



**Welcome to Seven Mountains Audubon 2017-2018
President's Letter**

"A year of challenges for birds and birders." That is what I see for the upcoming year for Audubon and its members.

With the current proposed cutbacks to EPA and the fragmentation of many of our forests and other wildlife areas, drastic change is coming for our birds and therefore we are being asked to help.

Certainly, with environmental and climate changes in their forests, birds and wildlife are being forced to adapt. Some have done well but others not so well. I'm sure many have read or at least remember that Audubon published an issue on this topic in their magazine a year or two ago.

Field guides of flora and fauna and their "hot spots" have been altered or are in process, due to changes in these habitats, and therefore will affect where we will look for and find our bird friends.

We can help with these changes by speaking out on these environmental issues and letting our governmental officials know our feelings. "The squeaky gate gets the oil."

We can also help in the simple way of promoting use of native plants for our gardens and yards. In this area, National Audubon has many useful articles and information on its website to help us choose correctly. (www.Audubon.org)

The same website talks about Audubon's strategic plans and how we can help in other areas.

Enough heavy talk.

Have a great year birding and enjoying our wonderful environment.

Happy birding!

Bill

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

LISTSERVES

Reminders

We have changed the way that we send out our emails. To the best of our abilities, we have moved your email addresses that we had to the new emailer. If you are receiving this as a forwarded email, consider joining our Reminder Listserv which is maintained by Bonnie Ingram. You may do so by sending an email to: Michael Paul McGuire at mpmcguir@gmail.com

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.

INTERNET & SOCIAL MEDIA

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

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

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 in front of the old Walmart/Halloween store, 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 cancelations: [facebook/sevenmountainsaudubon](https://www.facebook.com/sevenmountainsaudubon)

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

SPECIAL THANKS GO TO:

Allen Schweinsberg, Bob Reyda, Brent Bacon, Jack McCann, JoAnn Cooper, and Lauri Shaffer for leading our First Saturday field trips.

Dick & Nancy Dagle, Alice Marquart, Bob (coordinator) & Elena Reyda, Allen & Joanne Schweinsberg, Jill Largent, and Bill Malone for participation in the Furnace Rd. cleanup:

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

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



The Great Egret Award was presented to Allen and Joanne Schweinsberg in April.



SEVEN MOUNTAINS MEETING & PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Meetings and Programs for 2017- 2018

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!

Meetings Schedule

*Please check the website for updates or call.

September 20, 2017 Katie Mace, a sophomore at Line Mountain High School, recently attended the Wildlife Leadership Academy for the inaugural PA Gobbler Field School. At this field school, Katie learned how to assess wildlife habitat, firearm safety, leadership skills, effective communication skills, forest ecology, and more from professional staff. She will report on her experiences as part of becoming an outstanding wildlife ambassador.

October 18, 2017 Wayne Laubscher-- The Yucatan Experience: Cenotes, Aves, and Ruinas

Take a brief visit to Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula. Highlighted will be the unusual geology, bird life, and the dramatic ancient human history of the area. Learn about the mysterious cenotes and their connection with the dinosaur extinction and tour a few Mayan ruins. See toucans, motmots, and tropical orioles, to name a few birds, plus experience a dive on an ocean reef.

November 15, 2017 Michael McGuire -- Birds of Sweden

December 20, 2017?? Christmas Show and Tell

January 18, 2018 Lauri Shaffer : Birds of Texas and Louisiana--a recap of the famous Rio Grande Birding Festival and the Yellow Rails and Rice festival of November 2017

February 15, 2018 Owen Floody: Wet Botswana

This program will describe an April 2017 trip to Botswana. Some of the specific areas visited include the Kalahari Desert, Okavango Delta, Savuti Channel and Chobe River. As this trip coincided with the tail end of the wet season, the vegetation was lush and mammals sometimes difficult to view. Birds, however, were abundant and cooperative, earning them a prominent part in the presentation.

March 15, 2018 Jack McCann and Jill Largent: Wildlife of Yellowstone National Park in summer and winter

April 19, 2018 Margaret C. Brittingham, Ph.D.:Marcellus Shale Exploration and Development in Core Forest Habitat: Effects on Forest Habitat and Birds

North-central Pennsylvania contains one of the largest blocks of core forest within the mid-Atlantic region. These core forests overlay the Marcellus shale where resource extraction has increased exponentially and is projected to continue for at least the next 40 years. Dr. Brittingham will discuss landscape change associated with shale gas development on public and private land within the first 5 years of shale gas development and research on initial response by forest bird communities to these changes. She will also discuss wildlife use of pipelines and potential strategies for reducing negative effects of shale gas development on forest habitat and wildlife.

May 17, 2018 Brent Bacon, Master Naturalist : Making your yard Bird Friendly

Board Meetings

Are the 2nd Wednesday of every other month.

Sep 13, Wednesday 7:30PM

Mar 14, Wednesday 7:30PM

Nov 08, Wednesday 7:30PM

May 09, Wednesday 7:30PM

Jan 10, Wednesday 7:30PM

Board Meetings: All members are welcome. If you have something that you would like to bring to the group's attention please contact Board President (billm92080@aol.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.



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Board:

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Bob Reyda, Vice President

Jack McCann, Vice President/Secretary

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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.

***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.

NOT FOR RENEWALS

Name: _____

New Member Only

Street: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip _____

Place my name on the Email list to receive all my newsletters online.

My email address is _____ .

My check for \$_____, payable to **National Audubon Society** is enclosed.

Mail to: Seven Mountains Audubon, c/o Bonnie Ingram, 671 Kepner Rd., Muncy, PA 17756