



TERN OF EVENTS

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To conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife and their habitats for the enjoyment and benefit of humanity and the earth's biological diversity in northwestern Pennsylvania.

THE PRESIDENT'S PERCH

"I see the bird! I see it!" It was a pleasure to hear this several times from young new birders at Presque Isle Audubon's Discover Presque Isle event on Sunday, June 25th. Peering through binoculars and finding several crafted but realistic appearing birds, hidden among the branches of trees near the Pavilion at the TREC, was one of the several activities available to children and adults. I was deeply grateful for all the wonderful displays and interactive items developed by past Education committees that we used that day; they've held up well over the years and still inform and entertain. Check out our Facebook page for some photos and a video from the event.

<https://www.facebook.com/presqueisleaudubon>

The revisions to our group's bylaws were passed unanimously at the June 24th general membership meeting and picnic. Anyone who enjoys reading this sort of document can find the updated bylaws on our [home page](https://www.presqueisleaudubon.org).
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Also at the meeting Lisa Danko and Dave Gustafson were unanimously elected to three-year terms as Trustees.

But another Trustee, Bill Ferguson, resigned from the Board due to moving out of state, so currently we still have three open positions. The Board is empowered to appoint a PIAS member to a Trustee position, so if you are interested, let us know.

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AUGUST/SEPTEMBER THINGS TO DO!



BOBOLINK

August 7, Saturday - Field Trip, Dead Pond. Meet at Stull Center - 8:00a
August 10, Tuesday - Erie Gives Day
August 21, Saturday-Field Trip, Long Pond. Meet at Stull Center at 8:00a

September 17, Friday - PIA Program, Inside the Marsh, at 7:00p via Zoom (Page 7)

September 21, Tuesday - PIA Board Meeting, 6:00p at the TREC

2020-2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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THE PRESIDENT'S PERCH (Cont.)

Our monthly membership programs resume in September; PIAS has programs on the third Friday of each month (except for holidays) from September through June, excluding December and January. We'll continue offering some via Zoom and some in person; stay tuned.

Several conservation items need mentioned here. In mid-July, PIAS Vice-President Paul Burroughs and I met with Sheila Sterrett, Senator Toomey's NW Regional Manager, at the Senator's Erie office; we talked about bird mortality from hitting windows (millions of birds yearly), and asked for his support of S791, the Bird-Safe Building Act. Also, PIAS signed onto two letters: a PennFuture Coalition letter that calls on Pennsylvania State Representatives and Senators to support legislation to transition to 100% renewable energy in PA by the year 2050; and a PA Audubon Council letter to the PA State Board of Education requesting more specific instruction in ecology, especially regarding watersheds and wetlands, climate change and environmental laws and regulations.

~Sue Murawski, PIA President

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FESTIVAL OF THE BIRDS-2022



Save the
dates:
May 13 - 15,
2022



Tuesday, August 10, 2010

The future of birds and the environment, for good or for bad, lies in our hands. If you read the mission statement of the Presque Isle Audubon on the first page, you will know that this organization takes responsibility for promoting the good of the environment and therefore the good of the birds. Here are some of the specific activities carried on by its members.

- ✚ They maintain two sanctuaries that provide shelter and food for birds.
- ✚ They are citizen scientists who monitor bird presence and behavior.
- ✚ They inform the public about the importance of Presque Isle as a habitat for many species and a resting place for migratory birds through pertinent publications and programs.
- ✚ They help fund bird and other animal rehabilitation efforts.

If you are concerned about the future of birds (they are like the canary in the coal mine) you might think about funding Presque Isle Audubon during ERIE GIVES. Following are some of the pertinent directions for doing so.

The online event takes place on Tuesday, August 10. You have 12 hours to make your donation between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. EST.

The minimum gift is \$25. There is no limit to the amount of money you may give. There is no limit to the number of organizations you can donate to in a transaction.

Only Visa, MasterCard and Discover will be accepted. The credit card processor charges a nominal fee per transaction. The Erie Community Foundation does not receive any fees. Sorry, credit card gift cards will not be accepted.

You will receive an email receipt of your gift, which you should retain for tax purposes. Unless you choose to remain anonymous, your donor information will be sent to the appropriate organizations.

Thank you for considering to support us in our efforts.



~Presque Isle Audubon Members

BIRD REPORT

The following birds were reported from Presque Isle State Park from May 17, 2021 through July 27, 2021 unless noted otherwise.

Trumpeter Swan—up to 2 through to at least July 15; Eaton Reservoir; J.C. et al.

American Avocet—1; June 19, 20, & 23; Gull Point; M.B., et al. 3; July 26; Gull Point; M.B. (see Below)



Whimbrel—9; May 26; Gull Point; J.M. 4; July 3; Gull Point; M.B. (See Below)



Willet—total of 22; periodically from June 22 through July 19; Gull Point; m.ob.

White-rumped Sandpiper—1; May 23; Gull Point; R.D. up to 3; June 19 & 20; Gull Point; M.B., J.M., resp.

Laughing Gull—1; June 29; Beach 9; M.B. (See Below)



California Gull—1; June 20; Gull Point; J.F., J.M. First Erie Co. summer record (See Below)



American White Pelican—14; May 26; Gull Point; J.M. 1; June 20 to 23; circling over Erie, then Gull Point; T.R., et al.

BIRD REPORT (Cont.)

Royal Tern—1; June 19; Gull Point; M.B.;
First Erie Co. record. (See Below)



Cattle Egret—1; June 21; Edinboro; M.M.
(fide J.H.) (See Below)



Clay-colored Sparrow—1; May 21; Erie
Bluffs S.P., C.D. 1; May 22; Beach 10;
J.P. (See Below)



Olive-sided Flycatcher—1; May 20;
Presque Isle Hawk Watch; J.M., R.S.

White-crowned Sparrow—1; July 1; Erie;
J.L. Fourth Erie Co., summer record.

Yellow-breasted Chat—1; May 25; Gull
Point Trail; R.B. (See Below)



Prothonotary Warbler—There were at
least three active nests at the head of
Presque Isle Bay, with adults
successfully rearing young. All birds
were using artificial nest boxes; J.H.

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IN MEMORY



EVELYN ANDERSON

Presque Isle Audubon Society lost one of its original members last month when Evelyn Klahre Anderson passed away. Evelyn moved from Johnstown to Erie in 1950 when she married Bob Anderson. She relates how Bob excitedly took her to view Presque Isle State Park shortly after moving here; she had to fake her enthusiasm as, "All I saw was sand everywhere." It didn't take long though before she herself fell in love with the Park. She made it her mission to learn and spread the word about the natural features and uniqueness of Presque Isle through her weekly "Nature's Way" column in the Erie Times-News. She served on the Board of PIAS for many years, and produced the documentary, "Presque Isle Audubon Society - Their Roots, 1956-1994". For further details about her life and work access her obituary at Legacy.com.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We want to welcome all of our new members to the Presque Isle Audubon Society. When you join National Audubon, you are automatically a member of the local chapter, the Presque Isle Audubon. I send all new members a Chapter newsletter, the Tern of Events. If you want the paper copy mailed to you, or if you prefer the email version, please mail back the enclosed postcard. Otherwise we cannot send you the newsletter.

Erie: Jack Pat Sims, Ernest Catlin, Joan Hersperger, Patricia Murphy, Ronald Suprynowicz, Michael Brumberger, Christine Decrease, Carolyn Tellers, M. Kirkpatrick, Dottie Hodapp, Andrew Conner, Julie Becker, Sarah Larson, Tom Pruzenski, Susan Jazenski, Grace Widdowson.

Cambridge Sps: Robyn Bullman

Cochranon: Sue Nageotte, Ben Shetler

Conneautville: Adam & Anna Lisa Troyer, Catherine Hanson

Cranesville: Carol Ambro

Edinboro: Terry Darcangelo, Karen Renick, Gregory Lessig, Jack Crow, MaryJo Haranin

Girard: Natalie Sorge, John Hotchkiss

Jamestown: Nick Despo, Janet Triance

McKean: Sandra Figueroa

Meadville: Margaret Bell, Mary Kay Radnich, Roger Willis, Melissa Clayton

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT (Cont.)

North East: Suzanne Mader, Diana Hatfield, Barbara Conner

Saegertown: Marc Kirchner

Titusville: Regina Emery, Sarah Graham

Townville: Showandah Terrill

Waterford: John Williams

~Ron Intriери, Membership Chairman
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BIRD BANDING at FRY'S LANDING



Erie Bird Observatory will be conducting bird banding at Fry's Landing on Presque Isle State Park in September and October. The public is welcome to visit and observe Thursday through Sunday, from 9:00 AM through 2:00 PM, weather permitting. Follow the Presque Isle Bird Banding page on Facebook to see each day's catch, and also to find out about weather cancelations.

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Erie Bird Observatory
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PIA PROGRAM

September 17, 2021

Zoom 7:00 pm

Into the Marsh: Tracking the Abundance of Secretive Marsh Breeding Birds at Presque Isle



Follow Sarah Sargent, Executive Director of the Erie Bird Observatory and Chris Lundberg, Marsh Bird Monitor for the EBO and professor of Biology and Mathematics at Allegheny College, as they kayak into the dense marshes of Presque Isle to discover how things have changed since Phragmites control work began at the park. They will present their findings from surveys conducted for the last three years and compare them to a survey done in 2011, prior to when control work began.

Presque Isle Audubon Society's newsletter, the *Tern of Events*, is published every other month: February, April, June, August, October and December. The deadline for submissions is the 15th of the month preceding publication. All published material is subject to editing.

Send submissions to Janet Price, editor, via jrpikm@aol.com or 418 E. 36th St., Erie, PA 16504. If you have any questions, call Janet at 814-825-8394.

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Individual membership \$15.00/year

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Chapter only members, both new and renewal, will receive the online version of the *Tern of Events* unless they specifically request the paper copy. Please provide your e-mail address for the online version of our newsletter.

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Renewal members can join as they have in the past, either by sending their membership check directly to National Audubon, or they can join online. New members are to send their first membership check to the local chapter. The address is at the bottom of this application.

Membership includes membership in BOTH the National Audubon Society and the local Presque Isle Audubon Society. National members receive *Audubon Magazine* (4 issue per year) and the chapter newsletter, *Tern of Events*. Please include your e-mail address to receive the online version of the newsletter.

Introductory membership \$20.00
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