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Rockland Hot Spots: Kennedy Dells County Park

Rocklanders are blessed with a wealth of extraordinary wildlife areas within a few minutes drive. This series will explore some of these locations, starting with the site of last year's First Sunday Walks — Kennedy Dells County Park.

Located in New City, this 177-acre park can be accessed from North Main Street opposite Blue Jay Circle. Near the parking area, you will find a corral, grassy soccer fields, and other assorted recreational facilities. I can't say that I've ever seen any horses in the corral, but on a fine spring day, the sports fields are bursting with young athletes. If you are looking for birds and other wildlife, however, it is best to avoid this area.

Before leaving the parking area, you might want to check out the small butterfly garden honoring Irene Bein, a past president of the Rockland Audubon Society. A brief summertime pause here may yield such species as Eastern Tiger Swallowtail, Spangled Fritillary, Monarchs, and various skippers. Also, Kennedy Dells does have restroom facilities available mid-spring

through mid-fall. During the winter I would suggest going easy on the coffee as the facilities are locked.

Once past the parking lot and soccer fields, head up the hill at the far end of the field. Here the park takes on a whole new character. The landscape is heavily wooded with Hemlock, White Pine, Beech, Maple, Black Oak, Red Oak, White Ash, and Black Locust. Interspersed among the trees are large fields originally farmed by George Smith and Sons, Inc. Their sweet corn was among Rockland's finest.

The upper portion of Kennedy Dells Park is crisscrossed with trails. The Bridal Path Trail (White Blaze) skirts much of the park perimeter. To reach this path, turn right (north) at the top of the hill. Along the path you will eventually pass an area of orderly rows of White Pines, the Eleanor Burlingham Tree Nursery. At one time this was a favorite place to stop and look for Saw-whet Owls, but the trees are now too large and sparse to offer much promise.

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Taking the Next Step: Citizen Science

So, you have joined your local Audubon group. You participate in some of their field trips, perhaps some of the programs, and you even have a smorgasbord of seed and suet for the birds in your yard. Now what?

Perhaps you are looking for a way to take your love of nature to the next level and contribute directly to our understanding of the natural world. Citizen science is a great way to get more involved!

Citizen science involves organized volunteers who offer their time for research projects. While the volunteers themselves may not have any formal training in science, their contributions allow scientists to gather more data and conduct larger, more comprehensive studies than they otherwise would be able to manage.

The volunteers, in turn, benefit by furthering their knowledge, gaining satisfaction from contributing to the projects, and having a great excuse to get outdoors.

Volunteers undergo training in person, over the Internet, or through provided materials. The projects typically have clear, easy to understand directions and require no formal science background.

Such programs include Project Feederwatch, Volunteer Invasive Plants Survey, NestWatch, and the well-known New York State Breeding Bird Atlas.

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Our Mission

Rockland Audubon Society's mission is to promote environmental conservation and foster an appreciation of birds and nature through education programs and activities.



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Is there something you'd like to read about in *The Observer*? Please, just let me know!

Membership

To join send a \$20 check (\$15 for senior citizens) payable to National Audubon Society to: Karen D'Alessandri
45 Camp Hill Road
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Allow 4 to 8 weeks for delivery of Audubon Magazine and *The Observer*.

Message from the President

Thanks to the efforts and participation of members like you, Rockland Audubon Society completed another successful year full of field trips, educational programs, and more. Atka the gray wolf drew over 140 attendees making the June program the most successful one ever (or at least in recent years). We welcomed affiliation with Nature Strollers, a group of families devoted to getting their young children outdoors and exploring nature. Members and the public took advantage of over 40 exciting field trips, which led them to the four corners of the county and beyond. Much of this success was due to the efforts of RAS's many volunteers. Whether you led a field trip, volunteered for the Christmas Bird Count, donated refreshments for programs, contributed to the Birdathon, or showed your support through your attendance at an event, your contributions to RAS are appreciated. In particular, I would like to thank those board members who completed their service at the end of the season. President Della Wells contributed such devotion, creativity, and leadership that RAS went to new heights. Treasurer Glenys Foster Roberts made number crunching an art form. Publicity Chair Jessie Traband was majorly responsible for the success of our programs and field trips as she tapped every possible publicity source in the county. Thank you, Della, Glenys, and Jessie for your exceptional service to RAS.

The new year is quite promising. As you can see from the program and field trip schedules, there are many exciting opportunities come fall. Fall programs will offer local interest topics including a virtual tour of the Hackensack River watershed and the history of Iona Island. Please note the change in time of the programs this year. Refreshments will be served at 7:00 pm, and the programs will begin at 7:30 pm. As always, there are a number of field trips in which to participate. "First Sunday" walks have moved back to Piermont Pier for the year. We are offering a special New York Botanical Garden field trip in September and the exciting Brigantine and Cape May field trip in November. Please see the program and field trip schedules for more details.

Welcome to a new year with Rockland Audubon Society. I hope that you enjoy it.
Yours truly,
Elyse Fuller
August 2009

Welcome New and Returning Members!

Nicole Davi, Audrey Flam, Carlin Freeman, Robert Jerris, Caroline McDonald, Norman Reis, David Segelken, Phyllis Shute, Alexis Starke, Christopher Treloar, Jeremy A. Brown, Miguel Castillo, Alan Edelson, Andree Papi, Irvin Raffman, Jeff Harris, Jack Klein, K. Fleming & M. Harpster, William Crane, Barbara Mangam, Venus & Stephen Cucchiarella, Carmela Castaldo, Laurie Cozza, Maureen Daly, A. Fimmano, Kathleen I. Leinart, Rebecca Donato, Ajay Royyuru, Philip Schnelwar, Gary Tacon, Dorothy Urquhart, Phillip Yacuk, John F. O'Brien, Carol O'Brien, Barbara S. Quinn, Merryll Feldman, Sister Angela Reames, Samuel D. Rosen, Daniel Vlastelica, Louise Riedel, Robert Robbins, Jane A. Murphy, Peter Johnson

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Here's a closer look at the aforementioned citizen science projects and how they might interest you:

Feederwatch

You may already know the pleasures of feeding birds in winter and may even keep lists of the birds seen in your yard. Project Feederwatch is a great way to get more involved and help scientists learn about wintering bird populations. Participants count birds at their feeders throughout the winter months. When do the first juncos arrive? Why are the goldfinch numbers different this year? Are others in the area seeing so many Pine Siskins? By keeping records, you'll start paying even more attention to the birds and your enjoyment will only be enhanced. Go to www.birds.cornell.edu/pfw/index.html to learn more about Project Feederwatch.

Volunteer Invasive Plants Survey (VIPS)

Why not turn your walks in Harriman State Park into research? Perhaps you have noticed orange flags along some of the trails. They are for the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference (NYNJTC) and Rutgers University joint Volunteer Invasive Plants Survey (VIPS). Citizen scientists volunteer to survey a 2-mile trail section for a dozen species of invasive plants. A study like this may help you notice plants that you haven't before, learn about invasive species, see nature in a different light, and take you to parts of the park to where you normally wouldn't travel. Find out more about this project at www.nynjtc.org.

NestWatch

The bird watching calendar generally subsides after spring migration as birds are busy rearing young. A great way to follow them during this quiet season is through a project such as NestWatch. Participants observe fascinating breeding behaviors such as pair bonding, nest building, and rearing of young as they gather and submit data on nests including their location and the number of eggs, chicks, and fledglings. You can find out more about NestWatch at <http://watch.birds.cornell.edu/nest/home/index>.

New York State Breeding Bird Atlas

While the most recent segment of this project has already been completed, it is an important one to mention. From 2000 to 2005, atlas project directors relied on citizen scientists to record evidence of breeding birds throughout New York. The project culminated in the publication of the Second Atlas of Breeding Birds in New York State, which provides invaluable information on population trends since the first breeding bird atlas was completed in 1985. Visit www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7312.html to learn more about the breeding bird atlas, and get ready for the next atlas planned for 2020.

These are only a few of the many projects that demonstrate the importance of citizen science. Other active projects in our area involve studying dragonflies (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Dragonfly and Damselfly Survey), butterflies (North American Butterfly Association Butterfly Count Program), and many other intriguing creatures.

Without the assistance of citizen scientists, we would not know so much about many species. Although you might already be doing some of these things on your own, why not contribute your observations to a larger cause and sign up for a citizen science project? —*Elyse Fuller is President of Rockland Audubon Society*

A RAS Thank You For All Birdathon Pledges

Rockland Audubon Society would like to thank all of the individuals and businesses who so generously donated to the 2009 Birdathon fundraiser. By the beginning of July, our total was \$1407.00. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. They make RAS programs, field trips, environmental projects, and the Observer possible! Our Birdathon teams counted for a 24-hour period between Friday, May 15 and Saturday, May 16. The strange spring weather seemed to take its toll on species numbers. Many of the usual suspects were nowhere to be found. The Yellow-rumped Warblers must have all passed through the area; the White-throated Sparrows did not show one feather nor sing one note; and the Belted Kingfishers must have been fishing across the river.

Highlights included: One very vocal Kentucky Warbler at Doodletown that would not be upstaged by two raucous American Crows mobbing a poor Great-horned Owl for over 15 minutes; a leftover Pine Siskin that hadn't found its way north yet: and seeing or hearing a total of 107 species!

The teams and their individual totals were:

The Not-So-Early-Birds: Veronika Krause, Pat Lutter, Vince Ploger, and Carol Weiss (98 species)

Two-Bit Operation: Elyse Fuller, Tom Fuller, and Jim Previdi (85 Species)

The Sharp Shins: Belinda Cash and Jack Cowan (an impressive 27 species in their backyard alone!)

Our contributors: Dan Albantides, Barry Babcock, Bergen County Camera, Maddy Berman, Frank Bonanno, Joan C. Brooks, Gene Brown, Belinda Cash, Jeanne Connors, Harriet D. Cornell, Bob Fialko, Glenys Foster Roberts, Tom and Elyse Fuller, Larrie Goetz, Betty J. Hedges, Carol Hughes, Karen Houghton Interiors, Frank Kemmer, Bonnie Koop, Veronika Krause, Esther A. McGrath, Ken McNichol, Fran Menzie, Marsha Meyer, Paula Miller, Donna Nye, Gloria North, Lorrie and Stan Pallant, Alan and Jean Pardo, Tracy Patsch, Jim Previdi, Roberta Ross, Theodora Sonntag, Joan Totton, Jessie Traband, Julia Warger, Carol Weiss, John L. Weitmann, Della and Alan Wells, and Wild Birds Unlimited

If it is raining, call the field trip leader at least one hour before the meeting time to see if the trip is a go. Also, call the trip leader for directions to the field trip site, or if you will be on the trip but not at the meeting place.

6 Sept. (Sun) First Sunday Walk at Piermont Pier

Meet Carol Weiss at 8 am at the parking lot by the ball field at the entrance to Piermont Pier. Over by 10 am. 845-358-3659

12 Sept. (Sat) Birds and Botany at the New York Botanical Garden

Reservations required; cost is \$28 per person in advance. Reservation deadline is Wednesday, August 26. Meet Elyse Fuller at 8:30 am at the Commuter Parking Lot, Route 303 North, West Nyack for carpooling. Enjoy a guided bird walk, a guided tour of the conservatory, and self-guided tours of many beautiful gardens including the special Edible Garden exhibit. Lunch on your own. Return by 6 pm. Call Elyse to make reservations or for more details. 845-351-2893

13 Sept. (Sun) Hudson River Ramble At Stony Point Battlefield

Co-sponsored by RAS and Stony Point Battlefield State Historic Site. Meet Alan and Della Wells at 8 am in the main parking lot at the end of Battlefield Rd, accessed from Park Rd. off Route 9W in Stony Point. Take an early fall stroll through this historic site on the Hudson River. 845-942-5751

18 Sept. (Friday) A Weekday Walk at The Celery Farm, Allendale, NJ

Meet Elyse Fuller at 8 am at the Celery Farm parking lot on Franklin Turnpike, Allendale, NJ. Over by 10 am. 845-351-2893

19 Sept. (Sat) Hook Mountain Hawk Watch

Meet Jim Previdi at 9 am by the flagpole at the Executive Golf Course, Rockland Lake South. Walk to the top of Hook Mountain to view migrating hawks. Bring hat, binoculars, water; food if you plan to stay all day. 845-942-8448

26 Sept. (Sat) The Celery Farm, Allendale, NJ

Meet Jim Previdi at 9 am at the former Park & Ride on Routes 303 & 59 for carpooling. Fall migrating waterfowl. Good for beginners. Footpath may be wet. Return by noon- 1pm. 845-942-8448

2 Oct. (Fri) A Weekday Walk at Doodletown

Meet Elyse Fuller at 8 am at the pull-off on Route 9W just north of the Iona Island causeway, south of Bear Mountain. Some uphill walking. Over by 10 am. 845-351-2893

4 Oct. (Sun) First Sunday Walk at Piermont Pier

Meet Veronika Krause at 8 am at the parking lot by the ball field at the entrance to Piermont Pier. 845-359-9294

11 Oct. (Sun) Doodletown

Meet Carol Weiss at 8 am at parking area on Route 9W about one mile south of Bear Mountain traffic circle. Look for fall migrants. Some uphill walking, over around 1pm, bring snack and water. 845-358-3659

17 Oct. (Sat) Wild Flower Walk at Hook Mountain

Join naturalist Nancy Slowik at 9am for a walk to the top of Hook Mountain to look for blooming wild flowers, e.g. Goldenrods and Asters. Hawks are also migrating at this time. Bring binoculars, water and hat. Meet at the flagpole at the Executive Golf Course, Rockland Lake South. 845-942-8448

18 Oct. (Sun) Trees of Tallman State Park

Meet Matt Beckerle at 10 am at the south entrance parking lot on Route 9W about one mile south of the main entrance to Tallman State Park for a nature stroll with emphasis on fall tree identification. 845-735-5411 or 845-942-8448

25 Oct. (Sun) Piermont Pier for Beginners

Meet Della and Alan Wells at 8 am at the parking lot by the ball field at the entrance to Piermont Pier. Practice bird ID and Binocular use on ducks and other birds. 845-942-5751

1 Nov. (Sun) First Sunday Walk at Piermont Pier

Meet Carol Weiss at 8am at the parking lot by the ball field at the entrance to Piermont Pier. Over by 10am. 845-358-3659

7-8 Nov. (Sat and Sun) Fall Migration at Brigantine and Cape May

All-day trip (Sat) to Brigantine Unit of Edwin B. Forsythe NWR, NJ. Meet Jim Previdi at 6:30 am at the Commuter Parking Lot, Route 303 North, West Nyack. Continue on to Cape May if desired, to spend the night and bird on Sunday with Alan and Della Wells. 845-942-8448, or for Cape May info: 845-942-5751

Continuing onward, you will parallel a golf course. Stop and listen for woodpeckers drumming in the trees throughout this stretch. (If, however, you hear the distinctive “Fore!” call, you might want to think “Duck” instead of woodpecker.) The path then turns south along Crum Creek, which forms the western boundary of the park. This idyllic setting is heavily shaded by thick stands of Hemlock and, during the spring, is home to a number of Eastern Phoebe pairs. Near the southwest corner of the park, once stood a gnarled oak tree that was home to an Eastern Screech Owl. The tree has now toppled, but Screech Owls undoubtedly still live nearby. You can now follow the Fitness Trail back (stop to exercise if you wish) to the car or explore some of the fields along the main path. Watch for White-tailed Deer grazing in the fields.

Kennedy Dells does not produce the number of birds that many other Rockland sites offer. It does, however, continue to surprise. During the 2008-2009 First Sunday Walk season, 87 species have been observed. Who would have suspected the Common Redpolls last December or the Pine Siskins this February through April? Or the Rusty Blackbird this April? Or what about the pair of American Kestrels, the Brown Thrashers, or the Golden-winged Warbler heard singing?



Birders on a First Sunday Walk at Kennedy Dells. Photo Credit: Alan M. Wells.

Kennedy Dells has a rich history. During the early 1900's, the Dells property was owned by the famous movie producer Adolph Zukor (1/7/1873 – 6/10/1976). Zukor, a Hungarian immigrant, established the Famous Player Film Company that eventually evolved into Paramount Pictures. Among the many films he produced were “The Prisoner of Zenda” (1913), “The Count of Monte Cristo” (1913), “The Sheik” (1922), and “The Covered Wagon” (1923), with stars such as Clara Bow, Mary Pickford, Rudolph Valentino, Douglas Fairbanks, and William S. Hart. Zukor bought over 300 acres in New City in 1918, and during its hayday the estate

supported a lavish home, teahouse, movie theater, golf course (now Dellwood Country Club) and other amenities.

New City was on target to become the Hollywood of the East. Zukor lived at the estate until about 1956. You can still see the remains of the bridge to the teahouse over Crum Creek. For an intriguing view of the estate and bridge during Zukor's time, go to the Hudson River Valley Heritage web site at <http://www.hrvh.org/> and search for “Zukor estate”.

After a hard morning of birding, how about a bite to eat? Head south on North Main Street for about a mile or two and you'll find a number of eateries. The Main Street Café (6 N. Main St.) offers good food at a reasonable price, but can be a bit crowded on a Sunday morning. City Line Family Diner (254 S. Main St.) is more spacious and also offers good food at reasonable prices, and, if you are watchful, you may catch a glimpse of the albino Red-tailed Hawk that frequents the area.

For a complete list of the species seen during the 2008-2009 First Sunday Walks, or if you're eager to visit the park, explore the RAS website at <http://www.rocklandaudubon.org/HOTSPOTS.htm> and select Kennedy Dells, for detailed directions to this site, trail maps, and other useful information. — *Alan Wells is Webmaster of Rockland Audubon Society*

Rockland County Nature Strollers Field Trips

8 AUG (Sat) 11:00am: Kennedy Dells Park, New City

Join us for a family walk at one of our favorite parks. There is a great shaded trail that is easy for pre-schoolers to manage and could be tackled by a jogging stroller or parent with a baby carrier. Leader: Olivia, 845-406-5627.

14 AUG (Fri) 10:30am: Demerest Kill Park, New City

This little park in New City has a pond with a woodland trail around that's just about the right length for little feet. Lets see if we can spot turtles, frogs, and fish! Leader: Olivia, 845-406-5627.

15 SEPT (Tue) 10:30am: Children's Park, Chestnut Ridge

Let's take the kids out to this great park in Chestnut Ridge. It has a paved walking trail, woodland trails, a stream, and a pond! There is also a playground here where, if time and weather permit, we can hang out after the walk. Leader: Olivia, 845-406-5627.

Click on Nature Strollers link on RAS website or call the leader for more information.

Notes & Sightings, compiled by Carol Weiss

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It's summer - and I'm reporting on bird sightings from March, April, and May. The selection was difficult; I apologize to those whose memorable sightings were omitted. These reports came in March:

7 Mar. at 8 AM I saw a black and red bird from my kitchen window. Grabbing my binoculars I saw three Black-headed Grosbeaks (2 m, 1 f). They were preening in a tree across Pascack Brook. The males had black heads, heavy gray beaks, black backs with red rumps, red breasts, white bars/marks on black wings. I watched them for about 5 to 10 min. before all flew off. Linda Pistolessi

19 Mar. A Peregrine Falcon was perched at one of the arms of the gilded cross atop the Sacred Heart Church in Suffern at 9 AM. Doris Metraux

20 Mar. I'm continually amazed at the sightings offered up by the heavily engineered and much dumped-on stretch of the Pascack Brook that runs past my apartment. This morning there was a Black-crowned Night-Heron in a tree not 25 feet away. I've occasionally seen a night-heron fly along the creek on a summer evening, but this was the first one in a tree. Linda Pistolessi, Spring Valley

April was full of early arrivals of warblers and other migrants:

10 Apr. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Iona Island: Alan Wells

24 Apr. This morning as I was filling the feeders, I noticed a fairly large bird land high in an oak tree - a male Wood Duck! Not the average backyard bird! Beverly Simone

25 Apr. Four Spotted Sandpipers on Iona Island. RAS field trip

27 Apr. At Buttermilk Falls Park these arrivals: House Wren and White-eyed Vireo. Carol Weiss

27 Apr. I heard a Blue-winged Warbler outside my building at Lamont. And on a lunchtime walk, a Green Heron flew into a tree across the street from the pond at Lamont. It then took flight and another called and took flight as well. Linda Pistolessi

April brought in four new early dates for the Rockland County birding records:

25 Apr. Two Hooded Warblers calling above Doodletown Rd - RAS field trip

25 Apr. Cerulean Warbler heard by Wells and Weiss - Pleasant Valley Rd, Doodletown

26 Apr. 4/26 Great-crested Flycatcher near Davies Orchards, Congers. Rob Mahoney. Rob also had a Baltimore Oriole and an Eastern Meadowlark, same day and place.

27 Apr. Blackpoll Warbler in tree with singing Warbling Vireo, Nyack Memorial Park. Carol Weiss

May, too, was chock full of many exciting findings:

5 May Two Purple Martins above Rockland Lake. Carol Weiss

8 May Six or seven Bobolinks at Bowline Point, West Haverstraw. Bonnie Koop

8 May One of my favorite birds this morning at the feeder, a Rose-breasted Grosbeak. After listening to its song online, I realized I've heard it before and mistook it for a Robin ... or a Catbird. Beverly Simone, W. Nyack

5 May Just came back from a great view of a Barred Owl down the street, no mistaking the dark eyes. Amazingly they seem to be as curious about me as I am them; they stare back and watch intently. This one even talked-hooted to me and smacked its beak a couple of times, A few crows buzzed him but got nothing more than an annoyed glance. The call is unlike the typical bark of a Barred and really more like the sound and rhythm of a Great Horned, but now I know 'whoo' it really is. Evidently it is staying in the neighborhood. I also have a pair of resident Red-shouldered Hawks in the area. Philip Yacuk, Clarkstown

16 May RAS Birdathon teams and many other groups heard and saw a male Kentucky Warbler, Lemmon Rd. in Doodletown.

23 May Common Nighthawks at dusk tonight at Kakiat Park feeding overhead. John Lampkin

26 May Today, a Pileated Woodpecker in my mulberry tree in front yard. Unusual since this is suburban area with no contiguous woods. When I walked into my driveway, he flew to an old hickory in backyard, then over a couple lots. The last sighting here of a pileated was 16-17 years ago. We had significantly more wooded area then.

Common Nighthawks. Two. Soaring, swooping, diving in the open area above my street. And making that rubber band twangy call that always makes me look up. Love watching them, haven't seen any since I moved out of Brooklyn. Pat Murray, Spring Valley

28 May Shorebirds at Pier in Piermont: one Black-bellied Plover and four Ruddy Turnstone on May 28; 16 Dunlin and hundreds of peeps on May 29; nothing on May 30. Gene Brown

30 May Not in Rockland but . . . At the end of Ironwood Drive, Sterling Forest State Park: 4 Golden-winged Warblers, 1 Mourning Warbler, and several Bobwhites, heard only, although I was close enough to flush one, heard its wings beating as it flew through the underbrush. Carol Weiss

Please contact Carol with your bird sightings, at (845) 358-3659 or cweiss1124@optonline.net.

2009 Chapter Financial Report

National Audubon Society

Chapter Name: Rockland Audubon Society Inc. Chapter Code: R06

Balance Sheet and statement of revenues and expenditures for a 12 month period from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

REVENUES

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| Audubon Society Net Payment | \$2,511.75 |
| Additional membership revenue | \$ 190.00 |
| Grants/Contributions | \$3,516.86 |
| Educational Events | \$1,281.96 |
| Fundraising Events | \$2,439.00 |
| Interest and Investments | \$ 144.38 |
| Sales, store, videos | \$ 0.00 |
| Other, misc | \$ 200.00 |

Total Income \$10,283.95

EXPENDITURES

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| Administration | \$1,545.38 |
| Newsletter/Postage/Mailing | \$2,903.65 |
| Educational events | \$1,856.47 |
| Fundraising | \$ 265.95 |
| Regional/State Offices/State Council | \$1,726.90 |
| Grants Contributions to Others | \$ 235.00 |
| Collaborative funding project | \$1,019.67 |
| Other | \$ 341.62 |

Total Expenditures \$9,894.64

NET INCOME (OR DEFICIT) IN OPERATING FUNDS \$389.31

BEGINNING BALANCE \$12,606.01

ENDING BALANCE \$12,995.32

ASSETS

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| Cash and Equivalents (Checking acct etc) | \$ 2,654.75 |
| Investments – 2 CD (exp 9/09 and 11/09) | \$10,144.38 |
| Accounts receivable (owed to Chapter) | |
| Other (video, store goods) | \$ 196.19 |
| Net Fixed Assets (Furniture, equipment, not including value of land or buildings) | |

Total Assets \$12,995.32

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES

Liabilities

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| Accounts payable (owed by chapter) | |
| Unearned Income (not credited in this Fiscal Year) | |
| Other | |

Total Liabilities \$0

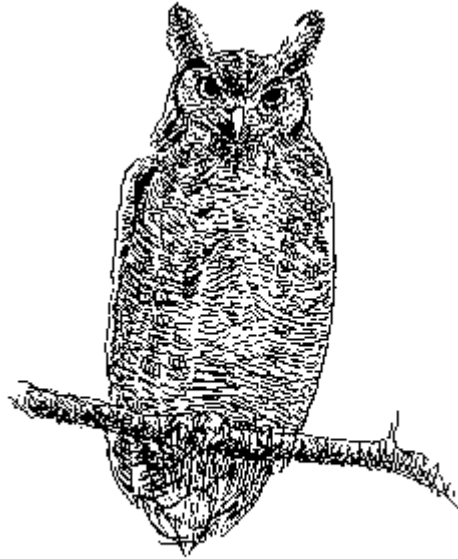
Funds

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| Restricted (Endowments, Scholarships, etc) | |
| Reserved (Committed to Special Programs) | |
| Unreserved (Not Committed) | |

Total Fund Balances \$12,995.32

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DATED MATERIAL: PLEASE DO NOT DELAY

Upcoming Rockland Audubon Society Programs

RAS meets at Rockland Country Day School, 34 Kings Highway, Congers, NY

**Note the new start time:
Doors open at 7 pm for
refreshments and mingling
with other birders; formal
event kicks off at 7:30.**

Sept. 11: Bill Streeter from Delaware Valley Raptor Center will present **Close Encounters with Birds of Prey**, featuring live hawks, falcons, owls and eagles. Get up-close to these magnificent birds and learn about their true place in our environment and our collective responsibility to preserve their habitat.

October 2: Doc Bayne will venture again into the fascinating **History of Iona Island**, as a follow-up to his presentation for RAS last spring and his guided walks this summer. Many more images and historical details which he gleaned from resources in Navy archives in Washington, D.C. will illustrate his talk.

Nov. 6: Bill Sheehan, Hackensack Riverkeeper, will present **A Virtual Tour of the Hackensack River Watershed** which springs from Hi Tor Mountain in New City through Rockland and Bergen County reservoirs, through the New Jersey Meadowlands and into Newark Bay. Learn about the challenges of the past to protect this critical watershed and those facing us in the future.