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Volunteer for the
Beginning Birder Workshop
June 4, 2016

The 2016 Beginning Birder Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, June 4th at 8 a.m. at Caledonia State Park. This will be our eighth year. Participation at last years’ workshop was fantastic and again our volunteers have made this event a great success. We can't thank them enough for their help and expertise they bring to our organization. That being said, it’s not too early to start planning this year’s event and again we need your help. Dave Cooney will chair this function with help from Conway Bushey, and they hope that if you have helped in the past that you would consider volunteering again this year. And of course, we welcome all volunteers. Some of the activities include: Bird Walks, Kid’s Corner, Nature Walk, Scavenger Hunt, refreshments, parking visitors, registering participants and assisting with setting up the visitor center for the days events.--David Cooney

If you any questions or want to volunteer, please contact:
Dave Cooney 264-2116; email slant1cm@embarqmail.com, or
Conway Bushey 262-5659; email at wcbushey@embarqmail.com
Annual CAS Awards
Recognize Terri Kochert, Heather Sahli and Ruth Barton

Each year at the January annual meeting Conococheague presents the Meritorious Service Award in grateful recognition of outstanding contributions made to the advancement of the purpose and goals of the Conococheague Audubon Society and the National Audubon Society.

Donna Hocker presented the Merit Award this year to Terri Kochert along with a $25 gift certificate to Snively’s Garden Center. Heather Sahli and Ruth Barton received thank you gifts for their contributions to CAS.

The January 11, 2015, meeting had 38 people in attendance. CAS President Conway Bushey reported “great food and fantastic pictures” at the covered dish dinner and members’ slide show which featured nature scenes and bird photos.

Thursday, March 17
Nature Film by Tom Sterling

Superior, Land of the Woodland Drummer

Pre-show Entertainment 7 p.m. Film 7:30 p.m.
Chambersburg Area Middle School South
1151 E. McKinley St, Chambersburg, PA

The filmmaker’s description
“Surrounding the great inland sea, called Superior, is some of the most beautiful and exciting wilderness country in North America. The haunting cry of the loon is symbolic of this wilderness; but another sound, familiar to fewer people, is the territorial drumming of the Ruffed Grouse. Its spectacular courtship display is but one of the stories included in this film. The viewer will also enjoy intimate visits with eagles, otters, loons, Canada Jays, warblers, wolves, the elusive Fisher, and a family of bears. The tiny creatures of the lake and pond contrast sharply with the bulk and magnificence of the moose of Isle Royale National Park. Aside from its many wildlife stories, the great land itself is a joy to behold as we follow a seasonal progression from spring, through summer, glorious autumn and the silence of winter.”
-- Tom Sterling website

Mark Your Calendars for the
PA Migration Bird Count
Saturday, May 14

This is the 24th year that Conococheague Audubon Society has participated in the PMAC.
In 2015 in Franklin County 81 participants counted 12,133 birds and a total of 147 species.

• What is the Pennsylvania Migration Count?
The Pennsylvania Migration Count (PAMC) is an annual one-day snapshot of bird populations within our state attempting to answer which species are present, where are they and how many there are?

• How does it work? The Pennsylvania Migration Count takes place each spring on the second Saturday in May. PAMC is similar to the Christmas Bird Count (CBC). The difference is that PAMC takes place on a countywide basis, rather than within the confines of a CBC circle. The rules are simple: spend some time in the field counting all birds encountered in a specified area, and keep track of miles traveled and time spent counting. Participants are free to roam their favorite county birding locales at any time during the 24 hour period, starting at 12:01am, counting every bird that they find. Totals are passed along to county and/or state compilers.

• When did it start? The Pennsylvania Migration Count originated as part of the continent-wide North American Migration Count (NAMC) in 1992; there were 141 observers in 10 Pennsylvania counties.

• How can you help? Birders of all skill levels can help out with the count. Beginning at midnight with the songs of the Whip-poor-wills and the hooting of the Great Horned Owls, the PAMC is a great way to spend time outside. Whether you tally birds in your backyard, at your feeders, the local little league ballfield, along the river, on a lake, at your camp or spend time hiking through a state park, your observations count. Forms and information are available from your county compiler Conway Bushey, or go online at: http://www.pabirds.org/PAMC/index.html
—Information from Pennsylvania Ornithological Society news release.
**Locally**... The Conservation Fund, PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), Franklin County, and Greene Township partnered on the Eagle Rock land preservation project that transferred 1,100 acres to DCNR as an extension of the Michaux State Forest. The land is located along the western edge of South Mountain near White Church Road, Henry Road, Heisey Road and Stillhouse Hollow Road and adjoins the Michaux State Forest. The Conservation Fund acquired the tract thanks, in part, to funding from the US Forest Service’s Forest Legacy Program.

**For Pennsylvania’s forests**... As part of their Forestry for the Birds program Audubon Pennsylvania produced a brochure about assessing forest bird habitat and a pocket guide to forestry birds. Audubon Pennsylvania collaborates with foresters and other land managers to incorporate consideration for forest bird habitat into forest and natural resource planning. They provide information, referrals and some technical assistance through several programs. We will post a link to the materials on our website.

**For eagles nationwide**... The US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) abandoned its appeal to reinstate a 2013 rule that allowed them to issue eagle “take” permits for up to 30 years. The USFWS permits would have granted permission for up to 30 years for wind farms and other industries to disturb and kill Bald and Golden Eagles as long as they take steps to protect the raptors. The previous permit length was 5 years and will remain in effect for now.

**For the planet**... 195 countries signed the Paris Agreement on climate change. The accord includes a requirement that leaders of every signing nation must plan how they will cut carbon emissions through 2025 or 2030. One of the main elements of the agreement is that the nations will try to limit “the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2 °Celsius above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels.”¹ There is much work to be done to slow climate change to avoid exceeding a temperature rise of 3.6 °Fahrenheit. But, through this framework, the nations of the world have acknowledged the human part in the problem and pledged to try to improve the environment.


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**Did you ever wonder...**

**What is recycled bath tissue?**

Well, it’s not used toilet paper extracted from the sewer system! Most of the fiber used to make the paper comes from “recovered” materials that include scraps from paper manufacturing; post-consumer materials such as recycled magazines, office paper, and junk mail; and fibers recovered from the manufacturing of the recycled product itself. The usable fibers are separated from the printing and coatings, then washed, bleached, washed again, mixed with water to produce paper stock, and then dried. Some manufacturers may use chlorine to whiten the paper but some use oxygen-based process. Look for the Green Seal Certification Mark (a registered mark that shows a check mark against a circle; see www.greenseal.org) on products.
March, April 2016

REGULAR MEETINGS
7 p.m., Community Center, Norlo Park, 3050 LWE, Fayetteville, PA

MARCH 14
7 p.m. NATIVE TREES AND THEIR WILDLIFE VALUE
by John Schwarter, Service Forester.
(arranged by Tom and Judy Stenger)

MARCH 11
7 p.m. ECOLOGICAL AND HYDROLOGICAL HIGHLIGHTS OF CUMBERLAND VALLEY SPRINGS
by Todd Hurd, Shippensburg University.
(arranged by Heather Sahli)

FIELD TRIPS (CONTACT LEADER IN ADVANCE)

MARCH 8
Tuesday 6 p.m. WOODCOCKS. Leave from Chburg Mall parking, 3055 Black Gap Rd., north side near Bon Ton wall. Bring CBs and flashlights. Joan Bowen, 264-9493.

MARCH 12
Saturday 6:30 a.m. MIDDLE CREEK, LANCASTER COUNTY auto tour for WATERFOWL. Leave from parking lot at Scotland exit of I-81 northbound. Tom Neveil, 263-9162.

MARCH 19
Saturday 7:30 a.m. YORK COUNTY auto tour for WATERFOWL. Return by 3 p.m. Leave from parking area at northeast corner Rts. 233 and 30. Conway Bushey, 262-5659; Bill Franz, 776-44673.

APRIL 16
Saturday 7 a.m. LETTERKENNY ARMY Depot or Depot BOUNDARY AREA FOR SPRING MIGRANTS. Must sign up no later than one week prior to this trip; may involve background check. Picture ID required. If it becomes a security problem entering the depot, Dave has planned a trip around the perimeter of the property instead. Leave from North Pointe Center, Rt. 11 N of Chambersburg. David Cooney, 264-2116.

APRIL 23
Saturday 7 a.m. LITTLE COVE for SPRING MIGRANTS. Leave from Buchanan’s Birthplace in Cove Gap. Val Barnes 352-4397 or Donna Hocker 352-8713.

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The Conococheague Audubon Society is pleased to offer scholarship support for educational activities in keeping with our mission: promoting the conservation of wildlife and the environment by appreciating, studying, and observing nature. We give preference to an individual or group who wishes to defray the costs of attending a conservation workshop, ornithology conference, or Audubon Leadership Camp.

To apply for aid, go to our webpage http://conococheagueaudubon.org/scholarship.htm

Complete the application and return it to CAS President at wcbushey@embarqmail.com. If you prefer, you may mail your application to the President, Conococheague Audubon Society, P.O. Box 20, Fayetteville, PA 17222.

Photos by Tom Neveil

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