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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PERCH



85 Years and Stronger Than Ever !

At one time groups like the Audubon Society were just meant for a few friends to get together, go out and look at birds, go home and then get together again and talk about them.

If you weren't an expert birder or were thriving to be one, it was hard to be accepted into that exclusive group of what back in the day were referred to as "Bird Watchers". I am very proud to say things have changed for the better for people, our birds and for Conservation. Like someone said, "this is not your Grandma's Audubon Society any longer" and she would be happy. And I am honored to say Bergen Audubon has been and continues to be at the forefront of that change which works to connect everyone to nature, birding and conservation. No matter who you are, where you live, young, old, expert or beginner, nature and the outdoors is for everyone!

Bergen Audubon has led the way in our region for making the need for native plants important for the future of our wildlife. Events were created to help educate our members like our "Native Plant Day" and our Certified Wildlife Garden Program. We knew before many others that Butterflies were the true canary in the coal mine and so we created "The Meadowlands Butterfly Day". Then came the festivals - we all knew that our NJ Meadowlands was under appreciated and a critical wildlife habitat so we decided to lead at least two nature walks a month there and also bring back the Meadowlands Birding Festival. Over the years, Bergen Audubon fought to save local Eagle nests and so we created the Meadowlands Eagle Festival to bring more awareness to the plight of the Bald Eagle .

In addition to our traditional Butterfly Day in DeKorte Park, Bergen Audubon also created our BCAS Butterfly Garden in Overpeck Park which is now part of the County Park system. Our garden is 100% maintained and funded by our volunteers and members and is now a special place where anyone can go and learn about native plants, butterflies, pollinators and enjoy our annual Hummingbird Day. We are most proud of having our Native American days at our garden which bring attention and honor to our friends of the Great Ramapough Nation.

Today BCAS is no longer just for Bergen County, as National Audubon has allowed us to take "Under our Wing" Hudson, Passaic and even a part of Morris counties which allow us to bring our good work and love of nature to more communities than ever before just like our long time partnership with the NJ State Botanical Gardens and our many continuing projects in Jersey City. We even have our very own Radio Show on WFDU called the "Nature Connection" where we highlight local conservation issues and groups in our area.

Today thanks to the generosity of our members, BCAS provides local grants to organizations that improve wildlife habitat, create native plant gardens, educate our children on the wonders of nature, all projects that make our communities better for people and wildlife. Our Certified Wildlife garden program has grown to 7 states and closing in on 300 certified habitats. This and more is in addition to our 2 weekly nature walks, our local battles to save and protect open space and endangered species, and I am most proud to say, all our events and walks are always free and open to everyone. We never ever want people to choose between being able to buy lunch or attend a nature walk. Plus our Membership still is only \$20 and has never been raised in all the years I have been honored to be with BCAS .

Thanks to our members and volunteers! BCAS heads into the next 85 years stronger and better than ever because we all know now that welcoming everyone into the family of nature lovers makes us healthier and a much stronger organization which will be up for the vast and complicated challenges that lie ahead .

It has been a great honor to have been President of BCAS going on 20 years , Our wonderful members have been my strength these many years and I thank you all for that great privilege as we move forward together.

See You in the Meadowlands !

Don Torino



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CELEBRATING 85 YEARS - CONSERVATION, EDUCATION and COMMUNITY



BCAS PROGRAMS- SEPT. -OCT 2026

All programs are planned for zoom at 7:30pm.. Check website www.bergencountyaudubon.org for more updates and enhanced info on speakers, bios, and photos.

Sept 9, Sophie Osborn will address her book, **Feather Trails: Journey of discovery among Endangered Birds.**

Oct. 14 - Scott Harris will address his book, **"Why We Love Birds, 52 Birders on Birding".** Do you know what your 'spark bird' is or nemesis bird or just a favorite day in the field?

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

BUTTERFLY DAY SCHEDULE
SUNDAY, JULY 26 10 AM TO 3 PM
RICHARD DEKORTE PARK - LYNDHURST, NJ
Celebrating butterflies and the beauty of nature.
FREE and fun for all ages!

THROUGHOUT THE DAY Information tables on butterflies and native plants, including how to attract butterflies to your backyard. Children's activities including a butterfly costume contest, The Monarch Migration Game, hands-on learning about pollination activity, and other games and crafts. Music by Steve Kelman	AT 11:45 AM BUTTERFLY COSTUME CONTEST Judging at 11:45am. For children 12 years old and under. Held at the amphitheater.
STARTING AT 10:30 AM BUTTERFLY WALKS Half-hour walks starting at 10:30am and continuing throughout the day. Led by Bergen County Audubon Society and NJSEA expert guides.	AT 12:30 PM "SAVE OUR BUTTERFLIES!" How To Create a Butterfly Habitat with BCAS President Don Torino. In the Meadowlands Environmental Center Auditorium.

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FIELD TRIPS - AUGUST-OCTOBER 2026

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

August 5 (Wed.) 10AM Teaneck Creek Conservancy,
Teaneck. Meet in the parking lot off Puffin Way. Contact:
Don Torino (201) 230-4983 greatauk4@gmail.com

August 9 (Sun.) 11AM Butterfly Walk at the New Jersey
Botanical Garden, Ringwood. Summer parking fees apply-
\$5 NJ vehicles, \$7 non-NJ vehicles, cash only. Meet by the
carriage house. Contact: Don Torino (201) 230-4983.

August 12 (Wed.) 6:30PM Richard DeKorte Park, Lyndhurst
*Please note, this is an evening walk.
Contact: Don Torino (201) 230-4983 greatauk4@gmail.com

August 16 (Sun.) 10AM Mill Creek Marsh, Secaucus
Park behind Bob's Furniture Store. Contact: Don Torino

August 19 (Wed.) 11AM Butterfly Walk at Wawayanda State
Park, Hewitt. Meet in the parking lot by the boathouse.
Contact: Don Torino (201) 230-4983

August 23 (Sun.) 10AM-1PM **5th Annual Hummingbird
Day at the Butterfly Garden** at Overpeck County Park,
Leonia. Learn all about hummingbirds and how to attract
them to your yard. Park in the lot adjacent to the equestrian
center, walk to the dirt road and follow the signs to the but-
terfly garden. Contact: Don Torino .

August 26 (Wed.) 6:30PM Richard DeKorte Park, Lyndhurst
***Please note, this is an evening walk.** Contact: Don Torino

August 30 (Sun.) 10AM Teaneck Creek Conservancy,
Teaneck. Meet in the parking lot off Puffin Way. Contact:
Don Torino.

September 2 (Wed.) 10AM Mill Creek Marsh, Secaucus
Contact Don Torino (201) 230-4983 greatauk4@gmail.com.

September 6 (Sun.) 10AM Frank Chapman Trail, Teaneck
Meet in the parking lot on the corner of River Road and River-
view Avenue. Contact: Don Torino (201) 230-4983

September 10 (Thurs.) 6PM Richard DeKorte Park, Lyndhurst
*Please note, this is an evening walk. Contact: Don Torino

September 13 (Sun.) 10AM Teaneck Creek Conservancy,
Meet in the parking lot off Puffin Way. Contact Don Torino

September 16 (Wed.) 10AM State Line Lookout, Alpine
Please note, parking fees apply. Contact: James Falletti
(212) 203-3775 jamesfalletti@gmail.com

September 20 (Sun.) 10AM Richard DeKorte Park, Lyndhurst
Contact: Don Torino (201) 230-4983 greatauk4@gmail.com

September 23 (Wed.) 10AM Losen Slote Creek Park, Little
Ferry. Park in the lot adjacent to the soccer field. Trails may
be muddy, boots are recommended. Contact: Don Torino

September 27 (Sun.) 10AM New Jersey Botanical Garden,
Ringwood. Meet by the carriage house. Contact: Don Torino

September 30 (Wed.) 10AM Teaneck Creek Conservancy,
Teaneck. Meet in the parking lot off Puffin Way. Contact:
Don Torino

October 4 (Sun.) 8:30AM-3PM **Meadowlands Birding
Festival at Richard DeKorte Park, Lyndhurst.**
Walks, talks, information tables, children's activities, music and
more. Come learn about the birds that visit and inhabit this
important area and vital role in their survival along the Atlantic
Flyway. Contact: Don Torino.

October 7 (Wed.) 10AM Van Buskirk Island, Oradell
Park in the lot on Elm Street (across from the waterworks).
Contact: Don Torino (201) 230-4983 greatauk4@gmail.com

October 11 (Sun.) 10AM Demarest Nature Center,
Demarest. Park at the Wakelee Athletic Field and walk over
to the playground area next to the entrance of the nature
center. Contact: Don Torino (201) 230-4983

October 14 (Wed.) 10AM Hackensack River County Park,
Hackensack. Entrance is behind The Shops at Riverside.
Contact: Don Torino (201) 230-4983 greatauk4@gmail.com

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

October 21 (Wed.) 10AM Richard DeKorte Park, Lyndhurst
Contact: Don Torino (201) 230-4983 greatauk4@gmail.com

October 25 (Sun.) 10AM New Jersey Botanical Garden, Ring-
wood. Meet by the carriage house. Contact: Don Torino .

October 28 (Wed.) 10AM Teaneck Creek Conservancy,
Teaneck. Meet in the parking lot off Puffin Way. Contact Don
Torino.

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Migratory Bird Treaty Act

In 1918 the United States allied with Canada in the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Mexico, Russia, and Japan have since joined. This Act makes it a federal offence to destroy nesting bird sites. Violators can face federal fines up to \$15,000 per misdemeanor, equipment forfeiture, and potential criminal charges for illegal taking, killing, or nest destruction. This includes harming nests, eggs, or birds in the course of clearing land during the nesting season.

In the past year, I have become aware of such violations; one in Passaic County, and two in Bergen. One involved nesting territory of the Brown Thrasher. The other two locations were in nesting grounds of Northern Yellow Warbler, Northern Waterthrush, Red-winged Blackbird, House Finch, Red-eyed Vireo, Northern Cardinal, Gray Catbird, Song Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow, Chipping Sparrow, Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, Northern House Wren, Carolina Wren, American Robin, Baltimore Oriole, Northern Mockingbird, Common Grackle, White-breasted Nuthatch, Downy Woodpecker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Great Crested Flycatcher, Blue Jay, and likely others.

It is a challenge to establish proof of nest or egg destruction after the fact when trees are chipped or hacked into brush piles. Therefore, the statute is difficult to enforce through US Fish and Wildlife and NJDEP. The best we can do is educate our park managers and staff, and our local officials that tree cutting and habitat destruction is not permitted during nesting season. The recommendation in NJ is to avoid tree clearing from March 15 to September 15. It is likely that the observed violations were the result of lack of training and awareness. In each case, managers were notified and the destruction was somewhat contained.

I hope all of our members consider themselves conservationists as BCAS member dollars fund important local efforts. Whether you plant native gardens, support conservation organizations, or log your observations online, you contribute. Please also spread the word that nesting birds need protection. And, regardless of seasonal considerations, habitat loss is a principal cause of the decline in bird populations.

A SAD PASSING



Former BCAS Board Member, George Harry Byrne passed away peacefully at the age of 98 on May 23, 2026. Harry's beloved wife, Gerry (also a BCAS Board Member) passed in 2023. He and Gerry devoted much of their retirement to volunteer service, focusing on environmental conservation, hiking trail maintenance with the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, and birding with the Bergen County Audubon Society. More info at [George Harry Byrne Obituary \(2026\) - Oradell, NJ - Volk Leber Funeral Home - Oradell](#)

ANNOUNCING THE 18TH 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, hard-working 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 Don Torino, greatauk4@gmail.com.

Nominations must be received no later than September 30, 2026 Award presentation at our Eagle Festival in January 27.

EIGHTH ANNUAL DICK ENGSBERG TEACHER APPRECIATION AWARD

The award ceremony was held during Native Plant Day on May 31st at Richard DeKorte Park.

This year, we received more nominations than ever before. Seven teachers were awarded for their outstanding efforts in connecting their students with nature and the environment. We are so proud to recognize these wonderful teachers, **Congratulations to them all.**



Photo Left to right- James Falletti, Michael Signorella, Bob Morris, Veronica Leone, Madeline Catlow.

Madeline Catlow-5th Grade Science Teacher, Memorial Middle School, Little Ferry.

Anthony DeFina-Science and Environmental Science Teacher at Wayne Hills High School, Wayne.

James Falletti-Science Educator, Wildlife and Nature Photographer, Environmental Storyteller.

Marc Gussen-Naturalist at Closter Nature Center, Closter.

Veronica Leone-9th Grade Environmental Science Teacher, 11th & 12th Grade AP Environmental Science Teacher, Elmwood Park Memorial High School, Elmwood Park.

Bob Morris-6th Grade Science Teacher, Grant Elementary School, Ridgefield Park.

Michael Signorella-5th and 6th Grade Science Teacher, Carlstadt Public School, Carlstadt.

CERTIFIED WILDLIFE GARDENS

We've added six new gardens to our Certified Wildlife garden program. They are located in Maywood, Glen Rock, Hasbrouck Heights, Wallington, Harrington Park, and Glen Ridge. That brings the total to 278. It's free and easy to apply for certification, visit, bergencountyaudubon.org/cwg/

TENTH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL MONARCH MONITORING BLITZ 2026

The International Monarch Monitoring Blitz is a community science project that takes place from July 31 to August 9, 2026, inviting anyone in North America to help track monarch butterflies and their host plant, milkweed.

Monarch populations have declined dramatically-over 80% in the Eastern migratory route in 20 years, and 99% in the Western route since the 1980s.

How to Participate:

1. Go Outdoors-Look for milkweed plants and inspect them for eggs, caterpillars, chrysalises, and adult butterflies. You may count in your backyard or any place you are.
2. Submit Observations-Report sightings and counts of milkweed plants through Journey North (journeynorth.org). You must create an account first.
3. Share Your Work-Post photos and updates on social media using #MonarchBlitz to raise awareness.

The Majestic Great Blue Heron

by Maggie Estrada, 8th grade



The Great Blue Heron, or *Ardea herodias*, is a majestic sight. It is one of the largest birds in North America. This species breeds throughout New Jersey. It can be seen along rivers or lakeshores, or flying high overhead with its head hunched back onto its shoulders. With its subtle blue-gray plumage, it often stands still, scanning for prey, or wades with long, purposeful steps. It may appear slow moving, but the Great Blue Heron can strike very quickly to grab a fish or snap up a gopher. Because of its specially shaped neck vertebrae, it can strike prey at a distance. It is adaptable, scavenging in calm, fresh water, rivers, and bays. It nests in trees or shrubs near water.

To see this great bird scan shorelines, riverbanks, and the edges of marshes, estuaries, and ponds across New Jersey is always a wonder. Great Blue Herons also feed in meadows, farmland, and open fields. When you see one, make sure to take your phone out and snap a great picture. This bird will take your breath away. Like most birds, it is legally protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Happy Birding!

Spring Migration Captured in its Glory

Our annual BCAS Spring Count was conducted on Saturday, May 9 under perfect conditions. Compared to any Christmas Count, this was a picnic. Somehow the timing of the event was right on cue, with pleasant weather and abundant birds passing through. Our volunteers enjoyed excellent chances to find migrants. Although the foliage seems to bloom even earlier each spring, migrating birds were still keeping their normal flight schedules. Of course, lots of birds were somehow hiding behind the leaves and branches. But they still obliged by singing their spring chorus, pleasing us all day.

Our groups were spread widely across the region, so we collectively had opportunities for discovery in many different habitats. Perhaps the best birds were found in the Meadowlands, but there were surprises to be found in field and forest everywhere we looked.

In the Meadowlands, Chris Takacs was able to find Snipe, Sora, Clapper Rail and King Rail, a very elusive species anywhere inland. Erin Meyer found 2 Yellow-crowned Heron at Mill Creek Marsh. Osprey were widely scattered, but Jimmie Macaluso found 6 along the Overpeck.

Purple Martin were also found there, thanks to the new nest boxes provided by BCAS. Julie McCall found a Red-shouldered Hawk at the Celery Farm, where it has been nesting for the past several years. A great selection of warblers were found widely across the whole area, including a rare Yellow-breasted Chat heard by Don Torino at the Overpeck Butterfly Garden. Don also saw a Blue Grosbeak there, which is now quite rare this far north in the state. Our proudest find was a singing Bobolink over our heads at Great Piece Meadow, and Jimmie Mac had a second one at Skeetkill Marsh.

The list shown on pg. 7 highlights some of the rarer species in boldface, but please note the presence of a wide variety of birds across the board. This year marks our 34th annual birdathon, and there was much to enjoy. This event helps to verify that Nature remains functional and strong in our environment despite obstacles like overdevelopment and climate change.

I am immensely grateful to the many members who joined us in the event. Without them, the Spring Count would not have its pizzazz. Thanks to all of you!

DAVE

FUNDRAISING

TAMMY LAVERTY

Our Members feathered our nest this spring, with their generous donations! Working together and so proud of the projects we're able to accomplish for birds, habitat, education, festivals, nature walks, citizen science, etc, etc, etc. Bergen County Audubon members are the BEST !

FUNDRAISING 2Q 2026 (3/27/26 - 06/21/26) TOTAL \$12,969.

DONATIONS : GENERAL, SPRING COUNT, MONTHLY, DON'S FACEBOOK, WEBSITE CHECKS, ETC = \$11,349

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VOLUNTEERS & GENEROUS SUPPLIES, AND ADDITIONS TO BCAS BUTTERFLY GARDEN

REGINA COYLE, KPMG

34rd ANNUAL BCAS SPRING COUNT, MAY 11, 2026

Dbl-crested Cormorant	155	Ruby-thr. Hummingbird	1	Cape May Warbler	1
Great Blue Heron	2	Red-headed Woodpecker	1	Black-thr. Blue Warbler	1
Great Egret	11	Red-bellied Woodpecker	47	Cerulean Warbler	1
Snowy Egret	11	Downy Woodpecker	30	Nashville Warbler	5
Green-backed Heron	3	Hairy Woodpecker	14	Yellow-rump(Myrtle) W.	149
Black-crowned Night Heron	1	Northern Flicker	17	Black-thr. Green Warbler	12
Yellow-crowned Night Heron	2	Pileated Woodpecker	5	Bay-breasted Warbler	3
Brant	33	Eastern Phoebe	4	Blackpoll Warbler	7
Canada Goose	135	Gr. Crested Flycatcher	14	Wilson's Warbler	4
Wood Duck	6	Eastern Wood-Pee-wee	4	Black & White Warbler	29
Green-winged Teal	4	Willow Flycatcher	1	American Redstart	35
American Black Duck	7	Least Flycatcher	7	Worm-eating Warbler	2
Mallard	91	Eastern Kingbird	5	Ovenbird	49
Pintail	1	Purple Martin	14	Northern Waterthrush	19
Gadwall	8	Tree Swallow	142	Common Yellowthroat	93
Ruddy Duck	8	N. Rough-winged Swallow	19	Hooded Warbler	2
Turkey Vulture	5	Bank Swallow	5	Yellow-breasted Chat	2
Black Vulture	1	Barn Swallow	48	Scarlet Tanager	11
Osprey	9	Blue Jay	74	Northern Cardinal	74
Bald Eagle	4	Common Raven	3	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	6
Northern Harrier	1	American Crow	22	Blue Grosbeak	1
Red-shouldered Hawk	1	Fish Crow	20	Indigo Bunting	3
Red-tailed Hawk	4	Bl-capped Chickadee	8	Eastern Towhee	4
Cooper's Hawk	1	Tufted Titmouse	26	Chipping Sparrow	8
Peregrine Falcon	1	White-breasted Nuthatch	11	Savannah Sparrow	27
Wild Turkey	5	Carolina Wren	17	Song Sparrow	102
King Rail	1	House Wren	21	Seaside Sparrow	1
Clapper Rail	1	Marsh Wren	9	Swamp Sparrow	16
Semi-palmated Plover	3	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1	White-throated Sparrow	28
Killdeer	9	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	6	White-crowned Sparrow	3
Greater Yellowlegs	147	Veery	8	Bobolink	3
Lesser Yellowlegs	159	Hermit Thrush	6	Red-winged Blackbird	303
Solitary Sandpiper	14	Swainson's Thrush	1	Common Grackle	104
Spotted Sandpiper	11	Wood Thrush	38	Brown-headed Cowbird	29
Semipalmated Sandpiper	32	American Robin	348	Orchard Oriole	9
Least Sandpiper	526	Gray Catbird	177	Baltimore Oriole	69
White-rumped Sandpiper	1	N. Mockingbird	19	House Finch	40
Dunlin	3	Brown Thrasher	5	American Goldfinch	75
Short-billed Dowitcher	5	Cedar Waxwing	8	House Sparrow	173
Wilson's Snipe	1	European Starling	144	Monk Parakeet	2
Bonaparte's Gull	2	Red-eyed Vireo	14	4,813 birds, 142 species 26 participants in 20 parties	
Ring-billed Gull	43	Blue-headed Vireo	3		
Herring Gull	15	Yellow-throated Vireo	4		
Gr. Black-backed Gull	1	Warbling Vireo	55		
Forster's Tern	12	Pine Warbler	1		
Rock Dove	101	Tennessee Warbler	4		
Mourning Dove	81	N. Parula Warbler	48		
Yellow-bellied Cuckoo	2	Yellow Warbler	97		
Barn Owl	1	Chestnut-sided Warbler	3		
Chimney Swift	25	Magnolia Warbler	4		

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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.*

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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 : _____

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

Volunteer opportunities in local chapter activities or committees are available. Please circle your interest and mail with your subscription or see any officer or chair at one of the meetings.

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