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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PERCH

MORNINGS WITH SMALLS

I leave my truck and begin my long walk to our butterfly garden and, as usual, I am overly focused on where I have to be, who I have to call, text, email or actually meet with by the end of the day. There are pressing issues of the day to say the least--some that may bring a ray of hope and others just throw in the towel day, but as I round the corner there he is. A large figure framed by a beautiful blue sky. A smile comes to my face, my good friend is here when I need to visit with him the most. My old pal, Smalls.



I stop and rest and put my arms on the white fence and can't help but feel everything is perfect as it should be. There in the distance is my close friend for many years, Smalls the horse. He picks his head up, I wave and he begins his long meandering stroll over to greet me. He is in no rush, no reason to hurry. He purposely shows me that I should slow it down and take it easy, he will be there shortly.

Smalls is the most gentle of giants, a large Draft Horse that could be a bit intimidating if you did not know him - with a personality even bigger than he is. He finally arrives at the fence, lifts his big head over and with those beautiful dark eyes says, "Good Morning, it's a beautiful day. " I pet his nose, we look up quietly at each other and just rest. "See any good birds today?" he looks up in the air. "Catch you on the way back" I say, as he nods his head and goes about his business. I am not sure when Smalls and I first met or what we said to each other, but I am sure it was how most best friends meet by enjoying some activity together. In this case it was just being outside.

Now sometimes understandably Smalls does not have the time to come over for a visit. Life is like that sometimes for all of us. Some mornings the grass might just be too

sweet and lush to pass up and other times he just likes canoodling with his horse friends on the other side of the fences. so that is when I wave and move along. But like a good friend he is always there when I really need him most.

Smalls is a very good listener and is in fact the best listener I know. After all that is the best thing a friend can do, just listen. I am not sure he takes my morning gripes and indignations seriously but his face does not give it away if he doesn't. He nods his head with a sympathetic expression like he understands and looks me in the eye as if to say "I hear you buddy".

One thing Smalls does not tolerate is anyone feeling sorry for themselves. I can recall one warm Spring morning when I thought my job was just getting too tough and I was the one who should really be put out to pasture. As Smalls walked up to me and put his big head over the fence he gave me a little nudge, "Hey " I said, "what is up with you big guy"? Smalls answered with a stern look, "Wake up and smell the flowers. It's a gorgeous day! We are surrounded by friends who care about us, we are doing what we love plus we have plenty of good snacks to eat too! So get on with it, do what you have to do, I am always here to talk".

Did I mention Smalls is a great philosopher also?

My mornings with Smalls are very special. It is one of the great joys of my life to be able to stop even for a minute or two and share the news of the day or just rest silently along with him to enjoy the wonders of nature around us. Smalls does not have to talk, he does not have to come up with world-shattering solutions or be wiser or smarter than anyone else, he just has to be himself and do what he has always done for me, just be there.

Thanks Smalls! See you soon!

Don Torino

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UPCOMING BCAS PROGRAMS- SEPT. - DEC 2024

All our programs are planned for zoom. Check our website www.bergencountyaudubon.org for more updates and enhanced info on our speakers, their bios, descriptions and photos.

Sept. 11, 7:30 pm. Dr. Charles Nilon – Urban Wildlife.

Oct 9, 7:30 pm. Zach Steinhauer, Purple Martin Documentary. A wildlife filmmaker based in Columbia SC and recently completed a feature-length film about Purple Martin and migratory bird conservation titled Purple Haze.

November 13, 7:30 pm.. Cailin O'Connor, a researcher using Motus to track migration of songbirds raised/treated for traumatic brain injury from window strikes in rehab facilities.

For speaker and program suggestions, contact Marilyn Sadowski at 201-982-0483, msadowskibcas@gmail.com

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- July 21 (Sun.) 10AM-3PM. **15th Annual Butterfly Day** at DeKorte Park,
- August 25 (Sun.) 10AM-1PM **3rd Annual Hummingbird Day** at the Overpeck Butterfly Garden, Leonia..
- October 6 (Sun.) 8:30AM-3PM. **Meadowlands Birding Festival** at Richard DeKorte Park, Lyndhurst

UPDATE ON BOY SCOUT TROOP 1200, MAYWOOD

GAVIN GOFFE AND HIS FUNDRAISING EFFORTS, Summer 24

“This Troop raised so much extra money for the project that they actually gave us a check for \$497.97 . This project was easily the best scout project we ever funded and it was done by a great young man too”.

Don Torino



When I saw this note from Don about Troop 1200, I followed up with Gavin (shown here), who is 16 yrs. old and lives in Maywood. He attends Applied Technology High School in Paramus with aspirations to be an engineer. Gavin is now attending summer courses so he can graduate High School with an associate degree next year. I asked how they got the additional monies to send back to us.

Gavin said that our (BCAS) donation helped with building birdhouses and many other materials, but there was much more that wasn't covered such as wood for bridge and structural supports, concrete and nails, mulch for rerouting of trails, etc. They turned to fundraising and Gavin bought Bird House kits and they painted and sold them at a popular store, Maywood Market Place, as part of their fundraiser. When the community saw the Boy Scouts out in front of this store, many wanted to contribute and the Scouts found they received approximately \$1500.00 through donations from the community and FaceBook which covered their needed project purchases and paid for the plaque at the entrance of Chapman Trail dedicated to Don Torino and BCAS . Gavin especially thanks Don for the updates on the birds that are nesting in the boxes that they built on the Chapman Trail.

Nancy Salvati, Editor

EDUCATION

Marie Longo, Chair

Certified Wildlife Gardens

Our CWG program welcomes 8 new certified wildlife gardens, bringing the total to 236 in 7 states. The recent additions are located in Closter, Ringwood, New Milford, Tenafly, Tuxedo (New York), Paramus, Nutley and Union City. Each received a free sign to display in their gardens. Every one of our certified wildlife gardens provides much needed beneficial habitat for birds, insects and wildlife. Put your garden on the map, it's free and easy to apply. Visit bergencountyaudubon.org/cwg/ for details and an application.

BCAS Dick Engsberg Teacher Appreciation Award

The BCAS Dick Engsberg Teacher Appreciation Award ceremony was held in the auditorium of the MEC building at Richard DeKorte Park in Lyndhurst on Sunday, May 5th. Four outstanding educators were honored for their commitment and dedication in connecting their students with nature and the environment. ***Congratulations to all four of these wonderful educators!*** They are: *Left to right:*



**Lynne Torpie-New Milford High School, New Milford,
Reema Martel-Janis E. Dismus Middle School, Englewood,
Beverly Grady-Union City High School, Union City
Wendy Rhoads-Saddle River Day School, Saddle River.**

Summertime Fun

Don't let the dog days of summer get you down. I have a few suggestions for some free family friendly citizen science projects and events.

- **I naturalist app**-learn more about the diversity of flora and fauna in your backyard, local nature center, park or your vacation location.
- **8th Annual International Monarch Monitoring Blitz**-July 26 through August 4. The Monarch Blitz invites people across North America to look for monarch butterflies and milkweed plants and examine them for monarch eggs, caterpillars and chrysalids. Visit journey.north.org for more info.
- **Journey North** app also has a variety of citizen science monitoring opportunities that may be of interest.

And of course, please join us for **The 15th Annual Butterfly Day at Richard DeKorte Park in Lyndhurst on July 21st (rain date July 28th) 10AM-3PM, The 3rd Annual Hummingbird Day at the Overpeck Butterfly Garden in Leonia, August 25th 10AM-1PM and The Meadowlands Birding Festival at DeKorte Park Oct. 6th 8:30-3PM.**

Enjoy the rest of your summer. Hope to see you out there!

The Comforting House Sparrow

By Maggie Estrada, 6th grade

The House Sparrow was introduced in Brooklyn, New York, in 1851. Today, they are common across most of North America. The plethora of House Sparrows and their adaptability to humans have made them a frequent subject of avian biological studies.



Male House Sparrows are deeply colored birds with gray heads, white cheeks, a black bib, and a reddish-brown or brownish-red neck. Females are a plain brown overall with dull gray-brown underparts. Males with larger patches of black on their throats tend to be older and more dominant than males with less black. Sparrows with these markings can avoid some fights and at the same time save energy. One of the oldest recorded House Sparrows was a female, almost 16 years old.

The House Sparrow is a tough bird that survives on city sidewalks while in rural areas may evict native birds from their nests. They are usually found around manmade structures and are frequent visitors to backyard feeders, where they eat most kinds of birdseed, especially millet, corn, and sunflower seed. The House Sparrow can also be seen taking dust baths. This little bird is common yet endearing, so do not miss out on observing its behaviors.

AUGUST-OCTOBER 2024 FIELD TRIPS

Unless noted Field Trip Contact is Don Torino (201) 230-4983, greatauk4@gmail.com

Contact Field Chair, Chris Takacs for new trip suggestions at 201-207-0426, americanchris22@gmail.com.

Visit www.bergencountyaudubon.org for field trip directions.

August 4 (Sun.) 10AM Richard DeKorte Park, Lyndhurst
Contact: Don Torino greatauk4@gmail.com (201) 230-4983.

August 7 (Wed.) 6:30PM Evening Walk at Teaneck Creek Conservancy, Teaneck. Meet in the parking lot off Puffin Way.
Contact: Don Torino.

August 11 (Sun.) 1:00PM Butterfly Walk at the NJ Botanical Garden, Ringwood. Meet by the carriage house. Contact: Don Torino

August 14 (Wed.) 6:30PM Evening Walk at Richard DeKorte Park, Lyndhurst. Contact: Don Torino greatauk4@gmail.com

August 18 (Sun.) 10AM Teaneck Creek Conservancy, Teaneck
Meet in the parking lot off Puffin Way. Contact: Don Torino

August 21 (Wed.) 10AM Frank Chapman Trail, Teaneck. Meet in the parking lot on the corner of River Road and Riverview Avenue.
Contact: Don Torino greatauk4@gmail.com.

August 25 (Sun.) 10AM-1PM **3rd Annual Hummingbird Day at the Overpeck Butterfly Garden, Leonia.**
Come learn about hummingbirds. Attract them to your garden using some of the native plants that are growing in the butterfly garden. Park in the lot adjacent to the equestrian center, walk to the dirt road and follow the signs to the butterfly garden. Contact: Don Torino greatauk4@gmail.com (201) 230-4983

August 28 (Wed.) 6:30PM Secaucus Egret Roost, Secaucus Park and meet in the first parking lot as you enter Laurel Hill County Park.
Contact: Chris Takacs americanchris22@gmail.com (201) 207-0426.

September 1 (Sun.) 10AM Harrier Meadow, North Arlington
Contact: Don Torino greatauk4@gmail.com (201) 230-4983

September 4 (Wed.) 10AM Teaneck Creek Conservancy, Teaneck
Meet in the parking lot off Puffin Way. Contact: Don Torino greatauk4@gmail.com.

September 8 (Sun.) 10AM Pascack Brook County Park, Westwood
Contact: Don Torino greatauk4@gmail.com (201) 230-4983

September 11 (Wed.) 10AM Mill Creek Marsh, Secaucus Park behind Bob's Furniture Store. Contact: Don Torino greatauk4@gmail.com.

September 15 (Sun.) 10AM Teaneck Creek Conservancy, Teaneck
Meet in the parking lot off Puffin Way.
Contact: Don Torino greatauk4@gmail.com (201) 230-4983.

September 18 (Wed.) 10AM Richard DeKorte Park, Lyndhurst
Contact: Don Torino greatauk4@gmail.com (201) 230-4983.

September 22 (Sun.) 10AM Fall Equinox Walk at the NJ Botanical Garden, Ringwood. Meet by the carriage house.
Contact: Don Torino greatauk4@gmail.com.

September 25 (Wed.) 10AM Van Buskirk Island County Park, Oradell
Park in the lot on Elm Street (across from the waterworks).
Contact: Don Torino greatauk4@gmail.com (201) 230-4983

October 2 (Wed.) 10AM Overpeck County Park, Leonia
Meet in the parking lot by the restrooms and bandshell.
Contact: Don Torino greatauk4@gmail.com (201) 230-4983

October 6 (Sun.) 8:30AM-3PM. **Meadowlands Birding Festival at Richard DeKorte Park, Lyndhurst**
Walks, talks, information tables, children's activities and more. Learn about the birds that visit and inhabit the Meadowlands and the vital roleplays in the survival of birds and wildlife and the remarkable variety of bird species that visit and inhabit it. Contact: Don Torino.

October 9 (Wed.) 10AM Teaneck Creek Conservancy, Teaneck
Meet in the parking lot off Puffin Way. Contact: Don Torino

October 13 (Sun.) 10AM Frank Chapman Trail, Teaneck
Meet in the parking lot on River Road and Riverview Avenue.
Contact: Don Torino greatauk4@gmail.com (201) 230-4983

October 16 (Wed.) 10AM Losen Slote Creek Park, Little Ferry Park and meet in the lot adjacent to the soccer field.
Trails may be muddy, boots are highly recommended,
Contact: Don Torino greatauk4@gmail.com (201) 230-4983

October 19 (Sat.) Birding for Beginner's at the Overpeck Butterfly Garden, Leonia
We'll cover optics, bird identification and field guides. Bring binoculars if you have them. Park in the lot adjacent to the equestrian center. Walk to the dirt road and follow the signs to the butterfly garden. Contact: Don Torino greatauk4@gmail.com (201) 230-4983

October 20 (Sun.) 10AM Teaneck Creek Conservancy, Teaneck
Meet in the parking lot off Puffin Way. Contact: Don Torino .

October 22 (Tues.) 10AM Mill Creek Point/Schmidt's Woods, Secaucus. Contact: Don Torino greatauk4@gmail.com (201) 230-4983

October 26 (Sat.) 9AM Beginner's Walk at Eight Acre Woods, Hawthorne. Park in the Boys and Girls Club parking lot.
Contact: Liana Romano liana.romano@hotmail.com (201) 675-2427

October 27 (Sun.) 10AM Richard DeKorte Park, Lyndhurst
Contact: Don Torino greatauk4@gmail.com (201) 230-4983

October 31 (Thurs.) 10AM Halloween Walk at Borg's Wood, Hackensack. Meet on the Allen Street entrance.
Contact: Don Torino greatauk4@gmail.com (201) 230-4983

Joe Kosnielny's Photography Walk in Ridgfield Park Nature Preserve with (l-r) Mayor Anlian, Joe, and Steven and Linda Quinn.



CONSERVATION Karen Nickeson, Chair

New Jersey Declares Bald Eagles and Osprey Recovered...Hooray?



Photo: Dee De Santis

On June 3rd, the State proposed removing our national bird from the Endangered list. They also propose downgrading the Osprey to Special Concern status. Intensive efforts over the past fifty-plus years have brought survival of these bird populations out of jeopardy. There will

be a two-month public comment period on the proposal through August 2nd. The state also plans to downgrade protection for the bobcat. Thirty species would see enhanced protections, including the green sea turtle, tri-colored bat, rusty-patched bumble bee, and the King rail.



Photo: Jim Macaluso

The success of the Bald Eagle and Osprey nesting population is an achievement to celebrate. It came as the result of rigorous efforts to safeguard habitat, reintroduce the species, monitor and protect nest sites, and provide nesting structures. This all occurred after the ban of deadly DDT, the chemical that initiated the plummet of so many raptor species. Many conservationists are wondering if the birds can truly thrive if resources for them are diminished.

Several concerns enter my mind:

- Will de-listing send the message that it is no longer necessary to aggressively protect nests?
- Will state resources be available to enforce regulations that safeguard nest sites from heedless development?
- Given the loss of coastal trees, will there be resources to provide Osprey nesting structures?
- Will fisheries be sustainably regulated so that the birds can survive?
- Will increasing levels of plastic contamination affect the health and fertility of the populations?

If you would like to register a comment about this proposal, you can find the rule at <https://dep.nj.gov/rules/notice-of-rule-proposals/20240603a/> where you will also see instructions about how to submit electronically, or in hard copy.

Another item of conservation concern in the news is the imminent Supreme Court decision on a case referred to as Chevron Deference. The Court seems likely to overrule 40 years of precedent that would allow individual judges to implement their own policy preferences instead of abiding by regulatory agency expertise. This would throw clean air, clean water, and all conservation regulation we've taken for granted since the Nixon administration, into chaos. This is a specter over the health of marine fisheries that could, potentially, endanger our Eagles and Osprey. Let us hope predictions of this Court ruling are wrong!

ANNOUNCING THE 15TH ANNUAL "BCAS/HAROLD FEINBERG CONSERVATION AWARD"

One of the best things about leading Bergen Audubon as President has been the opportunity to meet many devoted, hardworking people in many small communities around Bergen County that are committed to conservation and making the environment a better place for their neighbors and the wildlife around them. These unsung heroes have given of themselves with little recognition and often with personal sacrifice. So it is in their honor that we're proud to announce the **"Bergen County Audubon/Harold Feinberg Conservation Award"**.

This award is named in honor of Harold Feinberg, a long time member and field trip chairman for many years. Harold had been a mentor, an enthusiastic supporter of our endeavors and had always given freely of his expertise with a combination of patience and knowledge that few possess. We are asking you to nominate a candidate that you think should be recognized with this award. Please send us the name of someone who you think has worked on behalf of the environment and the BCAS board will consider them for the Award. (Current BCAS board members are not eligible).

NOMINATIONS MUST INCLUDE: a) Name and address or phone number of the individual. b) Description of their accomplishment; why you think this individual(s) should receive this award (400 words or less) and c) Your name /address or phone number.

Submissions may be mailed to BCAS, PO Box 235, Paramus, NJ 07653 or email to Don Torino at greaatuk4@gmail.com.

Nominations must be received no later than September 30, 2024. Award presentation at our December meeting.

**BEAUTIFUL WEATHER AND BEAUTIFUL BIRDS AT THE
2024 32ND ANNUAL SPRING COUNT**

There were no excuses this year for a successful Spring Count, and our 32nd annual BCAS event turned out very well indeed. We had almost 50 participants in 23 groups covering a wide range of habitats in “greater Bergen County”. Most groups came up with one or more unique species, and it is safe to say that a good time was had by all. I am very grateful for having so much help in producing this great result, with 149 different species plus one possible hybrid bird, totaling 7,788 birds.

This is typical result for the Spring Count, discovering a much broader range of birds than for any Christmas Bird Count, but far fewer birds in absolute numbers. We were not finding flocks of 10,000 ducks and geese on Oradell Reservoir, or 5,000 blackbirds in the meadows. Instead we enjoyed the chance to find 27 different warbler species scattered across the region, a wide assortment of thrushes and flycatchers, and some amazing marsh birds lurking along the streams and in the Meadowlands. For instance, eight different groups found Solitary Sandpipers, but most of those birds were indeed “solitary”.

The most common bird of the day was the Least Sandpiper (over 1100 birds), though all but eight birds were seen by Chris Takacs. Chris also found almost 900 Brant, while the rest of us did not find any. So you did need to be in the right place.

The warblers were fantastic in the usual places: Garret Mountain, and in the several nature sanctuaries along the Palisades. Raptors were widely spread, but with fewer birds than we would ever see in December. A Barn Owl was another unique find by Chris Takacs – otherwise owls were not easily found unless you already knew their nesting site. Common Nighthawks turned up in 3 different places; this is always a tricky bird to find during the day, as it rarely starts to fly until dusk. The best place to find the rails and shorebirds was in the Meadowlands, as expected.

I have highlighted some of the most unusual birds in bold-face in the list on page 7. One of the two Gray-cheeked Thrush may have been a hybrid – ask Chris T for more about it. I closely questioned Jimmie Macaluso about the high number of Orchard Orioles that he found, but he affirmed that he was finding more of them than Baltimore Orioles. Strange but true. It was just a great day to be out to experience the migration.

My sincere thanks to all of you who were in the field to participate!

DAVE HALL

FUNDRAISING

Peggy O'Neill, Chair

Thank you for your generosity. We could not do our projects, events, or protect the native wildlife and the remaining wild places in Bergen County and the surrounding area or assist other nature centers without your donations. Below donations are from April – May 31, 2024.

Facebook: \$2,141.00

Nina Androski, Mai Bishop, Carrie Cantor, Jeanie Curtis, Kevin Dolce, Carol Ennis, Ali Fragale, Pam Ferrari, Sandy Gelman, Bill Giaimo, Loretta Guardino, John Hughes, Dave Kleiner, Leslie Kruegel, Joseph Koscielny, Lauren Larkin, Albert Marshak, Elaine Mccarthy, Barbara Michels, John Mitchell, Linda Mullaney, Deblynn Manfredonio, Anil Nerurkar, Peggy O'neill, Bob Source, Judy Topf, Don Torino, Van Trat, Miryam Wahrman, And 8 Anonymous.

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Grand Total: \$7,919	<i>from</i>	Facebook	\$ 2,141
		Donate /Checks	\$ 5,778

Please notify me if errors are found. I will correct in next BlueJay.

Peggy O'Neill

32nd ANNUAL BCAS SPRING COUNT, MAY 11, 2024

Dbl-crested Cormorant	57	Red-bellied Woodpecker	53	Yellow-rump(Myrtle) W.	64
Least Bittern	1	Downy Woodpecker	29	Black-thr. Green Warbler	32
Great Blue Heron	200	Hairy Woodpecker	12	Blackburnian Warbler	6
Great Egret	16	Northern Flicker	37	Prairie Warbler	1
Snowy Egret	12	Pileated Woodpecker	4	Palm Warbler	2
Green-backed Heron	3	Eastern Phoebe	8	Bay-breasted Warbler	6
Bl-crowned Night Heron	1	Gr. Crested Flycatcher	31	Blackpoll Warbler	22
Mute Swan	13	Eastern Wood-Pewee	8	Wilson's Warbler	1
Canada Goose	154	Olive-sided Flycatcher	1	Prothonotary Warbler	1
Brant	890 !	Willow Flycatcher	1	Black & White Warbler	42
Wood Duck	15	Least Flycatcher	2	Amer. Redstart	57
Green-winged Teal	4	Eastern Kingbird	9	Worm-eating Warbler	1
Am. Black Duck	4	Purple Martin	9	Ovenbird	45
Mallard	115	Tree Swallow	216	Northern Waterthrush	19
Common Pintail	1	N. Rough-winged Swallow	21	Louisiana Waterthrush	2
Northern Shoveler	2	Bank Swallow	3	Common Yellowthroat	105
Gadwall	11	Barn Swallow	151	Hooded Warbler	1
Ruddy Duck	50	Blue Jay	105	Canada Warbler	5
Turkey Vulture	26	Common Raven	5	Scarlet Tanager	15
Black Vulture	2	American Crow	21	Northern Cardinal	118
Osprey	9	Fish Crow	10	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	8
Bald Eagle	19	Black-capped Chickadee	16	Indigo Bunting	6
Northern Harrier	1	Tufted Titmouse	36	Eastern Towhee	3
Cooper's Hawk	1	White-breasted Nuthatch	9	Chipping Sparrow	19
Red-shouldered Hawk	1	Carolina Wren	30	Field Sparrow	2
Red-tailed Hawk	16	House Wren	29	Savannah Sparrow	14
American Kestrel	1	Marsh Wren	23	Song Sparrow	138
Peregrine Falcon	3	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1	Swamp Sparrow	18
Clapper Rail	2	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	10	White-throated Sparrow	80
Virginia Rail	3	Eastern Bluebird	2	White-crowned Sparrow	5
Semi-palm. Plover	30	Veery	14	Dark-eyed Junco	2
Killdeer	16	Hermit Thrush	4	Bobolink	2
Greater Yellowlegs	62	Swainson's Thrush	13	Red-winged Blackbird	486
Lesser Yellowlegs	64	Gray-cheeked Thrush	2	Common Grackle	164
Solitary Sandpiper	19	Wood Thrush	42	Brown-headed Cowbird	14
Spotted Sandpiper	8	American Robin	402	Orchard Oriole	15 !
Semipalmated. Sandpiper	109	Gray Catbird	236	Baltimore Oriole	91
Least Sandpiper	1130 !	N. Mockingbird	39	House Finch	32
Dunlin	7	Brown Thrasher	1	American Goldfinch	45
Short-billed Dowitcher	2	Cedar Waxwing	7	House Sparrow	214
Wilson's Snipe	1	European Starling	137	Monk Parakeet	6
Ring-billed Gull	34	Red-eyed Vireo	57		
Herring Gull	14	Blue-headed Vireo	7	149 different species plus one possible	
Gr. Black-backed Gull	359 !	Yellow-throated Vireo	6	hybrid bird, totaling 7,788 birds.	
Forster's Tern	10	Warbling Vireo	76		
Rock Dove	51	Blue-winged Warbler	2		
Mourning Dove	118	Tennessee Warbler	6	##	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	4	N. Parula Warbler	112		
Common Nighthawk	3	Yellow Warbler	144		
Barn Owl	1	Chestnut-sided Warbler	10		
Eastern Screech Owl	4	Magnolia Warbler	27		
Great-horned Owl	1	Cape May Warbler	2		
Chimney Swift	89	Black-throated Blue Warbler	43		
Belted Kingfisher	3	Nashville Warbler	5		



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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 2024

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.

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Address : _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____

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

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Please mail to : BCAS Membership Chair, PO Box 235, Paramus, NJ 07653-0235

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