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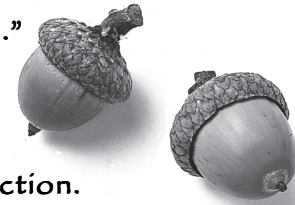
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Get outside this fall
with Audubon!

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Saturday, Sep 10 • 8:00 am
Birding & Breakfast at
Van Cortlandt Manor

For more information, costs and reservations, call 631.8200 x 618.

Sunday, Sep 18 • 10:30 am
Constitution Marsh Canoeing
Explore Constitution Marsh
Audubon Sanctuary in Garrison by canoe! Cost \$20/adults, \$15/seniors
Registration Required.

Saturday, Oct 8 • 9:00 am
Pruyn Sanctuary Walk
First in new series of monthly walks on second Saturdays at Pruyn!
Free and suitable for all ages.

Special Fall Program!

Thursday, October 20 • 7:00 pm

Close Encounters with Owls in Ossining!

Mariandale Center • Free
Advance Reservations
Needed

Don't miss this magnificent program! Stephen Williams and his team of humans and raptors from the Hudson Valley Raptor Center are coming to the beautiful Mariandale Retreat & Conference Center on Route 9 in Ossining. Come be thrilled by close up views of live owls! Come see an Eurasian Eagle



Eyes of an Eagle Owl

Owl, the largest owl in the world! This program is free and open to the public and suitable for all ages. **Space will be limited so advance reservations are required** by calling or by emailing us your name, phone and seats requested.

The Mariandale Retreat and Conference Center is located on Route 9, 299 North Highland Avenue, in Ossining about a 1/2 mile north of the center of Ossining. More information and directions are available at www.mariandale.org.

The Hudson Valley Raptor Center in Dutchess County is a sanctuary for birds of prey including hawks, eagles and owls. To find out more, including how and when to visit the center, visit www.hvraptors.com.

39th Annual BIRD SEED SALE!

Saturday, October 15 & Sunday, October 16, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
New Castle Town Hall • Advance Orders Due: September 24

Keep your backyard birds happy all winter—with seed from our annual bird seed sale! We order in bulk to supply you with high-quality bird seed at competitive prices. Choose from 13 different single seed types and mixtures including such favorites as sunflower and safflower seeds and SMRA “no mess” mixes. Members and previous customers will receive an order form by early September.

Please place your order no later than September 24 via mail, fax, or online at: sawmillriveraudubon.org. The sale is our largest fundraising event—encourage your friends and neighbors to buy bird seed and support SMRA too!

Volunteers Needed

Join the fun during seed sale weekend for a four-hour shift as a cashier or loader.
Call Ellen at the office 914.666.6503 to lend a hand and support SMRA.

Deadline for Next Newsletter: November 1

Explorers at Brinton Brook



Photo: Trudy Bately

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CHAPTER NEWS

New Sanctuary Maps!



We are now publishing our sanctuary maps in a new brochure format with updated text and graphics. **Available now are new maps for Brinton Brook, Pruyun and Pinecliff Sanctuaries** as well as a new publication that overviews all eight of our sanctuaries. Due out this fall are new maps for Choate Sanctuary, Graff Sanctuary and Haas Sanctuary.

Our thanks to staff member Barbara Campbell for design and production of the new brochure designs! **If you would like copies of the maps now available, please contact our office or visit the sanctuaries mentioned.**

We have also redesigned the map boxes for our sanctuaries. They offer a better display of the new maps as well room for newsletters. New map boxes are up at Brinton Brook, Pruyun and Pinecliff, and other sanctuaries will follow. We thank Jeff Pinerio for the design and construction of these boxes and Sanctuary Worker Dan Ferguson for installation.

Needed: Newsletter Wizard

We need your help to produce this bimonthly newsletter! We are currently seeking a volunteer from among our members who is experienced in newsletter desktop publishing. Experience in Pagemaker is a plus but we are more than flexible to change to another software platform as needed. Join our efforts to be a voice for conservation in Westchester County. Call us for details: 914.666.6503.

Brinton Brook Butterfly and Dragonfly Count

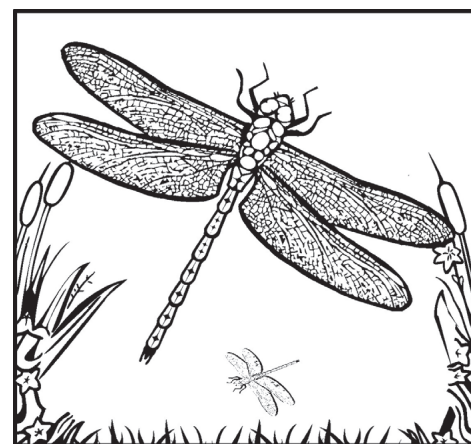
Trudy Battaly sent us the following report of the butterfly and dragonfly count at Brinton Brook Sanctuary on July 9. Our thanks to Trudy and also to Drew Panko for leading this field trip and for Sophie Keyes for hosting.

Butterflies

Spicebush Swallowtail, *Papilio troilus*, 3
Cabbage White, *Pieris rapae*, 4
Great Spangled Fritillary, *Speyeria cybele* 4
Eastern Comma, *Polygonia comma*, 1
Little Wood Satyr, *Megist cymela*, 5
Delaware Skipper, *Atrytone logan*, 1
Gypsy Moth, 1

Dragonflies

Common Green Darner, *Anax junius*, 1
Eastern Pondhawk, *Erythemis simplicicollis*, 4
Widow, *Libellula luctuosa*, 3
Common Whitetail, *Plathemis lydia*, 2
12-Spotted Skimmer, *Libellula pulchella*, 1
Blue Dasher, *Pachydiplax longipennis*, 325
Yellow-legged Meadowhawk, *Sympetrum vicinum*, 1
Painted Skimmer, *Libellula semifasciata*, 1
Unknown Darner, 1



Bird of a Different Color



John Hamburger of Croton-on-Hudson emailed us this interesting picture of an unusually-colored House Sparrow in a flock of more typical ones.

Welcome Members

Briarcliff Manor Phil and Paula Dollard, David Kraft, Aaron Nayor, Andonios Neroulis, Philip D. Shalett
Chappaqua Cecily Dunham-Harvey, Ronald H. Goldstein, Craig Ornstein, Palma Path, M. Steinhauer
Cortlandt Manor Frances Fortinash
Croton-on-Hudson Annette Birnbaum, L.P. Cotter, Lynn Sorenson
Irvington Jack LaValley
Millwood Anna Giamelli
Mohegan Lake Bela Macs
Montrose Helen Brown
Ossining Glenn Berger, Jeanne Brady, Gary Chadwick, Bryan Conway, Ruth Cumberland, Brien Hindman, George Levy, Eric Mackie, Michael McCormick and A. Thompson, Peter Montague, Albert Schatz
Peekskill Roy Frank, Caty Gullickson
Pleasantville Michael Ems, Carolyn Hyman, Richard Kaufman, C. Kocur, Ronald G. Nelson
Scarborough Diane M. Kittsley
Sleepy Hollow Ruth Fenton, Rose Clair Newman, L. M. Russakoff
Tarrytown Dolly Baird, Stephen Demeter, Gerard Donohue, Carol Tyler
Thornwood Jessica Hull, Carolyn Lyall
Valhalla Helen Spinali

FALL ADVENTURES

For more details: 914.666.6503 or www.sawmillriveraudubon.org.

SEPTEMBER



Ospreys are seen in the fall on the Croton River near Van Cortlandt Manor

Saturday, September 10 ♦ 8:00 am
Birding and Breakfast at
Van Cortlandt Manor

Audubon Naturalist Anne Swaim will lead this walk for Historic Hudson Valley through the beautiful grounds of Van Cortlandt Manor along the Croton River. An optional 18th century breakfast and tour of the manor house will follow! For more information, costs and reservations, call Historic Hudson Valley at 914.631.8200 x 618.

Constitution Marsh Sanctuary

Sunday, September 18 ♦ 10:30 am
Constitution Marsh Canoe Trip

Take a two-hour canoe trip through National Audubon's Constitution Marsh Sanctuary in Garrison. *Limited to 15 people.* Cost: \$20/adult, \$15/seniors. Call the Audubon Office to register. Deadline: September 16. Meet at 9:45 am at the Millwood A&P parking lot at the junction of Routes 133 and 100 to carpool and caravan. Trip coordinator: Joan Coffey.

OCTOBER

Fri Sep 30 to Sun Oct 2
Cape May Fall Birding

Bedford Audubon is offering a great weekend birding trip to Cape May NJ in the height of the fall migration. Cost is \$150 per person which covers two nights of lodging. Food is extra. This trip is expected to fill very quickly so if you are interested, call the Bedford Audubon trip registrar, Ginny Powers at 764.4320 as soon as possible.

Saturday, October 8 ♦ 9:00 am
Pruyn Sanctuary Walk

Join us for the first of a new monthly series of walks through our Pruyun Sanctuary to be held the second Saturday of each month. Dress for the weather. Rain or shine. Suitable for ages 4 and up. Leader: Anne Swaim

Saturday, October 15 ♦ 9:00 am
Chestnut Ridge Hawk Watch

Cosponsored with Bedford Audubon. A stream of hawks, falcons and eagles pass over Westchester County each fall. The Chestnut Ridge Hawk Watch is located inside Butler Sanctuary north of Mount Kisco. For more information, and to register, contact Ginny Powers, 914.764.4320.

Program: October 20 ♦ 7:00 pm
Close Encounters with
Owls in Ossining!

See front page for details.



NOVEMBER

Saturday, November 12 ♦ 9:00 am
Pruyn Sanctuary Walk

See October 8 listing for details.



Bufflehead duck

Saturday, November 19 ♦ 9:00 am
Tarrytown Lake Winter Ducks

Meet at the Eastview park-and-ride lot. Tarrytown Lakes are a significant habitat for migrating and over-wintering waterfowl and other birds. Moderate walking. Bring binoculars. We'll share spotting scopes. Leader: Bob Keyes

Advance Notice
DECEMBERSaturday, December 10 ♦ 9:00 am
Pruyn Sanctuary Walk

See October 8 listing for details.

Late December ♦ All Day
Area Christmas Bird Counts

Christmas Bird Counts are an Audubon tradition for over 100 years! Volunteers nationwide cover 15-mile diameter circles, counting every bird they see or hear all day. Call the Audubon office for more information.

MONDAY WALKS

Explore a new site each Monday, weather permitting. Bring lunch. Contact Mickey Spano at 737.8662.