



The Bluebird Bulletin

2023-2024

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fall 2023-Spring 2024

Monday, September 11th, 2023

Evan Vaeth will present a photography slide show "Birding the Seasons", proving that you don't need to go far to see birds all year round. UUCY, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, October 9th, 2023

Ken and Mary Frazier will entertain us with "Costa Rica Birding and Vacation Adventures with Ken and Mary Frazier". UUCY, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 17th, 2023

Millbourne Estate Garden Tour, starting at 9:00 a.m. Limit: 30 attendees. Contact Tish Swam 717-235-2578.

Saturday, October 28th, 2023

YAS Annual Bird Seed Sale. 4075 N. George St., Manchester. 9am to 1pm.

Monday, November 13rd, 2023

Campbell Plowden presents "Supporting Native Artisans, Communities, and Forest Conservation in the Peruvian Amazon~~~~Presentation and Fair Trade Craft Sale". UUCY, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, December 11th, 2023

World birder Peter Kaestner presents "Micronesia~~~Tropical Beauty Above and Below the Waves". UUCY, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, January 8, 2024

Join us for MEMBERS' BEST NIGHT, an evening of sharing hobbies, collections, projects, and interests. Tables will be provided for displaying! UUCY, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, February 12, 2024

Larry and Fran Armstrong will present "Australia: Diverse, Beautiful, Deadly!" UUCY, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, March 11, 2024

Patrick Miller will present "Close Encounters with Pennsylvania Raptors" with LIVE birds of prey! Bring the family to see these fascinating birds in person! UUCY, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 6, 2024

York Audubon Society BANQUET will return to East Berlin Area Community Center. Doors open at 4:00 p.m. A silent auction, 50/50 tickets, and delicious food served family style. The evening's speaker will be Linette Mansberger presenting "A Charm of Hummingbirds"!

Monday, May 13, 2024

Dr. Dan Klem, Jr. will enlighten us on an important topic in his presentation titled "Saving Billions of Birds From Windows: An Essential Conservation Issue for Birds and People". UUCY, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 15, 2024

Annual Audubon picnic in the Muskie Pavilion at William Kain Park; noon. More info later.

President's Update

David Arrow
August 2023

Greetings,

I look forward to beginning a new season with York Audubon. Your board of directors (mostly Tish Swam) has been working hard to provide quality programs and events for this upcoming year. I hope you will all be able to get involved with us in some way.

Good birding,
David Arrow

Welcome to Our New Education Directors

I would like to thank both Alice Simmons and Avary Sassaman for answering the call and volunteering to be the Director(s) of Education for York Audubon. As Education Directors, they will be involved with reaching out to schools and local organizations seeking opportunities to educate our youth and community about birds, the environment, and conservation. Alice has been a long time active member of York Audubon as well as a Master Gardener. Avary teaches communications at HACC and has a passion for nature and wildlife. She also works as the Community Engagement Coordinator Horn Farm and volunteers at the West Shore Wildlife Center to help in the rehabilitation of animals. We are very blessed to have two such talented individuals on our team!

Wildlife Ambassadors

This summer, York Audubon donated money towards a scholarship to sponsor a teen to attend the Pennsylvania Wildlife Leadership Academy Conservation Ambassador Program. The program is a week-long field experience program where the students learn about wildlife, conservation, and important leadership and communication skills to help them be an ambassador for nature. We plan to continue this tradition of donating this money each year to help support youth who are interested in conservation. I would like to thank Carolyn Mathur for her hard work in coordinating this effort.

Middle School Students Learn about the Importance of Kiwanis Lake

On June 20th, several volunteers from York Audubon met with middle school students from Devers and Ferguson School at Kiwanis Lake. Students spent time looking through spotting scopes and binoculars viewing great egrets and black-crowned night herons. Both of these are PA Endangered Species that breed at Kiwanis Lake. (Did you know that Kiwanis Lake is one of only two Pennsylvania breeding grounds for great egrets and one of only three places that black-crowned night herons breed in PA?). The students also spent some time learning about the importance of native plants. York Audubon provided some native plants which the students helped to plant in the existing native plant gardens at Kiwanis Lake. It was really great to see the students' excitement and seeing the birds and the pride they took in planting "their" plant. Special thanks to Bernie Frick and Deb Carman for their work in coordinating this event.



Magee Marsh + Eastern Shore trip 2023-2024

May 8-11, 2024: Magee Marsh – Spend 4 days birding Ohio for migrating birds as they head north. Email NatureStabler@gmail.com or check the websites YorkAudubon.org and NatureStabler.com. Registration will begin January 2.

November 3-5, 2023: C.A.K.E.S. Trip - Explore the Chincoteague, Assateague, Kiptopeke and Eastern Shore of Virginia looking for waterfowl and water birds of the Atlantic Ocean and Chesapeake Bay. Email NatureStabler@gmail.com or check the website NatureStabler.com. Registration will begin September 1.



Join us for outdoor adventures at different locations in York County each week as we explore to see what birds are in the area. These are informal walks and anyone with an interest in nature is welcome to attend, regardless of skill level or membership status. In fact, these walks are an excellent opportunity to learn about birding and nature. No registration required.

Look for the *Weekly Bird Walk* schedule under the *Birding* section of the York Audubon Web Page: <http://www.yorkaudubon.org>

When does your Audubon membership expire?

Wondering when your Audubon membership actually expires? 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. 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.

Give Local York

Our 2023 Give Local York drive managed to raise over \$4400! We appreciate all the support from everyone!

York Audubon will be participating again in Give Local York for the 2024 donation drive! The date will be May 3rd, 2024.

Donations can be made at <https://www.givelocalyork.org/>.

124th Christmas Bird Count + Kids Count

The 124th Christmas Bird Count will be held on Saturday, December 16th, 2023. Contact Bernie Frick for details at 717-843-6675. Bad weather date is December 29th.

Nixon Park will again host the Christmas Bird Count for Kids on Wednesday, December 26th, 2023. Registration for Kids can be made with Nixon County Park. Adult volunteers are needed. Contact Bernie Frick 717-843-6675.

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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join us!