Annual Calendar

2017/2018

The Schedule of Meetings and Field Trips of the Wyncote Audubon Society

Wyncote Audubon Society
1212 Edge Hill Road
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The Wyncote Audubon Society was founded as the "Wyncote Bird Club" in April 1914. It has a long tradition of providing programs, field trips, and activities that promote the protection of birds and their habitats. Wyncote Audubon is the local chapter of the National Audubon Society that serves members in Montgomery County and adjacent sections of Philadelphia.

Another Great Year Ahead!

The Wyncote Audubon Society is looking ahead to another great year of programs and activities. This Annual Calendar presents the schedule that has been created for the 2017-2018. Be sure to check our website at wyncoteaudubon.org for more information.

A Note About Our Monthly Programs:

The Wyncote Audubon Society schedules monthly programs each year from September through May. The meetings are generally held on the third Friday of each month at **Plymouth Friends Meeting House, 2150 Butler Pike, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462**. Meetings are free and open to members, friends, guests, and visitors. All are welcome and encouraged to arrive early to meet one another and enjoy refreshments that are provided before the start of each meeting. Programs begin at 7:30 PM and end about 9:00 PM. Mark your calendar!

A Note About Our Field Trips:

We encourage participants to regularly check both the Wyncote Audubon Society website and Facebook page in advance of a field trip as the meeting location can change due to road construction, a park closure, weather conditions, or other last minute circumstances. If you have any questions about a field trip, please contact: wyncotefieldtrips@gmail.com. Plan to arrive a few minutes before the scheduled time of the field trip. The time stated is the STARTING time, not the arrival time. This will give you time to get yourself ready, say hello, visit a restroom and be ready to go. For all day trips, please come prepared with lunch and have a full tank of gas. PARTICIPANT RELEASE: My participation in a Wyncote Audubon field trip or event signifies that I agree to not hold the Wyncote Audubon Society or any of its agents responsible for any accidents, losses, damages or injuries resulting from my participation in the field trip or event.

Learn More:

The Wyncote Audubon Society sponsors a wide range of programs, projects and activities with which interested individuals are welcome to become involved. Audubon Bird Town, Audubon Bird Habitat, Audubon Adventures, Audubon Climate Watch, Chimney Swift Project, Crosswicks Sanctuary, are among these opportunities. Check our website to sign up to receive our monthly "Wyncote Audubon Updates" to learn about specially scheduled "Audubon Bird Town Bird Walks," Bird Town workshops and programs, and other special events.

Wyncote Audubon Society

Annual Dinner

Sunday, December 3, 2017

Social Hour: 5 PM, Dinner: 6 PM
Program: 7:30 PM

North Hills Country Club
99 Station Avenue, Glenside, PA 19038

Keynote Program:
"A Path to Better Birding"
George Armistead

Special Award Presentations:
Edward Hicks Parry Award:
Wendy Twining Clymer
&
John Dornan Conservation Award:
David Robertson

For additional information contact Marlene Morano at 215-840-2352 or via email: ikemorano@gmail.com

Register for the Annual Dinner at wyncoteaudubon.org

Become a member of the Wyncote Audubon Society
by joining the National Audubon Society through our website:
wyncoteaudubon.org.

Wyncote Field Trips: August 2017 to July 2018

August 25 (Fri) and August 26 (Sat) 2017, Militia Hill for Migrating Nighthawks: Join us at the Militia Hill Hawk Watch Platform, Fort Washington State Park (weather permitting) starting at **5:30 pm** until dusk. Leader Andy Fayer.

September 6, 2017 (Weds) 6:30 pm, Annual Field Trip to Local Chimney Swift Roost: The location to be determined depending on where the birds are. Check the Wyncote Facebook page and Web Page for updates in early September. Leader: Jane Henderson.

September 17, 2017 (Sun) Morning Bird Walk at Fort Washington State Park, 7:45 am: Meet at the Militia Hill Hawk Watch Parking Lot. We'll be looking for fall warblers and other migrants with the option to stay afterwards for the Hawk Watch.

October 14, 2017 (Sat) Cape May NJ, 8:30 am: Meet field trip leader Martin Selzer by the Hawk Watch Platform in the Cape May Point Lighthouse State Park, for hawks and other fall migrants. **Please be sure to have already picked up your lunch and filled your fuel tank.**

October 28, 2017 (Sat) Pennypack Environmental Restoration Trust, 8:00 AM: Join field trip leader Harris Brown at the Trust headquarters at 2955 Edge Hill Road, Huntingdon Valley, PA. We'll look for late fall migrants, sparrows, and newly arrived winter residents.

November 4, 2017 (Sat) Field Trip to Ashland Hawk Watch, Hockessin, DE, 9:00 am: Meet at the Ashland Nature Center of the Delaware Nature Education Society. Leaders: Andy Fayer and Rich Conroy.

November 11, 2017 (Sat) Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (a.k.a. Brigantine NWR) NJ, 9:00 am: Meet at the Visitors Center Parking Lot. We will bird the refuge for waterfowl, raptors and other fall migrants. Bring your lunch and a scope if you have one. Leader: Leigh Altadonna.

Annual Christmas Bird Count:

Saturday, December 16, 2017

Check the Wyncote Facebook page or website for details to join us for this year's CBC!

January 20, 2018 (Sat) Field Trip to Cape May, NJ, 8:30 am: Meet at the parking lot for the Cox Hall Creek WMA (the Villas). Join leader Martin Selzer on this all day trip, looking for winter birds, waterfowl, raptors and short-eared owls. Bring lunch and have plenty of fuel in your car.

February 17, 2018 (Sat) Indian River Inlet DE and Points North, 8:30 am: Meet at the parking lot on the north side of the Indian River Inlet. Join us as we search for wintering waterfowl, gulls, seabirds and other late winter visitors. Bring lunch and scopes. Leader: Martin Selzer.

March 3 or March 10, 2018 (Sat) Field Trip to Middle Creek WMA: Meet **9:00 am** at the Visitors Center. We will go the first Saturday in March that the auto tour route is open to the public and look for snow geese, tundra swans and ducks. Check the Wyncote Facebook page or website for updates. Leader: Rich Conroy.

April 21, 2018 (Sat) Field Trip to Delaware: Join field trip leader Lynn Jackson as we look for early spring migrants, ducks, egrets and herons. Check the Wyncote Facebook page, Web Page or contact the field trip leader the week of the field trip for the meeting place and time.

April 28, 2018 (Sat) Morning Bird Walk at Fort Washington State Park, 7:45 am: Meet field trip leader Jane Henderson at the Militia Hill Hawk Watch Parking Lot as we look for warblers and other spring migrants.

May 5, 2018 (Sat) White Clay Creek, DE, 7:30 am: Meet at the Wedgewood Road Parking area off of Rt. 896. Join leader Martin Selzer on this half-day trip for spring migrants. No facilities are available so make a pit stop before arriving.

May 6, 2017 (Sun) Carpenter's Woods, 7:00 am: Meet leader Keith Russell, Audubon PA, at the parking area where Wayne Ave. dead ends at Sedgwick St. in Philadelphia, as we bird this warbler hot spot.

May 12, 2018 (Sat) Brandywine Creek State Park, DE, 8:00 am: Meet at the Nature Center's parking area at 41 Adams Dam Rd Wilmington, DE 19807. This is a ½ day field trip looking for bobolinks and other spring migrants. Note: State Park fees in effect. Leader: Martin Selzer.

May 19, 2018 (Sat) Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area: Join us on this all day trip as we look for breeding warblers and other birds. Meeting time and location TBD. Check the Wyncote Facebook page or website for updates. Leader: Rick White.

June 9, 2018 (Sat) Breeding Birds of the Pennypack, 8:00 am: Meet field trip leaders Janet Starwood and Judy Stepenaskie at the Pennypack Environmental Restoration Trust headquarters at 2955 Edge Hill Road in Huntingdon Valley.

July 28, 2018 (Sat) Field Trip to Coastal Delaware: We'll be looking at migrating shorebirds on their way south. Check the Wyncote Facebook Page or website for updates on the meeting time and location as the trip nears. Leader: Lynn Jackson.

Schedule of Evening Programs September 2017 to May 2018

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September 15, 2017: Wild UTAH: America's Red Rock Wilderness
Travis Hammill will present a multi-media slideshow documenting citizen efforts to designate public lands in southern Utah's spectacular canyon country as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System.

October 20, 2017: Birding Nepal: Kathmandu Valley & Chitwan National Park
David Wolfe will present a program on his birding adventures in Nepal. We will also enjoy a brief program from Dmitri Leskin and his experience as the Wyncote Audubon Griscom Scholar to Hog Island last summer.

November 17, 2017: Spring Birding Along the Northern Ohio Lakeshore
Bert Filemyr will focus on the spring migration to Magee Marsh State Park and the 40-mile stretch of shoreline includes multiple birding locations.

December 3, 2017: ANNUAL DINNER: A Path to Better Birding
George Armistead George will spotlight the birding lifestyle in an attempt to provide a greater context for birding and why we find it so rewarding.

January 19, 2018: Nine Very True Nature Stories
Bill Stewart will share his entertaining look into 40 years of passionate birding with some unexpected, unpredictable and downright unbelievable situations and circumstances.

February 16, 2018: Ecotourism: Helpful or Harmful for Wildlife Conservation?
In this presentation, Marissa Altmann will summarize her graduate research on the benefits and risks of wildlife-based ecotourism. She will also provide guidance to how tourists can support wildlife conservation.

March 16, 2018: "Monitoring and Management of the State's Protected Birds" Unlike other Appalachian Mountain spruce forests, those in Pennsylvania are mostly palustrine woodlands. Learn how these boreal conifer forests support bird species of conservation concern.

April 20, 2018: Cuba! Join Martin Selzer as he recounts his "People to People" birding and cultural 10-day adventure to our neighbor to the south that is filled with avian treasures UNESCO sites, and cultural delights.

May 18, 2018: Species Study: The Northern Bobwhite Quail
John Parke, New Jersey Audubon Society, embarked upon an ambitious effort to study methodologies to restore Northern Bobwhite to New Jersey. In 2014, the project proposal added New Jersey to a multi-state initiative to re-establish Northern Bobwhite in the Mid-Atlantic States.

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Keynote Program:
A Path to Better Birding!

George Armistead is chief network officer at Rockjumper Worldwide Birding Adventures, which operates over 300 tours annually. George has guided trips to all seven continents and authored two books: Better Birding: Tips, Tools, and Concepts for the Field (2015, Princeton University Press), and The ABA Field Guide to the Birds of Pennsylvania (2016, Scott & Nix, Inc.). He has a masters degree in environmental studies from the University of Pennsylvania and is an associate at the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia.

Special Award Recognitions:

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