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IVORY-BILLED WOODPECKER TALK

A Feathered Needle in a Haystack--A fascinating journey into the re-discovery of the Ivory-billed Woodpecker.

Sunday, June 11th, 2pm – 4 pm
Masonic Lodge, 8 Kelsey Street, Wellsboro, Pa.
Light refreshments will be served

As part of our 100th birthday celebration for the Tiadaghton Audubon Society, we are having a special speaker on a topic much in the news lately.

Join scientist and naturalist Ron Rohrbaugh, Director of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's Ivory-billed Woodpecker Research Project, as he takes us behind the scenes in the historic search for the Ivory-billed Woodpecker in the Big Woods of Arkansas.

Just when everyone thought this most regal of woodpeckers was extinct, a persistent search reveals its existence to the shock and joy of ornithologists, birders, and nature lovers globally. Ron will describe the rich history and ecological saga of North America's largest woodpecker and its rediscovery. Attendees will be treated to one of nature's most amazing stories in North America in modern history and will listen to actual tapes and see photo images of the rediscovered Ivory-billed Woodpecker.

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.

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You won't want to miss this inspiring and dynamic story told by Ron Rohrbaugh who continues to lead a team of researchers in the effort to find, study, and restore Ivory-billed populations in Arkansas. He is also a member of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Ivory-billed Woodpecker Recovery Team and will speak on efforts to search for more of these elusive birds and to assure the protection of their critical habitat. Hear directly from the person who has been instrumental in developing and implementing the Team's search strategy, from writing search and study protocols to interpreting aerial photography and joining the searchers in their day-to-day work.

Ron Rohrbaugh has spent years studying and searching for rare, difficult-to-find species, such as Northern Goshawks, Short-eared Owls and Henslow's Sparrows. He did his undergraduate and graduate studies at The Pennsylvania State University and has been on the staff at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology since 1996. Ron is taking the lead at Cornell in developing an exhibit focused on the ecology and conservation of the Ivory-billed Woodpecker. He also has done research focused on the nesting ecology and habitat selection of birds, with special emphasis on the impacts of habitat management strategies and human activities. He has studied and published professional papers on American Kestrels, Northern Harriers, and several species of passerines associated with prairies and grassland habitats. In addition to research, and providing educational opportunities to the public.

his career has focused on engaging citizens in scientific projects for the purpose of answering broad-scale biological questions and providing educational opportunities to the public.

"The Ivory-billed Woodpecker epitomizes the resiliency of our natural world. If recoveries of the Bald Eagle and Peregrine Falcon weren't enough, anyone who still doubts the efficacy of three decades of conservation need only look to the Ivory-billed Woodpecker for inspiration. I hope that the discovery and continued survival of this magnificent bird will finally galvanize Americans to become unified stewards of our world's natural resources." Ron Rohrbaugh.





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June 11th – PBBA Block Busting

The Pennsylvania Breeding Bird Atlas is entering it's third year and we have many blocks left to count. We will spend the morning of June 11th birding in unclaimed blocks

If you would like to join us, or if you would like to adopt an unclaimed block, please contact Phil Krejewski krajewsk@epix.net or 570-324-2492 or Bob Ross rossr@usgs.gov 570-376-5394.

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:

Patricia Anderson, Raella Ball, Ester W. Malleson,
Marie Moroschok, William Niles, Helen Waldo,
Eunice Nichols

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Richard Faber



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