



Welcome to Seven Mountains Audubon 2019-20

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The past decades have been difficult for birds. Many bird species, even ones we think of as common, have declined precipitously.

What with habitat degradation, warming temperatures, increasing numbers of catastrophic weather events, and human activities like use of non-native plantings, insecticides and pesticides, feral cats and buildings with bird-killing glass, it sometimes seems that the threats to our favorite species are insurmountable.

And yet...there is a change in the air. The latest opinion polls from Yale show a significant majority of Americans now recognize that climate change is happening and want the federal government to act on it. Soon Congress itself will realize it must act.

There are significant success stories out there. Think of the bluebird, which was threatened with extinction when I was a child; the bald eagle and peregrine falcon, which have made a real comeback after DDT was banned; and further afield, the Atlantic puffin, which is now breeding in good numbers on the islands off coastal Maine again. These successes show that we can reverse some of the worst declines with scientific knowledge and will.

We can't rest on our laurels, though. Birds, like humans, are sensitive to pollution of air and water. We must be vigilant to prevent protections of clean air and water from being rolled back. We must work in our own homes to provide bird-friendly plants and habitats to favor bird survival.

Our programs this year will help with ideas, while many will show the wonders of birdlife in America and abroad. I hope to see you at our First Saturday walks as well, when we get out and see the birds in their habitats. We invite you to join like-minded, bird-brained folks to enjoy and celebrate our beautiful, ecologically-essential birds.

Kay Cramer, President

*****This is the only printed newsletter for the year.
Make sure you keep this newsletter for your
Seven Mountains Audubon information.**

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LISTSERVES

Reminders

We have changed the way that we send out our emails. If you are on the list from the National Audubon, you will receive a monthly e-Newsletter and reminders of special events and we will attempt to keep you updated on last minute cancellations, etc. If you are not a member of Audubon, the best way to keep abreast of events, and updates is to check in to the website or Facebook page.

To subscribe to the email, email a request to Bonnie Ingram at bingram@pct.edu

Internet & Social Media

Website: <http://www.sevenmountainsaudubon.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/7mountains/>

FYI: Audubon bird apps are free to anyone at: <http://www.audubon.org/apps>

SPECIAL THANKS GO TO:

Allen Schweinsberg, Kay Cramer, JoAnn Cooper, Bill Malone, Mike McGuire, Lauri Shaffer, and Brent Bacon for leading our First Saturday field trips.

For participation in the Furnace Rd. cleanup. Bob (coordinator) & Elena Reyda, Dick & Nancy Dagle, Allen & Joanne Schweinsberg, and Bill Malone.

We apologize if we missed anyone.

Please be sure to check our website or Facebook Group for any updates or changes.

Website: <http://www.sevenmountainsaudubon.org/>

Face Book: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/7mountains/>

SEVEN MOUNTAINS MEETING & PROGRAM SCHEDULE 2019/20

Where:

All activities below are held at the
**Kelly Township Supervisors' Building,
551 Zeigler Rd, Lewisburg, PA.**

AT: 7:30 PM

All meetings are open to the Public and Everyone is welcome!

**Please check the website and Facebook for updates.*

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/7mountains/>

SEVEN MOUNTAINS MEETING & PROGRAM SCHEDULE 2019- 2020

September 18, 2019 Doug Gross: The State of Pennsylvania's Birds

Doug will review the recent successes in bird conservation with species such as the Bald Eagle, Osprey, and Peregrine Falcon, and our current challenges with endangered and species of greatest conservation need. Some of these include Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Golden-winged, Cerulean, and Blackpoll warblers, Wood thrush and Swainson's Thrush.

Recently retired as a Wildlife Biologist and Ornithologist from the Pennsylvania Game Commission, Doug has been involved with the monitoring and management of these species of concern, especially in our northern conifer forests. He is currently working on a study of the bird community of Rickett's Glen State Park with the intent of producing an annotated bird checklist and site guide. He and his wife live in rural Columbia County and enjoy gardening, nature study and traveling.

October 16, 2019 Jon Beam: Owls of Pennsylvania

Owls have been viewed as creatures of mystery and fear in various cultures through the ages. They are highly adapted to a nocturnal lifestyle, a time when humans seek warmth, shelter and light. Pennsylvania's owls range in size from large to small filling a variety of niches in the environment. We'll examine folklore, adaptations and natural history of owls that reside in our state both year round and those that only visit briefly.

Jon Beam was a naturalist for PPL at Montour Preserve for 24 years, offering educational programs to schools, scouts, special interest groups and the general public. He is currently Assistant Director for Montour Area Recreation Commission (MARC) and still offering educational programs about the natural world.

November 20, 2019 To be announced

December 18, 2019 Christmas Show and Tell

Bring some goodies, bird-related items, or up to 25 photos to share with the group. Always a good time of sharing!

The speakers at the meetings in 2020 will be announced. Please check the Seven Mountains website or Facebook

January 15, 2020

February 19, 2020

March 18, 2020

April 15, 2020

May 20, 2020

Board Meetings

2nd Wednesday of every other month.

September, Wednesday 7:30PM

November, Wednesday 7:30PM

January, Wednesday 7:30PM

March, Wednesday 7:30PM

May, Wednesday 7:30PM

All members are welcome. If you have something that you would like to bring to the group's attention please contact Board President Kay Cramer (falconrider1@ymail.com) at least one week ahead of time. In case of any last minute changes in location, please contact any Board Member the day of the meeting. Please join us even if you would just like to come and listen.

First Saturday Field Trip

The first Saturday of each month, January through December, Seven Mountains Audubon provides a local field trip.

All trips depart at 7:30 a.m. from Lewisburg at the Weis Parking Lot behind Panera's and the Weis Gas station, just west of US 15. Public is welcome.

Trip leadership rotates informally, and the field trip destination is announced via Facebook, a few days in advance.

If you have an area of interest that you would like to suggest, or if you would like to lead a walk, please contact any board member.

Check Facebook for cancellations: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/7mountains/>

If you have an email, but are still receiving this hard copy, let us know. Mailings are very expensive, it is not just the postage, but printing, folding, tabbing, and mailing, that add up.

Or if you have an email that you haven't shared with us, please do. We will not abuse it or sell it.

Everything we save adds up to more money for education and programs for habitat, etc.



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- Kay Cramer, President
- Brent Bacon, Vice President
- JoAnn Cooper, Secretary
- Bill Malone, Treasurer

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- Lauri Shaffer, Programs Chairperson
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National Audubon's Mission: To conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife, and their habitats for the benefit of humanity and the earth's biological diversity.

Existing Members will receive renewal notices directly from Audubon. Make sure you renew.

New Membership Form: Seven Mountains Audubon will receive the entire NEW membership fee, when new members join through us.

Yes, I want to join Seven Mountains Audubon and National Audubon Society at introductory rate of \$20 for first year. Chapter U09

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