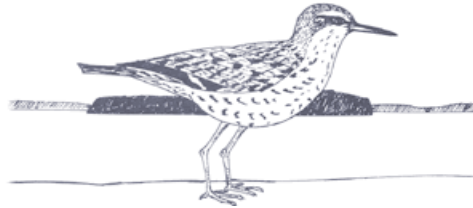


CHAPPEE RAPIDS REPORTER

A Publication of the Chappee Rapids Audubon Society

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SPRING BIRD WALKS

TUESDAY MORNING BIRDWALKS MAY 4th - 8:00 AM - DENISE TAYLOR'S FARM - Menominee

The Taylor farm is in the UP and is always a pleasure to go there to bird watch. We will start in the yard and go through woods which have both high and low areas, and end at the open fields where species of grass land sparrows might be found singing and nesting. Plan on a 2 ½ to 3 hour walk and contact Denise for directions or questions.

MAY 11TH -7:30 AM - HARMONY HARDWOODS ARBORETUM-Peshtigo
We are fortunate to have this stand of majestic old hardwoods near us. Along with the migration of passerines, the wildflowers will be in full bloom. A newly fledged great-horned owl or the beautiful scarlet tanager that nests here every year could be seen. On County E, turn into the Master

Gardner's road, meet by the gate just past the gardens and fields. Plan on a 3 hour walk

MAY 18TH-7:30 AM- HEMLOCK CURVE NATURE TRAIL-Peshtigo
The trail of the fairly-new nature trail takes you through low woods, open fields, hemlocks and hardwoods that should be bursting with wildflowers. The trail goes along the Peshtigo River where ducks and other water birds might be seen. We will also look for nesting blue-winged warblers, hawks and eagles. Meet at the parking lot. Take W. Front St. in Peshtigo, turn left on Harbor Road and go .9 mile to the sign and turn left. Plan on a 2 ½ to 3 hour walk.



Laurie & Paul lata with President Trygve Rhude receiving their award

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TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL BANQUET A SUCCESS

Even though the guest speaker was unable to attend due to an illness all comments received said the banquet was once again a success. Thanks to Wendel Johnson, with less than 12 hours to prepare, filled in for Adrian Wydevan and presented his program on the Wisconsin Timber Wolf.

A plethora of raffle items were given out with the money raised being used for the new observation deck which will be built on the end of Pond Road in the Peshtigo Wild-

life Area.

About 80 people attended this years banquet. The Leroy Lintereur Environmental Achievement Award was presented to Paul and Laurie Lata for all their year's of service to our organization.

Almost 30 business and individuals contributed to this years raffle. Make sure you say thank you to these folks next time you do business with them.

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SPRING BIRD WALKS

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MAY 25TH-7:30 AM – WASTE MANAGEMENT MITIGATION PONDS- Menominee

These shallow ponds are magnets for shorebirds, ducks, grebes and geese. The surrounding woods and fields are good places to see spring migrants. Meet at the parking lot just west of Waste Management's landfills on Elmwood Road, Me-

nominee. Plan on a 2 ½ to 3 hours walk. If you have a scope, bring it, we will use it on their observation deck.

THURSDAY MORNING BIRD WALKS

MAY 6TH, 13TH, 20TH & 27TH – 7:30 AM – POND ROAD, PESHTIGO HARBOR

Early morning offers the best birding opportunities here, especially if there is a wind from the south the night be-

fore. We will walk a circle starting where the gravel road begins. We will bird the road to the bay, head north through the woods along the bay coming out in the field where the bluebirds nest and back to the cars. We should see shorebirds, water birds, many passerines and possibly the resident merlin. Meet on Pond Road where the pavement turns to gravel. Plan on a 3 to 3 1/2 hour walk.

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Audubon .*



*One of the many
raffle item at this
years banquet.*

2010 Leroy Lintereur Environmental Achievement Award

We have all heard that a person is not missed until they are gone. In this case it is not only one, but two people. Paul and Laurie Lata have been greatly missed by all of us involved in Chappee Rapids Audubon as well as many other people in our communities. Since leaving Marinette for Madison, our group has had to find a new President and a new newsletter editor, two extremely important people in any organization. Paul and Laurie became involved in Chappee Rapids Audubon almost immediately after moving to Marinette. In the fall 1986 newsletter Paul is listed as the sec-

retary of our organization and in the summer 1990 Laurie is listed as the assistant newsletter editor.

Paul was secretary from 1986 to 1989, newsletter editor from 1988 to 1997, vice president from 2005 to 2006 and president from 2006 until 2009.

Laurie was secretary in 1990 and 1991, Newsletter editor from 1998 until 2009 and president from 1992 to 1994.

Besides the above mentioned officer positions Paul and Laurie have been involved in field trip planning and banquet planning, finding program speakers and they have been instrumental in the resurrec-

tion and improvements of the Lake Noquebay trails, as well as many other things that has made this organization what it is today.

Some of you may remember that Paul and Laurie received this award back in 2001 for publishing our newsletter for so many years. Now we get to thank them for all the other things they have done to help keep Chappee Rapids Audubon running efficiently for all these years.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

15th

April Meeting—Joel Trick, with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, will present a program on the Kirtlands warbler and piping plover. Both of these endangered species are found in Marinette County 7:00 pm, room M-110, UW Marinette

22nd Earth Day

Earth Week will be celebrated with the showing of a film at UW-Marinette on Thursday, April 22. Dr. Wendel Johnson, professor of biological sciences, will introduce the film “Tara, Journey to the Heart of the Climate Machine” at 7:00 pm at UW-Marinette in M-117 of the Main Building. The film is free and open to the public.

May

4th

Tuesday Morning Birdwalk
Taylor Farm (see article)

6th

Thursday Morning Birdwalk
Pond Road (see article)

11th

Tuesday Morning Birdwalk
Harmony Hardwoods (see article)

13th

Thursday Morning Birdwalk
Pond Road (see article)

18th

Tuesday Morning Birdwalk
Hemlock Curve Nature Trail (see article)

20th

Thursday Morning Birdwalk
Pond Road (see article)

20th

May Meeting—TBA

25th

Tuesday Morning Birdwalk
Waste Management Mitigation Pond
(see article)

27th

Thursday Morning Birdwalk
Pond Road (see article)

June

5th

Harmony Hardwoods Work Day
9:00 am, meet at the parking lot just
before the bridge.

Field Notes

My annual travels do not include a winter journey to the Sunshine state nor a Caribbean cruise. None the less, every March I make a trip to southeastern Michigan to visit my family and usually enjoy their early spring weather which is “usually” a lot like early May here. This year however as the miles in I-75 passed the snow grew in coverage and finally at my destination it blanketed the ground with close to a foot and nights in the teens! Since my return in mid March to our area, it has been spring ready or not! Warm sunny days, early arrivals of spring migrants and lots of yard work and long walks have been the norm, but NO rain till today to do any housework....well, a good enough excuse at any rate.

Birds have been streaming into our area for over a month. I have recorded killdeer on March 9th, red-wings the 10th and sandhills the 15th. Bluebirds singing in the yard on the 17th for one of my earlier dates followed by song sparrow and grackles the 18th. Bill and I heard both spring peepers and wood frogs faintly on the 23rd of March for a new personal early record here. Woodcocks and meadowlarks also on the 23rd. Our yard was filled with flickers by the 31st and we saw a large flock of tree swallows at the Hattie Street Bridge on April 1st- interestingly they have not showed up here yet. A fox sparrow, cowbirds and phoebes also arrived April 1st. Just before the showers started today, the 6th I heard at least two snipe singing over the lower pasture, I will take that as a good sign!

As for water fowl I did note a week of good Canada geese movement about March 15th and have seen a few flocks of swans the first weekend in April. Wood ducks and hooded mergansers are numerous on local ponds in the neighborhood and mallards abound in the ditches. I have seen good numbers of marsh hawks, Coopers and a few sharp-shins. Rough legged hawks are becoming scarce. Our neighbor Jackie Dupler reports the bald eagles on their “island” have had young since about the 23rd of March. Turkey vultures arrived March 31st- not all that early considering the open ground.

Insect activity is way ahead of schedule! Midges were out by April 2nd, numerous flies and small beetles have been active for two weeks or more. I have seen several Mourning Cloak butterflies and a few Com-mas- both personal favorites! We appear to have very little frost left anywhere and earthworms are abundant. The meadow voles seem to be down a bit here, I wonder if this is due to a lack of snow cover for protection.

I am also observing more fox squirrels in our area. I am familiar with these from my childhood and there have been a few over the years here, but certainly more now. Possibly due to more corn being grown? Deer areYes, plentiful!

The flora has been lagging no doubt to lack of moisture. I believe here at the farm we had one “30 inch” rain in the past month (That is when the raindrops fall thirty inches apart from one another). The grass and even the dandelions are not reaching their true spring potential without water. I am most concerned that many people are spoiled by their ability to simply turn on the tap and not be concerned about a well, a river, a lake or a ground water supply. I must admit that for most of my life I have felt that I lived next to the greatest supply of fresh water in the world (I still do!); however its continued existence even in my lifetime now seems more precarious than ever. Nature owes us no extra favors, living here in this land of bounty is favor enough. But we must pay even more attention to our climate changes and our role in water preservation. So for now, enjoy the spring rain and treasure every drop!

By Denise Taylor

2010 BANQUET DONORS

The following businesses and individuals contributed to the raffle at this years banquet. If you see any of these people give them a thank you.

A.J. Floral, Aurora Books, Marian Bergstrom, Barb Breza & Jim Goin, Marge Bjork, Ethyl Block, Bob Brisson, Carmen Bugaj, Rich & Joan Campbell, Kristine Danielson Jewelry, Don Estabo, John's Taxidermy, Beverly Hayward Johnson, Mrs. Koesling, Kuber's Feed Mill, Peshtigo National Bank,

Peshtigo Pharmacy, the Print Shop, Schusslers Supper Club, Tractor Supply, Ken & Dawn Wingender and Wind Rose North.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

In September 1969 Gaylord Nelson announced that there would be a nationwide grass-roots demonstration on behalf of the environment. On that day, April 22, 1970 some twenty-two million Americans demonstrated on behalf of the earth.

Nelson's explanation to a business owner on how the environment is essential to a strong economy goes like this, "The economy is a wholly

owned subsidiary of the environment. All economic activity is dependent upon that environment and its underlying resource base of forests, water, air, soil, and minerals. When the environment is finally forced to file bankruptcy because its resource base has been polluted, degraded, dissipated, and irretrievably compromised, the economy goes into bankruptcy with it. The economy is, after all, just a subset

within the ecological system.

April 22, 2020 will be the 40th anniversary of Earth Day. Do what you can on April 22nd, and every other day to make sure we continue to have a strong economy.

Cheers, Trygve

If you see a bird that you do not normally see in our area please let one of the following people know about it:

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Bob Brisson 906-863-6850
Gregg Cleereman 715-732-7510
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A Special Thank You

To all of our Chappée Rapids Audubon friends. We were honored to receive the Leroy Lintereur Environmental Achievement Award. It has been easy to give our time to something we believe deeply in. We are proud to be a part of such a wonderful group of people; people who have taught us so much. Wherever we go, Chappée Rapids Audubon will always be a part of us.

Paul and Laurie Lata

OFFICERS ELECTIONS

During our May meeting we will be electing a slate of officers and committee chairs for the coming year. If you have not held an "official" position in the group, now is the time to consider doing so. As you have heard me say many times before, "Each of us does a little work while still being able to have a lot of fun" Please consider offering your services; a new face brings along with it new ideas and new enthusiasm.

Trygve

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