

QUITTAPAHILLA AUDUBON SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Winter 2018-2019

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Upcoming QAS Events

Join Us! Everyone Is Welcome!

Upcoming Programs . . .

The Quittapahilla Audubon Society holds its programs in the Chapel of the Lebanon Valley Home at 7:00pm every fourth Wednesday of the month from September through April (with the exception of November and December). Due to the holidays, the programs are held another week in these two months. Programs are free and open to the public. They are designed for a general audience and children are welcome when accompanied by an adult.

Lebanon Valley Home is located one half mile east of the intersection of Routes 422 and 934 at 550 East Main Street, Annville, PA. There is limited parking in front of the Home with additional parking available on the adjacent streets. Please use the main entrance at the end of the covered walkway in the front of the Home. The Chapel is handicap accessible.

Please note: that the Lebanon Valley Home has a new policy regarding the front entrance. The door will now be locked at 6pm each night instead of 8pm for the safety of residents. We will have a QAS member out front on meeting nights until the meeting starts to open the door. There is a doorbell installed which will alert a Lebanon Valley Home employee to your presence if you are late.



Stormy Weather Meeting Cancellations

When bad weather forces our chapter meetings to be cancelled, you can hear about it on CBS-21 or CW-15. These TV stations have agreed to broadcast cancellation



announcements. They will also have this information available on their station websites: www.cbs21.com and www.cw15.com. (Photo by Gary Kinkley).

January 23, 2019 – Madagascar: Birds and much more – Steve Rannels

Madagascar, a laboratory of natural selection and speciation, is home for unique birds, lemurs, chameleons and plants, most endemic to the island. The relationships and distribution of Madagascar's biology will be presented using photographic, video, and audio media. Dr. Rannels will surely entertain as well as educate us on the exotic wildlife of Madagascar!

Since childhood, Steve has had a fascination for insects. This interest has persisted and developed

into an urge to understand the natural world, know its components, and understand its dynamic interrelationships. Steve and Sharon are active in local bird clubs and land conservation groups. His philosophy is to preserve as much of the environment as possible for all species.

February 27, 2019 – Reptiles and Amphibians of Lebanon County – Dave McNaughton

The current statewide atlas project, PARS (Pennsylvania Amphibian and Reptile Survey), has documented 45 species for Lebanon County in its 6-year ongoing effort. Yet these species are not entirely the same as old Records from museums, collections, publications, and early statewide atlas projects. What happened to our herpetofauna over the last 30 to 60 years? We'll discuss all of Lebanon's species and their habitats, scientific methods for surveying and documenting our species, and some of the resources all of us can use for more information.

Dave is a Lebanon resident and has worked at Fort Indiantown Gap's Wildlife Office for the past 14 straight years. He participates and provides leadership in many local and national conservation organizations including PARS (Dauphin Co. Coordinator), Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation (DOD Representative), Lancaster Herpetological Society (President), Mid-Atlantic Center for Herpetology and Conservation (Board), Manada Conservancy (Board), and the Kittatinny Ridge Coalition (Science Committee). He also regularly plays with dogs, birds, and plants.

March 27, 2019 – Birdtown & Backyard Habitat – Steve Saffier

Steven Saffier has worked for the National Audubon society since 2003 and at its state office in Pennsylvania since 2007. He currently serves at the Network Engagement Manager while still managing Bird Friendly Communities programming.

Steven helped develop the national Audubon At Home initiative which aimed to introduce the natural world one could find in their backyard, schoolyard or other property and how to enhance it for birds. He developed the first statewide backyard habitat registration program in the Audubon state network and one of the first municipal programs. In Pennsylvania, 27 municipalities are designated Bird Town. With the Bird-Friendly Communities initiative which emphasizes the use of native plants in creating a nationwide bird

sanctuary, he travels the state championing the rewards gardening with native plants and connecting the built landscape to birds, and people to bird conservation. As Network Engagement Manager, Steve serves as a resource for chapters and helps to facilitate cross-chapter communication and collaboration around key conservation and strategic pillars.

April 17, 2019 – Spring Migration in the Mid-Atlantic – Derek Stoner

The program will focus on the spectacle of spring migration is a favorite experience for birders, with brightly-colored neo-tropical songbirds arriving and thousands of waterbirds, shorebirds, and raptors pushing north. April and May are peak months for this movement of birds in the Mid-Atlantic region. Take a photographic tour through the season, from the first-arriving Louisiana Waterthrush to the late-migrating Alder Flycatcher. Images of vibrant-colored warblers, orioles, tanagers, vireos, and more will build excitement for the rush of migration in coming weeks.

Derek Stoner is a lifelong outdoorsman with a deep passion for connecting people to nature. During a fifteen-year career with the Delaware Nature Society, he managed and led environmental education programs ranging from summer camps to international ecotours, while also managing the 860-acre Middle Run Natural Area and overseeing the planting of 20,000 trees for habitat improvement. The award-winning Middle Run Birding Trail is his creation, a unique design that is renowned as a premier location for experiencing the spectacle of songbird migration. His writing and photography work appears in Outdoor Delaware magazine, Wild Delaware and Wild Delmarva books, Pennsylvania Game News, and the News Journal newspapers. He does biodiversity consulting for conservation organizations like Mt. Cuba Center, Brandywine Red Clay Alliance, the White Clay Watershed Association, and the National Park Service. He currently works for the Pennsylvania Game Commission as a Wildlife Conservation Specialist. Derek is past president of the Delmarva Ornithological Society, recipient of their Outstanding Conservationist Award, and a founder of the Delaware Dunlins Youth Birding Club, dedicated to mentoring and leading the next generation of birder-conservationists. A resident of Lancaster, he lives on his family's farm in Eden with his wife Hilary where they manage the land for the benefit of wildlife.

May 21, 2019 – Banquet: Vulture: The Private Life of an Unloved Bird – Katie Fallon

Vultures are often overlooked, underappreciated, and unloved, despite the vital role they play in healthy ecosystems. Worldwide, vultures are more likely to be



threatened or endangered than any other group of raptors, but in the United States, Turkey and Black Vultures may be increasing in number. Based on Katie Fallon's new book, this presentation will discuss the life and times of the noble Turkey Vulture, including its feeding, nesting, and roosting habits, migratory behaviors, and common misconceptions.

Katie Fallon lives in West Virginia and is co-founder of the Avian Conservation Center of Appalachia, a nonprofit organization dedicated to conserving the region's wild birds through research, education, and rehabilitation. Fallon is the author of other bird-centric books, including *Cerulean Blues* (2011) and two new children's book, *Look, See the Bird!* and *Look, See the Farm!* She has taught writing at Virginia Tech, West Virginia University, and West Virginia Wesleyan College. (Photo by Gary Kinkley).

*****Please note the date for our banquet at the Hebron Banquet Hall, 701 E Walnut Street, Lebanon, PA 17042. See page nine for the reservation form!**

And Our Field Trips at a Glance . . .

Please join us for as many of our field trips as your calendar will allow.

Tuesday, January 1, 2019 – Lebanon Valley Rail Trail (LVRT) at Expo Center

Observation of local wintering birds via walk on rail trail. Meet 11 AM at Lebanon Valley Expo Center parking lot next to LVRT. Leader Jim Fiorentino (717-269-0675).

Saturday, February 9 – Barnegat Lighthouse & Brigantine National Wildlife Refuge

This is an all day trip, weather permitting – limit 8. Contact Jim Fiorentino (717-269-0675).

Sunday, February 17 – Great Backyard Bird Count – Union Canal Tunnel Park

Observation of flora and fauna (including data collecting for the 22nd annual "Great Backyard Bird Count"). Meet 2 PM at Union Canal Tunnel Park. Leader Fritz Heilman (717-273-0487).

Sunday, February 24 – Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area (MCWMA)

Observation and identification of waterfowl. Meet 9 AM at Stop # 1 at Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area. Leader Jim Fiorentino (717-269-0675).

Sunday, March 17 – Timberdoodle at Swatara State Park

The first of two trips to observe the "sky dance" of the crepuscular woodcock in our two beautiful state parks. Meet Sunday 6:45 PM at Trout Run Trailhead parking lot and bring a flashlight. Leader Gary Kinkley (717-503-4027).

Saturday, March 23 – Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area (MCWMA)

Observation of migrating waterfowl and resident birds. Meet 9 AM at visitor center parking lot. Leader Fritz Heilman (717-273-0487).

Sunday, March 24 – Timberdoodle at Memorial Lake State Park

The second of two trips to observe the “sky dance” of the crepuscular woodcock in our two beautiful state parks. Meet Sunday 6:45 PM at the upper parking lot and bring a flashlight. Leader Gary Kinkley (717-503-4027).

Thursday, April 25 – Lancaster County Parks Rail Trail

Observation of flora and fauna. Meet 8 AM at Colebrook Rail Trail parking lot to car-pool. Leader Fritz Heilman (717-273-0487).

Saturday, April 27 – Wildwood Park

Observation of flora and fauna. Meet 8 AM at Saves-A-Lot Market (northwest of Lebanon) northeast section of parking lot. Leader Fritz Heilman (717-273-0487).

Saturday, May 4 – Furnace Hills Wildflowers and Songbirds

Observation of Spring ephemerals and Spring songbirds. Meet 9 AM at route 72 Lebanon K-Mart, in front of garden section. Leaders Jim M. Logan (717-273-8438) and Jim C. Logan (717-865-5522).

Sunday, May 5 – Birdathon

QAS annual fund raiser. Team competition to observe bird species. Form your own team or meet 8 AM at MCWMA visitor center parking lot - contact Fritz Heilman (717-273-0487).

Saturday, May 11 – 28th Annual Pennsylvania Migration Count (PMC)

A spring count of migrating birds in Lebanon County – contact Chuck Berthoud (717-889-0196).

Wednesday, May 29 – Bird the Ridge Tour at Fort Indiantown Gap

This is a joint visit with the Lancaster County Bird Club. Leader Dave McNaughton. Details to be published at a later date.

QAS NEEDS YOU!

If you can give a little bit of your time to QAS, please consider becoming a board member, an officer, or a committee chairperson. Your help will be welcome in any capacity – even if you only have a little bit of time to help. The reach of QAS is only limited by the abilities and contributions of our members. You can talk to any officer or board member anytime about your interest in volunteering. **We would love to welcome you to the QAS team!**

Check out the QAS Grant Program!

The grant applications are online. We accept them year-round! Check out the QAS website if you or someone you know has a project that may qualify for a QAS Grant!



QAS Camper Scholarships – Rosemary Spreha

QAS is looking for qualified local students to attend nature-related summer camps. Scholarships are available for students in first through twelfth grade. Scholarships are also available for Educators. Anyone interested in attending summer camp and applying for a QAS scholarship needs to choose a camp appropriate to their age group and submit a scholarship application to QAS. Updated applications and the criteria are available online at www.QASAudubon.org.

Suggested camps include ZooAmerica Day Camp, Wildwood Way Day Camp, and Hog Island Audubon Camp. Parents are responsible for a portion of the camp tuition and transportation to and from camp.

A Word from QAS President Jim Fiorentino...

It is December 3rd as I write this, and it is a rather mild, dry winter day in what has been a terribly wet, rainy year. Hopefully, the 'wet' weather will not carry over into the winter snow season. As a result of the record rain we are having, there have been (and still are) a lot of flooded fields, road closures, and water related incidents. It remains to be seen if it will have any effect on the winter and spring migration birding numbers in the coming months.

Speaking of birding numbers, by the time you read this the 39th annual Christmas Bird Count being conducted by QAS members and compiled by Fritz



Heilman will be over. The species and number counts will be published in a future newsletter, and it will be interesting to see if totals have changed – maybe in part due to the wet conditions that should still be present during the December 15th CBC. I would also like to thank everyone (with a special thanks going to Fritz) that has participated in this QAS event over the years.

Moving on to programs and our regular field trips, QAS has many programs and field trips planned for the winter/spring of 2019. With field trips to Barnegat Lighthouse, Brigantine NWR, Middle Creek, Wildwood Park, Memorial Lake State Park, and Swatara State Park just to name a few. Please look over the list and plan to attend one or more of these field trips for the coming year. I wish to thank all of you that attended a program and/or field trips during the past year...making the past program/field trip year very successful for QAS. Keep in mind, that all QAS field trips and programs are intended for the education and enjoyment of you – our membership and the general public. So please plan on attending one or more of the field trips and/or programs in the 2018/19 season – the trip leaders and program presenters will appreciate your support (see the brochure,

newsletter, website, and our Facebook page for further details on any trip or contact any Board Members or Officer for information).

The QAS annual seed sale was also conducted in early November, and again this year, it was very successful with over 17,000 lbs of seed sold! Many thanks to everyone that purchased seed and helped at this event. A special thanks to Jim and Kitty Logan for again organizing and compiling all the orders. As the QAS Board has made changes in the past few years (most notable was the starting times of the programs, pickup location for the seed sale, and a new banquet location), there will be (sometimes by necessity) changes in the future. These changes are never easy but are intended to enable QAS to better serve you – our membership. As always, I again thank all of you for your support of Audubon and QAS! I also thank all current and former QAS Officers and Board members for their continued commitment and dedication.

In closing, I hope to see all of you along a birding trail, at a QAS program, on a QAS field trip, or at my favorite birding location – Middle Creek – sometime the 2019 birding season! (Photo by Fritz Heilman).
Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! ...and Good Birding!

QAS Has Made Backyard Birds Happy For 40 Years! – James M. Logan

It's hard to believe but QAS completed its 40th annual Wild Bird Seed Sale this past November. The seed sale coordinators, Jim and Kitty Logan, wish to thank all those who purchased QAS wild bird seed and those volunteers who helped unload and distribute the seed. The profits from this year's sale of over 16,000 pounds of seed will go to support our local chapter's environmental education efforts as well as making a lot of local birds very happy this winter. If you know of any friends or neighbors who feed the birds who might like to be placed on our bird seed mailing list, please contact anyone on the QAS board. So, get out and feed those birds and we'll be happy to re-stock your supply next fall!

How Much Do You "like" QAS?

QAS is on Facebook! Please stop by and "like" us. We are always adding content about meetings and field trips as well as links which may interest QAS members. In addition, you can still sign up for the **QAS-Announce** mailing list to receive e-mail reminders for our public meetings, field trips, and other announcements of interest. Just go to our website at www.qasaudubon.org!

Sunday, September 30, – State Game Lands 156 in and around Miners Village

We had four participants this past Sunday on about a 2-1/2 hour visit to State Game Lands 156 in and around Miners Village – a field trip planned and led by Jim Fiorentino. Walking along the service road into the old mining area and the game lands, we had numerous bird sightings including: warblers such as Black-throated Green and Black and White. We also had an early



season view of a Red-breasted Nuthatch – a species that is an occasional winter visitor. Vireos were also very noticeable with Red-eyed and Blue-headed both present. Various plants were observed including Viper's Bugloss – aka Blue Weed – a plant thought in folk lore to discourage snakes and also used in ancient times as a medicine for pain and inflammation. Our walk brought us down to some low lands behind the row of homes. In this damp area Jim had a brief sighting again of the rare Connecticut Warbler! Total bird species for the day was twenty-four. (Photo by Fritz Heilman).

Sunday, Oct. 7 – Swatara State Park

We had three participants on about a 90 minute visit to Swatara State Park for the observation of flora and fauna. The weather was unseasonably warm, but conditions were cooler on the shaded walk as we headed off from the Trout Run trailhead down the slope to connect with the old route 72 below the parking lot. Adjacent to this connecting path we observed the invasive Japanese Stilt Grass (aka Chinese Packing Grass). According to *Invasive Plants* by S. Kaufman and W. Kaufman, this plant probably arrived around 1919 from the habit of packing oriental porcelain with grass for shipment overseas. Mixed in with this plant along the path was a species of smartweed (Polygonaceae

family of plants). As we continued, just off old route 72, there was a neat, colorful caterpillar – the caterpillar to the moth, Brown-hooded Owllet. This is one of the most beautiful and often asked about caterpillars, according to D. Wagner's excellent guide book, *Caterpillars of Eastern North America*. Bird activity was low but we did see some White-throated Sparrows (first sighting this season for me), a Red-bellied Woodpecker, and also a flyover of either a Cooper's or Sharp-shinned Hawk. Several specimens of the colorful fall flowering aster (referring to star shaped) were also noted, perhaps New York or New England.

Thursday, Oct. 25 – Union Canal Trail/Blue Marsh Lake

We had three participants on about a 3-1/2 hour visit to Union Canal Trail (the old tow path) along the Tulpehocken Creek below Blue Marsh Lake. Weather was a perfect fall day of partly cloudy skies and crisp temperatures which made for an enjoyable walk along the old canal tow path. Bird sightings were numerous in addition to notable plants along the way. Before we left the parking lot, a Belted Kingfisher was heard along with a Red-bellied Woodpecker. Walking along the trail, we had a nice view of a male Ruby-crowned Kinglet with the crown in sunlight! More Ruby-crowned Kinglets were observed later along with Golden-crowned Kinglets. At the far end of our walk near the route 222 overpass were several families of Cedar Waxwings. Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warblers were noted at several locations along the trail, feeding on Poison Ivy berries. Other birds of note, were both a male and female Purple Finch, and several sightings of Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers. For the day we had twenty-eight species of birds observed.

Plants along the way included Bottlebrush-grass (*Elymus hystrix*) and the shrub Bladdernut (*Staphylea*



trifolia) – both plants typical of moist woods according to “The Plants of Pennsylvania” by Rhoads and Block. Also observed on several Ailanthus tree trunks, and later on a maple by the ranger station was one of the more recent invasive insects, the Spotted Lanternfly. An historical observation along the trail included Union Canal lock # 47 E, which was restored in 1976, but has again fallen into disrepair. Lunch at Blue Marsh Pizza capped the day on this visit. (Photos by Fritz Heilman).



Sunday, November 18 – Lebanon Valley Rail Trail (LVRT) at Expo Center

We had three participants on about a two hour walk on the Lebanon Valley Rail Trail section adjacent to Lebanon Valley Expo Center. This essentially linear park proved to be very active again with common seasonal and resident birds. Many White-throated sparrows were noted along with some Dark-eyed Juncos. Woodpeckers are typical in this section of the trail, and we did see Downy and Red-bellied, although the usual sighting of a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker was not to be had this time around. On the far southern end of our walk, we had a “good bird” sighting with two observations of Brown Creepers – a small cryptically colored bird that is known to nest behind loose bark on the trunks of trees. The flooded fields to the west of this area were populated with Mallard Ducks. Twenty-three species of birds were recorded for the visit that day. Also, of note was the good food crop present, including many locations where Oriental bittersweet (*Celastrus orbiculatus*) could be seen. This invasive vine seems to be outcompeting the native American bittersweet (*C. scandens*) and is known to even hybridize with it.

ATTENTION BIRDERS: LATERNFLY OBSERVATIONS NEEDED!! – Margaret Brittingham

Margaret Brittingham from Penn State University is looking for input on birds and spotted lanternflies. Here’s the information:

Because this is the first outbreak of spotted lanternfly (SPLF) in North America, there is very little information on interactions between birds and spotted lanternflies or on the effects of SPLF control on birds. She is interested in collecting some baseline data on bird/SPLF interactions.

This information will be used as a starting point for a pilot study on SPLF and birds.



Observations she is looking for:

1) If you are in an area where SPLF are present take time to see how birds are responding to them. Do you see any birds feeding on them? Please record date, time, location (as specific as possible but at least to County) and your observations of birds and SPLF. If you see a bird feeding on them record the species and feeding behavior (e.g. tore wings off and ate, caught in air etc). If there are no interactions, record bird species you can see and hear and report that none fed on lanternflies. Record information on both live and dead lanternflies and also egg masses. (e.g. many egg masses in my yard and birds do not feed on them.) Take a photo if you can.

2) Sticky bands- If you have sticky bands in your yard or a place that you can check regularly, try to check weekly and record any evidence of a non-target animal being stuck to the band (feathers, fur etc).. Please take a photo and send to her or remove the feathers and send for identification. Also record any incidental observations.

3) Insecticides - If you use insecticides, record what was used, any observations of birds feeding on dead insects, and any other potential effects on birds. If you have observations to share, please email all details to:

Margaret Brittingham
Lanternfly Project
mx21@psu.edu



Tune In...

If you enjoy listening to nature-oriented programs, you may want to consider tuning in to Jack's Backyard, a call-in talk show about nature and birding with a general focus on the great outdoors and creatures in our local environment. Tune into Reading radio station WEEU AM 830 on Saturday mornings from 8 to 10 AM or call (610) 374-8800 or 1-800-323-8800 to participate.

Why Depave? – from <https://depave.org/>

Impervious surfaces such as concrete and asphalt can be useful for providing access for pedestrians, bicyclists, wheelchair users, and cars. However, the paving over of millions of acres of land and vegetation have contributed to numerous economic and environmental problems. In many cities, over half of the urban land is paved for roadways and parking lots. While we may need sidewalks and roadways, we can minimize the pavement we use for driveways and parking areas, and thereby restore the natural environment. Ideally, we shouldn't be paving over habitat and farmland to accommodate auto-centric development, but through depaving, we can reverse the damage!

Firstly, impervious surfaces prevent rainwater from entering the soil and instead divert it to nearby waterways. Along the way, the rainwater carries pollutants such as oil, antifreeze, plastics, pesticides, and heavy metals from the roads into local streams and rivers, devastating riparian habitat and polluting local



waterways. In places like Portland, Oregon, which uses combined sewer overflows, the high volume of stormwater runoff forces untreated sewage into the rivers.

Pavement gets hot

Pavement also increases the summertime temperatures in cities and suburbs. This "heat island effect" in urban areas often increase temperatures by about 10 degrees (F) higher than surrounding rural areas. This in turn increases the need for electricity to power fans and air conditioning units. The elevated temperatures also contribute to the formation of ground-level ozone – the main constituent of smog.

The removal of pavement allows for the revegetation of land with trees and plants.

Benefits of urban vegetation

- Cooling of homes and offices by shading the sun's rays and the protection against harsh winds.
- Ambient cooling from evapotranspiration of rain on the leaves.
- Aesthetic enhancement to areas and psychosocial benefits associated with greenery.
- Enhancing air quality by removing particulate pollutants and carbon dioxide from the air while producing oxygen.
- Visual privacy and reduction of noise from the street.
- Traffic calming when trees are planted along urban streets.
- Restoration of local habitat for birds, insects and other wildlife.

And if the previously-paved land is used for farming, this provides food and nutrition for local residents. (Photo from <https://depave.org/>).

Quittapahilla Audubon Society 36th Annual Banquet

Tuesday, May 21, 2019 -- Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Hebron Banquet Hall, 701 East Walnut Street (Route 422), Lebanon, PA 17042

Reservations Required



Banquet Menu

Served Buffet Style

Garden Salad, Roast Turkey, Roast Beef
Potato Filling, Glazed Carrots, Dinner Rolls
Assorted Cakes, Coffee, Iced Tea, & Water

Vulture: The Private Life of an Unloved Bird – Katie Fallon

Vultures are often overlooked, underappreciated, and unloved, despite the vital role they play in healthy ecosystems. Worldwide, vultures are more likely to be threatened or endangered than any other group of raptors, but in the United States, Turkey and Black Vultures may be increasing in number. Based on Katie Fallon's new book, this presentation will discuss the life and times of the noble Turkey Vulture, including its feeding, nesting, and roosting habits, migratory behaviors, and common misconceptions.

Travel Directions

From 422 East, travel west on Cumberland Street and turn left onto South 5th Avenue. Continue on South 5th Avenue to Walnut Street and turn left.

Travel east on Walnut Street to 701 East Walnut Street. The Hebron Banquet Hall is located on the left.

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**Please Note: Raffle Prizes – if you already have a raffle prize that you intend to donate, please let us know what you will be bringing so that we may prepare a label ahead of time. We are always very grateful for these donations as the raffle proceeds benefit our education efforts – thank you!

THE COST OF THE EVENING IS: **\$20.00 for Adults / \$7.00 for Children under 12**

YOUR NAME: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

NUMBER OF ADULTS: _____ NUMBER OF CHILDREN: _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

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Jo Ann Yeagley
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You, as a member or friend of QAS, can leave a legacy that will help save the special areas you have explored and loved long after you are gone. Remember Quittapahilla Audubon Society, your LOCAL Audubon connection, through a bequest in your Will or through a gift annuity that will specifically support QAS programs while paying you a monthly income for life. To learn more about how you can make a bequest and create a permanent legacy in your name or in someone's memory, as well as tax benefits for planned giving options, please contact your attorney or financial advisor.

In supporting a cause that you hold dear, you can have peace of mind that your time on this planet has mattered.

National Audubon Society Membership

For information concerning National Audubon Society membership click on the following link:

<http://www.audubon.org/> or call **1-844-428-3826** for more information

Chapter-Only Membership Application Information

Quittapahilla Audubon Society offers a local Chapter-Only membership that differs from the current National Audubon membership in these ways:

1. **Your \$20 yearly fee goes 100% to local chapter activities.**
2. The membership period runs from July 1st to July 1st, regardless of when you join.

You will receive the chapter newsletter informing you of upcoming events, but you will not receive the Audubon magazine. If you are interested, please issue a check to QAS for \$20 and mail to: Chapter-Only Membership, c/o Jim M. Logan, Chairman, 810 Hill St., Lebanon, PA 17046. Do not mail to the National membership address in Palm Coast, FL.

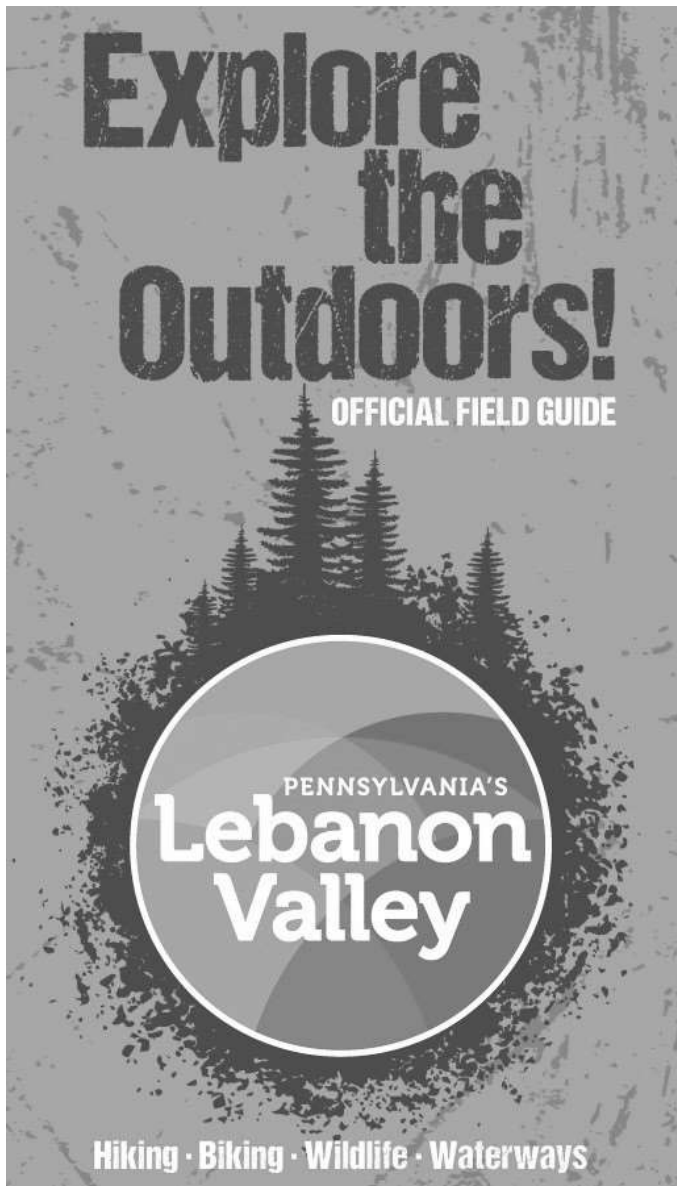
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The QAS Board meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday in January, March, May, July, September, and November at the Lebanon Valley UCC Home, Annville, PA. Meetings are open to interested persons. If you would like to attend a meeting or are interested in finding out more, contact any officer or board member.



Check out the new Lebanon Valley *Explore the Outdoors* guide by visiting: <https://visitlebanonvalley.com/things-to-do/attractions/outdoors/>. We will also have some of the guides available at our meetings.

SAVE THE DATE: Olympic Birdfest

Olympic Birdfest, April 12-14, 2019. Enjoy guided birding trips, boat tours, live auction, raffle, gala banquet, and more. Our featured speaker: John Marzluff, professor of wildlife science at the University of Washington and author. Join our festival pre-trip: a three-day, two-night birding/sightseeing cruise of the San Juan Islands, April 9-11, 2019 or extend your festival with our Neah Bay post-trip on April 14-16, 2019: three

days exploring northwest coastal Washington. To learn more and register, visit www.olympicbirdfest.org.



***The QAS Newsletter is Going Digital* – Gary Kinkley**

Next year, we are planning to transition away from a printed newsletter due to the costs to the chapter from both printing and postage price increases. We currently offer every newsletter on our website www.qasaudubon.org under the “Newsletters” tab. We may still offer a small number of newsletters for members without internet access as well as some printed copies at our monthly membership meetings. We would appreciate the feedback of our membership as well. Please let me or one of the other Board Members or Officers know what you think.



QAS Spring Newsletter Deadline

If you have an item, an article or a photo that you would like to submit for inclusion in the next issue of the QAS Newsletter, please send them to Gary Kinkley by March 17, 2019. Articles may be emailed to cathartesaura@live.com or mailed to him at 3 Clark Road, Annville, PA 17003. Comments are also welcome. **This is your chapter and your newsletter, and we want to hear from you!**

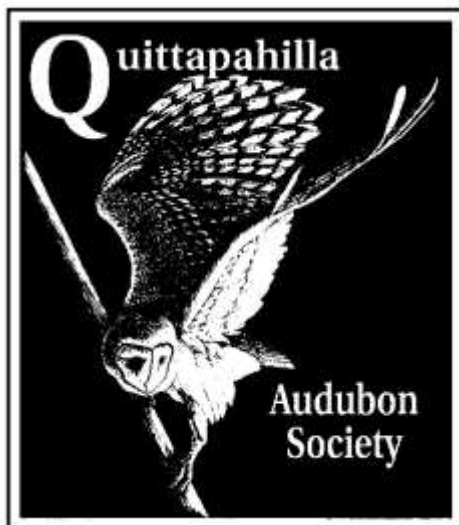
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