



The Tiadaghton Raven

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**ANNUAL DINNER – NOVEMBER 15TH
WITH KRISTINA CLINTON OF
BIG WOOD WILDLIFE RESCUE CLINIC
(See inside for details)**



Nov. 15th –
Annual Dinner

Dec. 16th – Winter
Bird Count

Jan. 17th – Kirk
Johnson, Friends
of Allegheny
Wilderness

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.



Annual Dinner Reservations Needed by Nov. 8th Dinner – Nov. 15th

Kristina Clinton of the Big Woods Rescue Clinic in Renovo, a licensed rehabber for mammals, passerines, and birds of prey, will be our guest speaker. She will bring a screech owl and perhaps a possum.

Wednesday, November 15th, the Tiadaghton Audubon Society will hold its annual dinner at Holy Name Church Hall, 242 South Main Street, Mansfield. Dinner at 6:30 pm, program at 7:30.

Tickets are \$15 for Audubon members, \$20 for non-members. Membership can be purchased at the door. Please send in your check by November 8th payable to the Tiadaghton Audubon Society, and mail it to Ann Vayansky, 199 4th St., Mansfield, Pa. 16933. Please indicate your choice of stuffed chicken breast, Swiss steak or vegetarian portabella mushrooms in wine and tomato sauce.

Winter Bird Count

Please join us for the 107th Winter Bird Count on Saturday December 16th. For more information, please contact Bob Ross 376-5394 or Gary Tyson 724-5789. As always, lunch at Ann Vayansky's house.

The following history of the Christmas Bird Count, as it used to be known, is taken from the Audubon Society web page.

Prior to the turn of the century, people engaged in a holiday tradition known as the Christmas "Side Hunt": They would choose sides and go afield with their guns; whoever brought in the biggest pile of feathered (and furred) quarry won. Conservation was in its beginning stages around the turn of the 20th century, and many observers and scientists were becoming concerned about declining bird populations.

Beginning on Christmas Day 1900, ornithologist Frank Chapman, an early officer in the then budding Audubon Society, proposed a new holiday tradition—a "Christmas Bird Census"—that would count birds in the holidays rather than hunt them. So began the Christmas Bird Count. Thanks to the inspiration of Frank M. Chapman and the enthusiasm of twenty-seven dedicated birders, twenty-five Christmas Bird Counts were held that day. The locations ranged from Toronto, Ontario to Pacific Grove, California with most counts in or near the population centers of northeastern North America. Those original 27 Christmas Bird Counters tallied a total of 90 species on all the counts combined.

Last year more than 50,000 volunteers participated in 2,060 counts with 61,579,365 birds reported. Help keep the tradition alive and add to the longest running database in ornithology.

Upcoming Programs

- Nov. 15th – Annual Dinner
- Dec. 16th – Winter Bird Count
- Jan. 17th – Kirk Johnson, Friends
of Allegheny Wilderness
- Feb. 21st – Digital Bird Photography by
Gary Tyson
- Mar. 21st – Slide Show of Costa Rica by
Beth Walker
- Apr. 18th – TBA



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FEEDERS FOR SALE

Thanks to John Karlberg of Wellsboro, Tiadaghton Audubon Society proudly offers hand-crafted bird feeders in two sizes for sale; while supplies last. John designed and fabricated these wonderful feeders and sold them successfully as a sideline. He recently got tired

of selling them and, as a long standing TAS member, decided to donate his remaining stock, to benefit the Society.

The feeders are made to last a lifetime -- high tech plastic, galvanized and stainless steel -- and John claims, if properly sited, squirrel proof. Both models have an adjustable seed opening to accommodate different types of feed. TIP: if using millet, he recommends mixing in some cracked corn to slow the flow.

The smaller feeder is 15" high and costs \$20, while the larger is 22" tall and costs \$40; all proceeds go to TAS. The price includes optional hanging hardware or an adapter for pole mounting. The feeders can be purchased at the annual dinner, November 15th

Thanks again, John Karlberg.

Name: _____

Renewal dues: \$35.00

Address: _____

Contribution: _____

Email: _____

Total : _____

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AUDUBON HATS

We still have a supply of Audubon baseball caps. These are blaze orange so you can bird safely even during hunting season while proudly displaying your allegiance. "The hats could help bridge the gap to sportsmen's organizations, and show them that we do support hunting," says Tim Schaeffer, Executive Director of Pennsylvania Audubon.

Hats are \$15 each and you can purchase them at our annual dinner.



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