

Paul Hess

List of Works¹ as of 2010

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¹This enumeration of works accompanies a tribute to Paul Hess that appears in the October 2010 issue, pp. 4–7, of the *PSO Pileated*, the newsletter of the Pennsylvania

Society for Ornithology

PUBLISHED WORKS

Fialkovich, M., and P. Hess. 2003. First confirmed record of Sharp-tailed Sandpiper in New Jersey. *New Jersey Birds* 29:59–61.

Hess, P. 2004. *Ecology and Conservation of Birds of the Salton Sink*, W. D. Shuford and K. C. Molina, eds. [book review]. *Western Birds* 35:224–225.

Hess, P. 2005. Shrikes (Laniidae), pp. 406–407, in: J. K. Alderfer, ed. *Complete Birds of North America*. National Geographic Society, Washington, D.C.

Hess, P. 2005. Chickadees and titmice (Paridae), pp. 441–447, in: J. K. Alderfer, ed. *Complete Birds of North America*. National Geographic Society, Washington, D.C.

Hess, P. 2005. *San Diego County Bird Atlas*, by Philip Unitt. [book review]. *Birding* July/August 2005, pp. 434–437.

Hess, P. 2006. *Field Guide to Pennsylvania Birds*. National Geographic Society, Washington, D.C.

Hess, P., and B. L. Sullivan. 2006. *Field Guide to New York Birds*. National Geographic Society, Washington, D.C.

Hess, P. 2008. *Rare Birds of California*, R. A. Hamilton, M. A. Patten, and R. A. Erickson, eds. [book review]. *Birding*, July/August 2008, pp. 76–82.

Hess, P. 2009. Chickadees and titmice, pp. 474–484, in: F. Vuilleumier, ed. *Birds of North America—American Museum of Natural History*. DK Books, New York.

Hess, P. 2009. Gnatcatchers, pp. 510–516, in: F. Vuilleumier, ed. *Birds of North America—American Museum of Natural History*. DK Books, New York.

Hess, P. 2009. Wrens, pp. 501–509, in: F. Vuilleumier, ed. *Birds of North America—American Museum of Natural History*. DK Books, New York.

Hess, P. 2009. *California Bird Species of Special Concern*, W. D. Shuford and T. Gardali, eds. [book review]. *Western Birds* 40:145–148.

Hess, P. 2010. Overview: Migration and wintering ecology, pp. 97–98, in: S. K. Majumdar, T. L. Master, M. C. Brittingham, R. M. Ross, R. S. Mulvihill, and Jane E. Huffman, eds. *Avian*

Ecology and Conservation: A Pennsylvania Focus with National Implications. Pennsylvania Academy of Science, Easton.

PITTSBURGH AREA PUBLICATIONS

Hess, P. 1975–1987. Area bird summaries (monthly bird reports for western Pennsylvania).

Bulletin of the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania.

Hess, P. 1975. Harrison Hills Park, Allegheny County. pp. 27–28, in: *Where to Find Birds in*

Western Pennsylvania. Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania.

Hess, P. 1996. Introduction. pp. v.–vi. in: B. Estabrooks, ed. *Birding in Western Pennsylvania: A*

Guide to Hot Spots for Birding and Nature Walks. Audubon Society of Western

Pennsylvania.

Hess, P. 1996. Harrison Hills Regional Park. pp. 23–24, in: B. Estabrooks, ed. *Birding in*

Western Pennsylvania: A Guide to Hot Spots for Birding and Nature Walks. Audubon Society

of Western Pennsylvania.

Hess, P. 2006. Annotated checklist of birds of Harrison Hills Park, Allegheny County,

Pennsylvania. Friends of Harrison Hills Park, Natrona Heights.

PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY FOR ORNITHOLOGY

Author or coauthor of the following 17 articles in *Pennsylvania Birds*, the journal of the Pennsylvania Society for Ornithology. (Hess is the sole author, except as noted otherwise):

1989. Carolina Wrens at Pittsburgh, 1970–1988: persistence in a dangerous environment.

3(1):3–7.

1989. Tree Sparrows in Pennsylvania, Part 1: speculations on a 15-year decline. 3(3):90–93.

1989. American Tree Sparrows (*Spizella arborea*) in Pennsylvania, Part 2: large fluctuations add another mystery. 3(4):122–123.

1992. The Red-bellied Woodpecker tumbled in 1990 on southeastern Pennsylvania CBCs.

6(1):15–17.

1993. Migrant numbers may not be what they seem 7(4):131–132.

1994. P. Hess and T. Floyd. Neotropical migrants in Pennsylvania: evidence of absence or absence of evidence? 8(4):201–203.

1995. A note on the spring passage. 9(2):77–78.

1995. The “old days”: or, how I learned to love the spruce budworm. 9(3):124–125.

1995. An unusual Song Sparrow. 9(4):191.

1997. The “Hawk Mountain Petrel”: first Pennsylvania record, but which species? 11(1) 2–5.

1998. Status and field identification problems of the Willet subspecies in Pennsylvania.

12(2):42–46.

1998. P. Hess, M. R. Leahy, and R. M. Ross. Pennsylvania's crossbill winter of 1997–1998. 12(1):2–6.

2000. Pennsylvania's record high Northern Shrike invasion of 1999–2000. 14(1):2–10.

2000. P. Hess and N. Pulcinella. Tenth Report of the Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee. 14(4):222–227.

2001. P. Hess and G. Wilhelm. Preliminary checklist of the birds of Butler County. 15(2):85–87.

2001. P. Hess and N. Pulcinella. Eleventh Report of the Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee. 15(3):149–158.

2003. P. Hess and N. Pulcinella. Twelfth Report of the Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee. 17(1):25–30.

In the *PSO Pileated*, author of “Ornithological Literature Notes” since 1999, “PSO Quiz” since 2001, and “Notes from PORC” 2001–2003.

Author of “News and Notes” column since February 2003 for *Birding*, the flagship publication of the American Birding Association (ABA). Hess scours the scientific literature for noteworthy publications and summarizes them from a birder's viewpoint: four essays per issue, more than 180 essays to date.

Edited Works

Smithsonian Field Guide to the Birds of North America by Ted Floyd. [co-editor with George Scott]. HarperCollins, New York (2008).

Handheld Birds: Interactive Field Guide. [co-editor with Paul Lehman]. National Geographic Society (2008).

ABA Checklist, seventh edition. [copyeditor]. American Birding Association (2008).

Bird Coloration by G. E. Hill. [copyeditor]. National Geographic Society (2010).

Global Birding: Traveling the World in Search of Birds by L. Beletsky [copyeditor]. National Geographic Society (2010).

Great Migrations by K. M. Kostyal. [copyeditor and photo caption writer]. National Geographic Society (2010).

Bulletin of the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania [edited 1975–1982].

The Peregrine, newsletter of the Three Rivers Birding Club, Pittsburgh [edited since 2001].

Other Ornithological Activities and Awards

* Served 1998–2002 on the Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee (PORC), reviewing and evaluating documentation of significant bird sightings, was treasurer 1998–1999, and chairman 2000–2002.

- * Received the Earl Poole Award at the Pennsylvania Society for Ornithology's annual meeting in Indiana, PA in May 2003. The award, named for one of the state's foremost ornithologists, is presented annually to a person or persons who have made outstanding contributions to ornithology in Pennsylvania. The contribution may be in the form of research, volunteer efforts, publications, field work, or any other pursuit that has increased knowledge and understanding of the birdlife in Pennsylvania.
- * Received the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania's W. E. Clyde Todd Award in May 2007. This award is granted for significant contributions to conservation in Pennsylvania.
- * Serves as a sub-regional editor for seven southwestern Pennsylvania counties for *North American Birds*, the American Birding Association's ornithological journal.
- * Conducted a North American Breeding Bird Survey for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in northern Butler County and western Clarion County (1973–1987).
- * Participated in the Pittsburgh Christmas Bird Count since 1969.
- * Served as a regional coordinator for southern Butler County, Beaver County, and Allegheny County for the first Pennsylvania Breeding Bird Atlas in the 1980s, and performed field work for the project.
- * Wrote Ring-billed Gull, Herring Gull, Carolina Wren, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, and Swainson's Warbler species accounts for the second Pennsylvania Breeding Bird Atlas.

* Has compiled records of birds observed at Harrison Hills Park in Allegheny County

continuously since 1970. The park's list totals 182 species as of 2010.

* Led bird outings for the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania starting in the 1970s and

for Pittsburgh's Three Rivers Birding Club in recent years..