

# Field Trips

The following is a listing of the field trips we have planned. Further information on all field trips will be published in the QAS Newsletter. You need not be a member to attend any of our trips.

## September 10, 2011 – Swatara State Park

Observation of migrating songbirds. Meet Saturday 8 AM at intersection of Routes 72 and 443. Leader Gary Kinkley 503-4027.

## September 25, 2011

### State Game Lands 211 via Gold Mine Road

Observation of flora and fauna by an easy shaded walk. Meet Sunday 2 PM at SGL 211 west parking lot adjacent to old railroad bed off Gold Mine Road. Leader Fritz Heilman, 273-0487.

## October 1, 2011

### Memorial Lake and Second Mountain

Observation (in conjunction with the Lancaster County Bird Club) of late migrant birds. Bring lunch and a chair for the hawk watch. Meet Saturday 7 AM along Rt. 934 just north of I-81. Leader Rosemary Spreha, 657-0271.

## November 12, 2011

### Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Golden Eagle Day

Observation of migrating hawks at lookouts (there is a \$7 trail fee) and songbirds at the visitor center (as well as a live golden eagle). Meet Saturday 8:30 AM at SW section of Weis Market parking lot, east of Lebanon. Leader Fritz Heilman, 273-0487.

## December 17, 2011 – Christmas Bird Count

QAS thirty-second annual. Event includes walking and driving to count birds within prescribed area. Contact Fritz Heilman, 273-0487.

## February, 2012

### Union Canal Tunnel Park, Lebanon

Observation of flora and fauna (including data collecting for the "Great Backyard Bird Count"). For details contact Fritz Heilman. 273-0487.

## March 17, 2012

### Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area

Observation of migrating waterfowl (in conjunction with the Lebanon Valley Conservancy). Meet Saturday 9:00 AM at the visitor center parking lot. Leader Fritz Heilman, 273-0487.

## March 25, 2012

### Timberdoodle at Memorial Lake

Observation of "sky dance" of the crepuscular woodcock. Meet Sunday 7 PM at main parking lot (adjacent to boat rental). Leader Gary Kinkley, 503-4027.

## March 31, 2012

### Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area

Trip details as for the March 17 visit, except not a joint field trip with the Lebanon Valley Conservancy.

## May 5, 2012 – Walnut Run

Observation of spring wildflowers and ferns by a woodland path. Meet 9 AM at pumping station parking lot off Route 322. Co-leaders Jim M. Logan, 273-8438 and Tom Powers, 273-4512.

## May 12, 2012

### Pennsylvania Migration Count

The 21st annual PAMC, a count of migrating birds in Lebanon County. Contact Randy Miller, 664-3778.

## May, 2012 – Birdathon

QAS annual fundraiser involves competition between teams of birders who try to see (or hear) as many bird species as possible in a 24 hour period. Contact Fritz Heilman, 273-0487.

## June 2, 2012

### Wildwood Lake (raindate June 9)

Observation of flora and fauna by first walking the tow path trail, then walking around the lake. Meet Saturday 9 AM at Wildwood Lake Nature Center parking lot. Leader Art Schiavo, 533-1978.

## July 15, 2012

### Butterflies, Dragonflies and their Habitat

ID, by binoculars, of common butterflies and dragonflies near the Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area visitor center. Meet Sunday 2 PM at the Middle Creek W.M.A. visitor center parking lot. Binoculars, hat and sunscreen suggested. Leader Fritz Heilman, 273-0487.

## July 28, 2012 – Amphibian Amble

Observation of amphibians and their habitat by an easy shaded walk via the State Game Lands 211 railroad/trail bed (in conjunction with the Lebanon Valley Conservancy). Meet Saturday 9 AM at the west parking lot off Gold Mine Road. Leader Fritz Heilman, 273-0487.

## August 12, 2012

### Butterflies, Dragonflies and their Habitat

Details as for the July 15 visit except this trip in conjunction with the Lebanon Valley Conservancy.

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Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every other month, beginning with January, at the Lebanon Valley Home, Annville, PA, at 7:00 pm. Anyone interested in helping us by serving on a committee should call any officer.

## Quittapahilla Audubon Society

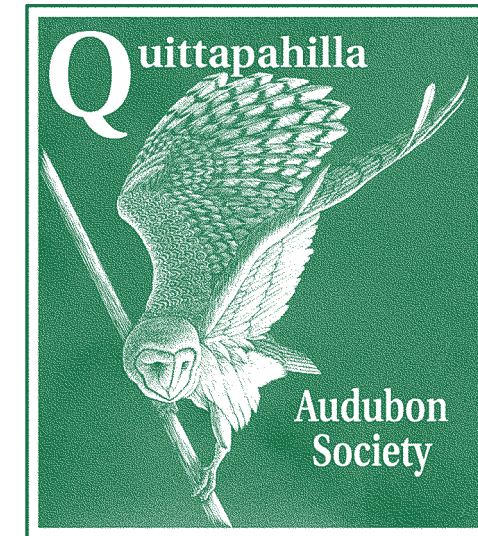
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\* All Visitors Welcome \*

## Quittapahilla ...

a native American term meaning  
"spring that flows from among pines."



## Programs and Field Trips 2011 - 2012

Founded in 1979 as a chapter of the National Audubon Society, The Quittapahilla Audubon Society has a membership of 500.

Joint membership in the Quittapahilla Audubon Society and The National Audubon Society brings you a full year's subscription of **Audubon**. You will also receive our newsletter containing detailed information on monthly programs, field trips, environmental issues and local activities. Your membership contributes to the conservation effort in our area and nationally. You may join as a *Chapter Only Member* and receive our chapter newsletter.

## QAS Sponsors Many Conservation and Environmental Projects Such As:

- AUDUBON ADVENTURES program for area elementary school children
- Lebanon Conservation District Envirothons Prizes & Volunteers
- Scholarships to nature camps
- Saw-Whet Owl Banding Volunteers
- H.M. Levitz Park bird feeding blind
- Barn Owl Nesting Boxes
- Bluebird nest monitoring

## National Audubon Society

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Local Chapter Quittapahilla Audubon (U16)

Please enroll me as a member of the National Audubon Society and my local chapter at the INTRODUCTORY MEMBERSHIP cost of \$20. Please send AUDUBON magazine, my membership card, and the chapter newsletter to the address below:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

My check for \$20 (**Introductory Rate**) is enclosed.  
*This offer is Not For Renewals.*

*Please make all checks payable to:*

### National Audubon Society

Chapter Membership Data Center  
PO Box 422250, Palm Coast, FL 32142-2250

**Please send the upper application only** and include the chapter membership **code of C9ZU160Z** on all correspondence to ensure our chapter receives credit for your introductory membership.

### LOCAL CHAPTER ONLY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Your \$20 yearly fee goes **100% to local chapter activities**. You will receive our local chapter newsletter, but **no** national magazine. This local membership runs from July 1 to July 1 each year.

If interested in the **Local Chapter Only Membership**, please send your \$20 check made payable to: **QAS, 810 Hill St., Lebanon, PA 17046** and the application below:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## Programs

Programs begin at 7:30 pm in the chapel of the Lebanon Valley Home, 550 E. Main Street in Annville. Our programs are free and open to the public. The programs are designed for a general audience and children are welcome when accompanied by an adult.

The Lebanon Valley Home is located one-half mile east of the Route 422 and 934 intersection. There is limited parking in the Home's parking lot with additional parking on the adjacent streets. PLEASE USE THE MAIN ENTRANCE at the front of the Home, which is at the end of the covered walkway. The Chapel is handicap accessible.

### September 28, 2011, 7:30 pm Adventures of Our QAS Campers

Our campers will report on their experiences at their respective camps. This is a great program to witness QAS at work.

### October 22, 2011, 10:00 am Native Pennsylvania Species

Bring your children and grandchildren to this special program for the WHOLE FAMILY with animals from ZooAmerica! **\*\*Note: this program meeting will be held at an alternate site and time—10:00 am at the Salvation Army Gymnasium, 1031 Guilford Street, Lebanon, 17046.**

Pennsylvania's wildlife heritage is presented in this program. Both the common, as well as the uncommon native species of our forests, fields and towns, are highlighted by the staff of ZooAmerica!

### October 26, 2011, 7:30 pm Trout in the Classroom – Gina Mason

Gina Mason, an educator in the Palmyra Area School District, will talk about the Trout in the Classroom project conducted by the 7th grade students in the middle school. QAS was proud to be a sponsor of this project which provided an educational experience in which students established and maintained a trout hatchery in the classroom. In doing so, students learned about environmental conditions needed to sustain trout as well as the complexities of the trout life cycle.

### November 16, 2011, 7:30 pm Vernal Pools – Dr. Tim Maret

Vernal pools are unique aquatic habitats that host an incredible diversity of species. Because they do not contain water year round, they lack fish, and therefore provide a home to creatures that are vulnerable to fish predation. Organisms that live in these ponds must complete the aquatic portion of their life cycle before the ponds dry in the summer. Amphibians, including a variety of salamanders and frogs, are among the most conspicuous residents of vernal pools, especially during their spring breeding migrations. We will examine the amphibians and other fascinating organisms that inhabit and use vernal pools over the course of a year.

Tim Maret is a professor of biology at Shippensburg University, where he has been teaching and conducting research on vernal pools for the last 15 years. He particularly enjoys bringing students to vernal pools on rainy evenings in the spring to observe the migration and courtship of salamanders and frogs. Tim has a strong interest in the conservation of amphibians and reptiles, and promotes their protection through his involvement in the Pennsylvania Biological Survey.

Our Annual Seed Sale takes place during the month of October. Please watch for further information regarding this special event. A seed sale brochure will be sent out in a separate mailing.

### December 14, 2011, 7:30 pm Members' Nature Slides and Digitals

Join us as members share their favorite slides and digital photos with the group this evening. This is our holiday social so please bring a plate of holiday treats to enjoy after the program. Drinks will be provided.

### January 25, 2012, 7:30 PM Migration Ecology of North American Turkey Vultures – David Barber

Turkey Vultures are the most widespread and abundant new world vulture. Despite this, very little is known about them, particularly their migration ecology. As part of Hawk Mountain Sanctuary's ongoing project on Turkey Vulture migration, how, when and where vultures migrate will be revealed using high tech and not so high tech methods.

David R. Barber, research biologist, will be presenting this program. David has studied the ecology and behavior of birds for over 20 years. Field work has taken him from Texas to Ecuador to Australia before ending up in Pennsylvania. He is a Research Biologist for Hawk Mountain Sanctuary where he coordinates field research on Turkey Vulture migration, monitors songbirds and butterflies, and counts hawks from North Lookout in the fall. David received his Masters of Science degree from the University of Arkansas where he studied cowbird parasitism in Black-capped Vireos.

### February 22, 2012, 7:30 pm Managing Pennsylvania's Bats—Aura Stauffer

White Nose Syndrome (WNS) was first reported in New York four years ago, and has quickly spread to Pennsylvania and several other states. The mortality rate is more than 90 percent. The syndrome causes bats to wake during hibernation, when there are no food sources available, and as a result, the bats use up their energy stores.

Aura Stauffer, Wildlife Biologist for Pa DCNR Bureau of Forestry will provide an update on WNS, including the latest research and how the disease is spread. She will also discuss bat management on state forest lands.

Aura has B.S. and M.S. degrees from the Pennsylvania State University in Wildlife and Fisheries Science. She has worked with the Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Wetlands and Waterways in Washington, DC, and for the Audubon Society at the Audubon Camp in Maine as a marine biology instructor.

### March 28, 2012, 7:30 pm Timberdoodle Nesting and Foraging Habitat Selection – Eric Miller

The presentation will report the results of a two year research project studying the relationship of invasive shrubs and American woodcock (*Scolopax minor*) nesting success and habitat selection in southeastern Pennsylvania. Several QAS members assisted with this research!

Eric got his Bachelor's Degree in Wildlife Management from Delaware State University and his Master's Degree in Conservation Biology from Green Mountain College. He is currently employed as a Wildlife Biologist and Public Lands Habitat Section Chief by the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

### April 25, 2012, 7:30 pm Energy Development and the Associated Threats to PA Wildlife – Kim Van Fleet

Kim Van Fleet, a staff biologist and an IBA Coordinator with Audubon Pennsylvania, will discuss natural gas drilling, industrial wind turbines, and the siting of power transmission and gas pipelines within our state as well as the implications that these developments are having and potentially will have on the birds, other wildlife, their habitats and water resources within the Commonwealth and beyond. Do not miss this opportunity to gain further insight into these rapidly developing industries, their impacts, what other individuals or groups are doing and some ideas on how we, on a grassroots level, can help to affect change!

### Annual Banquet (RESERVATIONS REQUIRED) May 23, 2012, 6:30 pm Banquet—Slow down! You're going too fast! Fred Habegger

This video presentation will go through a year's four seasons, and show them in a way that makes the ordinary seem a bit more than that. Slow motion footage will reveal nuances easily missed in the field. This program invites you to appreciate the little things in our world as well as the dramatic.

Fred got his first 35mm camera at age 15, and has been shooting ever since. He enjoys the natural history of Lancaster and Lebanon counties. Our State Game Lands have been an important way for him to access interesting features of that natural world. He has had digital cameras for eight years and the slow motion camera that he used to create this program is his latest acquisition. Fred has a degree in Biology.

*The banquet location is the Friendship Firehall,  
610 S. Second Street, Lebanon.*