

## From the Presidents Perch

### Bergen County Audubon ‘walks the walk’ everyday



Most people know about BCAS from all our nature walks, educational programs and special events done throughout the year. But what most folks may not realize is that Bergen Audubon and all our volunteers are out there every single day doing what needs to be done to protect our wildlife and the environment right here at home in and around your own neighborhood.

Whether it is monitoring and protecting endangered species for the NJDEP, contacting local officials concerning threats to the environment, attending meetings, saving a patch of milkweed along a roadside or holding a protest sign, our volunteers are there. BCAS, our board members and volunteers are putting it on the line each and every day, morning and night, acting on behalf of wildlife and our members. All on their own time with no pay...just doing what they believe is the right thing to do.

I am humbled and proud each and every day on how hard they work with much personal sacrifice and with little or no recognition. They all know what has to be done and they do it whenever and wherever they may be needed. They are there with no more than a phone call or text message needed. The next time you see them in the field or at a meeting, please thank them for what they do to protect and preserve all our natural resources for all to enjoy.

**DON TORINO**

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#### SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE MAJOR EVENTS

- -Sunday June 30.-**Native Plant Festival** at DeKorte Park 10AM--3PM (Rain date Sunday 7/7)
- -Sunday July 7. -**Meadowlands Talk with Jim Wright** at DeKorte Park 12:15PM
- -Tuesday July 23.- **Moth Night in the Meadowlands** at DeKorte Park 8:30PM-to 10:00PM
- -Sunday July 28,-**Butterfly Day at DeKorte Park** 10AM --3PM (Rain date Sunday 8/4)
- -Sunday Sept. 14,-**Third Annual Meadowlands Birding Festival** at DeKorte Park 8:30AM to 4:30PM

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**WELCOME JERSEY CITY INTO OUR BCAS AUDUBON TERRITORY. HOPE TO MEET YOU ON OUR BIRD WALKS.**

**MAKE A PURCHASE FROM METROPOLITAN PLANT EXCHANGE OVER \$50 AND METROPOLITAN WILL DONATE \$10 TO BCAS.**



The Coupon is on our website at [www.bergencountyaudubon.org](http://www.bergencountyaudubon.org)

**2019 BCAS SPRING COUNT ON MAY 11  
Bird-watchers Wanted!**



Would you like to volunteer for the Annual “Spring Count”? It will be held Saturday, May 11, rain or shine. Our goal is to identify all bird species, and to count how many of each species are present that day. There will be groups’ birding at Garret Mountain, Oradell Reservoir, Teaneck Creek, DeKorte Park, and the Celery Farm. But we would also love to send people to other promising habitats such as Mah-Wah/Ramapo, Van Saun Park or Tenafly Nature Center.

If you would like to join a group, or to propose where you plan to be birding that day, please contact **Dave Hall** (973-226-7825) [david.hall@einstein.yu.edu](mailto:david.hall@einstein.yu.edu). We will also have a signup sheet and bird lists at the April meeting.

May brings us the best possible mix of birdlife, and this event can be a fun way to practice your bird identification skills. The more the merrier!

**DAVID HALL**

**INTRODUCING OUR NEW VICE PRESIDENT,  
MARILYN SADOWSKI**



Marilyn has been birding as a hobby and a way to get out and walk in nature for the past several years. She wanted to become formally involved with BCAS and welcomed the opportunity to be an active member of the group.

Out of college, Marilyn was employed as a social worker in the child welfare system for approximately ten years before entering law school. She has a general practice in Hackensack with an emphasis on family law and meeting the needs of people in the community with wills, powers of attorney and real estate.

Marilyn and her husband, Gary, own a small bungalow in a Maryland community located at the northern end of the Chesapeake Bay where they both enjoy the local birding. One of their favorite spots is Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge.

If you have ideas for future speakers, please let Marilyn know. Email: [msadowskiesq@gmail.com](mailto:msadowskiesq@gmail.com) or call 201 982-0483

**MAKING A DIFFERENCE** – *A column dedicated to all those member volunteers who in some way have enhanced, preserved, conserved, protected, educated or elevated our experiences of those things we love, the beauty of the natural world. The Editor.*

### Thanks to Volunteer, TAMMY LAVERTY



I'm a city kid who grew up in a North Bergen apartment. I had domestic pets, dogs, parakeets, fish, etc. but not much exploring in nature. When I moved to Ridgefield Park 20+ years ago, I enjoyed watching the birds at my feeder on Sunday mornings. After retiring from my job in the city, I started enjoying occasional BCAS walks and talks. I love Don's naturalist idea that we are custodians of the earth and we need to care for insects, plants, birds, and all wildlife, and his timely reminders that folks fought for legislation that has improved the water and air and that we must not go backwards. It sparked my confidence that even my little efforts can contribute to a healthy habitat.

(Photo l-r, Pat Knight, Joe Pye, Tammy Laverty at BCAS Overpeck Native Garden)

When Don talked about how crowded NJ is and that our yards could be way-stations for migrating birds, my mind envisioned a bird's eye view of NJ filled with "lil" plots for the birds to rest and feed. So I started shifting to native plants and decreasing the grass/lawn in my little yard and now I, too, have a Bergen Audubon Certified Wildlife Garden.

Four years ago I entered the Bergen County Master Gardeners program. The tradition of a first year trainee is to volunteer at all types of garden sites throughout Bergen County. When I landed at the BCAS Overpeck Native Plant and Butterfly Garden behind the Bergen Equestrian Center, I knew I found my niche. The garden is packed with plants based on Don's vision of an oasis for all wildlife, especially birds and pollinators. I'm so lucky to work beside two experts, Don and Pat Knight. Their knowledge and generosity is really inspirational.

Last summer during a really hot spell, I was watering at the Garden and was rewarded with a hummingbird hovering and dancing in the spray from the hose, just inches in front of my face. I was thrilled and I felt like a giddy kid for the rest of the day! Recently, I helped Mary Kostus' project by giving her my observations at the Disposal Road methane enclosure. I'm hoping that her report will help the DEP disseminate solutions to other places with open flames endangering our birds. A bonus for me was watching the harriers and the kestrels hunting on the area's hillside. They were mesmerizing.

I'm looking forward to jumping in wherever I can be useful on other BCAS projects in the future!

### SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY EVENTS & MEETINGS, MAY- JUNE 2019

*Meetings are held at Teaneck Creek Conservancy, Puffin Way, Teaneck.*

Programs are free and open to the public. \*\*\* Business Meeting 7:30pm, Programs at 8pm

**April 17 - Ben Wurst, the Osprey Project.** Ben is Habitat Program Manager for Conserve Wildlife Foundation. Did you know that in 1974 only 50 osprey nests were left in NJ? Today, ospreys are a common sight along the New Jersey shore during the summer. Join us to learn about the life history of ospreys, current monitoring techniques, and their amazing comeback.

**May 15-- Blaine Rothauser , Pollinators in Peril.** Join Blaine Rothauser of the Conserve Wildlife Foundation on a photogenic tour of the world of pollinators in New Jersey.

Blaine is a Senior Natural Resource Specialist in threatened and endangered species analysis and environmental impact studies at GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc.

**June 19 -- Peter Bacinski, a Naturalist Diary.** The program is complete with all the natural history facts and questions you never thought to ask as well as amazing images of Mother Nature's incredible oddities.

Pete has an extensive history participating as a NJ Audubon Volunteer and Associate Naturalist, Field Trip, Tour and Workshop Leader. Among his many accomplishments, he established and directed the Sandy Hook Bird Observatory for the NJ Audubon 2001--2011.

### **2019 FIELD TRIPS - SPRING/SUMMER 2019**

Unless noted, all field trips are rain OR shine. For last minute changes due to inclement weather or other conditions, please notify trip leader. If not noted, ***Leaders' email addresses at end of this listing.***

--For additional information or to make suggestions for field trips, please contact Field Chair, **Chris Takacs at 201-207-0426 or [americanchris22@gmail.com](mailto:americanchris22@gmail.com).**

--For a complete list of directions to field trip sites please visit [www.bergencountyaudubon.org](http://www.bergencountyaudubon.org).

**May 2 (Tues) 9:00 AM Borg's Woods, Hackensack.** Spring migrants, warblers, vireos, flycatchers.  
Contact: Don Torino 201-230-4983,

**May 5 (Sun) 10:00 AM Losen Slote Creek Park / Mehrhof Pond.** Spring migrants, warblers, vireos, thrushes.  
Contact: Don Torino 201-230-4983, [greatauk4@gmail.com](mailto:greatauk4@gmail.com)

**May 7 (Tues) 9:30 AM Teaneck Creek Conservancy.** Spring migrants, warblers. Contact: Chris Takacs 201-207-0426,

**May 9 (Thurs) 10:00 AM Halifax Rd. Mahwah.** Spring migrants, warblers. Contact: Chris Takacs 201-207-0426,

**May 11 (Sat) Bergen County Audubon Spring Count.** All-day annual fundraiser. Participants needed.  
Contact: Dave Hall 973-226-7825,

**May 12 (Sun) 10:00 AM Mother's Day at Tenafly Nature Center.** Spring migrants, shorebirds.  
Contact: Don Torino 201-230-4983,

**May 16 (Thurs) 9:30 AM Van Vleck Gardens, Montclair.** Spring migrants. Contact: Don Torino 201-230-4983,

**May 19 (Sun) 8:00 AM Garret Mt. Reservation** Spring migrants, warblers. Contact: Chris Takacs 201-207-0426,

**May 21 (Tues) 10:00 AM Richard DeKorte Park.** Spring migrants, shorebirds. Contact: Don Torino 201-230-4983.

**May 23 (Thurs) 10:00 AM Celery Farm.** Spring migrants, warblers, flycatchers, swallows. Contact: Don Torino 201-230-4983

**May 26 (Sun) 10:00 AM Teaneck Greenway Walk at Indian Pond.** Warblers, Spring migrants. Contact Chris Takacs.

**June 2 (Sun) 8:00 AM Bashakill Wildlife Management Area, Sullivan County, NY.** Marsh birds, warblers, swallows.  
Contact: Dave Hall 973-226-7825, [david.hall@einstein.yu.edu](mailto:david.hall@einstein.yu.edu)

**June 2 (Sun) 10:00 AM Mill Creek Marsh.** Spring migrants, flycatchers, shorebirds. Contact: Don Torino 201-230-4983.

**June 4 (Tues) 10:00 AM Flat Rock Brook.** Migrants, warblers, flycatchers. Contact: Don Torino 201-230-4983.

**June 9 (Sun) 10:00 AM NJ Botanical Garden Bluebird Walk, Ringwood.** Bluebirds, warblers, butterflies, flowering plants.  
Contact: Don Torino 201-230-4983 [greatauk4@gmail.com](mailto:greatauk4@gmail.com)

**June 15 (Sat) 8:00 AM Hatfield Swamp.** Late spring migrants, nesting birds. Contact: Dave Hall 973-226-7825

**June 16 (Sun) 10:00 AM Meadowlands Father's Day Walk at Richard DeKorte Park.** Migrants, warblers, flycatchers.  
Contact: Don Torino 201-230-4983, [greatauk4@gmail.com](mailto:greatauk4@gmail.com)

**June 18 (Tues) 10:00 AM Losen Slote Creek Park.** Late spring migrants, nesting birds. Contact: Don Torino 201-230-4983.

**June 23 (Sun) 10:00 AM The New Weis Center BCAS Certified Wildlife Habitat Program.** Contact: Don Torino.201-230-4983.

**June 30 (Sun) 10:00 AM Native Plant Day at Richard DeKorte Park.** Rain Date July 7, Contact: Don Torino 201-230-4983,

**July 2 (Tues) 10:00 AM Overpeck Butterfly Walk.** Nature walk. Contact: Don Torino 201-230-4983.

**July 11 (Thurs) 8:30 AM Hilltop Reservation.** Late spring migrants, nesting birds. Contact: Dave Hall 973-226-7825.

**July 14 (Sun) 1:00 PM NJ Botanical Garden Butterfly Walk, Ringwood.** Contact: Don Torino -201-230-4983.

**July 16 (Tues) 10:00 AM Richard DeKorte Park Butterfly Walk.** Contact: Don Torino 201-230-4983.

**July 21 (Sun) 10:00 AM Mill Creek Marsh.** Warblers, flycatchers, shorebirds. Contact: Don Torino 201-230-4983.

**July 25 (Thurs) 8:30 AM Becker Tract, Roseland.** Late spring migrants, nesting birds.  
Contact: Dave Hall 973-226-7825, david.hall@einstein.yu.edu

**July 29 (Sun) 10:00 to 3:00 PM 9th Annual Butterfly Day, Richard DeKorte Park.** Rain date August 4.  
Join us for this free family friendly event. Contact: Don Torino 201-230-4983,

Leaders:

*Don Torino: greatauk4@gmail.com; David Hall: david.hall@einstein.yu.edu; Chris Takacs: americanchris22@gmail.com*

**CONSERVATION**

**Karen Nickeson, Chair**

It has been an honor for me to join the Board of BCAS as Conservation Chair this year. My duties have afforded me the opportunity to work more closely with an enthusiastic and skilled group of volunteers who generously offer their time and effort to monitor and protect our local birds and habitat. I'm grateful to them, Don, and Mary Kostus for making me welcome and helping me to learn the ropes. Our critical task together is to protect open spaces and habitat that seems continually to be threatened by encroachment. We can also enhance habitats by providing a wildlife-friendly environment. What we can't control on a local basis is rapid climate change.

When I grew up in southeastern Connecticut, seeing a Cardinal was a rare event. We never saw a Titmouse or Carolina Wren. A Mockingbird was just a bird we heard about in songs. They are all common now. Why did they expand their range? A bit of research reveals that climate change had an impact. Among other possible factors such as population pressures, the progressively warming 20th century allowed these species to advance their range east of the Hudson River and north of Long Island Sound (Baddell, 1963). By mid-century, the first individuals began to appear in Connecticut. How do we know this? Because of the Christmas Bird Count.

Data collected by Audubon members and citizen scientists document the change in the ranges of these species. With the onset of more rapid climate change, National Audubon has intensified its data acquisition with a project called Climatewatch. With focused data collection, the expansion, contraction, or shifting of ranges will be trackable year by year in order to test the predictive models of Audubon range maps. A coordinated crew of BCAS volunteers will provide our share of data in these efforts.

What more can we do? I encourage all of our members to list their field and backyard sightings in eBird. With some friendly reminding, I have become more diligent about this practice. I frequently enter my notes at home in my laptop. But, I discover that my feeble Android does just fine with entering data in the field. No problem with data usage. The more information we contribute, the more numbers exist to be mined by the analysts, now and years in the future. It may even help change policy. Let's gather the facts.

**BCAS ANNUAL BIRD FEEDER CLEANING FUNDRAISER  
ON JUNE 1st AT WILD BIRDS UNLIMITED  
Rt 17, Paramus, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
donation of \$5.00 per feeder.**



All proceeds go to Bergen County Audubon to support our wide variety of programs and conservation efforts throughout the year, including *Audubon Adventures*, a curriculum provided to county schools.

**CALLING VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THIS FUNDRAISER.**

If you would like to help, contact Peggy O'Neill at 201-868-5829.

*Lunch provided by Wild Birds Unlimited.*

## EDUCATION

Marie Longo, Chair

**AUDUBON ADVENTURES** Donations made during our Spring Count Fundraiser enable us to continue providing the Audubon Adventures program free to schools in our area. We currently sponsor 9 schools/ groups, 20 classrooms, 640 students. Please consider donating to our fundraiser, whether it be a per species or fixed dollar amount. In this world of nature disconnect, it is vital to the future of bird populations and the planet to educate our young future leaders on the importance of protecting and preserving nature and getting outdoors.

**NATURE DISCOVERY KITS.** BCAS has donated 13 kits to local nature centers and schools in our area. We still have a limited number of kits available.

**Butterfly Nature Discovery Kit** contents: 1 Monarch and Milkweed book, 1 Life Cycle of Butterflies book, 1 Life Cycle of a Monarch Butterfly model, 1 Incredible Journey of the Butterflies DVD and 1 Audubon Adventures Monarch Nature News Packets (32 of each).

**Bird Nature Discovery Kit** contents: 1 three pack of Audubon stuffed birds with sound, 1 Dr. Seuss Fine Feathered Friends book, 1 Stokes Beginners Guide to Birds (Eastern Region), 1 Duckumentary DVD, Audubon Adventures Backyard Nesting Birds Nature News Packet (32 of each).

If your school or nature center is interested in ordering a bird or butterfly kit, please contact Marie Longo, MLongo8383@aol.com or (201) 498-0809.

**CERTIFIED WILDLIFE GARDEN PROGRAM.** Spring is in the air and so is planting season. The eastern monarch population was up in 2018 and I truly believe we have made a difference by planting milkweed and native nectar sources. But our work is not done, the monarch still needs our help as do bees, birds and other wildlife. Please add some natives to your garden this year and have your garden certified by BCAS. Applications are available on our website: <http://bergencountyaudubon.org/cwg/>.

### ***Pledge Your Support for BCAS and join us in the 2019 SPRING COUNT FUNDRAISER***

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*Fill out our pledge sheet and show your support for our conservation and education efforts with projects like habitat restoration, nest boxes, new birder classes. etc.*

The Spring Count Fundraiser will be based on the total number of bird species seen by our members on May 11, 2019. We hope to find around 100-125 species. Please consider using a "Matching Grant" from your employer if it is available to you. Your pledge is tax deductible.

**Monies raised are used to support NJ conservation initiatives and fund environmental education through our Audubon Adventures program.**

You can bring your pledge to our next meeting or

Mail form to: **BCAS Spring Fundraiser,  
P.O. Box 235, Paramus, NJ 07653-0235** or

Use the **DONATE** button on our website at  
[www.bergencountyaudubon.org](http://www.bergencountyaudubon.org).

**Checks should be made payable to:  
"Bergen County Audubon Society"**



You may pledge "X" amount per species and your pledge will then be multiplied by the total number of species seen on that day, or you can pledge a fixed amount.

**Pledge per Species:**

or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ amount.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Peggy O'Neill at (201) 868-5829 if you have any questions.

**A TRIBUTE TO FRANK M CHAPMAN**, by **Steve Quinn**, BCAS member, artist, author, naturalist, diorama and exhibit specialist at the American Museum of Natural History.

**Frank Chapman was the father of the very first CBC (Christmas Bird Count) in Central Park in 1900** to combat the Christmas tradition at that time of going into the field for a “holiday hunt” with the goal of shooting as many birds of whatever species as possible. Chapman was a champion for protecting birds from the millinery trade and successfully fought for the legislation to protect all birds from the “feather trade”. He, famously, took a Sunday stroll on 5th Avenue in the early 1900s and identified 40 species of birds from the feathers on the hats and stoles of the fashionably dressed women he passed. He wrote about this in an effort to discourage those wearers of bird feathers. In so doing he saved the demise of birds like the Snowy Egret.

**His Hall of North American Birds in the American Museum of Natural History was the first major exhibition hall to use the “Habitat Diorama” as it’s sole means of displaying specimens.** Chapman started the protocol that these exhibits MUST depict REAL places and, to that end, he would send and accompany a team of ornithologists and artists into the field to collect the specimens, accessories and visual references to recreate the scene, with it’s painted background, back in NY at the museum.

**He used his “Pelican Island” diorama to appeal directly to then President Theodore Roosevelt to create the very first “Federal Bird Reserve” in the US.** Roosevelt, under Chapman’s guidance, would go on to create a total of 51 Federal Bird Reserve’s during his Presidency. The “Federal Bird Reserve” system would eventually become the Federal US Fish and Wildlife Service with hundreds of what would then be called “Federal Wildlife Refuges”. His “Great Egret” diorama and “Cuthbert Rookery” dioramas were created in the early 1900 and used to urge protection of these birds and the outlawing of plume-hunting. The site chosen for the “Cuthbert Rookery” diorama was the very place where Guy Bradley, under Chapman’s urging, was hired by the Audubon Society as the first warden to protect nesting herons and waterbirds from plume hunters. He was shot and killed by a notorious plume hunter. Bradley became the first martyr for the wildlife conservation cause and Chapman honored him with his own diorama.

**Most of the sites of the dioramas featured in Chapman’s original 1902 Hall of North American Birds are now National Parks, Bird Sanctuaries, or National Wildlife Refuges!** One, the “Hackensack Meadowlands” diorama is of particular interest to Bergen County residents as it depicts a site along the Hackensack River at Little Ferry as it appeared in 1902, prior to the damming of the Hackensack River at Oradell to create the Oradell Reservoir. The diorama depicts a very different habitat which is much more of a fresh-water wetland due to the unobstructed flow of freshwater coming down the Hackensack in those earlier times. The diorama depicts extensive stands of cattails and wild rice populated by flocks of Bobolinks, Soras, and Wood ducks. A very different wetland today which is much more influenced by the salt water tides coming farther up the river due to the halting of freshwater upstream at the Oradell Dam.

**Chapman was born in Teaneck, was a founder of the American Ornithological Union, and The Audubon Society.** His popular nature magazine called “Bird Lore” would eventually become “Audubon Magazine”. He wrote the first popular field guide for birdwatching as he knew that popularizing birdwatching would be a critical step in generating concern among the public for their protection. I believe he was also very influential in the creation of the Lacey Act, and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, both from the early 1900s. In his memoirs he writes about birding in Teaneck and Englewood with famous nature writer John Burrows, and catching native Brook Trout in Teaneck’s streams. Descriptions of the wonders that were the Overpeck marshes.

I’ve just scratched the surface of only a small part of Chapman’s accomplishments and contributions to ornithology, bird conservation and popular birdwatching. Truly Chapman was the most famous birder, conservationist, and ornithologist from Bergen County!

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**Note: If you would like to see the dioramas and other info about Chapman, go to “Steve Quinn tells story of dioramas of Frank Chapman” - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qb6j72hPC7E>**  
**The Editor**

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*As Members of Bergen County  
Audubon Society, we share a love for  
birds and a concern for the  
environment. Our mission is to  
promote and protect wildlife in their  
natural habitat by providing  
opportunities for observation and  
conservation.*

*All field trips and programs are open  
to the public and free of charge.*

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2019**

Please enroll me as a member of the Bergen Audubon Society (Q07) and/or the National Audubon Society.

My check is enclosed for

**\$20 Individual** or  **\$35 Family Chapter Sustaining Member**. All funds stay in our area, helping us to support local efforts and provide services in Bergen County. Make check payable to Bergen County Audubon.

**\$20 - National Audubon Society Member**. (1st year rate for new NAS members only). Includes Chapter membership. Make check payable to National Audubon Society.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address : \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (I would like to be notified of upcoming events online and receive the newsletter electronically.)  
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