



Baird Ornithological Club - 2021-22

Our 100th year!

Hybrid Meetings this season:
In-person at Nolde Forest
AND via ZOOM, (However Dec., Jan. and Feb, will be Zoom only and no Zoom for the November Banquet)

Thanks to the skilled efforts of

Zoom-master Mike Slater and Nolde Forest for making an internet connection available, this year we will have the capability to **offer hybrid programs: in-person meetings but with the program streamed live over Zoom for any members who wish to attend virtually** or who find it difficult to make the drive to Nolde. An exception to this rule is that we will offer the **December, anuary and February programs over Zoom exclusively, in view of the hazardous travel conditions that can disrupt plans at short notice in the winter.** Links to attend all meetings via Zoom will be emailed to all the members we have addresses for. If you don't receive it by 2 days before the meeting please contact Mike Slater at paplantings@gmail.com.

BOC Meetings/Programs Fall 2021-Spring 2022

Sep 10, 2021, 7:30pm - BOC History & Social

Our first in-person meeting in more than a year will feature a panel discussion and social as we get re-acquainted. Bill Uhrich, Joanne Kintner, and Rudy Keller will discuss BOC's century of history as members and guests enjoy light refreshments. Bring your favorite snacks to share, drinks will be provided.

Oct 8, 2021, 7:30 pm - Birds & Wildlife of Chile

Mike & Jan Slater, Rudy Keller, Russ Hoffman, Linda Ingram Five BOC members and three friends traveled in November 2019 to Chile; unknowing it would be anyone's last trip for a very long time – fortunately, it was spectacular in every way! High into the imposing

Andes Mountains chasing seedsnipe, finding flocks of Baird's sandpipers on the Chiloe Island coast, mesmerized by condors gliding along stone cliffs, charmed by King penguins in Patagonia, all in an ever-changing landscape. The mammals and plants will not be left out!

Nov 12, 2021, 6:00pm - BOC Annual Banquet - held jointly with Mengel Natural History Society (no Zoom for this meeting) Banquet guest speaker is noted author and lecturer **Scott Weidensaul**, sharing an illustrated program on his latest book "*A World on the Wing, the Global Odyssey of Migrating Birds*".

(Print the flyer/reservation form. Download it from website or call Charles Coleman 610-763-2548)

Dec 10, 2021, 7:30pm – The Real James Bond - meeting by Zoom only

Jim Wright www.celeryfarm.net is the author of *The Real James Bond*, www.realjamesbond.net, the story of the ornithologist/author who was the victim of the greatest identity theft in history. Although Bond, who wrote the landmark *Birds of the West Indies* in 1936, is now mostly a footnote for 007 fans, he lived a life of great accomplishment. Jim's illustrated talk covers Bond's life and career, with special mention of ornithologists who were spies, most notably the American Museum of Natural History's James Chapin.

Jan 14, 2022, 7:30pm - Migration and Overwintering Strategies of Veeries Breeding in the Mid-Atlantic Region - meeting by Zoom only Christopher M. Heckscher, Prof. of Environmental Science & Ecology, Delaware State University and Todd J. Underwood, Prof. of Biology, Kutztown University

Veeries breed in dense, wet forests of eastern North America and are easily recognized by their distinctive song. Using the latest tracking technology suitable for small songbirds, we followed the migration of Veeries from their breeding grounds in the Mid-Atlantic Region to their overwintering sites in South America. In this lecture, we will discuss patterns of migration, hurricane avoidance, overwintering locations, and movements, and compare the overwintering locations of birds that breed at French Creek State Park in Pennsylvania to birds that breed at White Clay Creek State Park in Delaware.

Feb 11, 2022 7:30 pm - Ecology of the Northern Clapper Rail - meeting by Zoom only -

Elisa Elizondo, University of Delaware, Ph.D. candidate

It's spring! Time to head for the coastal marshes with hopes of glimpsing elusive clapper rails (*Rallus crepitans crepitans*). The Saltmarsh Habitat Avian Research Program (tidalmarshbirds.org) is dedicated to the study of salt marsh birds and recent efforts led by Lisa Elizondo seek to uncover more information regarding this secretive species. This program will include recent data from Delaware on clapper rail nesting ecology and movement patterns, including the first chick survival data and the first GPS tag data.

Mar 11, 2022 7:30pm - American Kestrel Conservation: Successful Partnership, PGC and the Birding Community - Dan Mummert, PGC, Wildlife Diversity Biologist

In 2015, the American Kestrel was added to Pennsylvania's list of species of conservation concern due to a loss of nearly half their population since the mid-1960's throughout North America. In response, the PA Game Commission's southeast region created a kestrel conservation initiative that is working to learn more about their local population and help in their conservation. This presentation will discuss this program and the team effort it has been between the PGC and the birding community.

Apr 8, 2022 7:30pm -Bill's City of Reading Big Year - Bill Uhrich

To paraphrase Thoreau, I have traveled much in Reading. A layoff and COVID-19 isolation allowed me to explore the bird life possibilities within the city limits. We'll talk about the places, and the people, and the birds, encountered during my City of Reading Big Year Counts.

May 13, 2022 7:30pm - Berks County Birds Photo Display by Russ Hoffman & Social Evening – (In person only, no Zoom)

We will end the 2021-22 season with a display of Russ Hoffman's excellent framed photos of Berks County Birds. Russ will circulate through the display sharing how he captured these remarkable images as members and guests enjoy light refreshments. Bring snacks to share, drinks provided. (A bonus to the evening – the artwork is available for purchase!)

BOC Field Trips 2021 – 2022

Second and Fourth Tuesdays – Fall (Sept., Oct. & Nov.) and also Spring (Mar., Apr., May & June) Location, time, and leader to be announced approximately one week beforehand. Email announcements will be sent to all members and the information will be on our website at the same time <https://bairdornithological.club/> .

Flash Bird Walks Field trips may be scheduled at short notice any time it appears conditions are right for an additional outing. Email announcements will be sent to all members and the information will be on our website at the same time <https://bairdornithological.club/> .

SEPTEMBER 8, 2021 (Wednesday) - Delaware Shore Refuges 6:30am

Targeting shorebirds, waders, early waterfowl, gulls and terns, early fall songbird migrants. Meet at Target parking lot in Exeter at 6:30 a.m. Leaders will be staying over, you are on your own going home. Coordinator: Art Zdancewic 610-858-3315

SEPTEMBER 18, 2021 (Saturday) m OCTOBER 16 (Saturday) and November 13 – (Saturday) Mount Penn Pagoda Hawk Watch 9am – 2pm

We will meet on the lawn, walk down the steps at the front of the Pagoda. Bring a lawn chair. Coordinator: Bill Uhrich 610-698-1575

OCTOBER 2, 2021 (Saturday) - Union Meadows Fall Migrants 8am

An easy walk on wide flat trail through wooded and open field habitats seeking sparrows and other fall migrants. Meet at Union Meadows East parking lot, Trailhead for the Schuylkill River Trail, Rte.724/East Main St. in Monocacy, 2 miles east of Birdsboro. Coordinators: Rudy Keller & Linda Ingram, 610-621-7473

OCTOBER 24, 2021 (Sunday) - John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove 8:00am – 11:00am

Meeting in the Center's parking lot we will bird some of the Mill Grove estate's five miles of nature trails along the Perkiomen Creek. At 10:00am the museum opens featuring excellent exhibits on all things birds and Audubon. Coordinator: Linda Ingram 610-621-7473

<https://johnjames.audubon.org/visit/directions-and-parking>

**NOVEMBER 6, 2021 (Saturday) - Hopewell Big Woods Trail
8:00am**

Wide trail meanders through open fields bordered by woodland. Previous seasons were excellent for field and edge species. A fall walk for late migrants and wintering species.

Meet at Union Meadows East parking lot, Trailhead for the Schuylkill River Trail, Rte.724/East Main St. in Monocacy, 2 miles east of Birdsboro. (*change of parking location for this site)

Coordinators: Linda Ingram 610-621-7473, Peter & Jane Wolfe

**DECEMBER 19, 2021 (Sunday) - Reading Christmas Bird
Count - Compiler: Lucy Cairns 610-223-4501
ljanetcairns@gmail.com**

**DECEMBER 20, 2021 (Monday) - Elverson Christmas Bird
Count - Compiler: Jim Cook 610-587-7545 cell, 610-286-5021
work, jim@elversonsupply.net**

**DECEMBER 26, 2021 (Sunday) - Hamburg Christmas Bird
Count - Compiler: Laurie Goodrich 570-943-3411 ext 106**

**JANUARY 1, 2022 (Saturday) - Bernville Christmas Bird
Count Compiler: Ed Barrell 610-926-2962 ebarrell@epix.net**

**JANUARY 2, 2022 (Sunday) - New Year's Weekend - Berks
Drive Loop 8:00am**

Begin your year with a visit to various Berks birding spots, starting at Brenneman's Quarry. Meet at Cacoosing Meadows Park parking lot on Reedy Road at the end closest to Evan's Hill Road. Coordinators: Jane & Peter Wolfe 484-794-3703

**FEBRUARY 27, 2022 (Sunday) - E.J. Breneman Quarry -
Introduction to Wintering Waterfowl 1:00pm**

Learn to identify ducks and geese that winter in Berks County at this easily accessible site. Experienced birders with scopes will be there to help you get good looks. Parking at Cacoosing Meadows Park on Reedy Road at the end closest to Evan's Hill Road.

(Subject to weather conditions, last winter access to the parking area was limited following the big snow and freeze.) Coordinator: Linda Ingram 610-621-7473, Rudy Keller

**MARCH 26, 2022 (Saturday) - Green Hills Preserve –
Wintering Birds 8am**

Wintering birds and early spring arrivals.

From Rte. 10, go west on Rte. 568 (Kurtz Mill Rd.), turn right onto Gunhart Rd. Parking lot is on the right. Coordinator: Art Zdancewic 610-858-3315

**March 27, 2022 (Sunday) - French Creek State Park –
Woodcock Watch 6:30pm**

**American Woodcock courtship display. Meet at park office
on Park Rd.**

Coordinator: Art Zdancewic 610-858-3315

**APRIL 9, 2022 (Saturday) - Tulpehocken Creek – Early
Migrants 8 AM**

Look for early spring migrants. Meet at the Berks County Heritage Center side of the Red Bridge. Coordinator: Katrina Knight, 610-372-3671

**April 24, 2022 (Sunday) - Union Meadows – Early Migrants 8
AM**

An easy walk on wide flat trail through wooded and open field habitats.

Meet at Union Meadows East parking lot, Trailhead for the Schuylkill River Trail, Rte.724/East Main St. in Monocacy, 2 miles east of Birdsboro. Coordinators: Rudy Keller & Linda Ingram, 610-621-7473

**APRIL 30, 2022 (Saturday) - Birds, Butterflies & Botany,
Neversink Mountain, 10 AM (with Mengel Natural History
Society) For butterflies flying only in early spring, this is
one of the few Berks County locations. Meet at S 10th &
South Sts., Reading. (Park on South St.)**

Coordinators: Karl Gardner, 610-987-3281 and Ryan Woolwine, 610-777-2333.

**MAY 1, 2022 (Sunday) - SGL 106 - Pine Swamp 7 AM –
Spring Migrants**

This is a great location for migrants as well as uncommon local birds like Ruffed Grouse, and Kentucky Warblers. Meet in the parking lot

on the west side of Pine Swamp Rd about 1/2 mile south of Hawk Mountain Rd. Coordinator: Rudy Keller 610-845-7310

MAY 7, 2022 (Saturday) Hay Creek 7 AM – Spring Migrants

Easy walking in the Hay Creek Watershed and Reservoir for spring migrants. Access from Hay Creek Rd., park at south gate.

Coordinator: Sheila Martin, 610-858-6005

MAY 14, 2022 (Saturday) Gravely Birding in the Charles Evans Cemetery, - 8am

We will bird through Charles Evans Cemetery and stop at the graves to pay our respects and learn about naturalists such as Reading Public Museum founder Levi Mengel, entomologist Herman Strecker, and artist Conrad Roland. Meet inside the cemetery entrance off Centre Avenue in Reading. Coordinator: Bill Uhrich 610-698-1575

JUNE 4, 2022 (Saturday) - Hopewell Big Woods Trail French Creek SP - Grassland Breeding Birds 7am

A wide trail meanders through open fields bordered by woodland. Previous seasons were excellent for field and edge species.

Meet at Union Meadows East parking lot, Trailhead for the Schuylkill River Trail, Rte.724/East Main St. in Monocacy, 2 miles east of Birdsboro. (*change of parking location from 2021 trip)

Coordinator: Rudy Keller, 610-845-7310 and Sheila Martin, 610-858-6005

JUNE 11, 2022 (Saturday) - Green Hills Preserve Butterflies 10am (with Mengel Natural History Society)

Extensive open fields and some wooded habitat. Directions: From Rte. 10, go west on Rte. 568 (Kurtz Mill Rd.) Turn right onto Gunhart Rd. Parking lot is on the right.

Coordinators: Karl Gardner 610-987-3281 and Ryan Woolwine 610-777-2333.

JUNE 18, 2022 (Saturday) - Nolde Forest EEC Moth Night 8:30pm (with Mengel Natural History Society)

Leaders bait trees and hang sheets to bring in the night insects. Bring flashlight. Meet at Mansion parking lot. Coordinators: Ryan Woolwine 610-777-2333, Jim Eckert 610-373-1064, and Karl Gardner 610-987-3281.

JULY 23, 2022 (Saturday) - Kernsville Dragonflies & Damselflies 10am (with Mengel Natural History Society)

Bartram Trail, Kernsville Recreation Area

Rte. 61 north, right on Jetson Dr. (across from Cabela's), right on Industrial Dr., left on Kernsville Dam Rd. The parking area is on the right.

Coordinators: Karl Gardner, Mike Slater 610-775-3757, and Rudy Keller 610 845-7310.

AUGUST 6, 2022 (Saturday) - Blue Marsh Butterflies 10am (with Mengel Natural History Society)

Meet at the Blue Marsh Visitor's Center off Palisades Drive. Coordinators: Karl Gardner 610-987-3281 and Ryan Woolwine 610-777-2333

AUGUST 20, 2022 (Saturday - Angelica Park Butterflies 10am (with Mengel Natural History Society)

Meet in the parking lot adjacent to Berks Nature (the entrance is off Rt. 10, Morgantown Rd., at the big sign for Alvernia University).

Coordinators: Karl Gardner 610-987-3281 and Ryan Woolwine 610-777-2333

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