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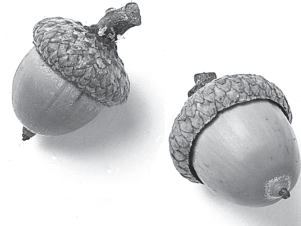
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Your gift to Saw Mill River Audubon helps us encourage more people to enjoy the natural world and care about its protection.

When you give to our annual appeal, you can be confident that 100% of your donation supports our local education and conservation efforts.

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Basic Chapter Membership:

Enclosed is \$20

Please send me planned giving info

Name(s)

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A young Great Horned Owl
eyes freedom after being rescued.
www.sawmillriveraudubon.org/owo/story and pictures



Photo: Anne Swaim

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bulk bird seed sale!
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**Sunday, Aug 27 ♦ All Day
Shorebird Festival at Jamaica
Bay National Wildlife Refuge**
Carpool with us to this special event at JBNWR in Queens!

**Saturday, Sep 9 ♦ 9:00 am
Brinton Brook Sanctuary Walk**
Our Second Saturday walks will be held at Brinton Brook in 2006-2007! Free and suitable for all ages.

**Saturday, Sep 16 ♦ 8:00 am
Birding & Breakfast at
Van Cortlandt Manor**
For more information, costs and reservations, call 631.8200 x 618.

**Saturday, Oct 7 ♦ 9:00 am
Chestnut Ridge Hawk Watch**
Joint field trip with Bedford Audubon. View migrating hawks in Mount Kisco! Details on page 3.

On the Wing

News from Saw Mill River Audubon

Tuesday, September 26 ♦ 7:30 pm

River Otters in the Hudson River Valley

Hendrick Hudson Library ♦ Free

New York's Otter Stewardship Program comes to Westchester County!

Learn more about these amazing aquatic animals through digital slides, video clips, and special hands-on displays. (Note: there will not be live otters at this program.) DEC Wildlife Educator Jane Murawski will present a lively program that will be captivating for children (10 and up) and adults alike. River otters once lived in every watershed across New York State. Today otters are returning to many areas including northern Westchester County. Although populations are increasing, the New York Department of Environmental Conservation is concerned about the effects of some pollutants, including PCBs, on the health of the river otter. We'll learn what is being done to help otters and how we can help. Visit our web site for directions.



Sunday, October 22 ♦ 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm ♦ Free

Pruyn Sanctuary Celebration!

Enjoy a special afternoon of events highlighting Pruyne Sanctuary! We will celebrate the installation of two new kiosks, new interpretive trail signs and, of course, our beautiful new roadside entrance sign. Events will include: a live hawk demonstration, guided trail walks, garden tours, music and refreshments. Free, suitable for all ages and open to the public. Watch our web site and your mail for details! Want to help during this special day? Please contact our office.



Wednesday, November 29 ♦ 7:30 pm

Birds of Central Park

Chappaqua Library ♦ Free

Central Park's 843 acres is one of the top birding spots in the country. Author/photographer Cal Vornberger's book, "Birds of Central Park" has received glowing reviews for its 175 stunning photographs and seasonal descriptions of the birds

that visit this green oasis in the middle of Manhattan. Cal will delight us with images and stories from his book. Copies will be available for purchase and signing. Treat yourself to a delightful evening and pick up a special holiday present for the birder in your life! Free and open to the public. Suitable for ages 6 and up. Visit our web site for directions, a web link to Cal's online gallery, and further details. Cosponsored by Chappaqua Library.

CHAPTER NEWS

40th Annual BIRD SEED SALE!

Saturday, Oct 14 & Sunday, Oct 15
9am to 2pm • New Castle Town Hall

Each fall, we order in bulk to supply you with high-quality bird seed at competitive prices. Choose from many different single seed types and mixtures including such favorites as sunflower and safflower seeds and SMRA "no mess" mixes. Seed sale flyers will be sent to members and past customers in early September. Income from our seed sale supports our conservation and education efforts. Visit our web site for more information and to order online!

Volunteers Needed

Work with us during seed sale weekend for a three-hour shift as a cashier or loader.
Call Ellen at the office 914.666.6503 to lend a hand and support SMRA.

Welcome Members

Briarcliff Manor Edwin J. Lubin, Robert H. Parks, Geoff Ralls **Chappaqua** Joseph Del Toro, Sara Novenster **Cortlandt Manor** Susan Beck, Coleman H. Bynum **Croton-on-Hudson** Jamie Draper, Rosemary D. Ferguson, The Hallock Family, Tamara Kalir, Siegfried R. Mader, James Miller, Dianne Picciano **Hawthorne** Ernest Berger, Lillian Widmann **Lake Peekskill** Patrick and Lynn Rardin **Ossining** David Dodge, Justine Lackey, Jean Leet, Thomas McArdle, Suzanne Peck, J. Paul Roth **Peekskill** Shelton Joseph Epstein, Douglas Glickert, Mary M. Timney, Barbara Zimmer **Pleasantville** John Hunt, Steven and Susan Joenk, Deborah Jordan and Family, Olga Kowal, Steven Krog, Bernadette P. Pizzarelli, Corinne Williamson **Sleepy Hollow** Juanita Carmi, Phyllis Clements, Clara Eldridge, Barbara Lockard, Tom Van Raalte and Betty Benjamin **Tarrytown** Patricia Evans, Eleanor B. Jass, Joan Raiselis, Lynn Small, **Valhalla** Mary Hegarty, Edith Rosenblatt, Joanne Whalen.

Welcome to New Board Members and Thanks to Volunteers at June Picnic

Beautiful Senasqua Park in Croton-on-Hudson, was the setting for the annual SMRA picnic on Monday, June 5th. Attendees, who included new and veteran board members, Audubon volunteers, friends and family, were rewarded by the sight of an exquisite sunset over the Hudson River with the backdrop of Hook Mountain.



Larry Trachtenberg & Ken Novenster

Welcome to our new board members:

Ed Bezursik (Croton), Sally Dow (Croton), Trish Foy (Chappaqua), Phil Heidelberger (Cortlandt Manor), Bill Kellner (Yorktown Heights), Michael Madias, Jr (Montrose), Elaine Mason (Chappaqua), and Larry Trachtenberg (Ossining).

Connect with Us Online!

Saw Mill River Audubon can now offer you advance notice on events and issues through our new private email notice list.

Visit www.sawmillriveraudubon.org/list to find out more and to sign up!

We have subscribed to a "permission based" email service, IntelliContact, that is highly rated for privacy. Be assured that if you choose to use this free service, your email address will never be seen or shared with anyone else except our office. Online privacy matters to all of us.

Starting with the next issue, you may also choose to receive this newsletter electronically. This will save printing and mailing costs. You will also receive the e-newsletter earlier than the print version. Visit the above web site to choose this option as well.

Saw Mill River Audubon is an active and engaging community of people who care about the natural world, enjoy exploring it and desire to help protect it. Our organization depends on volunteers who offer their time, talents and gifts to further our mission. Come meet us at an upcoming event and learn more about what we do!

Found at Pruyn Sanctuary

Valhalla High School class ring. Class of 1981. Inscribed with name but we have not been able to locate the owner. Is it yours? Give our office a call at 914.666.6503.

AUDUBON ADVENTURES

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

AUGUST

Sunday, August 27 • 9am to 4pm
Shorebird Festival at Jamaica Bay National Wildlife Refuge
Join the American Littoral Society, NYC Audubon and the National Park Service for a full day of events in celebration of shorebirds and shore birding. Audiovisual presentations, field walks at East and West Ponds, and more. Bring binoculars, sun screen, insect repellent, waterproof boots, drinking water and lunch. Free but individual registration required by calling the local chapter of the American Littoral Society at 718.318.9344.

Directions: We will carpool from the Millwood A&P, at the intersection of Routes 100 and 133. Call Saw Mill River Audubon office (914.666.6503) to sign up for carpool.

SEPTEMBER

Saturday, September 9 • 9:00 am
Brinton Brook Sanctuary Walk
Join us for our continuing series of second Saturday walks! During 2006-2007, second Saturday walks will be at Brinton Brook Sanctuary in Croton. Dress for the weather. Rain or shine. Suitable for ages 4 and up. Leader: Anne Swaim

Saturday, September 16 • 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.

SEPTEMBER

EVENING PROGRAM

Tuesday, September 26 • 7:30 pm
Otters in the Hudson Valley
Don't miss this fascinating, free public program from the New York River Otter Stewardship Program!
See details on page one.

OCTOBER

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Saturday, October 7 • 9 am to 1 pm
Pruyn Arboretum Work Day
We will have a job for everyone. Come for one hour or the entire time. Bring a sandwich and we will provide drinks. Call Ellen in our office, 914.666.6503, for more details.



Saturday, October 7 • 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. Free, suitable for ages 6 and up. Bring binoculars. Registration required by contacting our office.

Saturday, October 14 • 9:00 am
Brinton Brook Sanctuary Walk
See September 9 listing for details.

Saturday, October 14 • 9am to 2pm
Sunday, October 15 • 9am to 2pm
Annual Bird Seed Sale

This is our major fundraiser of the year and an opportunity for you to buy high quality bird seed at bulk prices! See details on page 2 or visit our web site.

OCTOBER

Sunday, October 22 • 1:30 - 4:30 pm
Pruyn Sanctuary Celebration!
We offer an afternoon at Pruyn Sanctuary filled with special events! The celebration will include a live hawk demonstration, guided trail walks, garden tours, a brief dedication of our new kiosks, trail and road signs, refreshments and music. Activities suitable for all ages. Free. Watch our web site and the mail for details!

NOVEMBER

Saturday, November 11 • 9:00 am
Brinton Brook Sanctuary Walk
See September 9 listing for details.

EVENING PROGRAM

Wednesday, November 29 • 7:30 pm
Birds of Central Park
See the celebrated photographs of photographer/author Cal Vornberger that made "Birds of Central Park" an instant treasure for New York birders. Enjoy this special presentation and buy a signed copy as a unique holiday gift for the birder in your life!
See details on page one.

Advance Notice
Travel with Audubon to Trinidad!

Mon, April 23 to Fri, April 27, 2007
Share with us the delights of neotropical birding with a five-day stay at the world-renowned Asa Wright Nature Centre on the island of Trinidad.

Limited to 18, only five spaces remain as we go to print.

For more details visit this web page: www.sawmillriveraudubon.org/Trinidad
If interested, contact our office ASAP to reserve your space with a \$100 per person deposit payable to SMRA.



Michael Madias, Jr & Jeanne Romeu