south in Harford County to bird at Swan Harbor Farm Park on the NW shore of the Chesapeake Bay. Expect to see waterfowl and raptors and perhaps a rail if we're lucky. It can also be good for Brown Creepers, kinglets, and Winter Wrens at this time of year. In the past this e-bird hotspot has hosted some rare vagrants such as Little Gull, Snowy Owl, Red-necked Phalarope, LeConte's Sparrow, and Red Crossbill. After birding we plan for a short photo opportunity at Concord Light House before stopping for dinner in historic Havre de Grace. Bring a bagged lunch and extra warm clothes, as winds along the bay can be brisk in November. Contact Rick Price to register at (717) 657-1950 or rprice210@comcast.net.

**December 2018**

### **CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS**

Become a citizen scientist for the day by participating in this annual tradition continuing for over a century. Contact one or more of the circle compilers for a team assignment and details.

**Harrisburg CBC** — December 15. Contact Deuane Hoffman at deuane.hoffman@gmail.com

**New Bloomfield CBC** — December 22. Contact Annette Mathes at amathes19@verizon.net

**York Springs CBC** (Cumberland, Adams, and York) — December 27 Contact Vern Gauthier at [vern\\_gauthier14@gmail.com](mailto:vern_gauthier14@gmail.com)

**Newville CBC** — December December 29 — Contact Vern Gauthier at [vern\\_gauthier14@gmail.com](mailto:vern_gauthier14@gmail.com)

## January 2019

### **SNYDER COUNTY WINTER BIRDING**

**Saturday, January 12, 2019**

Kick off the new year by birding with locals Aden Troyer and Chad Kauffman as we switch territory from Juanita County where they led us in the past to neighboring Snyder County. We will be searching for raptors and other winter specialties. Contact Aden at 717-463-3117 or Chad at [chadkauffman@earthlink.net](mailto:chadkauffman@earthlink.net), or 717-436-8257 or 717-994-6715 to register.

**New Area!**

## February 2019

### **THE GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT AT WILDWOOD PARK**

**Saturday, February 16, 2019 at 10:00 am**

The Great Backyard Bird Count is a community science program developed by Cornell University's Lab of Ornithology that relies on people everywhere to provide a "snapshot" of local bird populations during one weekend in February. Our focus is to help people of all ages to identify those species which visit our feeders in the winter. This is a chance for beginners and well-seasoned birders to enjoy winter birds together from the warmth of the indoors. Stop by Wildwood's nature center between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm to participate. Activities for school-aged children will be provided by AAS and Audubon PA throughout the morning. And a guided bird walk (weather permitting) will be offered at 1:00, following the count. Children below the age of 16 should be accompanied by an adult. Call the nature center at Wildwood Park for more information at 717-221-0292.

## March 2019

### **EXPLORING MILLGROVE, THE FORMER HOME OF PIONEER ORNITHOLOGIST AND ARTIST JOHN JAMES AUDUBON**

**Saturday, March 23, 2019**

See where Audubon lived and birded! Join us on this historical adventure to America's foremost ornithologist's home, which is now a museum renovated in 2018. After the tour, we will do some birding on the grounds if time and weather permit. The estate is now a Montgomery County park located a few miles from Philadelphia along the Perkiomen Creek, not far from its confluence with the Schuylkill River. Contact Rick Price at 717-657-1950 or [rprice210@comcast.net](mailto:rprice210@comcast.net) to register. Drivers should consider bringing an EZ-pass for the PA Turnpike. Plan for a full day trip and bring money for admission and dinner on the return trip (dinner stop is optional).

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## April 2019

### **EXPLORING AAS'S OWN TROUT RUN PRESERVE AND NEARBY LETORT RUN PRESERVE**

**Saturday, April 6, 2019**

Have you been to Trout Run Preserve recently? This is a chance for chapter members and other interested parties to check out AAS's own Trout Run Preserve to see what has been done to restore the property to its natural wetland state and to encourage the propagation of native species at this suburban oasis. Meet at Trout Run at 9:00 am. Following our visit, we will stop at nearby LeTort Run Preserve where Ben Mummert, Director of Land Protection

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and Stewardship for Central PA Conservancy, will introduce us to conservation efforts which have been implemented there, that may also be useful at Trout Run. Participants should contact Mary Brenner to register at [mbrenner822@comcast.net](mailto:mbrenner822@comcast.net) or 717-903-0223.

## Saturday, April 13, 2019

### **SPRING WILDFLOWERS WITH DAN WELTE**

Join wildflower naturalist Dan Welte on a trip to Gifford Pinchot State Park to search for early wild blooms. We will meet at the Conewago Day Use Area (North end of the parking lot) at 10:00 am. Contact Dan at [dcmawelte@verizon.net](mailto:dcmawelte@verizon.net) to register. Many of the early flowers should be in bloom by mid-April.

## May 2019

### **WARBLER WALK IN STONY VALLEY — Classic!**

**Saturday, May 4, 2019**

Join warbler expert Tom Smith on this annual classic trip through the Stony Creek area to see, hear, and learn about the various species of warblers and other spring birds. Meet at the power line by the PPL substation along Stony Creek Road at 7:00 am. Participants must register with Tom at 717-921-2461.

## Sunday, May 5, 2019

### **WARBLER WALK AT PA STATE GAME LAND 230**

Pete Lusardi will lead a walk along the base of Blue Mountain near Carlisle Springs to look for migrating and summer resident warblers and other songbirds. This trip has a history of uncommon birds showing up, including Golden-winged Warbler, Mourning Warbler, Canada Warbler, Summer Tanager, and Bobolink. Contact Pete at 717-243-6419 or [pjlusardi@aol.com](mailto:pjlusardi@aol.com) to register. Participants will meet at the first parking lot on the right (coming from the east) at 7:30 am.

## Saturday, May 11, 2019

### **ANNUAL SPRING MIGRATION COUNT**

Actively participate in counting as many birds as possible within the day in a specified area. In Dauphin County call Rick Price at 717-657-1950 or [rprice210@comcast.net](mailto:rprice210@comcast.net) and in Cumberland or Perry counties contact Vern Gauthier at 717-385-9526 or [pabirder@gmail.com](mailto:pabirder@gmail.com) for more information.

### **HARRISBURG FALCON WATCH**

Volunteers will have the opportunity to observe and help young Peregrine Falcons as they leave the nest at the Rachael Carson Building in Harrisburg. As the fledglings attempt their first flights, the Harrisburg Falcon Watch team is on the lookout for mishaps or injuries. For more information, contact Sue Hannon at [hbgfalconwatch@gmail.com](mailto:hbgfalconwatch@gmail.com). Information on dates will become available after the eggs have hatched.

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