



The Tiadaghton Raven

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Allegheny Wilderness Talk – February 21st

The presentation by Kirk Johnson, executive director of Friends of Allegheny Wilderness, has been rescheduled for February 21.

At present only 2% of the Allegheny National Forest is designated protected wilderness. This compares with 18% of all national forest land nationwide and 11% of the East. Last year nearly one-third of all Pennsylvanians visited protected forested areas within the state. With such a high demand for a wilderness experience, it would be appropriate to increase the protected wilderness area of this national forest. Mr. Johnson will present why the Friends of Allegheny Wilderness seeks to foster an appreciation of wilderness values and benefits, and how they work with local communities to ensure that increased wilderness protection is prioritized for the continued stewardship of the Allegheny National Forest. Please join us for this very informative evening.



Feb. 21st – Kirk Johnson, Friends of Allegheny Wilderness

Mar. 21st – Gary Tyson on Nature Photography

April 18th – TBA

May 12th – 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.



Hawk Release

Christina Franklin of the Big Woods Wildlife Rescue Clinic, our November guest speaker, releases a red-tail hawk found injured on the campus of Lock Haven University. The hawk had suffered a head trauma and wing fracture and Christina had to medicate the bird and teach it to eat before releasing it in the wild two weeks later.



Winter Bird Count

By Robert Ross

The 107th annual Christmas Bird Count (CBC) was recently held across North America and locally with over 55,000 volunteers counting and recording all wild birds encountered during the 1-day event.

An important conservation tool used to detect trends in bird populations as well as ecosystem health, the CBC is the nation's longest running database for natural history information.

CBC data from 1900 to present are available through Audubon's website (www.audubon.org/bird/cbc).

The Tiadaghton Audubon Society of Tioga and Potter counties (www.tiaudubon.org) sponsors the Mansfield-Wellsboro CBC. Its 177 square mile count circle reaches such areas as Tioga-Hammond Lakes, Marsh Creek, Nessmuk Lake, Arnot, and Canoe Camp. This year 21 counters benefited from mild temperatures, lack of snow cover, and open waterways for several weeks prior to the count, perhaps keeping some migratory birds from leaving the area by this time of year.

On December 16, 2006, moderate winds (5-20 mph) and above freezing temperatures (34-42 degrees F) lead to a total count of 4,085 birds of 59 species. These totals compare to 4,089 birds of 51 species last year and an all-time high of 5,699 birds of 60 species. Highest species counts were 371 American crow, 357 black-capped chickadee, and 349 European starling, a mix of agricultural and residential/woodland species.

However, open waterways lead to the finding of impressive numbers or kinds of waterbirds, including 301 Canada goose, a dozen mallard, 2 ring-necked duck, 4 lesser scaup, 4 hooded merganser, 218 common merganser, 4 ruddy duck, 5 great blue heron, 2 bald eagle, 89 ring-billed gull, 2 herring gull, and 4 belted kingfisher. Other seasonally rare or unusual birds found included loggerhead shrike and winter wren.

Participants in this year's count include Judy Ayers, Larry Biddison, Arlene Brown, Austin Brown, Timothy Brown, Larry Brown Sr., Flossie Comstock, Ron Comstock, Martha Copp, John Corcoran, Charlotte Goldsmith, Jeff Holbrook, Phil Krajewski, Joan Mason, Ken Meyer, Nancy Redell, Kathy Riley, Bob Ross (Compiler), Gary Tyson, Ann Vayansky, Beth Walker, and Francis Williams.



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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 \$30; all proceeds go to TAS. The price includes optional hanging hardware or an adapter for pole mounting. Thanks again, John Karlberg.

Please contact Phil Krajewski at 570-324-2492 or krajewsk@epix.net.

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Thanks also to all of our old members who renewed.



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