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On the Wing

News from Saw Mill River Audubon

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Free Family Program: Winged Beauties of the Rainforest Saturday, March 8, 2:00 pm Ossining Public Library



Steve Fratello has been on expeditions to the rainforest in places like New Guinea, Ecuador, Costa Rica and Guyana. And now Saw Mill River Audubon is bringing him to the new Ossining Library. On March 8th at 2:00 pm you can see Steve as he presents his collection of butterflies and moths along with slides of rainforest wildlife. The whole family will enjoy this program.



Hudson River EagleFest 2008

Saturday, February 9, 9:00 am–4:00 pm

This is your chance to see majestic Bald Eagles at nearby sites along the Hudson River, including **Croton Point** and **George's Island County Parks** and **Charles Point Park** (China Pier) in Peekskill. This all-day event, organized by Teatown Lake Reservation and cosponsored by Saw Mill River Audubon and many other groups, celebrates the Bald Eagle's winter return to the Hudson Hills and Highlands. Guides with scopes and warming tents are available at selected river locations.

SPECIAL PULLOUT INSERTS!

2007 Annual Report

Our thanks to everyone who supported SMRA with their donations!

2008 EagleFest Map!

Audubon members' advance map of Hudson River eagle viewing spots!

Winter Seed Sales

Every Third Saturday

9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Sat. Feb 16 Sat. Mar 15

Sat. Apr 19

At Pruyn Sanctuary

Weekday sales are available
Mon/Wed/Fri 10:30 am to 3:30 pm
Call 914.666.6503 for more info.

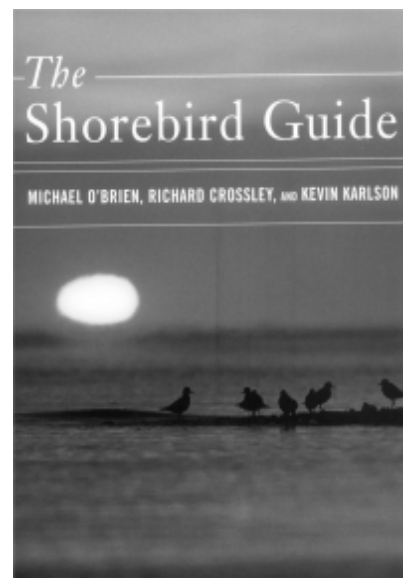
Special Workshop: Shorebird Identification Friday, March 28, 7:30 pm Chappaqua Library

Saw Mill River Audubon is cosponsoring this workshop on shorebird identification presented by renowned wildlife photographer and author Kevin T. Karston. This event is free, open to the public, and suggested for ages 10 and up.

As well as showing examples of his award-winning photography, Kevin will discuss his philosophy of "birding by impression." Beginners and experienced birders alike can use Kevin's techniques to get a handle on the tricky business of shorebird identification.

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Haas Sanctuary Expands

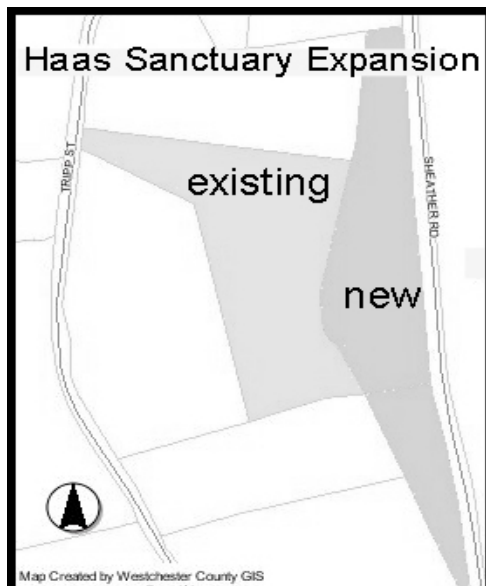
Saw Mill River Audubon is pleased to announce that our Haas Sanctuary in the Town of New Castle now protects an additional 7 acres of wildlife habitat.

The Betts family, formerly of Chappaqua, transferred ownership of two parcels of land to Saw Mill River Audubon in December. With these additional parcels, Haas Sanctuary now covers 14.5 acres.

Haas and other nearby parcels of protected open space are helping to provide wildlife habitats and wildlife corridors in this eastern edge of the Town of New Castle.

We will be reporting in future issues on our plans to enhance the wildlife habitat of the new parcels for butterflies and eastern bluebirds.

Saw Mill River Audubon extends deep appreciation to the Betts family not only for this valuable donation of property but also for their generous financial support with taxes and transfer fees during the closing process. We are also grateful to SMRA board member Ken Novenster, Esq. for overseeing the property transfer on behalf of Saw Mill River Audubon.



Welcome Members

Buchanan Arshley Morris
Briarcliff Manor Aidan Bohan, Ralph Duyos, George Morrison, Diane Sandberg
Chappaqua David Abrams, David and Jackie Rider
Cortlandt Manor Joseph Brasile, Ray Burke, Marilyn Fitzgerald, Michael Kocz, Segundo Malaver
Croton-on-Hudson Andrea Aviram, Amelia Fiaminghi, Linda L. Gangloff, Richard Nagle and Jeanne McCabe, Will Scheck, Jane Shumsky
Hawthorne John McCullough
Mohegan Lake Lynn Hunt
Montrose Rick Taylor
Ossining Melanie Carnes, Nancy Peller, Denice Yanni
Peekskill Marian Berger, Wayne Scola, Joanne Serrano
Pleasantville John Appicelli, Anneke Leffel, Neal Muroff, Elise A. Rufino, Mary Sernatnger, Phillip Silverman
Tarrytown James P. Mahoney
Thornwood A. Reinhardt
Valhalla Fred Maurer, Thomas McGinnity

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E D U C A T I O N

Study for Free! Scholarship Applications Due March 15

Don't miss the opportunity to apply for our environmental education youth and adult scholarships!

The Larry Light Memorial Scholarship Fund for Youth was established by the Light family and friends to help young people ages 13 to 17 who wish to attend a summer camp, class or workshop with an emphasis on the environment.

Adults interested in attending an environmental class, camp or workshop are also invited to apply for an Audubon adult scholarship.

Applications are available from the office: 914.666.6503 or online at www.sawmillriveraudubon.org. Applications are due March 15, 2008.

Have an Audubon Adventure in 2008!



Children visit Pinecliff Sanctuary with SMRA Executive Director Anne Swaim

Choose from many topics. We offer both indoor presentations at your location and guided trips at one of our sanctuaries. For ages kindergarten through senior adults! To find out more visit our web site at www.sawmillriveraudubon.org

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

For more details: 914.666.6503 or www.sawmillriveraudubon.org

F E B R U A R Y

Saturday, February 9

◆ 9:00 am–4:00 pm
Hudson River EagleFest!

Last year this exciting all day event was a huge success! This year should be just as good. See details on page 1.

Saturday, February 16

◆ 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Seed Sale Saturday

Come to the seed sale shed at Pruyn Sanctuary to stock up on quality bird seed at bulk prices. All proceeds benefit education and conservation efforts of Saw Mill River Audubon.

**Saturday, February 16 ◆ 9:00 am
Graff Sanctuary Winter Walk**

Join us as we explore Graff once each season. Meet at the main entrance on Furnace Dock Road. Carpool if possible as parking is limited. Rain or shine. Suitable for ages 4 and up. Leader: Michael Madias, Jr.

M A R C H

Saturday, March 8 ◆ 2:00 pm

**Life in the Rainforest
Ossining Public Library**

Featuring spectacular butterflies and moths as well as slides of other rainforest creatures. See details in front page article.

M A R C H

continued

**Saturday, March 8 ◆ 9:00 am
Brinton Brook Through
the Seasons**

Join us as we explore Brinton Brook once each season. Meet at the main parking area off Rt. 9A. Rain or shine. Suitable for ages 4 and up. Leader: Michael Madias, Jr.

Saturday, March 15

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Seed Sale Saturday

See Feb 16 for further details.

Friday, March 28 ◆ 7:30 pm

**Chappaqua Library
Shorebirds with Kevin Karlson**

Learn the secrets of shorebird identification in this special workshop. See details in front page article. Followed by field trip on Saturday, April 5. Advance registration required.

Sunday, March 30 ◆ 6:00 pm

**Spring Peeper Prowl
Pinecliff Sanctuary**

Come at dusk to the Pinecliff boardwalk and prowl with us for spring peepers and other calling frogs. Free advance registration required by calling our office.

Saturday, April 5

Shorebird Field Trip to Jamaica Bay
Check our Web site for further details:
www.sawmillriveraudubon.org

Save the Date! Save the Date! Save the Date!
Audubon Dinner ~ Sunday, April 6

Annual Meeting & Board Elections

Good Food ~ Great Company ~ Special Surprise Moments

A separate reservation form will be sent to all members in early March. Watch your mail!

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Find the beautiful Trout Lily at Prugn and Brinton.

I WISH TO DONATE

Enclosed is:

- \$500 \$250 \$100
 \$50 \$25 \$____
 My employer will match my gift.

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Basic Chapter Membership:

- Enclosed is \$20
 Please send me information about planned giving opportunities

Name(s)

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You can also join or donate at our web site!

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Deadline for Next Newsletter: March 3

SAVE THE DATE!
Saw Mill River Audubon's Annual Meeting & Dinner
Sunday, April 6 at Travelers Rest, Millwood

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