



Annual Calendar

2018/2019

The Schedule of Meetings and Field Trips of the Wyncote Audubon Society

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The Wyncote Audubon Society was founded as the "Wyncote Bird Club" in April 1914. It has a long tradition of providing programs, field trips, and activities that promote the protection of birds and their habitats. Wyncote Audubon, the local chapter of the National Audubon Society, serves members in Northeast, North, and Northwest Philadelphia as well as major areas of Montgomery County from Green Lane, Lansdale, Ambler, Horsham, Cheltenham and more.

A Look at the Year Ahead!

The Wyncote Audubon Society is looking ahead to another great year of programs and activities. This Annual Calendar spotlights our programs and field trips scheduled for 2018-2019. There is more information for these and the many other activities that are offered by Wyncote Audubon. Be sure to check our website at wyncoteaudubon.org for more!

A Note About Our Monthly Programs:

The Wyncote Audubon Society schedules monthly programs each year from September through May. The meetings are generally held on the third Friday of each month at **Plymouth Friends Meeting House, 2150 Butler Pike, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462**. Meetings are free and open to members, friends, guests, and visitors. All are welcome and encouraged to arrive early to meet one another and enjoy refreshments that are provided before the start of each meeting. Programs begin at 7:30 PM and end about 9:00 PM. Mark your calendar!

A Note About Our Field Trips:

We encourage participants to regularly check both the Wyncote Audubon Society website and Facebook page in advance of a field trip as the meeting location can change due to road construction, a park closure, weather conditions, or other last minute circumstances. If you have any questions about a field trip, please contact: wyncotefieldtrips@gmail.com. Plan to arrive a few minutes before the scheduled time of the field trip. The time stated is the **STARTING** time, not the arrival time. This will give you time to get yourself ready, say hello, visit a restroom and be ready to go. For all day trips, please come prepared with lunch and have a full tank of gas. *Participants on a Wyncote Audubon field trip or event agree to not hold the Wyncote Audubon Society or any of its agents responsible for any accidents, losses, damages or injuries resulting from participation in the field trip or event.*

Learn More:

The Wyncote Audubon Society sponsors a wide range of programs, projects and activities to which interested individuals are welcome to become involved. Audubon Bird Town, Audubon Bird Habitat, Audubon Adventures, Audubon Climate Watch, Chimney Swift Project, Crosswicks Sanctuary, are among these opportunities. Check our website to sign up to receive our monthly "Wyncote Audubon Updates" to learn about specially scheduled "Audubon Bird Town Bird Walks," Bird Town workshops and programs, and other special events.

Wyncote Audubon Society 30th Annual Dinner

Sunday, December 9, 2018

Social Hour: 5 PM, Dinner: 6 PM
 Program: 7:30 PM

North Hills Country Club
 99 Station Avenue, Glenside, PA 19038

Keynote Program:
 "The Remarkable Nature of Edward Lear"
 Robert McCracken Peck

Special Award Presentations:
Edward Hicks Award:
 Nancy Posel

John Dornan Conservation Award:
 Keith Russell

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Register for the Annual Dinner
 at
wyncoteaudubon.org

Become a member of the Wyncote Audubon Society
 by joining the National Audubon Society through our website:
wyncoteaudubon.org.

Wyncote Audubon Field Trips: August 2018 to July 2019

August 24 (Fri) and August 25 (Sat) 2018, Militia Hill for Migrating Nighthawks: Join us at the Militia Hill Hawk Watch Platform, Fort Washington State Park (weather permitting) starting at **5:00 pm** until **7:00 pm** each night. Leader: Rich Conroy.

September 8, 2018 (Sat) Mill Hill Preservation Area and the Hosensack Creek Corridor, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm: Meet at the parking area at 1067 Mill Hill Road, East Greenville, PA. We'll explore the climax forest and rich understory, which attract warblers, vireos, thrushes, flycatchers and other birds. Bring lunch. Check Wyncote Facebook Page or website for more info and directions. Rain cancels. Leaders: Dennis and Pedro Miranda.

September 12 (Wed) Trip to Local Chimney Swift Roost, 7:00 PM: Bring a chair and join us at E. Mermaid and Louise Lanes in Wyndmoor. Park on Louise Lane to watch the swifts descend into the chimney to roost. Check the Wyncote Facebook Page for updates. Leader: Jane Henderson.

September 15, 2018 (Sat) Morning Bird Walk at Fort Washington State Park, 7:30 am: Meet at the Militia Hill Hawk Watch Parking Lot. We'll be looking for fall warblers and other migrants with the option to stay afterward for the hawk watch. Leader: Jane Henderson.

September 29, 2018 (Sat) Pennypack Environmental Restoration Trust, 8:00 am: Meet at the Trust headquarters at 2955 Edge Hill Road, Huntingdon Valley, PA. We'll look for fall warblers, sparrows and other migrants. Leader: Harris Brown.

October 13, 2018 (Sat) Cape May NJ, 8:30 am: Meet in the parking lot at the Cape May Point Lighthouse State Park for this joint field trip with **Chesapeake Audubon Society**. After a rest room stop, we'll start birding at the Cape May Meadows. Bring lunch for this all day trip as we look for ducks, hawks, fall warblers and other migrants. Leader: Hugh Simmons.

October 21, 2018 (Sun) PA State Game Lands 234 and Kurylo Preserve, Limerick, Pa, 8:00 am – 2 pm: Meet at the first parking area on Game Farm Road, heading south from the intersection with Main Street in Schwenksville. The hillsides, cornfields, marshes and forests attract a wide variety of migratory songbirds, raptors and perhaps some late wading birds. Bring lunch. Check the Wyncote Facebook Page or website for more info and directions. Rain cancels. Leaders: Dennis and Pedro Miranda.

November 3, 2018 (Sat) Field Trip to Waggoner's Gap Hawk Watch, 9:00 am: Meet us at the Hawk Watch where we hope to see Red-tailed, Red-shouldered, and Rough-legged Hawks, Northern Harriers and maybe a Northern Goshawk or a few Golden Eagles. Check the Wyncote Facebook Page or website for more info and directions. Leader: Rich Conroy.

November 3, 2018 (Sat) Bird Walk at Tacony Creek Park, 8:00 am: Meet at the gateway to the park at I Street and Ramona Ave. in Philadelphia. We'll walk the paved trail through the woods and 4-acre meadow looking for fall migrants and early winter birds. Leader: Robin Irizarry.

November 10, & 17, 2018 (Sat) Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (a.k.a. Brigantine NWR) NJ, 9:00 am: Meet at the Visitors Center Parking Lot for this joint trip with **Atlantic Audubon** on November 10th and the encore with the **Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy** on November 17th. Bring lunch. Leader: Leigh Altadonna.

November 18, 2018 (Sun) Green Park & Unami Hills, 8:00 am – 2 pm: Meet at the Morrow Pavilion parking lot on Green Lane Road at Knight Lake in Green Lane Park, Green lane PA. We'll caravan to a number of locations in search of waders, waterfowls, peeps and raptors. Bring lunch. Check the Wyncote Facebook Page or website for more info and directions. Rain cancels. Leaders: Dennis and Pedro Miranda.

December 15, 2018 (Sat), Annual Christmas Bird Count

Check the Wyncote Facebook page or website for details if you would like to join us for this annual event. Compiler: Andy Fayer

January 19, 2019 (Sat) Barnegat Light and Long Beach Island, 9:30 am: Meet at the Barnegat Lighthouse parking lot for this joint trip with **Atlantic Audubon**. We'll look for Harlequins, Loons, Mergansers and other ducks, then bird the inlets along Long Beach Island. Bring lunch for this all-day trip. Leaders: Leigh Altadonna and Becky Hedden, President Atlantic Audubon Society.

February 23, 2019 (Sat) Field Trip to Middle Creek WMA, 10:30 am: Meet at the Visitors Center. Join us to witness the spectacle as huge numbers of snow geese prepare to head north. The tour road isn't open but there will be plenty to see. Bring lunch. We may stop at other locations on the way back. Leader: Judy Stepenaskie

March 10, 2019 (Sun) Field Trip to the Meadowlands, NJ, 9:30 am: Meet at the Richard W. DeKorte Park for this joint trip with **Bergen County Audubon Society**. We'll bird the marshes, fields and waterways of the Meadowlands looking for hawks, ducks and late winter birds. Bring lunch for this all day trip. Leader: Don Torino.

April 27, 2019 (Sat) Field Trip to Coastal Delaware: Join us as we look for early spring migrants, ducks, egrets and herons on this all day field trip. Check the Wyncote Facebook Page or website the week of the field trip for more info and the meeting place and time. Leader: Lynn Jackson

May 4, 2019 (Sat) White Clay Creek State Park, DE, 7:00 am: Meet at the Wedgewood Road Parking area off of Rt. 896, in Newark, DE. Join leader Martin Selzer on this half-day trip for spring migrants.

May 5, 2018 (Sun) Carpenter's Woods, 7:30 am: Meet leader Keith Russell, PA Audubon, at the parking area where Wayne Ave. dead ends at Sedgwick St. in Philadelphia, as we bird this warbler hot spot.

May 11, 2019 (Sat) Woodlawn Trust and Brandywine Creek State Park DE, 7:00 am: Meet at the Ramsey Road parking area (289 Ramsey Road, Wilmington, DE 19803) for this half-day trip looking for spring migrants. After walking along the Brandywine Creek we may drive to the main entrance where park fees will be in effect. Leader: Martin Selzer

May 12, 2019 (Sun) Morning Bird Walk at Fort Washington State Park, 7:30 am: Meet field trip leader Jane Henderson at the Militia Hill Hawk Watch Parking Lot as we look for warblers and other spring migrants.

May 25, 2019 (Sat) Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, 8:00 am: Meet at the Snow Hill Picnic Area in the Delaware State Forest. We'll explore hot spots in the Water Gap for breeding birds including Cerulean and Golden-winged warblers. Bring lunch for this all day trip. Check the Wyncote Facebook Page or website for directions. Leader: Rick White

June 15, 2019 (Sat) Breeding Birds of the Pennypack, 8:00 am: Meet leader Harris Brown at the Pennypack Environmental Restoration Trust headquarters, 2955 Edge Hill Road in Huntingdon Valley as we look for nesting birds.

July 27, 2019 (Sat) Field Trip to Coastal Delaware, 8:00 am: Meet at the Visitor's Center at the Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge. We'll be looking at migrating shorebirds here and at other nearby refuges on this all day trip. Check the Wyncote Facebook Page or website for updates as the trip nears. Leader: Lynn Jackson.

Schedule of Evening Programs September 2018 to May 2019

The Wyncote Audubon Society schedules monthly programs each year from September through May. The meetings are generally held on the second or third Friday of each month at **Plymouth Friends Meeting House, 2150 Butler Pike, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462**. Meetings are free and open to members, friends, guests, and visitors. All are welcome and encouraged to arrive early to meet one another and enjoy refreshments that are provided before the start of each meeting. Programs begin at **7:30 PM** and end about 9:00 PM. Mark your calendar!

September 14, 2018: "Myiarchus and La Paz:" Glenn Seeholzer, Chapman Postdoctoral Fellow, American Museum of Natural History, will share his research on speciation in the Dusky-capped Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*) and how it intersects with Colombia's history of conflict and more recently, peace. **Hog Island: A Young Perspective: Pedro Miranda** is Wyncote Audubon's 2018 Griscom Scholar. He will present his experience at Audubon's Mountain to Sea birding camp.

October 19, 2018: "A Tale of Two Visits to Colombia:" Martin Selzer 's program highlights his first two trips to Colombia, the country with the largest list of birds on the continent with the most birds in the world, South America. **Hog Island: Kristy Morley** is Wyncote Audubon's Griscom Scholar. She will present her experience at Audubon's Educator's Camp.

November 16, 2018: What Locally Common Birds Can Tell Us About Migration:" Bert Filemyr This talk will focus on several locally common bird species and look at their migration patterns.

January 18, 2019: "Birding in Bhutan:" Sally O'Byrne will provide a presentation on her special birding trip to this isolated mountainous country that is little traveled and is considered one of the 'least spoilt' Himalayan countries.

February 15, 2019: " Not in Catesby- William Bartram and the Mentoring of American Ornithology:" Joel Fry, curator at the John Bartram Association, will present a program that profiles the contributions of William Bartram.

March 15, 2019: "Bird Families Across the World:" George Armistead, President of DVOC, will provide a quick study of the bird families to allow us to better organize our thinking towards the birds we seek.

April 12, 2019: "Chasing Broad-wings to Brazil and Back: Broad-winged Hawk Migration and Ecology:" Laurie Goodrich, Ph.D., Director of Long-term Monitoring at Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association will present her interesting research on Broad-wings.

May 17, 2019: New Perspectives on the Evolution and Behavior of the Nightingale-Thrushes:" Matthew Halley, editor of the DVOC's *Cassinia*, will present his research on the nightingale-thrushes (genus *Catharus*) that are the focus of his PhD dissertation at Drexel University and the Academy of Natural Sciences.

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30th Annual Dinner

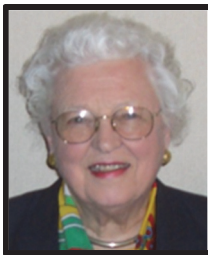
Sunday, December 9, 2018: Social Hour: 5 PM, Dinner: 6 PM, Program: 7:30 PM
North Hills Country Club. 99 Station Avenue, North Hills, PA 19038

The Wyncote Audubon Society established the Annual Dinner in 1988. It was created as an opportunity for members to enjoy an evening together in a social setting, hear a program presented by an outstanding speaker, and as an opportunity to recognize individuals who have made meaningful contributions to conservation. This year we will observe the 30th anniversary of the Wyncote Audubon Society Annual Dinner with special displays and memorabilia! Join the fun!

Keynote Address

The Remarkable Nature of Edward Lear

Robert McCracken Peck, author of *The Natural History of Edward Lear* (David R. Godine, 2016), will discuss the remarkable life and natural history paintings of this beloved children's writer, who abruptly and mysteriously abandoned his scientific work soon after he achieved preeminence in the field. **Robert McCracken Peck** is the curator of art and artifacts at the Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University. He is the author of books on other masters of wildlife art, including Audubon and Louis Agassiz Fuertes, and has lectured widely on Lear in Great Britain and the United States. Copies of his book will be available for sale and signing by the author after the lecture.



Edward Hicks Parry Award: Nancy R. Posel will be honored with the presentation of the Edward Hicks Parry Award. This award is given to recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the Wyncote Audubon Society. Nancy has been a neighbor of the Crosswicks Sanctuary since 1959. She became a devoted member of the Wyncote Bird Club and supported Wyncote Audubon over the years. Her property included a spring fed pond that is a headwater of the Pennypack Creek. In preparation for moving, Nancy subdivided her property in order to donate the pond and 1.7 acres of property to Abington Township and the Crosswicks Sanctuary. Nancy's dedication will be recognized!



John Dornan Conservation Award: Keith Russell will be honored with the presentation of the John Dornan Conservation Award. This award recognizes individuals or organizations that have made a major contribution to conservation in our region. Based in Philadelphia Keith works on a variety of bird conservation issues including bird collisions with man-made structures, birds and nocturnal lights, non-native plants, and migration stopover habitat. His work has used education, monitoring, research, advocacy, and habitat restoration to improve conditions for birds in ways that have also broadened engagement in the environmental movement. He is also a research associate of the Academy of Natural Sciences and he has received a number of awards including the 2016 American Birding Association's Ludlow Griscom Award for Outstanding Contributions to Regional Ornithology.

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Registration: \$48.00 per person

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