THE PRESIDENT'S PERCH

Erie is so generous! Our organization received 40 donations on Erie Gives Day for a total of $3,380. Thanks to the following (plus three donors who wanted to remain anonymous): Cathy Beeman, Harriet Beckman, Pete and Pat Benekos, Rich and Tracy Bowden, Paul Burroughs, Elizabeth Carlson, Jason Checque, Tim and Julie Dell, Dallas DiLeo, Greg and Pam Duffin, Wilma and Guy Dunkle, Martha Dunn, Maureen Quinn Dwyer, Thomas and Lindsay Frank, Marion Gallivan, Debora Gentile, Laura Giles, Shannon and Rob Hodgson, Tom and Linda Holman, Diane and Jay Kallor, Michelle Kienholz, Nishant Koradia, Mark Kwitowski, Katherine Leone, Christine Linkie and Doug Michali, Chris Lundberg, Annie and Patrick Maloney, Clemence Mershon, Debora Radder, Jim and Jane Reilly, Justin and Maryann Scholl, David and Frances Skellie, Wendy Swanson, John Tautin and Joan Galli, Jenny Tompkins and Bennett Gould, Patricia Wigham, Frank and Cheryl Zalik. Also, three former Audubon members have remembered Presque Isle Audubon in their wills: Esther Patton in 1989, plus Evelyn Anderson and Dorothy “Jay” Gould in 2021. Thanks to all for your generosity!

There’s a wonderful article in the Fall 2022 edition of Audubon magazine about tracking purple martins in South America. Joe Siegrist and the work of the Erie-based Purple Martin Conservation Association are frequently mentioned. Read "This Tiny Brazilian Island Could Hold the Key to the Purple Martin’s Future" at: Audubon Magazine Fall 2022

Check out the new website for Bird Town Pennsylvania at Bird Town PA. I LOVE the video of the curious red-bellied woodpecker on their home page. They’ve recently reorganized under the auspices of the PA Audubon Council PA Audubon Council.

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BTPA works in partnership with local municipalities and like-minded organizations to promote community-based conservation actions that create a healthier, more sustainable environment for birds, wildlife, and people. With municipal leaders, they engage and work together to: restore habitat, renovate parks and public spaces, remove invasive plants, remediate to reduce bird strikes, manage storm water, reduce pesticide usage, and reduce municipal mowing to support habitat and wildlife. That is quite the agenda. The Summer 2022 edition of Bird Beat is available, and by going to their website you can sign up for their quarterly newsletter. The Summer edition is packed with info about insects, bird beaks, rescuing baby birds, Pollinator Week, etc. Looks extremely useful!

Keep in touch!
Sue Murawski
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DON’T FORGET TO VOTE!

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022
PIA OCTOBER PROGRAM
Friday, October 21
7:00 PM via Zoom

Plovers, Terns and Shorebirds Galore: The 2022 Nesting Season at Presque Isle State Park

Join Erie Bird Observatory’s Mary Birdsong as she shares the high and low lights of the 2022 nesting season at Gull Point, Presque Isle State Park. It was another extraordinary year with the first five-month season in the books—lasting from April 15 to September 15.

Discover what new milestones were reached, the continuing intrigue of a philandering male and the ultimate success of plover chicks fledged into the Great Lakes population. Birdsong will also include an update on the continuing attempt by Common Terns to successfully nest at Gull Point, and a few of the season’s most notable migrant shorebirds.

Mary Birdsong is the Lead Shorebird Monitor for Erie Bird Observatory. She has been monitoring shorebirds, particularly Piping Plovers since 2015. She is also the Program Chair for Presque Isle Audubon, a freelance writer and artist. She shares her home with her husband Mike Plyler and two tabby cats, and is the proud Busia to three granddaughters.

Here is Zoom link:
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Meeting ID: 895 1599 4459
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A FIELD TRIPS FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

Just look at this good looking flock!! The PIAS field trip on Saturday September 17th was a fun and fairly bird-y success! Linda, Carol, Pat, Joao, Patty, Ruth, Janet and Michele birded Pine Tree Trail and the surrounding area totaling approximately 25 species including a Peregrine falcon perched in a snag in the swampy area across from Pine Tree Trail. Those darn warblers in their Fall finery had us thinking on our feet and referring to our field guides. Our next field trip is on October 1st and I hope this lovely flock shows up again because, this, and the birds, is what is all about!

Here is the upcoming schedule.
Meet at the Stull Center at 7:45 to carpool to the various sites.

October 15th: Thompson Bay for waterfowl, gulls, loons
October 29th: Vistas and Marinas at Presque Isle for waterfowl, gulls, loons
November 12th: Various spots on Presque Isle in search of snowy owls and other winter visitors including redpolls, snow buntings, horned larks, winter finches

Please contact us at info@presqueisleaudubon.com with any questions or comments re field trips.
SHARING NATURE: A WELCOME LEARNING RETREAT  
by Jill Hyatt

This past July, thanks to the Presque Isle Audubon society’s generous scholarship, I spent a week on Hog Island in Maine at “Sharing Nature: An Educator’s Week.” This camp provided an amazing opportunity to immerse myself in Maine’s coastal environment while learning content and teaching strategies to share with my middle and high school students.

A highlight of the week was a boat trip to see the puffins nesting on Eastern Egg Rock. We heard from journalist Derrick Jackson who shared his exquisite photography and the story of the Puffin Project, detailing the restoration of this sea bird to an island where humans had previously killed it off. Unfortunately, last summer, in 2021, the puffins had the lowest chick productivity on record since re-establishment. Researchers feel this was due to relentless rain that caused hypothermia among many of the chicks and warmer water temperatures which caused the fish the puffins normally feed their young to move to cooler waters. The fish were replaced with larger fish, like butterfish, that were too big to fit in the chicks mouths and many of them starved to death. Fortunately, this past summer, in 2022, the weather was much calmer and the water cooler and puffin nesting rebounded. Researchers suspect the hardships in 2021 were related to climate change and they will continue to keep an eye on these seabirds.

I also appreciated learning about the history of the island. I heard about the lifestyle of the people of the Abenaki nation, part of the Wabanaki Confederacy, who inhabited the island prior to European settlement. We saw numerous shell middens, piles that contain layers of shells, bones, and artifacts that give clues to the diet and tools of the island’s first inhabitants. I visited the cabin of Mabel and David Todd and their daughter Millicent Todd Bingham, the last private owners of the island, who worked with the Audubon Society to establish a permanent nature sanctuary and the Hog Island Educator’s Camp.

Another highlight of the week was time spent exploring the coastal intertidal zone. In this session, we were able to view barnacles, algae, mollusks, eel, crab, and sea anemone in their natural habitat. The adaptations these organisms possess in order to live in the ever changing environment created by the diurnal tides were amazing to witness. In this session and throughout the week, our instructors expertly wove exploration of the natural environment with direct teaching about what we were seeing and strategies to use with students. Additional workshops spanned a wide array of topics from photography to fungi and storytelling to fresh water pond life. I am filled with gratitude for the opportunity to slow down, revel, observe and reflect. I look forward to creating similar opportunities for my students to engage with and learn from the natural world.

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THE BIRD REPORT

The following birds of note were reported from July 20 to Sept 24, 2022 from Presque Isle State Park unless noted otherwise.

American Avocet—total of 21; July 25 to Aug. 30; Gull Point; D.S., et al.

Upland Sandpiper—1 flight call recorded; July 20; TREC NFC station; EBO (See below)

American Golden Plover—several; Aug. 26 to Sept. 23; Gull Point; M.B.

Whimbrel—total of 15; July 25 to Sep. 3; Gull Point; M.B., J.F., Roger Donn

Hudsonian Godwit—1; Aug. 10 & 11; Gull Point; J.M., et al.

Marbled Godwit—1; Sept. 10; Gull Point; A.M.

Red Knot—total of 7; Aug. 22 to Sep. 6; Gull Point; O.N., M.B.

Stilt Sandpiper—total of 8; Aug. 5 to 30; Gull Point; R.D., E.H., R.S. (See Below)

White-rumped Sandpiper—total of 5; Aug. 5 to Sep. 5; Gull Point; J.F., M.B.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper—total of 4; Aug. 21; Gull Point; R.D., J.M., M.B., K.Z. (See Below)

Long-billed Dowitcher—1; Aug. 16; Gull Point; J.D., et al.

Wilson’s Phalarope—1; Sept. 5; Gull Point; M.B.

Willet—total of 5; July 26 to Aug. 22; Gull Point; M.B., et al.

Parasitic Jaeger—1; Sept. 18; Beach 6; S.S.

Parasitic/Long-tailed Jaeger; Sept. 18; Beach 6; S.S.

Olive-sided Flycatcher—1; Aug. 23; Dead Pond Trail; J.M.

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**Laughing Gull**—1; July 26; Gull Point; M.B., D.G.  (See Below)

**Yellow-headed Blackbird**—1; Sept. 1; Gull Point; K.A., et al.

**American Golden Plover**—several; Aug. 26 to Sept. 23; Gull Point; M.B.  (See Below)

**Cape May Warbler**—3; Aug. 14; Pine Tree Trail; J.F.  Record early by a few days. (Below)

**Orange-crowned Warbler**—1; Aug. 22; Pine Tree Trail; J.M.  Record early in the county by about a week.

**Bay-breasted Warbler**—1; Aug. 14; Pine Tree Trail; J.F.  Record early in the county by at least two weeks  (See Below)

**Wilson’s Warbler**—1; Aug. 11; Gull Point; N.W.; earliest fall record in the county by about ten days.

**Northern Parula**—1; Aug. 22; Pine Tree Trail; J.M.; First August record in the county.


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**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Welcome to our new members as well as our renewals. It was really great getting together for our first in person membership meeting at the Tom Ridge Center. We had 25 people show up, and it was also put on Zoom for people who are not ready for in person meetings. The new members and renewals are:

**Erie:** Laura White, Robert Bruschi, John Dreibelbis, Nicholas Ciccone, Marianne Timko, Janice Bojarski, Brian Klutz, Judith Alstadt, Rose Koehler, Chester Tucholski, Mary Kissell Lucy John, William Hellman, Ashley Smith, Zachary Irwin, Chris Magee, Clarence Schaney, Toni and Bob Griffith, Chase Anderson, Robert Anderson, Lyman Cohen, Gerry McWilliams, Cheryl Hodge, Mary Birdsong, Stephen Volk

**Albion:** Russell Bromley

**Cambridge Springs:** Margaret Mamula, Robert Grinarmi

**Centerville:** Alice Redwing

**Cochranton:** Debbie Grazier

**Corry:** Bonnie McConachie

**Fairview:** Vickie Allen Shea, Brenda Donegan

**Girard:** Linda Platz, Mary Sliker

**Meadville:** Sharon Rathi

**Ashtabula, OH:** Nacy Rung

**North Potomac, MD:** Ellison Onsi

**Mexico, NY:** Patrick Crotty

Any questions or concerns, just email me.

Ron Intrieri, Membership Chair

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**PIA NOVEMBER PROGRAM**

Friday, November 18

7:00 pm via Zoom

**Unexpected Movements: Backyard Birds Travel More Than We Thought**

Most of our common backyard feeder birds are resident/non-migratory species. However, in some situations, they may fly far. Starting with White-breasted Nuthatch and continuing on through several other species, Joe will share some evidence of peregrinations that surprised him.

**Joe Gyekis** is a health science teacher at Penn State and an avid birder. He's a member of the Penn State Avian Education Committee and the State College Bird Club. He is especially interested in local patch birding, bird window collisions, nocturnal flight calls, and migration of small landbirds.

Join Zoom Meeting

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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 jrplkm@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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