



Mid-Coast Audubon Society

ANNUAL REPORT

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The Board

The Chapter Board met the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Home Ec room of Medomak Valley High School during the fiscal year. The annual chapter meeting was held Saturday, 11 July 2010 at the Audubon Camp on Hog Island, as a lobster bake, island exploration and meeting, with 51 people attending. Several changes in Board membership occurred during the year with the addition of Dennis McKenna, Juanita Roushdy and Gerald Therrien, while Connie Arness and Gerald Therrien resigned from the Board.

Chapter Web Page

The Chapter, through a generous web page master contribution, maintains an active and up to date source of information for public access at www.midcoastaudubon.org.

Newsletter

The Mid-Coast Audubon BULLETIN, the Chapter newsletter, appeared as four issues, totaling 34 pages. The 2/11 issue reported a complete summary of the three Chapter Christmas Bird Counts and the quarterly May 2011 issue introducing color throughout the eight pages. The May 2011 issue also introduced a column dedicated to reporting Maine Legislature issues. Programs, field trips, events and bird reports are regular features.

Membership

As a Chapter of Maine Audubon Society (MAS), memberships are coordinated and records maintained by MAS, with information provided to the Chapter monthly. The Chapter derives a portion of member dues.

During the fiscal year, the number of Chapter members on July 1, 2010 was 515 and on June 30, 2011 was 532, but this does not reflect the 40 dropped members this year and new members joining.

Special Events Attended

Special events sponsored by other organizations and participation by the Chapter with displays and product sales were: Jefferson Day, Waldoboro Days, South Bristol Days, midcoast Green Collaborative's Sustained Living Expo, Plants Unlimited Green Fair and Knox-Lincoln Soil & Water Conservation District's Student Conservation Fair for 1st and 2nd grades with over 700 attending.

Chapter Events

Significant events planned and conducted by Chapter members were; Midwinter Spring Icebreaker & Pot Luck Lunch 3/13 held at the Knox-Lincoln Cooperative Extension office, was successful with youth painting bluebird nest boxes, bird identification viewing games for adults, Bird Jeopardy and outstanding food, with 30 youth and adults attending.

Introduced this year on 7/24 was the successful Birdhouse and Garden Tour

The annual Chapter fall bird seed sale, held through the generous cooperation of Plants Unlimited in Rockport, distributed a ton of seed and netted the Chapter significant funds.

Two events instrumental in attracting members and friends to dedicate time and effort doing trail improvement work on two Chapter preserves were:, The Guy VanDuyn Wildlife Preserve in Waldoboro and the Nelson Preserve 3/13 Breakfast & Trail Work in Friendship.

Midwinter Spring Icebreaker & Pot Luck Lunch in March was successful with youth painting Eastern Bluebird nest boxes, bird identification viewing, bird jeopardy, outstanding food, with 30 people attending.

Scholarships

Chapter scholarships to attend the Audubon Camp at Hog Island or Tanglewood 4-H Camp and Learning Center were awarded this year. Kathy Cartwright and Lisa Workman went to Sharing Nature: an Educator's Week, on Hog Island. Stephanie Martin attended the Field Ornithology week on Hog Island on a Jean Boyer Hamlin Scholarship in Ornithology. Youth scholarships were awarded to Tanglewood 4-H Camp and Learning Center for Joshua and Colby Johnson and Fyn Kynd. Lauren Miller attended Blueberry Cove Day Camp.

Affiliate & Contributing

The Chapter continues to be an active affiliate of North American Bluebird Society, with articles submitted for publication in Bluebird.

For many years, the Board has made a significant annual contribution to Avian Haven, in Palermo, ME, highly effective bird rehab facility and to Tanglewood 4-H Camp and Learning Center's *Joe Gray Nature Center*. The Chapter contributes annually to Project puffin.

Nest Boxes an Product Sales

Continuing the Chapter's 35 year bird house and feeder construction and sales program, during the year over 200 bluebird and other nest boxes were produced. In addition, a permanent sales outlet was developed for Chapter products which proved an immediate success. In early 2011, protective metal entrance guards were added to the already well-constructed durable and successful Eastern Bluebird nest boxes, receiving the "Approved" designation of the North American Bluebird Society. The Chapter's nest boxes and wooden products now bear a branded imprint of the Society.

Field Trips

The Chapter's active Field Trip Committee of John Weinrich, Bull Goodwill and Don Reimer, meet regularly and developed an annual program of varied subject field trips, many beyond the Chapter's membership area.

The annual list as follows:

- 8/6 Weskeag Marsh
- 9/6 Weskag Marsh Shorebirds
- 8/17 Poor Man's Pelagic Bird Trip
- 9/11 Plum Island National Wildlife Refuge
- 9/18 Bradbury Mountain Hawk Watch
- 9./24-25 Monhegan Island Fall Birds
- 10/4 Poor Man's Palegic Bird Trip
- 10/6 Green Point Wildlife Management Area
- 11/20 Ducks of Rockland. and Rockport
- 12/18 Thomaston-Rockland Christmas Bird Count
- 12/20 Bunker Hill Christmas Bird Count
- 12/22 Pemaquid-Damariscotta Christmas Bird Count
- 1/22 Rockland Harbor & Spruce Head
- 2/11-12 Plum Island National Wildlife Refuge
- 5/4 Morse & Medomak Valley Land Trust VLT Properties
- 5/11 Wildflower Walk in Waldoboro
- 5/14 Evergreen Cemetery, Cupsic Pond, etc.
- 5/15 Monhegan Island Spring Birds
- 5/21 Vaughn Woods & Belgrade Lakes
- 5/25 Damariscotta River Farm Birds
- 6/4 Kennebunk Plains & Sanford Waste Water Ponds
- 6/11 Clarry Hill Birding for hawks and migrants
- 6/25 The Davidson Preserve

Programs

The eleven Chapter educational and informational programs developed by the Program Committee of Kathy Cartwright and Connie Arness, have met with interest and success in informing the public.

Programs presented, at Camden Public Library, and several other sites are:

Edible & Medicinal Mushrooms of New England, 9/16 Camden PL
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Overview of Maine Birds, 10/231 Camden PL
Backyard Birding in Maine, Gibbs Library
Backyard Birds, 10/28 Gibbs Library
We Can Still Choose To Act, 11/18 Camden PL
Wildlife As I See It in Northern New England, 1/27 w/ SVCA, SVCA
Great Blue Herons 2/17
Backyard Birding, 3/17 Camden PL
Summer in Alaska, 4/13 Waldoboro Public Library
Reviewing Environmental Issues, 4/21 Camden Photography of Birds

Presentations By the Chapter Speaker Bureau

Members of the Chapter Speaker Bureau, Joe Gray, Don Reimer, Bill Goodwill and John Weinrich, presented 17 colorful slide illustrated programs for community organizations during the fiscal year, as follows:

Songbirds of Maine - fall 2010 (8 weeks 16 hours), Coastal Senior College
Birds of Field, Forests & Wetlands, 10/6 Schooner Cove Cooperative
Fire and Ice, 10/20 Schooner Cove Cooperative
Unusual Birds of Maine, 10/11o-20 Great Salt Bay Adult Ed
Mammals of Maine, 11/2-9 Great Salt Bay Adult Ed
Maine Wildflowers, 11/2 Schooner Cove Cooperative
The Amazon, 11/17 Schooner Cove Cooperative
Stone Walls & Rusty Iron, 1/5 Schooner Cove Cooperative
Black Bear of Pennsylvania, 1/19 Schooner Cove Cooperative
Birds of Field, Forest & Wetlands 1/31 Chase Point Assisted Living
Exploring The Natural History of Maine, winter 2011 (8 weeks-16 hours) Coastal Senior College
Maine Hawks & Owls, 2/1 Schooner Cove Cooperative
The Sonoran Desert, 2/15 Schooner Cove Cooperative
The Maine Coast 2/20 Chase Point Assisted Living
Maine Wildflowers, 3/28 Chase Point Assisted Living
Exploring Maine Wildflowers, 4/20 Women of Rockland Congregational. Church
The Sonoran Desert 4/25 Chase Point Assisted Living
Water In Our Lives, 5/7 Chase Point Assisted Living