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Let's Travel to New Zealand at Our Meeting on March 3

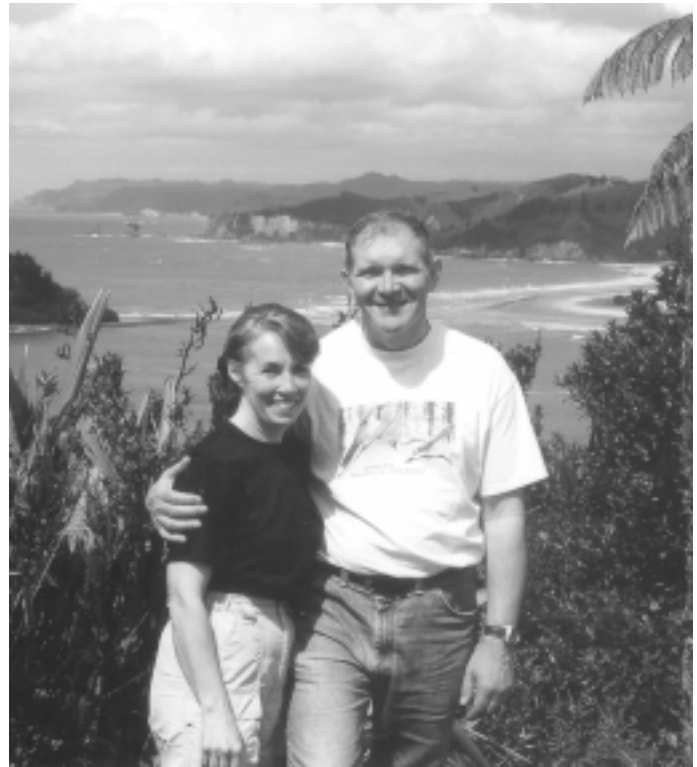
New Zealand, the Maori Land of the Long White Cloud, is truly the land of superlatives when it comes to a discussion of the avifauna. The world's largest rail, smallest penguin, and albatross with the largest wingspan are among the exciting birds you'll see when Pat and Sherron Lynch take you on a birding tour of this spectacular country at our next membership meeting on Monday, March 3.

Note our new meeting night and place: Starting in March our meetings will be on the first Monday of the month at the Phipps Garden Center in Pittsburgh's Shadyside neighborhood. The time will not change. Doors will open at 7 PM for socializing, and the meeting will begin at 7:30.

The Garden Center is at 1059 Shady Avenue, directly behind the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts at Shady and 5th Avenues. Enter the cobblestone driveway from Shady Avenue at the sign for the Garden Center into the metered lot, where city parking is 25 cents per hour. Parking is also available on nearby streets. Detailed directions are on the Phipps web site: <http://www.phipps.conservatory.org/information/directions.html>

Pat and Sherron visited New Zealand last year, where diverse habitats from white and black sand beaches to lush green forests to snow-capped mountains provide homes for 72 endemic species and many other birds found only in a few areas of the world. The Department of Conservation has saved several species from near extinction in recent years.

The Lynchs are not ornithologists, but retired teachers who have combined their interests in travel, birding, and photography into their favorite time-consuming pastime. They first became interested in birding when they took Joyce Hoffmann's Allegheny



SPECTACULAR VISTA – Pat and Sherron Lynch overlook the beach at Whangamata, New Zealand, an example of the scenery you will see in their slide show at our club meeting on March 3.

County Community College bird watching class. Since then, they have enjoyed participating in 3RBC's outings, have written articles about their trips for The Peregrine, provided photos for the website, and currently serve as our club's secretaries.

Christmas Bird Counters Find Fewest Species Since 1965

By Jim Valimont, CBC Compiler

This winter 120 observers found 62 species on the Pittsburgh Christmas Bird Count conducted December 28.

The Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania sponsors the Pittsburgh count. A complete table of results will be available on the ASWP web site <http://www.aswp.org> and a more complete summary will appear in the ASWP Bulletin.

The 62 species were five below our average of the last 10 years, and 17,302 individual birds were about a thousand less than the last 10-year average.

Noteworthy results included the following:

* 18 Cooper's Hawks tied the species record set in 1995.

* 85 Red-tailed Hawks were a new record, topping the 82 sighted in 1996.

* Merlins have now been found in six consecutive years. One was found in Schenley Park and another in Shaler Township.

* Peregrine Falcons have now been found in seven of the last eight years. Only one was sighted this year, on the Cathedral of Learning in Oakland.

* Another year brought another new record for Red-bellied Woodpeckers (237), indicating that there is still room for growth of this species.

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President's Message: Why Can't Shenango Serve Shorebirds and Shorebirders?

By Jack Solomon

In the last issue, this space recounted some of the points made in my letter to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, asking that water levels at Shenango Reservoir be managed so as to provide some mud flats during shorebird migration.

Well, I got a reply, and it's not promising. The corps feels such management "might" adversely affect water quality downstream. It would be an unusual birder who would want to do that. The reply also cited adverse effects lowering of the lake level would have on fishing.

So:

* No one wants to degrade water quality, but that's a big "might" the corps used. Some elaboration on their part of the nature and degree of risk would be quite interesting.

* I'd hate to eliminate someone else's hobby in order to pursue mine, but I would like to share Shenango and other publicly owned lakes with other users to some reasonable extent. Is there any way (if the water quality issue can be solved) to accommodate both birders and fishers?

* Shorebirds need resting and feeding habitat, but I'm not sure whether the availability of mudflats at Shenango makes a significant difference to them. I am much more certain it doesn't hurt them. Has the corps looked into or considered the ecological importance of Shenango as shorebird habitat?

The corps' letter suggested that I could call them to discuss any questions I might have. I plan to do that. The points above will be number one, two and three on my agenda.

I suspect quite a few of our members fish, and all of us drink good quality water — or at least we hope we do. Still, it would be nice if there were some way, without seriously risking the ruin of someone's water supply and without excessively decreasing the quality and extent of fishing at the lake, to expose a few more mud flats for a few months a year.

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* 3,117 American Crows set a new record thanks to the count at an evening roost in east Pittsburgh. (We probably double-counted a lot of these birds.)

* 235 Carolina Wrens were the highest number since 1991, following a series of mild winters when the population of this basically southern species typically increases in the region.

* A Ruby-crowned Kinglet was found on the fringe of the count circle in Harmar Township.

* Another year brought another new record for Northern Mockingbird.

* A Lincoln's Sparrow in North Park was the first one found on our CBC since 1987.

* 430 House Finches showed the continuing decline of this species. This is the lowest total since 1979, which was only the third year that House Finches were found in our area. The recent severe decline may be due to the continuing epidemic of conjunctivitis, an eye disease known to cause significant mortality in this species.

* Our total of 62 species is the lowest since 1965. I would

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submit that suburban sprawl and habitat loss are directly responsible for this drop in species diversity.

Thanks to all the participants who braved the cold weather, and special thanks to the count leaders for another job well done! Special thanks also to Mike Fialkovich and Jack Solomon, who organized and compiled the City of Pittsburgh portion of the count, which by itself is larger than many other CBCs.

Letter from the Editor

By Paul Hess

I edited the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania Bulletin from 1975 to 1982, and only once in about 80 issues did I publish the wrong date for a monthly meeting. Well, after editing just seven issues of *The Peregrine*, I did it again. Actually, two-thirds of the January meeting information was correct in the last issue: the headline and the article. The photo caption was wrong.

I needed a proof-reader to catch that kind of thing, and our secretaries Pat & Sherron Lynch have volunteered for the chore. Bless them. Your *Peregrine* will be better for their efforts.

I hope you've liked the GETTING STARTED column. The third chapter is in this issue, and on behalf of our members, it's about time that I thank everyone who has participated. Every single person I've asked for a comment has sent it eagerly.

Just in time for spring migration, the April issue will highlight favorite hotspots to find migrants in Allegheny County. I'll write to some birders directly for their comments, but you're all welcome to praise a place you've found productive. (Harrison Hills Park in Natrona Heights is taken; I feel as if I own it.) Send information about your favorite spot to phess@salsgiver.com.

Our members will be thankful for it.

Outings to Come: Spring Is Just Around the Corner

By Jim Valimont, Outings Chairman

Sunday, February 23 – Moraine State Park: This leaderless outing should produce migrating waterfowl if Lake Arthur has open water. Meet in the park day use area (south shore) in the first parking lot on the right at 8:00 AM. From I-79, take Route 422 east toward Butler to the Moraine State Park exit. At the end of the ramp, turn left and go straight into the park. We will meet in the first major parking area on your right.

Saturday, March 15 — Pymatuning Area: Meet leader Mike Fialkovich (412-731-3581) at the Pymatuning Visitors Center (Waterfowl Museum) at 9:00 AM. Depending on ice cover, plenty of waterfowl and other winter specialties should be around.

Bald Eagles are almost guaranteed. Rough-legged Hawks are likely, along with the famous albino Red-tailed Hawk that has been there for several years. Other possibilities include Snow Buntings and Horned Larks.

Sunday, March 23 — Moraine State Park: Join leaders Jack and Sue Solomon (412-521-3365) at one of the region's best birding spots. If the ice is gone, a good variety of diving ducks should be present. Meet at the first parking lot on the right in the south shore day use area off Route 422 at 9:00 AM.

Wednesday, April 2 — Moraine State Park: For this leaderless outing, many ducks should be present, including species not seen in March. Ospreys may also be back by this time, as well as early migrating songbirds. Meet at the first parking lot on the right in the south shore day use area off Route 422 at 8:00 AM.

Saturday, April 5 — Pennsy Swamp and Grove City Grasslands: Bob Machesney (412-366-7869) will lead us in search of waterfowl and other migrants. A short distance away are grasslands where breeding sparrows including Grasshopper, Vesper, Savannah, and Henslow's might be back. In some years, Dickcissel has been found here, and this is also the general area where Pennsylvania's only known breeding pair of Sandhill Cranes nest. Bob found Long-eared Owl on this outing last year. Meet at the Game Lands parking lot on #2 Mine Road at 8:00 AM. From I-79, take the Grove City exit, west on Route 208 to Veterans Road (first left past the light at MacDonald's), left on Brent-North Liberty Road (3-4 miles), right on #2 Mine Road (1/4 mile). The parking lot is about one-quarter mile on the left.

Saturday, April 12 — Moraine State Park: Join leaders Fred and Carol McCullough (412-921-6873) for this final spring outing at the park. Diving ducks might still be present, and a variety of dabbling ducks should now be in. Ospreys should also have returned and more migrating songbirds should be around. Meet at the first parking lot on the right in the south shore day use area off Route 422 at 8:30 AM.

Saturday, April 19 — Presque Isle: This trip to one of Pennsylvania's greatest birding locations will be leaderless. Meet at 9:00 AM at the first parking lot on the right after entering the park. From Pittsburgh, take I-79 North until it ends. Take the exit for Route 5 West (also called West 12th Street) and continue for about one mile. Turn right onto RT. 832 which leads directly into

the park. Allow 2.5 hours driving time. Lots of waterfowl and early migrant songbirds will be present, and you never know what to expect here. Presque Isle has produced some of Pennsylvania's best (and only) records of some rarities. Bring a lunch or join the group at a restaurant just outside the park.

Friday, April 25 — Evening Walk, Bavington Area: Chuck Tague will lead us in search of American Woodcock, Wood Thrush, Whip-poor-will, and owls. Meet Chuck at 7:00 PM in the game commission parking lot near Bavington. From Pittsburgh, take Route 22/30 west. Take the Bavington exit and turn right, then immediately left (west) on Steubenville Pike. Go exactly 3.4 miles to an intersection at Haul Road. Turn left into the parking lot.

Sunday, April 27 — Washington County's Buffalo Creek Valley: This candidate for an Audubon Important Bird Area project holds pristine streams with rich riparian habitat. With no mining or industry nearby, this largely unexplored area for birds is known to have at least seven heron rookeries. Our group will meet Jim Powell (724-228-0754), who will guide us to potentially good birding spots. From Pittsburgh, take I-79 south to I-70. Take I-70 west to the Taylortown exit. At the stop sign, turn left. At the next stop sign, turn right. After about one mile, you will come to a blinking red light. Proceed straight through this light and meet Jim in the parking area about 200 yards on the left. If you get lost, ask for directions to the S-bridge, which is a well-known local landmark at this intersection. Meet at 9:00 AM. Wear boots in case of muddy trails, and pack a lunch to stay into the afternoon.

Saturday-Sunday, May 3-4 — Crane Creek Weekend: Jack and Sue Solomon (412-521-3365) will be our guides for this weekend along the Lake Erie shoreline areas just east of Toledo, Ohio. The park is just north of Ohio Route 2, east of Toledo and west of Port Huron. There will be a sign for it on Route 2. Drive all the way into the park, and park in the lot. Meet at the entrance to the boardwalk at 7:30 each morning. This area is famous for spectacular numbers of migrants under the right conditions. We may also visit nearby Metzger Marsh and Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge. Many hotels and campgrounds are in the area, but you are advised to make reservations soon. Call Jack for specifics on directions, motels, campgrounds, restaurants, etc. It is not far to Point Pelee in Ontario, where those who wish to extend the weekend trip can easily venture on Monday.

Wednesday, May 7 — Enlow Fork: Meet leaders George Bercik and Bill Judd at 8:00 AM in search of species such as Cerulean Warbler, Yellow-breasted Chat, Yellow-throated Vireo, thrushes, and Ruffed Grouse. Enlow Fork is also known for beautiful displays of spring wildflowers. The Falcate Orange Tip butterfly is also found here. Take I-79 South to I-70 West. Take Exit 2 off I-70 West (Claysville). Turn right on Route 40. Near the center of town, turn right on Route 231 South (near a church). Proceed 4 miles to SGL 245 parking lot where we will assemble before continuing via winding country roads. (See DeLorme Atlas p. 70, D-2). Bring a lunch and day pack. The walk is rated moderately strenuous.

Saturday, May 10 – Frick Park: Meet leader Jack Solomon (412-521-3365) at 7:30 AM for this walk in combination with the North American Migration Count (for which outgoing compiler Paul Hess is seeking a successor). Meet at the parking lot of the Frick Environmental Center off Beechwood Boulevard. Frick Park

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is one of the best migration hotspots in the area and sometimes hosts huge numbers of warblers.

Sunday, May 11 — Harrison Hills County Park: This leaderless outing will start at 8:15 AM in search of migrants. Dress for wet grass and mud. The park sits on a bluff overlooking the Allegheny River and has always been a good spot to find migrant songbirds. The park is on Freeport Road between Natrona Heights and Freeport. Take Route 28 North to exit 16, turn right, then right again on Freeport Road. The park entrance is less than a mile on your left. Take the left fork inside the entrance, and meet at the first parking lot on the left.

Wednesday, May 14 — Harrison Hills Park: Meet leader Jim Valimont (412-828-5338) at 8:15 AM for another morning walk at the peak of the landbird migration.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, May 16, 17, 18 – PSO Annual Meeting, Indiana: The Todd Bird Club is hosting this year's Pennsylvania Society of Ornithology meeting at the Holiday Inn in Indiana. Workshops and outings are scheduled all weekend. Reservations are required. For information, visit the PSO website

at www.pabirds.org. Final arrangements were not complete at the time this article was written.

Saturday, May 24 — Bell's Farm: Join Ralph Bell (724-883-4505) at 9:00 AM for this perennially popular outing on his farm in Greene County. Eastern Bluebirds feeding out of your hand, nesting American Kestrels up close and personal, and Summer Tanagers have been typical features. Bring lunch and spend all day. Take I-79 south to the Ruff Creek exit. Turn left onto Route 221 and proceed under the interstate. Continue 5 miles to a golf course and turn left onto Route 188 toward Jefferson. In Jefferson, make a left onto Pine Street. Proceed down a hill and under the railroad crossing bridge. Go straight up the hill for 0.5 mile and turn at the "R. Bell Tree Farm" sign. Continue back that road for 0.5 mile.

Additional outings:

During the last week of April and first two weeks of May, birders can expect to find plenty of company when birding in Pittsburgh's Frick Park. Plan to arrive by 7:30 AM, or proceed to the "meadow" to catch up if you are late.

Check our club's web site at www.3riversbirdingclub.org for outings that may be added since this article was written.



VISITOR FROM OHIO – This ID-collared Trumpeter Swan appeared in mid-December 2002 at the St. Vincent Wetlands in Latrobe, Westmoreland County, where Mark McConaughy took this digiscope photo at approximately 150-power.

Released Trumpeter Swans Will Probably Increase Here

A huge and beautiful bird is appearing more and more often in western Pennsylvania: the Trumpeter Swan. Hundreds of Trumpeters are being released in projects conducted by wildlife agencies in a dozen central and eastern states and provinces.

The collared adult Trumpeter pictured here arrived at St. Vincent Lake, Latrobe, Westmoreland County, in mid-December 2002 accompanied by another collared adult and an immature bird. They were almost certainly a pair and its offspring.

The adults' green collars identified them by code number as a female (this bird) and a male, both 2.5 years old, released in April 2002 at the Grand River Wildlife Area in Trumbull County, Ohio, by the state's Division of Wildlife. The female was hatched and reared in New York and the male was hatched and raised in Wisconsin. Both were reared by their respective parents and obtained for the Ohio project when they were 9 months old. They were held in captivity for a year before their release last spring.

These were at least the fourth and fifth Trumpeters identifiable as Ohio birds that have appeared in western Pennsylvania in the last several years. Many others found in this region were not collared or tagged. As the releases continue, we may begin to find them nesting in our area before long.

Two features shown in the photo at left distinguish Trumpeters from Tundra Swans: 1. The upper edge of its long bill slopes straight out from the forehead in a Canvasback-like appearance, while the upper edge of a Tundra's bill is prominently concave. 2. Its white cheek feathers meet the side of the bill in a smooth curve, while this border is conspicuously angled on a Tundra. An important difference is not visible in this profile: A Trumpeter's forehead feathers extend down to meet the top of the bill in a sharp "V", while this border on a Tundra is a smooth "U".

GETTING STARTED

Here's Where to Look For Snow Buntings, Longspurs

(Editor's Note: This is one of a series of articles offering suggestions to help beginners improve their birding skills.)

Among the most sought-after winter invaders in western Pennsylvania are Snow Buntings and Lapland Longspurs. They have come to our region this winter, though in rather small numbers, and this edition of Getting Started offers suggestions from experienced birders on where to look for them.

For best results, follow four general rules: 1. Go to the appropriate habitat, primarily large open-field agricultural areas. 2. Look for the most likely micro-habitat, patches of fresh manure in snow-covered fields. 3. Watch especially for large flocks of Horned Larks, in which the buntings and longspurs are often found. 4. Stop beside the road and scan the manured patches carefully. Carefully is a key word, because feeding flocks can be almost invisible against the background of brown manure. If the birds are not close to the road, a scope may be necessary to find them. (Important: Don't walk out into a farm field without first asking the land owner's permission!)

Buntings and longspurs should still be present through February and possibly well into March, so you still have time to seek them.

The following recommended hotspots are nearly all on country roads, many of them unnamed except for a "T" or "SR" number. You will almost certainly need to use the maps in the DeLorme Atlas (and possibly a magnifying glass!) to find the locations. Page numbers and coordinates in the Atlas are listed for each area.

Clarion and Jefferson Counties, by John Fedak:

* The Lorraine Smith Farm near Shannondale, at the intersection of SR 2001 and Dump Road (page 45, D-5).

* The fields north of Kahle Lake, in both Clarion and Venango Counties, especially SR2009, T359 and T327 (page 44, B-1, and see Venango County below).

* The fields between Lake Lucy and Wolfs Corners (page 44, A-3).

* In Jefferson County, the fields at the intersection of SR 4001, SR 4004, and Route 949 about 4 miles north of Roseville (page 45, C-5).

All of the above places also have had Rough-legged Hawks as well.

Indiana County, by Margaret Higbee:

The most consistent areas we have found for larks and buntings in winter are the fields west of Marion Center in East Mahoning Township (page 59, B-6). From Indiana, take Route 119 north through the town of Home, past the Marion Center, Route 403, turnoff. Turn left onto Brady Road, SR 4006, about 0.4 miles north of the 403 turnoff. Follow Brady Road to the first crossroad, which is Pollock Road. The area around this intersection is usually well manured in winter and will yield larks and occasionally Snow Bunting. Turn right onto Pollock Road and follow Pollock to the Green Park Farm. The fields to the left have also been productive. (On the DeLorme map, the Brady-Pollock intersection is directly under the "A" in Mahoning.)

A good area in the southern part of the county is along Roundtop Road between Cresswell and Snyder Road (page 59, D-6). From Indiana, take Route 954 south to the T-intersection with Route 56. Turn left onto 56 toward the town of Brush Valley. Just before Brush Valley, turn sharply left onto T694, Roundtop Road. The first road to your right will be T690, Cresswell. Begin checking the fields on the left for larks and buntings. To return to Route 954, turn left onto Snyder Road, T760.

Lawrence County, by Linda Wagner:

* Volant Strips (page 42, D-4). From Route 19 about 5 miles north of Route 108, turn right (east) on Black Road. Check the fields and roadsides through the center of the Strips. This is also a good location for Short-eared Owls, a Rough-legged Hawk, or a Northern Harrier.

* Lake Road area (page 42, D-4). From Route 19 about 4 miles north of Route 108 turn left on Lake Road. Check the fields between Route 19 and George Washington Road (SR 1011). On Dec. 8, 2002, Mike Fialkovich and Jim Valimont spotted 2 Lapland Longspurs, 4 Snow Buntings, and 300+ Horned Larks in this area.

* Plain Grove area (page 43, D-4). Three places:

A.) From Route 108 east of Route 19 and west of the I-79 exit, turn north on SR 1013. Check fields on both sides of the road between Route 108 and Pollock Store Road (SR 1020).

B.) Miller Road (Kind Farm area). Turn right (east) on Pollock Store Road, where there is a country store on the corner, and continue to a "T" intersection after crossing over I-79. Turn left at the "T" onto either SR 4007 or SR 1015 (atlas is not clear on this), then take the first right on Miller Road (SR 1020) to a "Y" intersection. This is the Kind Farm area. Check the fields on both sides of the road. It is also a good location to spot the locally breeding Sandhill Cranes in the spring.

C.) Bonanni Road / McNulty Farm area. Backtrack from the Kind Farm to SR 1013, turn right at the Pollock Store and take SR 1013 north to Bonanni Road. Turn left on Bonanni, left on Old Ash Road, left on McNulty Road (atlas labels this as Foster Rd) and back to SR 1013. The square formed by those roads has hosted Horned Larks in the past. This is also a good spot to see the Sandhill Cranes in the spring and fall. Last winter a flock of 21 Sandhills frequented the area. Turn right (south) on SR 1013 and follow it back to Route 108.

* New Wilmington area (page 42, D-3). From Route 19 take Route 208 west through New Wilmington. After passing Route 18, take the first left on Cotton Road (start checking fields), to the first left on Heather Heights Road, turn right on Cranberry Road and continue in a circle on Cranberry back to the intersection with Cotton and Heather Heights Roads. While on Cranberry Road you can also turn left onto Poverty Point Road, which will take you back to Route 18. This is an Amish farm area and historically good for finding larks, buntings, and longspurs. Rough-legged Hawks, wintering snipe (in the seeps), and the occasional Killdeer can also be found in this area.

Venango County, by Jerry Stanley:

The farm fields just north of Kahle Lake (page 44, B-1) are the best area I know of. From the I-80 exit at Emlenton, take Route 38 north several miles and turn right onto North Kahle Lake Road (T359). Search the farm fields, especially on the north side of the road, which begin less than 1 mile from Route 38. From the stop sign at the end of North Kahle Lake Road, turn right to Kahle Lake or left away from the lake for additional fields on T350. If

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you notice Rhodes farms, you are in the right area. T327, a quick left and right from the end of North Kahle Lake Road, has productive fields on both sides.

Westmoreland County, by Mark McConaughy:

Crabtree area (page 72, B-3). From Pittsburgh take Route 22 east to U.S. 119. Go south on 119 to a blinking light in Crabtree and turn right at the light onto SR 1022. After about two blocks you will come to a “T”. The right turn goes up to Gears Hill Road (T879) and Sheerwood Drive (T856), either of which may take you to spots with flocks of Horned Larks.

Here are the options after making a right at the “T”:

* Gears Hill Road comes in at an angle on the right side of SR 1022. Take Gears Hill to a stop sign and continue straight past structures for Lone Oak Farm onto a dirt section of Pine Drive (T852) — a four-wheel drive may be needed if there is a lot of snow or ice. Lark flocks may be on either side of the dirt section.

* Past Gears Hill Road on SR 1022, turn at the next left onto

Sheerwood Drive. Sometimes larks are found on either side of Sheerwood at this intersection, but the best location along Sheerwood is after a right bend and past farm buildings on the right. Lark flocks can occasionally be found in manured fields on the left or the cattle corral on the right.

Back in Crabtree, a left turn at the SR 1022 “T” will take you onto Old Hannastown Road (T875), which has a sharp bend then a relatively long straight section. About half-way down the straight section turn right onto Helen Drive (T741, but DeLorme T856) and go up past the farm buildings onto a dirt section of the road. This may be blocked by snow in the winter and often has a sign that the road is closed. Check both sides of the road before going up a short hill. This usually is the best spot for finding flocks of larks and the occasional longspur or bunting in the corral on the right or in fields to the left just past the farm buildings. If you can continue along the dirt section of the road, it will take you up a small hill to a sharp left bend where it becomes Country Hill Road. After the bend, you will go into a small dip and then back on top of another small hill. At this spot, larks are occasionally noted in the fields to the left.

Coming Events of Interest

Bird Talks

The National Aviary on Pittsburgh’s North Side will offer a free lecture series called “Bird Talks” in February, with topics including rare birds, pet parrots, and avian conservation issues. All will be held at the Aviary on Thursdays from 6-8 PM:

* Feb. 6: Rare Birds of Pennsylvania. Jerry McWilliams of Erie, a top expert on the state’s birds, will present a slide show featuring many exciting avian visitors to our region. Jerry, co-author of *The Birds of Pennsylvania*, is well known to many of our club members for his knowledge of Presque Isle State Park, western Pennsylvania’s best hotspot for rarities.

* Feb. 13: Coffee Round Table: Songbird Conservation and Fair Trade Issues. The importance of shade-grown coffee to tropical birds’ habitat will be emphasized by members of Coffee Cooperatives and Songbirds, Building New Hope, a nonprofit organization supporting shade-grown coffee farming in Nicaragua. Sample some coffee and learn how to support these efforts.

* Feb. 20: Behavior Demystified: Living with a Parrot Successfully. Roberta Weisensee, director of Pittsburgh Parrot Rescue, will discuss parrot behavior, nutrition, and health care. Many people adopt parrots without proper education about their needs. Roberta will tell of her rescue programs and issues to consider when deciding whether to own a pet parrot.

* Feb. 27: Father of the Field Guide: The Life and Works of Roger Tory Peterson. Jim Barry, President of the Roger Tory Peterson Institute in Jamestown, NY, will show samples of Peterson’s famous field-guide artwork and offer a historical overview of the great birder-artist’s contribution to our understanding of the natural world.

To attend, RSVP at least two days before each event by phone to 412-323-7235 or e-mail to divina.baratta@aviary.org

Backyard Bird Count

The Great Backyard Bird Count, sponsored by Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society, has become a favorite project for many of our club members. This year’s sixth count will be on Feb. 14-17. Observers across the continent last year submitted more than 50,000 checklists reporting a total of 505 species and almost five million individual birds.

To see previous years’ results and learn how to participate this year, go to the Cornell/Audubon BirdSource web site: http://www.birdsource.com/gbbc/toc_page.html



FRANS LANTING – The eminent wildlife photographer, whose work is familiar to readers of National Wildlife, National Geographic and other publications, will visit Pittsburgh for a workshop and a slide show on April 12.

Wildlife Photography

Frans Lanting, one of the world’s most esteemed wildlife photographers, will bring a two-part program to Pittsburgh on April 12 in memory of Galen Rowell, his friend and colleague in photography, who died in a plane accident last August.

During the day Lanting will conduct a photographic workshop at Chatham College and in the evening he will present a slide show, all held at the college campus chapel. Photographs from Lanting’s recent book *Jungle* will be displayed from March through May at the Carnegie Museum of Natural History.

Slide show tickets are \$15 and workshop tickets are \$70 including lunch. Write a check to Allegheny Group of the Sierra Club and mail to Lanting Program, 205 Elysian St., Pittsburgh 15206. Reservation deadline is April 5. Schedules will be enclosed with your tickets.

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Outings Revisited: Birding in the Field and the Library

Pennsy Swamp — November 10: Perhaps the most valuable item at this outing was not binoculars nor scopes but rain gear. Lots of rain gear that included waterproof pants, jackets, hoods, and boots. During the early morning drizzle, observers were able to view American Tree Sparrows, White-crowned, White-throated, and Song Sparrows. A first-winter White-crowned Sparrow with its reddish-brown and buff head stripes was compared to an adult with its black and white striped head. The rain steadily increased until the group, led by Bob Machesney, departed for Lake Arthur to bird by car.

Along the way, the grasslands near Pennsy Swamp yielded two Northern Harriers. While some of the group were too wet to continue birding, those who were reasonably dry observed Ruddy Ducks, Buffleheads, American Coots, and a Horned Grebe at Lake Arthur. A mature Bald Eagle was seen flying over the lake.

The rain eventually stopped and the observation deck at the old Route 422 boat launch provided views of Gadwall, American Black Ducks, Green-winged Teal, Lesser Scaup, Wood Ducks, female Hooded Mergansers, and many Canada Geese. Pectoral Sandpipers, a Least Sandpiper, and Dunlin were also found. A large snapping turtle swam close to the shore and several other turtles were seen together on rocks.

Six Tundra Swans, a male Northern Pintail, Juncos, and a Yellow-rumped Warbler were among the birds found at the upper Route 528 boat launch. A Great Blue Heron was seen across the lake from Barkley Road, while Jim Valimont observed another in a tree.

Also seen during the outing were Pied-billed Grebe, American Wigeon, Common Loons, Mallards, and Ring-necked Ducks. Many trees still had their leaves, the sun shone briefly, and the company was fine. —by participant **Donna Foyle**

Moraine State Park – November 24: On a beautiful, mild sunny day a small group of 3RBCers searched Lake Arthur for waterfowl. We were rewarded with large rafts at the Pleasant Valley day use area. These included hundreds of American Coots and Ruddy Ducks along with many Bufflehead as well as several Horned and Pied-billed Grebes.

At Muddy Creek Bay there were about 70 Lesser Scaup. Elsewhere there was little to report: a few Red-breasted and Hooded Mergansers, a solitary Common Loon and an occasional small group of Bufflehead. Even the view from the observation platform yielded only 5 Mallards, an American Black Duck and a Killdeer.

The day before on a scouting visit, we saw numerous rafts of ducks – all decoys — as many hunters were crouched hidden wherever there was sufficient cover. Perhaps their presence led to the scarcity of waterfowl the following day. But, all in all, it was a lovely day to be out in great company. —by leaders **Fred and Carol McCullough**

Pymatuning Lake – December 2: Roads were icy, but I took a chance and went through with the outing. No one showed up except for my wife, who was with me. The highlight for me was an Eared Grebe in winter plumage near Jamestown Beach. Next to 4 or 5 Horned Grebes, the difference was unmistakable. The overall look of the neck and head was much darker with only a white smudge towards the back of the cheeks. The clincher was the very

prominent peak of feathers on the crown above the eye, even perhaps in front of the eye from my perspective. Other water birds included 2 Common Loons, 40 Horned Grebes, 20 Tundra Swans, 3 Gadwalls, 10 Northern Shovelers, 3 Buffleheads, 30 Hooded Mergansers, 25 Ruddy Ducks, 3 Bald Eagles, 2 American Coots, 1,000 Ring-billed Gulls, and 1,000 Bonaparte's Gulls. —by leader **Scott Kinzey**

Lake Arthur — December 8: This outing was a stark contrast to last December's. Temperatures barely broke the freezing mark and the lake was frozen nearly solid, turning a waterfowl outing into a general birding outing. Twelve intrepid birders hiked the short trail from the Pleasant Valley day use area toward the maintenance buildings and the feeders. Cross-country skiers had already packed the snow on the trail for us.

We quickly identified several American Tree Sparrows in the open fields and observed an adult accipiter perched high on a tree, which flew off toward the park office before we could get a positive identification. The feeders were dominated by Blue Jays, but a few White-throated Sparrows made an appearance. Flocks of American Robins and Cedar Waxwings passed through. Crossing the road to the park office, the accipiter flew out from one of the large spruce trees and we identified it as a Cooper's Hawk.

Back to the cars and after a short drive, we found one small spot of open water with a flock of waterfowl around it. With our scopes, we were able to identify Ruddy Ducks, Lesser Scaup, Ring-necked Ducks, Bufflehead, American Black Ducks, Mallards, Canada Geese, and a single American Coot. A Northern Harrier flying over the lake was a nice surprise. The south shore circuit yielded little more as did most of the spots along Route 528. A trip to Wilson's dairy farm revealed no birds among the manured fields. A distant small flock of blackbirds flew off unidentified.

By this time, everyone was cold and ready for lunch. Lunch was particularly slow at Eppinger's, but the food was good, as always. After lunch, only three birders ventured north to the Grove City area to explore more farm fields. But our patience paid off with first a small group of Horned Larks on Shaw Road and later a huge flock of 500+ Horned Larks in a field off Lake Road. By carefully scanning the flock, we were able to find at least three Lapland Longspurs (a life bird for Bernie Connelly) and three Snow Buntings. We ended the day with 43 species. —by leader **Jim Valimont**

Carnegie Library – January 6: The club added Great Auk and Carolina Parroquet to its bird list when nine of us braved the ice, snow and cold winds of Pittsburgh to visit the Main Branch of Carnegie Library and tour the Special Collection Room.

Greg Priori, Director of Special Collections, conducted us to the locked sanctuary on the third floor wherein are stored the rare volumes of the collection. While we received a brief introduction to the collection, including a 15th-century volume printed in the earliest days of moveable type and some first edition Dickens and Twain, a stack of unbound double-elephant Audubon prints rested tantalizingly on the table in front of us, the Great Auk being on the top of the stack. Double-elephant is a single sheet of paper about 4 feet by 3 feet.

After the intro, Prof. Priori dug into the stack and we managed to inspect at finger-tip distance about 20 of the fragile and delicate Audubon prints, including the Carolina Parroquet and the three local common falcons, Peregrine, Merlin, and American Kestrel.

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We then moved on to Jones' *Nests & Eggs of Ohio*, a little-known work of a self-taught artist and lithographer of the late 19th century, Genevieve Jones along with her mother and brother. These stunning representations were drafted and colored with breath-arresting photo-realistic precision.

We concluded our all-too-brief two-hour visit with Alexander Wilson, also self-taught and the first American ornithologist. We were each issued a volume of his eight-volume 1815 American Ornithology to inspect and read. His paintings, the first to describe American birds, are somewhat primitive cartoons but very endearing. His descriptions are charming and personal. They also reveal the state of scientific inquiry about birds of his day. His "Autumnal Warbler" is a grayish-green little bird of no distinctive markings. He notes that, though he has seen hundreds of this bird in the fall, he has never once seen it in the spring! He suspects that if it does pass through his Philadelphia home in spring, it possibly alights only in the highest treetops and for that reason has remained unseen. It is, of course, a "confusing fall warbler"! Wilson's plates also include the "Black Capt Warbler", now called Wilson's Warbler. You can view Wilson's book on the web at <http://xroads.virginia.edu/~PUBLIC/wilson/front.html> –by organizer **Eric Marchbein**

Would You Like to Watch Falcon Nests on the Web?

By Kate St. John

The Peregrine Falcons at the University of Pittsburgh are preparing for spring. They're guarding their territory at the Cathedral of Learning and chasing off every hawk that dares to fly within its shadow.

They're also cementing their pair-bond, flying together, grasping talons in mid-air and sharing food. The falcons are getting in the mood to nest, and this year we'd like to see it — on the web.

The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, responsible for the two Peregrine nest boxes in Pittsburgh, would like to install a web-camera at the nest box at Pitt and replace the faulty camera at the Gulf Tower nest site, but the cameras, web service and support all require funding.

If you would like to support this Peregrine Falcon project, please contact Moira A. Walters, director, major gifts, at (412) 586-2396 or e-mail her at mwalters@paconserve.org. Funds will be used to purchase digital web cameras for both the University of Pittsburgh's Cathedral of Learning and the Gulf Tower nesting sites and for other stewardship efforts.

Nesting begins in the early spring. We hope to see it live at www.wpconline.org/peregrine/.

Winter Wildflowers Await You

Nature Observer News and Wissahickon Nature Club will sponsor a winter wildflower outing led by Esther Allen and Chuck Tague on Thursday, Feb. 6, at Jennings Prairie in Butler County. Meet in the Jennings parking lot. Bring binoculars, lunch, and a hot beverage. Call Susanne Varley, 412-771-4737, to let the leaders know you're coming.

News from Beechwood on Projects and People

Birder's Workshop

Develop bird identification and monitoring skills at "The Birder's Workshop" on Saturday, March 8, at the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania's Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve in Fox Chapel. Sponsored by Pennsylvania Audubon, the Pennsylvania Game Commission, and the Wild Resources Conservation Fund, the workshop will be held from 9 AM to 4:30 PM. The \$25 fee include snacks, literature, and lunch.

Many new projects require the use of point counts and other methods that call for skilled birders, both as volunteers and as paid technicians. The workshop is designed to address this growing need, and the training will be geared to birders who already have solid abilities in bird identification. But the sponsors emphasized, "Anyone is welcome! We will attempt to match the training to your needs."

Topics will include purposes for counting birds, setting up point-counts, using computer data entry, and conducting Important Bird Area monitoring and Special Area Projects. Another segment will feature bird identification challenges – warblers, thrushes, vireos, flycatcher, sparrows, cuckoos, and raptors – plus birding by ear. The expert instructors will be Rob Blye, Doug Gross, Steve Hoffman, and Jerry McWilliams.

Registration deadline is March 3, and space is limited. Make check payable to Audubon PA and mail to Beth Sanders, Audubon PA, 100 Wildwood Way, Harrisburg, PA 17110. For further information, contact Beth at 717-213-6880 or by e-mail at bsanders@audubon.org

Nature Store Needs Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to assist shoppers in the Nature Store at Beechwood Farms. Learn about nature as you help shoppers find and choose books, birdhouses, birdseed, and other items for sale at the store. No advance knowledge of nature subjects is required, and staff members will train you to use the cash register and perform other duties in the shop.

Most volunteers work four hours at a time, and opportunities are available from 9 AM to 5 PM Tuesdays through Saturdays. Contact Mary Woehrel, volunteer coordinator, at 412-963-6100 ext. 27, or by e-mail at mwoehrel@aswp.org

Club Member Is Honored

"Mr. Flicker," known to us as Tom Byrnes, was named February volunteer of the Month by the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania. The announcement in the ASWP Bulletin cited his service as a volunteer naturalist and his manning of a Beechwood Farms' exhibit table at many local events.

Tom's "Mr. Flicker" nickname arose on Scott Shalaway's radio show, when he called to report a Northern Flicker in his backyard. Our President Jack Solomon commented, "I'm proud to say Tommy is also an active Three Rivers Birding Club member. In fact, he's one of the newest and most enthusiastic birders around."

Birds in the Three Rivers Area: Oct. to Dec. 2002

By Mike Fialkovich, Bird Reports Editor

A **Pied-billed Grebe** was seen along the Allegheny River 10/22-28, the lone report of this species (PB). **Double-crested Cormorants** were present in October and November, with a high count of 120 at Dashields Lock and Dam 10/7 (SK). A **Caspian Tern** was a great find along the Ohio River 10/11 (PB). This is a late date for this species, which is very uncommon in Allegheny County.

Tundra Swans were seen flying over Oakland (KSJ) and Shaler Township (JH) 11/1. On 12/3, 50 were seen flying over Pittsburgh (KSJ), on 12/5, a flock of 55 flew over Monroeville (GMT), and on 12/21 a flock of 40 were seen landing on the Allegheny River at Cheswick (PH, DH). Waterfowl highlights include a **Northern Shoveler** and a **Gadwall** 11/1 at McKees Rocks along the Ohio River (SK), up to five **Ruddy Ducks** at North Park 10/27 to 11/24 (MF, BM, ER, PL, SL), and 10 at McKees Rocks on the Ohio River 10/30 (CT). A **Blue-winged Teal** and two **Buffleheads** were nice finds at Duck Hollow on the Monongehela River 10/31 (CT). A **Hooded Merganser** was seen at North Park during November (BM, PL, SL, ER). A male **Canvasback** was on a pond in Clinton Twp. 12/22-26 (CT), and 2 male **Northern Pintails** were with the Canvasback 12/26 (CT).

A **Bald Eagle** was seen at the Dashields Lock and Dam on the Ohio River 10/7 (SK). A **Merlin** at the Schenley Park roost site 10/14 was the first report of the fall (JS, SS). A **Merlin** was seen in Shaler Township at St. Augustine's Cemetery 11/25 (DY). It is interesting to note that one was found at this location last December during the Pittsburgh Christmas Bird Count. A **Merlin** was seen again during this year's Christmas Count in Shaler, but at another cemetery (JH)! Yet another **Merlin** was seen in Jefferson Borough during the South Hills CBC (SSN). A **Red-shouldered Hawk** was seen in October in Pine Township (PL, SL). Reports of this species are becoming a year-round occurrence in the area. A **Short-eared Owl** was observed at dusk along Bald Knob Road at the Imperial Grasslands on 11/8 (JY, MV, BS, KS, MK, CK, EM). Another was seen at that location 12/28 (MV). It is unknown whether they bred at Imperial this past summer, but at least they are wintering in the area again. A **Rough-legged Hawk** was at Imperial 12/23, 26, and 28 (MF, CT, MV).

A **Peregrine Falcon** was struck by a truck at 7th Ave. and Smithfield in Pittsburgh 11/20. It remained on the ground for 10 minutes then flew up to the Chamber of Commerce Building and struck a window, then landed on a ledge where it perched with its eyes closed for at least an hour. The bird was gone later in the day (fide DR). It was thought this was an immature bird. Both of the adults were seen after this incident (DR).

A few late shorebirds were reported. A **White-rumped Sandpiper** was at Imperial 10/21 (BJ, VJ). A **Dunlin** was at Duck Hollow 10/31 (CT) and 6 were seen at Imperial 11/8 (JY, MV, BS, KS, MK, CK, EM). Six **Greater Yellowlegs** were at Imperial 11/16 (MF). A **Killdeer** at North Park 12/8 was late (BM).

Ring-billed Gull numbers began to build around the rivers in October. By 11/1, 150-200 were counted at McKees Rocks (SK). The last **Common Nighthawk** report was 10/2 in Squirrel Hill (KSJ), the last **Chimney Swifts** were reported 10/12 in Sewickley (CK), and the last **Ruby-throated Hummingbird** was 10/4 in Etna (DY). **Eastern Phoebes** were reported to 10/23, **Blue-headed Vireos** to 10/26, and **Red-eyed Vireos** to 10/4. A flock of 16 **Horned Larks** were seen and heard flying over the fields at Imperial 11/16 (MF).

A **Common Raven** was seen and heard 11/18 at the Snowden Wetlands in South Park Township (SSN). Rare away from the Laurel Mountains, this is the fourth report of this species in Allegheny County this year. A **Northern Shrike** was an excellent find 12/22 at Imperial (CT).

The last **House Wren** report came from Frick Park 10/10 (SS). **Winter Wrens** were reported during October in Sewickley, Frick Park, Pine Township, Penn Hills, and North Park (ER, PL, SL, MF, SS, CK). Two were seen on the Christmas Bird Count 12/28: one in some vegetation under the Veterans Bridge in Pittsburgh (CT) and one in Franklin Park (JO). **Ruby-crowned** and **Golden-crowned Kinglets** moved through the area in October (v.o.). A late **Ruby-crowned** was seen 12/28 in Hammar Twp. (SSN). One **Red-breasted Nuthatch** was reported from Hampton Township on 12/28 (ST), the only report of this species.

Thrush reports included a great count of 28 **Eastern Bluebirds** at Sewickley Heights Park 10/18 (CK), 2 **Gray-cheeked Thrushes** on 10/10 at the same location (CK). **Swainson's Thrushes** were reported up to 10/12 at Frick Park and Sewickley Heights Park (SS, CK), **Hermit Thrushes** were seen at Sewickley 10/1-10/15 (CK), and **Wood Thrushes** were reported 10/1-10/3 at Sewickley (CK). **Cedar Waxwings** were reported from various locations in October. Reports of this wandering species can be spotty, so there must be food sources available in the area.

Some warblers lingered into October. A **Tennessee** was in Pine Township 10/2 (PL, SL), a **Black-throated Blue** at Frick Park 10/10 (SS), **Black-throated Green** at Frick Park 10/10 (SS), and in Pine Twp. 10/21 (PL, SL), a **Blackburnian** 10/2 at Pine Twp. (PL, SL), a **Blackpoll** 10/7 at Frick (SS), and a **Common Yellowthroat** 10/6 at Frick (SS). An **Orange-crowned Warbler** was an excellent find at Sewickley 10/11-12 (CK).

A late **Brown-headed Cowbird** visited a feeder in Churchill 11/24 (WS, DS). On 12/8, two late **Eastern Towhees** were at North Park (BM), and one was visiting a feeder in Ross Twp. on 12/28 (fide BM). A late (or wintering) **Lincoln's Sparrow** (JV) and a **Swamp Sparrow** (JV, PL, SL) were seen at North Park 12/28.

Observers: Paul Brown, Mike Fialkovich, Deborah Hess, Paul Hess, Joyce Hoffmann, Bill Judd, Vickie Judd, Margie Kern, Scott Kinzey, Chris Knoll, Pat Lynch, Sherron Lynch, Bob Machesney, Glenn Matteson (GMT), Ed Merkle, John Orndorff, Ed Richards, Dave Rieger, Kate St. John, Kathy Saunders, Dana Shaffer, Walt Shaffer, Sam Sinderson (SSN), Becky Smith, Jack Solomon, Sue Solomon, Chuck Tague, Steve Thomas, Mark Vass, Dan Yagusic, John Yuhaniak, various observers (v.o.).

Create Your Own Checklist With Ease on Our Web Site

If you type lists of your bird records, our web site offers a new alternative to the chore of typing out species' names. With a "list generator" developed by Liz Barrow and Bob Lucas, you can use a single keystroke to replace the chore of typing the whole name. All species on the official list of Pennsylvania birds are included.

A list is produced that you can print from the site, e-mail to yourself for printing later, or e-mail directly to someone else. You can list species in either alphabetical order or ornithological order (the sequence used in field guides). Check out the checklist at: <http://3riversbirdingclub.org/checklist/checklist-ornith.asp>

President Jack Solomon announced the new feature on the statewide Pabirds e-mail group, and it quickly received praise such as one person's comment, "Thanks for making the list generator available. I used it on my last CBC count."

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217 Bird Species Were Listed in Allegheny County in 2002

By Mike Fialkovich, Bird Reports Editor

Birders reported an excellent total of 217 species in Allegheny County in 2002, which is 11 more than the below-average list in 2001 (originally published as 204, but Tundra Swan and Barred Owl were inadvertently omitted). Best species? Undoubtedly the Snowy Plover, the county's first and only the third ever in Pennsylvania. Report your Allegheny County sightings for 2003 to me by e-mail at mpfial@sgi.net or to "Discussion Forums" on the club's web site, <<http://www.3riversbirdingclub.org>> Here is the county list for 2002:

Common Loon	Lesser Yellowlegs	Tree Swallow	Pine Warbler
Pied-billed Grebe	Solitary Sandpiper	N. Rough-winged Swallow	Prairie Warbler
Horned Grebe	Spotted Sandpiper	Bank Swallow	Palm Warbler
Double-crested Cormorant	Upland Sandpiper	Barn Swallow	Bay-breasted Warbler
Great Blue Heron	Ruddy Turnstone	White-eyed Vireo	Blackpoll Warbler
Great Egret	Semipalmated Sandpiper	Blue-headed Vireo	Cerulean Warbler
Green Heron	Western Sandpiper	Yellow-throated Vireo	Black-and-white Warbler
Black-crowned Night-Heron	Least Sandpiper	Warbling Vireo	American Redstart
Turkey Vulture	White-rumped Sandpiper	Philadelphia Vireo	Worm-eating Warbler
Tundra Swan	Baird's Sandpiper	Red-eyed Vireo	Ovenbird
Mute Swan	Pectoral Sandpiper	Blue Jay	Northern Waterthrush
Snow Goose	Dunlin	American Crow	Louisiana Waterthrush
Brant	Stilt Sandpiper	Common Raven	Kentucky Warbler
Canada Goose	Short-billed Dowitcher	Black-capped Chickadee	Connecticut Warbler
Wood Duck	Common Snipe	Carolina Chickadee	Mourning Warbler
Green-winged Teal	American Woodcock	Tufted Titmouse	Common Yellowthroat
American Black Duck	Wilson's Phalarope	Red-breasted Nuthatch	Hooded Warbler
Mallard	Red-necked Phalarope	White-breasted Nuthatch	Wilson's Warbler
Northern Pintail	Bonaparte's Gull	Brown Creeper	Canada Warbler
Blue-winged Teal	Ring-billed Gull	Carolina Wren	Yellow-breasted Chat
Northern Shoveler	Herring Gull	House Wren	Scarlet Tanager
Gadwall	Great Black-backed Gull	Winter Wren	Northern Cardinal
American Wigeon	Caspian Tern	Golden-crowned Kinglet	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Canvasback	Forster's Tern	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Indigo Bunting
Ring-necked Duck	Rock Dove	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Eastern Towhee
Greater Scaup	Mourning Dove	Eastern Bluebird	American Tree Sparrow
Lesser Scaup	Black-billed Cuckoo	Veery	Chipping Sparrow
Common Goldeneye	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Gray-cheeked Thrush	Field Sparrow
Bufflehead	Eastern Screech-Owl	Swainson's Thrush	Vesper Sparrow
Hooded Merganser	Great Horned Owl	Hermit Thrush	Savannah Sparrow
Common Merganser	Barred Owl	Wood Thrush	Grasshopper Sparrow
Red-breasted Merganser	Short-eared Owl	American Robin	Henslow's Sparrow
Ruddy Duck	Common Nighthawk	Gray Catbird	Fox Sparrow
Osprey	Whip-poor-will	Northern Mockingbird	Song Sparrow
Bald Eagle	Chimney Swift	Brown Thasher	Lincoln's Sparrow
Northern Harrier	Ruby-throated Humminbird	American Pipit	Swamp Sparrow
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Belted Kingfisher	Cedar Waxwing	White-throated Sparrow
Cooper's Hawk	Red-headed Woodpecker	Northern Shrike	White-crowned Sparrow
Northern Goshawk	Red-bellied Woodpecker	European Starling	Dark-eyed Junco
Red-shouldered Hawk	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Blue-winged Warbler	Bobolink
Broad-winged Hawk	Downy Woodpecker	Golden-winged Warbler	Red-winged Blackbird
Red-tailed Hawk	Hairy Woodpecker	Tennessee Warbler	Eastern Meadowlark
Rough-legged Hawk	Northern Flicker	Orange-crowned Warbler	Rusty Blackbird
American Kestrel	Pileated Woodpecker	Nashville Warbler	Common Grackle
Merlin	Olive-sided Flycatcher	Northern Parula Warbler	Brown-headed Cowbird
Peregrine Falcon	Eastern Wood-Pewee	Yellow Warbler	Orchard Oriole
Ring-necked Pheasant	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	Chestnut-sided Warbler	Baltimore Oriole
Ruffed Grouse	Acadian Flycatcher	Magnolia Warbler	Purple Finch
Wild Turkey	Willow Flycatcher	Cape May Warbler	House Finch
Sora	Least Flycatcher	Black-throated Blue Warbler	Pine Siskin
American Coot	Eastern Phoebe	Yellow-rumped Warbler	American Goldfinch
American Golden-Plover	Great Crested Flycatcher	Black-throated Green	Evening Grosbeak
Snowy Plover	Eastern Kingbird	Warbler	House Sparrow
Killdeer	Horned Lark	Blackburnian Warbler	
Greater Yellowlegs	Purple Martin	Yellow-throated Warbler	