



Annual Newsletter 2022/23

President's Message

Greetings to all Seven Mountain Audubon Members and birders and nature lovers throughout the region. On behalf of the Board of Seven Mountains Audubon, welcome to a new season of opportunity to expand and share our collective experiences, knowledge and interests in birding, nature, and related environmental issues.

As we plan our First Saturday Bird Walks and monthly educational program schedule, we welcome and encourage your suggestions and participation.

In addition to this newsletter, our website, and our Facebook page (details below), I especially recommend and encourage you to explore the information-rich resources of:

Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology: <https://www.allaboutbirds.org/news>
Audubon Guide to North American Birds: <https://www.audubon.org/bird-guide>
You Tube (you select the bird or the birding topic): <https://www.youtube.com>
eBird: <https://ebird.org/explore>
Merlin: <https://merlin.allaboutbirds.org>
Larkwire: <https://www.larkwire.com>
Lycobirds: <https://www.lycobirds.com/>

Good Birding,

Bill Tyler
President, Seven Mountains Audubon

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The National Audubon Society's mission is "to protect birds and the places they need, today and tomorrow. We conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds and their habitats, for the benefit of humanity and the earth's biological diversity."

Membership in Seven Mountains Audubon is automatically included in National Audubon Society membership, at no extra charge. Members will receive renewal notices directly from National Audubon. Make sure you renew! To join or renew your membership, visit <https://act.audubon.org/a/renew>

Stay Up to Date!

If you are on the member list from National Audubon, you will receive a monthly e-Newsletter and email reminders of special events, and we will attempt to keep you updated on last minute cancellations, etc. **To subscribe to the email list, send a request to Bonnie Ingram at bingram@pct.edu**

The best way to keep abreast of events and updates is to check our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/7mountains/>

You can also check our website: <https://sevenmountainsaudubon.org/>



Saturday, Sept. 24: Joint Walk with Lycoming Audubon!

Lycoming Audubon has kindly invited Seven Mountains Audubon to meet at Dale's Ridge for a get together with our Audubon groups to get to know our fellow area bird-lovers. We will meet at the parking lot for coffee and donuts at 8 a.m., then walk the trails to see who is migrating. Hope to see you there!

First Saturday Field Trips

The first Saturday of each month, January through December, Seven Mountains Audubon hosts a local field trip. Trip leadership rotates informally, and the field trip destination and directions are announced via [Facebook](#) and our [website](#), a few days in advance. All are welcome.

Field trip locations and leaders scheduled so far are:

- Saturday, Sept. 3, 8 a.m., Montour Preserve, Lauri Shaffer
- **Saturday, Sept. 24, 8 a.m., Dale's Ridge with Lycoming Audubon**
- Saturday, October 1, 8 a.m., Trail of Trees, Kay Cramer



Check Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/7mountains/>) or the website (<https://sevenmountainsaudubon.org/>) for field trip updates. **If you have a birding area of interest that you would like to suggest for an outing, or if you would like to lead a walk, please contact any Board member (see page 4).**

SEVEN MOUNTAINS MEETING & PROGRAM SCHEDULE 2022-2023

Kelly Township Supervisors' Building
551 Zeigler Rd, Lewisburg, PA.
and Facebook Live*

Third Wednesday of each month (September - May), 7:00 PM

All meetings are open to the public, and everyone is welcome!

**As of August, 2022, meetings will be in-person and streamed via Facebook Live to allow as many as possible to attend. We may return to a Zoom format for some meetings for the convenience of non-local presenters or in response to changes in CDC recommendations.*

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

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

Website: <https://sevenmountainsaudubon.org/>

September 21—Linette Mansberger, “Tanzanian Safari”

Experience a Tanzanian Safari with Linette Mansberger. Her focus will be on the birds, mammals and other wildlife of Arusha, Tarangire, Serengeti, and Lake Manyara National Parks and Ngorongoro Conservation Area. Enjoy photos of birds from the diminutive and iridescent Variable Sunbird to the Common Ostrich. Learn about the Great Migration and see images of the many mammals - including herds of Burchell's Zebras, a female Cheetah and her young cubs, Vervet Monkeys, and Epauletted Fruit Bats hanging in trees - and colorful lizards and butterflies that are being protected in these important ecological areas in northern Tanzania.

October 19—Lauri Shaffer, “Birding Alaska”

Following the itinerary of professional bird tours, a little group of four friends spent two weeks birding on their own in Arctic Nome, Anchorage, Denali, Seward, and Homer, Alaska. The scenery was gorgeous, the birds plentiful, the people friendly and informative about their culture, and the entire trip unforgettable! Lauri will share photos of the many birds found in Alaska, including shorebirds in breeding plumage, as well as wild animals like muskox and moose.

November 16—Mike Anderson, “How to Edit your Bird Photos for the Look you Want!”

Mike Anderson, local bird enthusiast and photographer, will present a program on editing for bird photographers, experienced and aspiring. Besides bird photos, Mike will also give tips on photographing and editing photos of other wildlife.

December 21—Annual Holiday Show and Tell

Come share and enjoy photos, stories, and other bird-related items from near and far!

January 18—TBA.

February 15—Greg Grove, “Winter Raptor Surveys in Pennsylvania”

Greg Grove founded the automobile-based Winter Raptor Surveys in Pennsylvania in 2001, with a few dozen routes and about 200 hours of observation. By 2021, the surveys had expanded to 850 hours of effort covering over 12,000 miles of road, with volunteer birders all across the state taking responsibility for one or more routes. Survey data has been used to compare densities for each species among counties and regions, and to assess trends for each species year-to-year. Co-author of *The Birds of Central Pennsylvania* with Nick Bolgiano, Grove is currently editor of *Pennsylvania Birds* and an eBird reviewer for six counties in central Pennsylvania.

March 15, April 19, and May 17—TBA



Seven Mountains Audubon Board Meetings for 2022-23
2nd Wednesday of every other month, 7:00 p.m.:

September 14th, November 9th, January 11th, March 8th, May 10th, July 12th

If you have something that you would like to bring to the group's attention, please contact Board President Bill Tyler (william.tyler5@verizon.net) at least one week in advance. For 2022-23, Board Meetings will take place via Zoom. All members are welcome to attend. If you are interested in attending, you can request a Zoom link from Kay Cramer, Board Secretary. _____

Seven Mountains Audubon Board Members 2022-23

Bill Tyler, President
Kay Cramer, Secretary
John Peeler, Treasurer
Bonnie Ingram, Membership
Brent Bacon, Social Media
Michael McGuire, Webmaster
Sabrina Kirby, Newsletter
Linda Elton
Bill Malone
Bob Reyda



We are always looking for new active members. We are also in need of Board Members. We have a very small core of active people that make our programs available to everyone. If you would like to become more active in the Seven Mountains Audubon, please contact Bill Tyler on Facebook

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SPECIAL THANKS GO TO:

For leading our First Saturday Field Trips: Mike Anderson, Kay Cramer, Michael McGuire, John Peeler, Lauri Shaffer, Bill Tyler

For participation in the Furnace Rd. cleanup: Allen & Joanne Schweinsberg, John & Kay Cramer, Bill Malone

For photos in this issue: Bill Tyler

IMPORTANT News About the Newsletter!

Beginning with this issue, our annual newsletter is distributed by email only. The resulting savings on postage, printing, and materials can be applied to Seven Mountain Audubon's education and habitat/conservation programs.

As noted in last year's newsletter, we hope that family members or friends will print this newsletter for those who need a paper copy. Newsletters are also available online <https://sevenmountainsaudubon.org/newsletters/>.

Anyone can receive monthly email updates from Bonnie Ingram, Membership Chair, and find updated information on our website and Facebook:

Internet & Social Media

Website: <https://sevenmountainsaudubon.org/>

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

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



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