



Sept. 2022 - Feb. 2023

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
2022-2023

Monday, Sept. 12: Bruce Beehler, ornithologist and research associate at the Smithsonian Institution, shares adventures from his latest book, titled, "**North on the Wing: Travels With the Songbird Migration of Spring**". Books will be for sale at the meeting. Join us at 7:00 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of York (UUCY), 925 S. George Street, York, PA 17403.



Friday, Sept. 16: Hawk Watch at Rocky Ridge County Park, noon to 4:00 p.m. Broad-wings may be moving in numbers. Contact Deb Pomraning, coordinator, at debra.pomraning@comcast.net for details.

Sat., Sept. 17: David Arrow will lead an exploration of Hellam Hills, a recently purchased wildlife habitat of Lancaster Conservancy on the western shore of the Susquehanna River. Highlights will include fall migrant warblers and songbirds. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the corner of Chimney Rock Road and Furnace Road. Contact David at tokens4dave@gmail.com

Fri-Sat, Sep 30—Oct 1: Bus Trip to see John James Audubon's home at Mill Grove, John Heinz NWR and Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge. Contact Becky Stabler at NatureStabler@gmail.com, 717-688-5183. Details will be posted on our website.

Mon, Oct. 10: George and Darlene Schardt will dazzle us with highlights of their 2022 "**Costa Rica Birding Adventure**". See some of the 300 species that were spotted in the coastal rain forests, central highlands, and the continental divide! UUCY at 7:00 p.m.



Sat, Oct 29: York Audubon's annual bird seed sale pick-up day, 9:00-3:00 at Record Club of America, North George St. Order form will be mailed in October—or visit our website for more details.

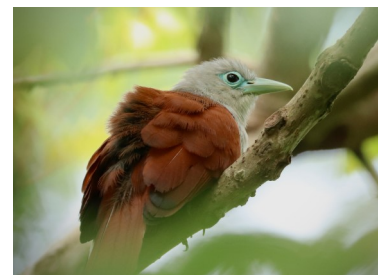
Mon, Nov 14: Photographer Walt Bilous presents "**York County...Naturally**" as he highlights birds, plants, animals, and insects he has photographed throughout the York County park system. 7:00pm at UUCY.

Mon, Dec 12: Join world birder Peter Kaestner for an illustrated lecture of his month-long trip to Antarctica, including the Falklands and South Georgia. His presentation is titled, "**The Splendor of Antarctica**". Peter graciously is providing a light supper for all attendees. 7:00 p.m. at UUCY

Sat, Dec 17: Annual Christmas Bird Count with York Audubon Society, coordinated by Bernie Frick, BernardFrick@comcast.net. Contact Bernie if you want to enjoy a fun day of counting birds! (Inclement weather date will be Friday, Dec 30)

Wed, Dec. 28: 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. 9, 2023: Linette Mansberger presents, "**Borneo~~Land Beneath the Wind**". Some of the amazing animals we will meet through the lens of Linette's camera include orangutans, hornbills, proboscis monkeys, flowerpeckers, and flying lizards! 7:00 p.m. at UUCY.



Raffle's Malkoha (Borneo), by Linette Mansberger

Sat, Jan 21, 2023: Tour Gettysburg Battlefield with licensed guide Dave Weaver to look for winter wildlife while listening to Dave's stories about the battle at each site we visit. Meet at the Visitors' Center lobby at 1:45. Tour lasts 2 hours. Dress for the weather. Bring binoculars. Reservations and fee required. Coordinator: Tish Swam 717-235-2578 (Inclement weather date: January 28)

Mon Feb. 13, 2023: Join John and Cheryl Dawson as they share their passion for mycology in "**An Introduction to the World of Mushrooms and Fungi**". John has been president of the Eastern Penn Mushroomers and Cheryl uses mushrooms to dye yarn! 7:00 p.m. at UUCY.



Golden Pholiota Mushrooms at West Manheim

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

David Arrow
August 2022

Greetings,

It's been a rough couple of years, but I look forward to starting a new season of in-person meetings this fall as we settle in to our 'new' venue, the Unitarian Universalist Church of York. Tish Swam has lined up a great season of programs including national and local speakers covering a variety of topics from birds and photography to plants and mushrooms.

A big theme that we will be promoting heavily this spring is the importance of native species, particularly in your yard. One of the leading advocates in this area is Doug Tallamy. If you are not already familiar with him, type his name into YouTube and watch some excellent videos of his presentations that are posted there.



I would like to thank Chuck Berthoud for starting up and organizing the Weekly Bird Walks. The bird walks take place at various locations on our York Birding Trail each week. Currently, they are scheduled every Thursday morning, except for the 3rd week of the month, when the walk takes place on a Saturday. I would encourage everyone to attend. It is a great way to improve your birding skills, make connections with other birders, and visit a variety of locations in our beautiful county. Everyone is welcome, regardless of skill level or membership status. No registration is required—just show up! The schedule and details are posted on the *Weekly Bird Walk* page located under the *Birding* section of our website.

Kyle Graft has graciously agreed to take on the role of coordinator of the Annual Bird Seed Sale. Look for ordering information coming to you in the mail or on our website in October. Special thanks to Dick Humbert for all of his years of service as our past coordinator!

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. Currently, we have needs for a Media Director and an Education Director. The Media Director position involves promoting York Audubon through social media and by publishing our mailed newsletters. The Education Director's role is to look for ways to work with local schools and libraries to educate our youth about birds, the environment, and conservation. If you are interested in filling either of these positions or helping out in any other way, please 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!

Sincerely,
David

Notice:

Due to the Covid pandemic, all events and locations are subject to change. Any changes in the schedule will be announced via email and updated on our website (yorkaudubon.org). If you are not currently getting our email updates, but would like to be included; please contact audubonyorkpa@gmail.com.

When does your Audubon membership expire?

Wondering when your Audubon membership actually expires? This question comes up many times from members. National Audubon sends out requests every month or so asking members to “Renew their membership now”, without telling you when your membership actually expires. The problem is, your membership may be nowhere close to expiring. Audubon does this as a fundraising mechanism that your local York chapter thinks is misleading.

Solution? York Audubon is able to obtain actual expiration dates from the national Audubon database. We print this date for you whenever you receive a mailing from us. It is part of the address label. As an example:

John Doe
MEMBERSHIP EXPIRES – xx/xx/xx
123 Main St.
York, Pa. 17400

Remember to check this date to know when your membership actually expires. A \$20 payment sent in a month ahead of time will renew your membership. You may send extra donations to the Audubon Society if you so desire, but at least it will be voluntary and not because you are not sure of your membership expiration date.



Peter Kaestner has spent a lifetime birding around the world and has a life list of over 9400 bird species. He will be our presenter at the December 12th meeting.

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.

Chapter Code U14

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Membership is \$20

Please make checks payable to National Audubon Society

Mail to:

National Audubon Society

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Washington, DC. 20077-7124

Or renew by phone: 1-844-428-3826

Renew on-line at: www.audubon.org

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Please Note Our NEW MEETING LOCATION

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)