



The Tiadaghton Raven

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VISIT OUR NEW WEB SITE AT WWW.TIAUDUBON.ORG

The Tiadaghton Audubon Society finally has a web site thanks to the time, effort and expertise of our webmaster Gary Tyson.

Here you will find news about upcoming events including bird counts, guest speakers, meetings and what our members are up to. We'll soon be posting information on our plans to celebrate our club's 100th anniversary.

There are links to send e-mail to officers of our club so you report interesting sightings, ask us questions, change your address or just let us know what's on your mind.

You'll also find information on local birding hot spots with plenty of photos and even driving directions.

The *Raven* will be also be available on line so if you can read it there please let walker@epix.net know that you don't need a paper copy. With mailing costs going up, we'd love to save on printing and postage!

Finally, you'll find links to other web sites of interest to Pennsylvania birders.

As our webmaster, Gary will be keeping this up to date so be sure to check back regularly.

New Logo

Thanks to Wayner C. Sierer for the photo of the raven which is our new logo. Wayne is the IBA Mapping/GPS Coordinator of Pennsylvania Audubon

March 15th – Deer Management (see inside for details)

April 19th – Watching, from your birdfeeder to breeding birds - We need you

May 13th – IMBD Spring Bird Count

Meetings are held September through May on the third Wednesday of each month. Board meeting at 6:30 pm, general meeting at 7:30 pm; all are welcome. Meetings are at the Gmeiner Center unless otherwise announced.

Reader's Question:

We live in the woods and feed both wild birds and tropical many in our aviary. We have had all winter a bird unfamiliar to us; Peggy, my daughter, and I. By our field guide it is a Carolina Wren. Is this unusual to be feeding sunflower seed, peanut butter, bird seed, suet, at our feeder? He is so beautiful I had to ask a knowledgeable person. Signed, Margaret Block and Peggy Moran of Mills, Pa.

Yes, Caroline, Wrens are in this area in the winter. I saw one on the Dec CBC. They are almost totally a non-migratory bird. You should get an "Audubon Society Encyclopedia of North American Birds" as it probably could answer just about any birding question. I turned to it because I have never seen a Carolina Wren at a birdfeeder.

One thing to remember is that suet is for birds especially the ones that are used to eating animal life or the one that eat animal as well as plant life. Most birds (around here) that eat animal life usually will also eat seeds. After seeing an Eastern Bluebird on the CBC I checked "the book" and found that they eat Sumac seeds and will come to a birdfeeder if people put animal stuff (mealworms for instance) in peanut butter. The Carolina Wren according to "the book" after listing 22 animal things or their families says ".....and some berries and seeds; comes to bird feeders for food."

Although I know some things about birds reference books are still used by all birders.

Phil Krajewski, President

"Deer Management - from a scientific point of view"

Our March 15th program will feature Eric Long of the PA Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, Penn State University.

Eric Long will give some background on deer management in Pennsylvania, leading up to recent changes in management policies (i.e., antler point restrictions and increased doe harvest). Concurrent with these management changes, the PA Game Commission and Penn State University launched two large research projects, which have been funded in part by PA Audubon.

The first project, on which he did his Ph.D. research, examined the effects of antler point restrictions on survival and behavior of bucks in Pennsylvania. In his presentation, he will show the techniques used to capture over 2000 deer, and will show results from the radio-telemetry study that tracked the movements of more than 500 bucks. He will also introduce the current research that is being conducted, which will evaluate the effects of hunting pressure on doe survival in Pennsylvania.

Between these two projects, we hope to gain a better understanding of how current deer management policies influence deer populations and how, in turn, these effects will impact forest ecosystems in Pennsylvania.

Eric Long a native Pennsylvanian, born and raised in Huntingdon County. In 1998, he received his B.S. degree in Biology at Wheaton College in Illinois. In 2001, he received his Master's degree in Biology at the University of North Dakota, where he studied mountain lions in California and South Dakota. In 2001, he returned to Pennsylvania, and in 2005 he completed his Ph.D. in Ecology at Penn State University in the Pennsylvania Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit. At Penn State, he worked closely with the PA Game Commission to study the effects of new deer management strategies on behavior and survival of white-tailed deer in Pennsylvania.

Tioga’s Newest Birder

Congratulations to Leslie Clifford and Christiann Paredes on the birth of their daughter Maya Paredes. She was born Feb. 7th, 2006, at 9 lbs. 4 oz. Mother and daughter are doing fine.

100 Years Old - It’s official!!

The Tiadaghton Audubon Society (TAS) will celebrate its 100 year anniversary in 2006. Formed in 1906 by 21 ladies from “infants to the hoary head ... requiring only an interest in our wild birds, and a desire to become better acquainted with them”, the Wellsboro Audubon Society was quite likely the first organized effort of its kind in the state of Pennsylvania.

Our chapter is in the initial stages of planning a “birding get together” this June or July, possibly in conjunction with some breeding bird atlas “block busting”, so that we may honor the tradition of our centennial birding community. Please check our website at www.tiaudubon.org for details as they develop.

Phil Krajewski, President

Chapter Vice-President Jeff Holbrook saw a juvenile Golden Eagle at the parking area (end of the road) along Mill Creek in Tioga Township on February 19, 2006 at approximately 14:50. He managed to get a couple of photos, the best of which shows the strongly banded tail fairly well. Also you can see the slightly bulging secondaries and the size of the head/beak appear to be small. Jeff says he "had great looks at this bird and there is no doubt to me that it was a Golden Eagle. “ See our web page for the actual photo.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

When it’s time to renew your annual membership in the Audubon Society, please use the form below and send your check directly to the Tiadaghton Audubon Society. This way far more of your membership dollars go to the local chapter. In addition to the quarterly newsletter, the Raven, our chapter pays for the distribution of “Audubon Adventures” magazine to local schools, as well as hosting a series of speakers and conducting local birding walks. You will continue to receive all national Audubon publications and mailings.

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Membership News

Welcome new members!

New members:

Leah Berner, Jennifer Borneman, Mary Dougherty,
Grant Johnson, Kent Knisley, Hohn Lavancher,
Kenneth Marmara, Jim Obleski, Joan Read, The
Smith Family of Wellsboro, Nancy Varga.

Transfer into the chapter:
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