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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Mon., Mar. 9:** Peter Kaestner is the first world birder to record 9,000 birds on eBird! Come hear about the amazing adventures of this phenomenal birder as he offers, “A Splendid Milestone in the World of eBirders”. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of York, Time: 7:00 P.M.

**Fri., Apr. 3:** Field trip to Nixon County Park to discover hometown favorites and early migrants. We will take a short walk and check out the bird feeders at the nature center. Leader: Alice & Bernie Frick 717-843-6675. Meet at 7:30 A.M.

**Sat., Apr. 4:** Annual York Audubon Society Banquet at East Berlin Area Community Center, 405 North Avenue, East Berlin, PA 17316. Come early for silent auction, raffle and 50/50. Dinner served at 6:00 P.M. Afterward, welcome Middleton Evans as he shares his latest book which highlights exquisite photos and a comprehensive handbook to the mid-Atlantic region. The book is titled: “Birds of Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia”. Middleton will have books for sale. **Banquet cost will be \$24 per person.** (The dinner will be just \$21 for those who reserve by March 25.) Make checks payable to York Audubon Society. Mail to Bernie Frick, 168 Springdale Rd, York, PA 17403. Reservation deadline: March 30, 2020. Bernie’s phone # is 717-843-6675.

**Thurs., Apr. 23:** Field trip to the boardwalk on Ironstone Hill Road at William Kain Park. Birds come to the water, wetland and woodland habitats for Spring courtship and nesting. Bring binoculars, a chair and snacks. 8:00 A.M. till noon. Leader: Carolyn Mathur 717-309-7899.

**Mon. May 11:** Linette Mansberger, avid traveler and amateur photographer, will share some of the most beautiful, colorful and interesting natural treasures of Cuba, Brazil, Trinidad, Tobago and Panama in her presentation titled,

“Hidden Gems of the Neo-tropics”. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of York 7 A.M.

**Wed.— Sat., May 13—16:** Bus trip to Ohio’s Magee Marsh for the annual “Biggest Week in American Birding”. This is YOUR chance to see warblers, shorebirds and plenty of birders from all over!! Becky Stabler of NatureStabler Explorations has expertly organized this adventure for us. E-mail Becky at Naturestabler@gmail.com or call Becky at 717-688-5183 to reserve your spot.

**Mon., June 8:** Field trip to Hopewell Area Recreation Complex to see grassland and woodland birds, as well as native plants. Wear walking shoes and bring binoculars. Meet at the parking lot near the observation deck on Althouse School Road near the intersection of Plank Road at 9:00 A.M. Leaders: Alice and Tom Simmons 717-428-3673.

**Sat., June 13:** Annual York Audubon Society Picnic. Bring a covered dish to share, a plate and your utensils. Don’t forget your binoculars. (This pavilion has electrical outlets.) All are welcome to join us at William Kain Park’s Muskie Pavilion at 12 noon.

We look forward to seeing you at our events!!  
Keep an eye on our website for additional field trips.

All participants are requested to call the leader prior to the trip to reserve a spot. Specific trips are limited to a certain amount of people. To insure your spot, please call and notify the trip leaders of your interest. Trips may be cancelled due to inclement weather.

**YAS President’s Message** by Carolyn Mathur

Spring is around the corner and we have been busy at YAS getting ready for its arrival by making some changes. First, we are moving to a new location for our monthly chapter meetings! While we have had many wonderful times at Luther Memorial Church, we are excited to be

meeting at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of York (UUCY) starting with the March meeting. The church is located at 925 S. George St., York, PA 17403, near York Hospital. It has a new sanctuary where we will be meeting. There is a big parking lot and no steps, which I know our members will really appreciate.

Another big initiative we have been working on is the wonderful new web page that our Membership Chair, George Schardt has created for us!

[www.yorkaudubon.org](http://www.yorkaudubon.org). Please check it out if you haven't already! On the web site, we are putting finishing touches on an interactive York County Birding Map put together by Andrew Wolfgang and George Schardt! (See Page 3.)

Andrew has been our Vice president for the past 2 years . We are so sad to see him move on to a new job out of the area. Another change on our Board is the retirement of our Treasurer Barb Fisher, who has been the glue that held us all together. She has contributed so much to York Audubon these past years. We wish the best to both of them and thank them for all they have done. They will be sorely missed!

We have a new Vice-President, Jean Leaman, and a new Secretary, Sherry Lookofsky. We welcome them to our Board and look forward to working with them! Long time Board member Bernie Frick is switching from Secretary to Treasurer. Thanks to Bernie for all that he and his wife Alice do for our organization. Our success depends on the hard work and willingness of volunteers like the people on our Board! Happy Birding!

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### CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

This Christmas Bird Count marked the 120th time that Audubon held the event as part of the longest running citizens science project. Nineteen counters spread out over the 7.5 mile radius centered on Lake Marburg in Codorus State Park.

Our count day was scheduled for Dec. 14th but, due to rain, was actually held on the alternate date of Dec. 21 when the weather was much improved. Our 10 teams counted 75 species with a combined total of 5,994 birds.

Unusual species were a Vesper Sparrow and a Common Yellow-throat. Neither was a first for our circle, but neither species had been seen in many years. Perhaps this is a sign of global warming.

### CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT FOR KIDS

On Thursday, December 26, YAS held the fourth Christmas Bird Count for Kids at Nixon Park for the purpose of introducing a new generation to birding. Six kids participated and were divided into three groups led by experienced birders from YAS with help from a naturalist and intern from the County Parks.

After an introduction in using binoculars and an inside preview of feeder birds that might be encountered, the group took off for park trails to do the count.

Upon our return, while consuming hot chocolate and cookies, we reviewed the 144 birds and 24 species that were seen. Accompanying us was a reporter from the York Dispatch who documented the event with an article and photos for the newspaper.

Thanks to the staff at Nixon Park and the volunteers who made this possible.

Alice Frick

### Membership Application

Please enroll me as a member of the National Audubon Society and of the York Audubon Society. Please send Audubon Magazine and my membership card to the address below.

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# Annual York Audubon Banquet

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 4

**WHERE:** East Berlin Area Community Center

405 North Avenue, East Berlin, PA 17316

**COST:** \$21 per person prepaid by March 28th  
\$24 (cash only) at the door

Reservations required.

**TIME:** Dinner served at 6.

Come early for our silent auction, raffle, 50/50 and socializing with members.

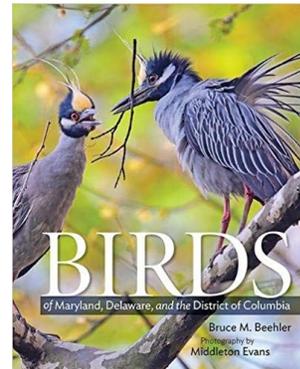
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Baked Chicken  
Baked Ham  
Scalloped Potatoes  
Candied Carrots  
Green Beans

Dinner Roll  
Cranberry Sauce  
Homemade Fruit Pies and Ice  
Cream  
Ice Tea, Ice Water and Coffee

### Served Family Style

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I, \_\_\_\_\_ am attending the YAS annual banquet. Enclosed, please find my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the cost for myself and \_\_\_\_\_ guests.

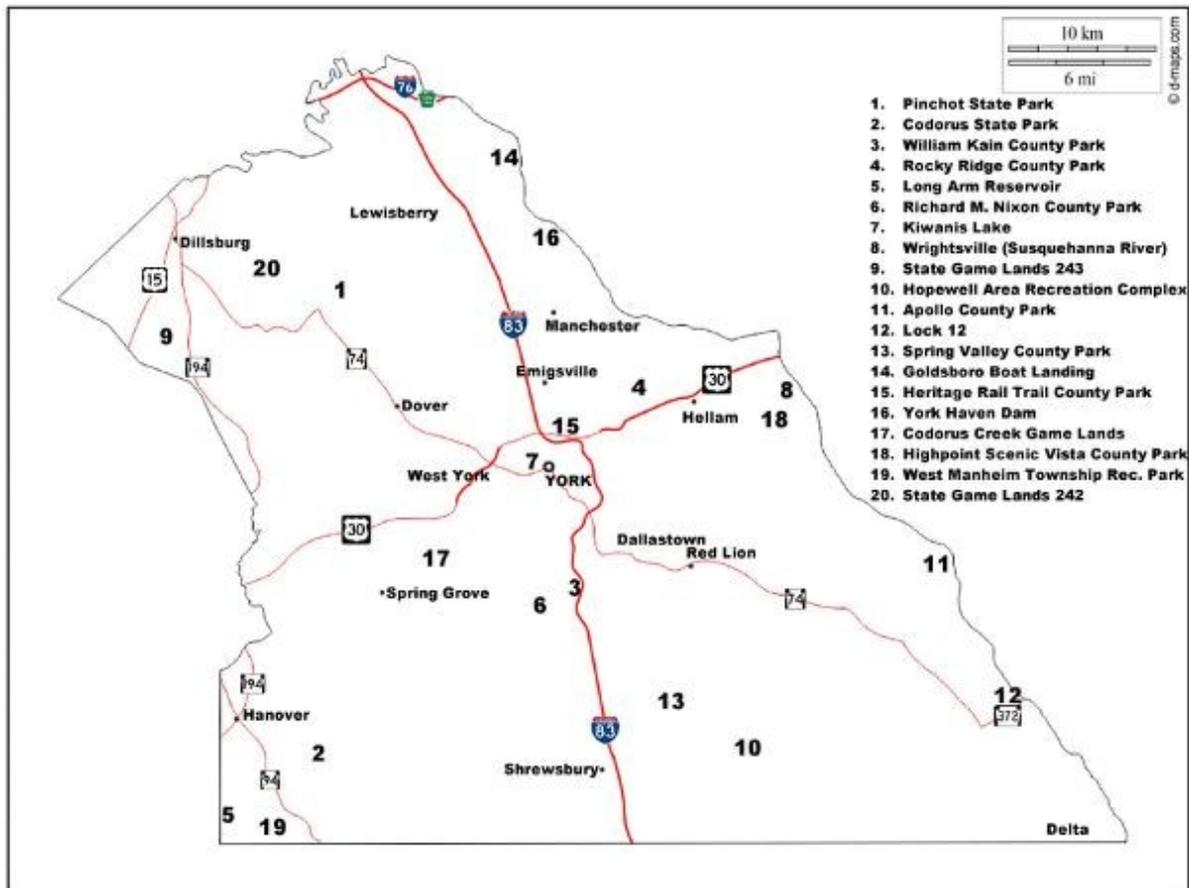
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A NEW LOCATION!!!!!!

OUR MONTHLY YORK AUDUBON SOCIETY MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETINGS  
WILL BE HELD FROM THAT DATE ON, AT THE  
**Unitarian Universalist Congregation of York,**  
**925 South George Street (NEAR YORK HOSPITAL).**

Come to the meetings or check [www.yorkaudubon.org](http://www.yorkaudubon.org) for more information.

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**YAS YORK COUNTY BIRDING SITES MAP**



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Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 7 PM at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of York, 925 South George Street. York unless otherwise announced.

Visitors are welcome.