



CALENDAR OF EVENTS
2021-2022

Monday, Sept. 13, 2021: David Arrow presents "Birding York County Through the Seasons" as we dedicate the York County Birding Trail at our first in-person meeting! Join us at 7:00 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of York, 925 S. George St., York, PA 17403.

Wed., Sept. 15, 2021: Hawk watch at Rocky Ridge County Park at 8:30 a.m. Meet at the far parking lot to the left near the entrance to Christmas Magic. Look for warblers followed by some time at the Hawk Watch platform where Broad-winged Hawks may be moving in numbers. Contact Bernie Frick at BernardFrick@comcast.net

Sat., Sept. 18, 2021: Fall warbler walk at Rocky Ridge with David Arrow. Meet at Rocky Ridge County Park's ballfield parking lot (first parking lot on left). 8:00-10:00 a.m. Contact David at tokens4dave@gmail.com

Mon., Oct. 11, 2021: Join Linette Mansberger as she presents, "Borneo~~ Land Below the Wind" at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of York, 7:00 p.m.

Annual Bird Seed Sale Pick-update T.B.A.

Friday, Nov. 5-Sunday, Nov7, 2021: Trip to Assateague, Chincoteague, and Kiptopeke on the bus with Becky Stabler of Naturestabler Explorations. Reserve your spot for this adventure! Call Becky at 717-688-5183 or email her at Naturestabler@gmail.com for details.

Monday, Nov. 8, 2021: Photographer Walt Bilous shares his fine images in a presentation titled, "York County... Naturally". 7:00 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of York.

Sat., Nov. 20, 2021: Day trip by bus with Becky Stabler to Bombay Hook. Stay tuned for further details.

Mon., Dec 13, 2021: Learn all about Peter Kaestner's latest birding adventures as he presents "A Voyage to the Bottom of the World". Unitarian Universalist Congregation of York. 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, Dec 18, 2021: Annual Christmas Bird Count with York Audubon Society, coordinated by Bernie Frick. Contact Bernie if you want to enjoy a fun day of counting birds! BernardFrick@comcast.net (Inclement weather date will be Sunday, Jan. 2, 2022.)

Thursday, Dec. 30, 2021: Christmas Bird Count for Kids at Nixon County Park. Volunteers should arrive at 9:30. Kids and parents should arrive at 10:00 a.m. Contact Nixon Park at 717-428-1961 to register.

Mon., Jan. 10, 2022: "Encore Presentation of Bill and Dick's Excellent Birding Adventures" ..York Audubon's famed birders Bill Del Grande and Dick Humbert will recount their stories of birding all over North America accumulating a huge life list while maintaining a lifelong friendship. Don't miss this! 7:00 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of York.

Sat., Jan.15, 2022: Tour Gettysburg Battlefield with licensed guide Dave Weaver to look for winter wildlife while hearing Dave's stories about the battle at each site we visit. Carpool from the Visitors' Center. Meet inside the lobby at 1:45 p.m. Tour is about 2 hours. Dress for the weather. Fee required. Coordinator: Tish Swam 717-235-2578. (Inclement weather date: Jan. 22, 2022)

Mon., Feb. 14, 2022: Join Dallastown master gardener Barb Brant as she shares her passion with pollinators in a presentation titled, "Fun With Butterflies". 7:00 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of York

YAS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Carolyn Mathur
August 2021

Greetings to All!

I write to you as we here in Pennsylvania, and throughout the mid-Atlantic, are struggling with a deadly, unexplained song-bird illness that has perplexed the experts. We have been asked to scrub and disinfect our bird feeders and keep them down temporarily to slow down the spread of this potentially contagious, tragic illness. I hope the situation is improving when you get this newsletter and that we can enjoy seeing our yard birds again.

Speaking of illness, COVID seems to be waning, thanks to effective vaccines that are allowing us to slowly return to normal. Our meeting venue, the Unitarian Universalist Church of York, is open to us now and we are planning in person programs this Fall starting in September! Our Program Director, Tish Swam, has created an amazing program lineup for us to enjoy during to 2021-22 season. Check out the details included in this newsletter.

The "York County Birding Trail" (YCBT) project has been keeping YAS Board members busy these past few months. George Schardt has been maintaining and updating the www.yorkaudubon.org web site, and within it, the guide to the trail. Check out the details on this web site. Darlene Schardt did a great job designing and printing a pamphlet to go along with the YABT, which we will distribute at the chapter meetings and at some of the trail locations. We are translating it into Spanish to broaden our reach in the community. Treasurer Bernie Frick organized the purchase (through fund-raising) and placement of YCBT signs that artist Thomas Brooks (artbythomasbrooks@gmail.com) designed. Now the signs are on the kiosks at most of the site locations, thanks to the team efforts of all the Board members, including Sherry Lookofsky and Jean Leaman and member David Arrow. The signs are being well received by the birding community!

Thanks to Board member Sherry Lookofsky in her important role as Secretary. She is busy maintaining correspondence and expanding member email list, serving as our Unitarian Church liaison, and participating in fundraising efforts, and so much more.

We are also very grateful to Dick Humbert for his continuing role as coordinator of the Annual Bird Seed Sale every Fall!

We are always looking for more help in our efforts to support York Audubon Society, either as a Board Member, or in any other way. If you are interested in this rewarding work to promote our beloved birds and their habitats, contact one of our Board members, either directly or at one of our meetings. The YAS Board is excited to see you all again in person as our meetings resume this Fall!

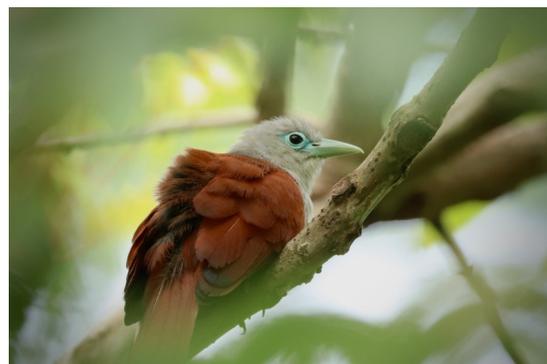
Happy birding!
Carolyn

For more information on the song-bird illness see the following July 8th Audubon article:

<https://www.audubon.org/news/scientists-still-searching-pathogen-behind-east-s-songbird-epidemic>



Yellow-breasted Chat, by David Arrow



Raffle's Malkoha (Borneo), by Linette Mansberger

YORK AUDUBON BIRDING BLOG

Have an unusual bird sighting? An unusual bird for the area, an unusual time of year for a bird to be seen, or maybe the first of the season as the migration season begins? Report it on our new Birding Blog. Members can enter their sightings (text only) on the blog for other members to read and comment on. In addition, if you wish, you can indicate that you would like to be notified immediately by email when another member posts to this page. This is a great way to report and/or hear of timely information of unusual bird sightings in our area. Click on the "Birding Blog" button and check it out!

- Go to www.yorkaudubon.org
- Scroll down the home page until you see the blue button labeled "Birding Blog" and click on the button.
- This will take you to a page labeled "Unusual Bird Sightings".
- On the right hand side of that page, there will be an underlined statement that will indicate the current number of comments. Click on the "Comments" link.
- This will take you to a page that will show all comments that have been entered by participants.
- You may reply to a specific comment by clicking on any "REPLY" button box under a specific comment.
- If you wish to enter a new unrelated comment, scroll to the bottom of the page, and look for the section labeled "Leave a Reply", and enter the information in the areas provided.
- When finished with your entry, if you wish to be notified of any comments posted to this page, check the box labeled "notify me of new comments to this post by email". You will then be notified by email when anyone posts information to this area on the website.
- Press "Submit" to post your entry.



Learn more about the amazing bird species of Borneo like this Buffy Fish Owl at Linette Mansberger's October 11th program!

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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Please Note Our NEW MEETING LOCATION
(when in-person meetings resume)
OUR YORK AUDUBON SOCIETY Regular
MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETINGS
WILL BE HELD AT THE
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH of YORK,
925 S. GEORGE ST, YORK, PA
(just north of York Hospital)