

Pennsylvania Birds magazine: See what you've been missing

By Geoff Malosh, Editor of Pennsylvania Birds

I am pleased to announce that we will now be publishing previews of the current issue of Pennsylvania Birds online, which will consist of the cover, table of contents, and a featured article. Now anyone who does not subscribe or perhaps does not even know about PSO can actually see a little bit of what they've been missing, and hopefully be encouraged to join PSO!

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This issue's feature article is an account by Don Detwiler of his and Brad Romano's discovery of the White Ibis that frequented the Susquehanna River near Harrisburg back in August and September of this year. The cover features an amazing image of this bird in flight that Don himself made. Thanks for contributing, Don.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to encourage anyone, subscriber or not, to consider contributing to Pennsylvania Birds. Pennsylvania Birds is an all-volunteer effort, created and maintained by a group of Pennsylvania's most dedicated birders, but it is not an exclusive club. Anyone may contribute, whether a member of PSO or not, any original work related to birds or birding in Pennsylvania. If you have photos, article ideas, letters to the editor... as long as it is original work and related to birds or birding in Pennsylvania, I'd be interested in working with you.

Even if you are not the creative type, consider joining PSO if you haven't already. I especially encourage the "beginners" out there, those of you who are just starting to discover the wonderful hobby of birding. In addition to being relatively inexpensive, membership buys you a year's subscription to Pennsylvania Birds and The Pileated, the PSO newsletter. And the PSO annual conference is an excellent way to meet and network with birders all across Pennsylvania. Next year's PSO conference will be three days in May in Pittsburgh and includes several outings led by expert local birders.