



Annual Issue, September 2012

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President's Letter

Dear Seven Mountains Audubon Community,

I am happy to welcome you back to an exciting new year of Audubon! Allen has organized an excellent program series for this year.

We continue to have monthly bird walks, a regular clean up of a sponsored section of Furnace Road, bird lists for Dale's Ridge Trail, Christmas Bird Count, and May Bird-a-thon Fundraiser. Dave continues to maintain our website as webmaster. Debby has made an active Blog which includes dates, maps, and helpful sustainability facts. Brent has organized the active Facebook Group which has been fun. Allen has continued to tirelessly lead most bird walks and keep excellent birding sightings and photos coming via Mark's List. We are working on bird lists for the Rail Trail and will support a teacher, Jason Weller, who wishes to go to Hog Island Audubon Camp for educators. My little project for the year is to compile GPS data on area birding sites to ease sharing.

Quote of the year: Peter Dunne while teaching Pishing, "The birds are happy to have you call them because they are bored and need a little stimulation."

I hope you will e-mail me any suggestions for improvement. Happy birding!

Jill

jlargent@ptd.net

Moving forward into a new Audubon year, we are able to continue many of the traditional chapter activities and look forward to a new and exciting year. Due to the increasing cost of postage and supplies and our support of decreasing unnecessary waste, the board has decided to print only one newsletter again this year.

Since this is the only printed newsletter for the year, make sure you hang onto this newsletter for your Seven Mountains Audubon information.

We will be sending monthly emails which will include reminders and information. Please send your email address to Bonnie Ingram today to be included: bingram@pct.edu. If you do not have an email address and have questions, please call one of the board members.

Program Meetings

7:30 PM Third Wednesday of each month September through May except as noted.

Where: All activities below are held at Kelly Township Supervisors' Building, 551 Zeigler Rd, Lewisburg.

Programs & Meetings are the Third Wednesday of each month September through May 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Programs Dates 2012

September 19, Wednesday 7:30PM

The Physics of Flight, Tom Reider

Tom Reider, a retired pilot, teacher, and sculptor, will emphasize adaptations that allow birds to specialize in things such as speed, hovering or slow flight. His presentation will include slow motion scenes and special effects from the BBC video "The Mastery of Flight" with David Attenborough.

October 17, Wednesday 7:30PM

Adak Island in the Aleutians, Frank Haas

Adak is an island in the Aleutian chain far out into the Pacific. It attracts visiting birders from North America anxious to observe Asian birds that regularly chance upon the island – exotic birds such as Smew, Laysan Albatross, Terek Sandpiper, Gray-tailed Tattler, Whiskered Auklet, Siberian Rubythroat, Eyebrowed Thrush, and many more.

Frank and Barb Haas have visited here on at least ten occasions. Frank is a former park superintendent at Shikellamy State Park. He and Barb at one time held the record for the most species of birds seen in Pennsylvania.

November 14, Wednesday 7:30PM (2nd Wednesday)

A Video: Urban & Suburban Meadows,

Bringing Meadows to Big and Small Spaces!

Our November program will consist of a Catherine Zimmerman produced video that extols the value of meadows, large and small. The video observes that lawns require endless care and are biologically barren, but backyard meadows consisting of native plants provide excellent habitat and are a source of beauty.

December 19, Wednesday 7:30PM

Traditional Members Night

Various presentations by Audubon members

January 16, Wednesday 7:30PM

Ecuador and Galapagos

Dave Vernon and Lois Huffines

February 20, Wednesday 7:30PM

Lauri Shaffer, Birds of Costa Rica

Board Meetings

Sep 12, Wednesday 7:30PM

Nov 7, Wednesday 7:30PM

Dec 19, Wednesday 7:30PM

Jan 9, Wednesday 7:30PM

Mar 13, 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 (jlargent@ptd.net) 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.

March 20, Wednesday 7:30PM

Pennsylvania Moths, Steve Johnson

April 17, Wednesday 7:30PM

Presentation to be determined

by The Bucknell Environmental Center

May 15, Wednesday 7:30PM

Native Plants, Jim Green

First Saturday Field Trip

The first Saturday of each month, January through December, Seven Mountains Audubon provides a local field trip. All trips **depart 7:30 a.m.** from Lewisburg at the CVS side parking lot on SR 192, just west of US 15. Public is welcome. Trip leadership rotates informally, and the field trip destination is announced via **Mark's List**, a few days in advance.

Seven Mountain Audubon Lists

Mark's List is a recurring Email maintained, updated and distributed by Allen Schweinsberg as a means of informing people of regional bird sightings. You will also occasionally receive spectacular digital photos.

To be added to the list, please email Allen: [**aschwein@bucknell.edu**](mailto:aschwein@bucknell.edu)

Consider joining our **Reminder List** which is maintained by Bonnie Ingram.

You will receive an monthly newsletter and reminders of special events.

If you would like to be added to this list please email Bonnie: [**bingram@pct.edu**](mailto:bingram@pct.edu)

Seven Mountains Audubon Cyberspace and Social Media

Stay connected and informed!

[**www.sevenmountainsaudubon.org**](http://www.sevenmountainsaudubon.org)

[**http://sevenmountainsaudubon.blogspot.com/**](http://sevenmountainsaudubon.blogspot.com/)

If you are on Face Book,
consider joining our Face Book Group
for local information,
and more interaction with your fellow birders
about birding in our local area.

[**https://www.facebook.com/groups/7mountains/**](https://www.facebook.com/groups/7mountains/)

Welcome 2012 Recent Members

Amy Pfleeger

Rodney Lynn

Audrey Magee

Carolyn Williams

Priscilla Waggoner

Anne Landsparger

Janice Snyder

Carol Sundling

Karen Daly

Marissa Mitchel

SPECIAL THANKS

Jen Mattive, outgoing President for her service as President

Warren Frantz for tabling SMA at RB Winter State Park Summer & Winter Fest.

Jill Largent, Jack McCann, Judy Peeler, Lauri Shaffer, Allen Schweinsberg, Nellie Bhattarai and Brent Bacon for leading our First Saturday field trips.

Dick and Nancy Dagle, Alice Marquart, Bob & Elena Reyda, Debby Meade, and Joanne and Allen Schweinsberg for help with Furnace Road Clean-up.



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- Bob Reyda, Furnace Road Clean up

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<p>New Membership Form: Seven Mountains Audubon will receive entire NEW membership fee, when new members join through us.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I want to join Seven Mountains Audubon and National Audubon Society at introductory rate of \$20 for first year or \$15 for senior citizen or students.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NOT FOR RENEWALS</p> <p>Name: _____ New Member Only</p> <p>Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Place my name on electronic mailing list to receive all my newsletters online. My email address is _____.</p> <p>My check for \$_____, payable to National Audubon Society is enclosed.</p> <p>Mail to: Seven Mountains Audubon, PO Box 389, Lewisburg PA 17837</p>	<p>Chapter Code C2ZU09GT</p>
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