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2012-2013: Our 65th Season!

Rockland Audubon Society became a chapter of the National Audubon Society in June 1947, making 2012-2013 our 65th season. We hope you, our members and friends, will come to a program or join us on a field trip and help us celebrate this milestone.

Migrating Hawks Put on Their Annual Show

By Jim Previdi, RAS President

As I write this, it is the first day of fall. Earlier, it was warm with southerly winds on Hook Mountain in Upper Nyack with just a few hawks making their way south. The forecast for tonight is rain, followed by a strong cold

front. Tomorrow and the following day should be much better for sightings at local hawk watches such as Hook Mountain, Bear Mountain, Mount Peter and Greenwich.

Although counters have been seen manning these sites since August, we still haven't had that 'big day,' when thousands of birds might be counted. This usually occurs in the mid-September time-frame. Of the numerous species of hawks that pass over our hawk watchers in this part of the country, it is the Broad-winged Hawk that contributes the most to a 'big day.' On Sept. 17th last year, almost 15,000 hawks were counted on Hook Mountain, of those about 14,000 were Broad-winged Hawks.

By the end of September the broad wings will have all passed through. Some species of raptors have a very specific timeframe to migrate. Others, like the Sharp-shinned Hawk, fly through all season, until November and beyond. Once past the peak numbers of September, daily counts gradually diminish but many magnificent raptors remain to be seen such as Red-shouldered Hawks in mid-season and the rare Golden Eagle later on.

Twenty years ago I was like most people, going on with my daily life, unaware of the fall spectacle going on overhead with thousands of raptors and millions of other birds making their way to their wintering grounds.

Editor's Note: Visit these websites for more information about Hook Mountain (http://www.rocklandaudubon.org/hook_mountain.htm) and the Hook Mountain Hawk Watch (<http://www.battaly.com/hook/>).

Audubon Camp on Hog Island, Maine... What a Place!

By Helena Bardusco, RAS Member

If you haven't been to the Audubon Camp on Hog Island yet, I hope my son Marcelo's pictures will inspire you! What a place! I signed up to be a volunteer and was in the kitchen cooking or dealing with the compost while he was attending the workshops. From nature photography with Steve Morello to marine biology with Seabird Sue, the wealth of learning went beyond our expectations. I would like to see more families from Rockland County involved with young naturalists, including the New York State Young Birders Club, so please ask me all about it (hbardusco@verizon.net). Enjoy Marcelo's photos!



Black Guillemot © Marcelo Bardusco



Seals, Hog Island, ME © Marcelo Bardusco



Hog Island Sunset © Marcelo Bardusco

Audubon's Strategic Flyways Plan

By Karen D'Alessandri and Caroline McDonald, RAS Board Member

Each spring and fall, billions of migratory birds follow the flyways of the Americas, from wintering to breeding grounds and back again. But natural habitat and open spaces are disappearing at an alarming rate and protections for wildlife, natural places, clean air and water are in jeopardy, according to the National Audubon Society.

These flyways inspired a model for organizational alignment by the National Audubon Society, which created its new, "Audubon Strategic Plan 2012-2015: A Roadmap for Hemispheric Conservation.

Audubon's planning team began by studying the Atlantic, Mississippi, Central and Pacific Flyways to identify bird species with the greatest conservation need. Next they defined the most pervasive and shared threats to these priority birds and their habitats.

Priority bird species are birds with significant conservation needs. Eighteen species are identified as Red WatchList species, 23 are Yellow WatchList species, and eight are Vulnerable Common Birds. The breadth of the list reflects the dramatic loss of habitat and the pervasive threats that confront birds and wildlife.

The team looked at the cross-flyway strategies and specific projects with the greatest potential to deliver conservation impact. Strategies that met the following standards were ultimately included in the strategic plan:

- The ability to achieve impact at range-wide scale across the hemisphere
- An addition of significant value
- The specific skills and resources needed.

Creating a Healthy Energy Plan

Across all flyways, the plan also includes shaping a healthy energy culture and energy future. This includes:

- Improving energy planning and siting to minimize impacts on priority birds and landscapes
- Supporting climate policy solutions, efficiency policies, and renewable energy incentives
- Eliminating dirty coal
- Driving effective policy and practice through expertise about birds
- Helping birds adapt to climate change through lobbying, modeling, and adaptation strategy.

Success for the program will be measured through improved conservation outcomes for each of the priority species. Those outcomes are population increases, reversals or decreases in decline, improvement or expansion of essential habitats, and decreased threats to populations and habitats, according to Audubon.

Included in the plan to protect habitat along the length of the flyways are 22 state programs, 47 centers, 467

chapters and 19 hemispheric partners in Latin America and the Caribbean, says the National Audubon Society. For more information and a list of the priority species targeted in each of the flyways, visit http://www.audubon.org/sites/default/files/documents/audubon_strategic_plan_-_web_2012.pdf.

President's Message

As winter approaches, it affords us the opportunity not only to enjoy the wide variety of birds that are present here only during that season, but also to make significant contributions to the science of ornithology. Scientists who study birds rely heavily on data collected by bird enthusiasts like you and me.

On Sunday Dec. 16, Rockland Audubon will be joining groups across the North American continent in holding our 66th Christmas bird count. Join a team or simply record the birds at your feeder that day. See the article in this edition of *The Observer*, go to the RAS website, www.rocklandaudubon.org or call Carol Weiss at 845-358-3659 for more information.

The Great Backyard Bird Count is a 4-day event held in February, when people across the nation contribute counts from their backyard feeders or favorite birding spots. This year the count is being held Feb. 15-18, 2013. Visit the website www.birdcount.org.

Take the time this winter to further the science of ornithology and have fun at the same time.

Jim Previdi

Christmas Bird Count 2012

By Carol Weiss, RAS Member

On Sunday, Dec. 16, when most Rocklanders will be cooking, cleaning or shopping for the holidays, members of RAS will be counting birds! From dawn to dusk, there will be teams of counters in each of nine areas of Rockland County, enumerating the birds of each species that they see. Our Christmas Bird Count (CBC) results are sent to National Audubon Society to be compiled and compared to other national and international counts. If you would like to participate in the CBC for the first time or if you were unable to count last year, please contact Carol Weiss at 845-358-3659 or cweiss1124@optonline.net. If you counted in 2011, you will be contacted. Note: There is a voluntary \$5 participation fee.

If you can't spend the entire day out-of-doors, we also need volunteers to watch their bird feeders on Count Day. Feeder watchers should submit the highest number of individuals seen at one time. For example, if five titmice are seen at 9am and three at 10am, the number reported should be five, not eight. These feeder counts are very important as sometimes a species is seen only at someone's feeder on Count Day. The feeder watcher form is below or it can be downloaded from the CBC page on the RAS website.

If you see a species not seen on Dec. 16, please report it to Alan Wells because it can be included as also seen during "count week", three days before or after Dec. 16.

The day-long bird count ends with a pot luck dinner and a countdown of the day's sightings. Della and Alan Wells of Tomkins Cove will host the supper, and both field participants and feeder watchers are invited. Call the Wells at 845-942-5751 to let them know what you will bring to the pot luck: main dish, salad, dessert, appetizer or beverages. Driving directions will be sent or e-mailed to participants.

Rockland Audubon Feeder Count Sunday, December 16, 2012

- _____ Wild Turkey
- _____ Sharp-shinned Hawk
- _____ Red-tailed Hawk
- _____ Rock Pigeon
- _____ Mourning Dove
- _____ Eastern Screech Owl
- _____ Red-bellied Woodpecker
- _____ Downy Woodpecker
- _____ Hairy Woodpecker
- _____ Northern Flicker
- _____ Pileated Woodpecker
- _____ Blue Jay
- _____ American Crow
- _____ Black-capped Chickadee
- _____ Tufted Titmouse
- _____ Red-breasted Nuthatch
- _____ White-breasted Nuthatch
- _____ American Robin
- _____ Gray Catbird
- _____ Northern Mockingbird
- _____ Brown Thrasher
- _____ European Starling
- _____ Eastern Towhee (Rufous-sided)
- _____ American Tree Sparrow
- _____ Field Sparrow
- _____ Fox Sparrow
- _____ Song Sparrow
- _____ White-throated Sparrow
- _____ White-crowned Sparrow
- _____ Dark-eyed Junco
- _____ Northern Cardinal
- _____ Red-winged Blackbird
- _____ Common Grackle
- _____ Brown-headed Cowbird
- _____ Purple Finch
- _____ House Finch
- _____ Common Redpoll
- _____ Pine Siskin
- _____ American Goldfinch
- _____ Evening Grosbeak
- _____ House Sparrow
- _____ Other - please specify _____
- _____ Other - please specify _____
- _____ Other - please specify _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Ways to report your feeder count (within one(1) week of the count, please!):

1. Come to the Countdown Potluck Dinner.
2. Phone your results: 845-942-5751.
3. E-mail your numbers: awells@bestweb.net
4. Mail to Alan Wells, 9 Dunderberg Rd., Tomkins Cove, NY 10986-1003

Two Memorials for an Old Friend: Paddy French 1925 - 2012

By Carol Weiss, RAS Member

Rockland Audubon Society lost Paddy French, an old friend and long-time supporter, on Aug. 22. He lived most of his life in Rockland County, on South Mountain Road in New City.

Paddy knew the county at a time when trees were few (because of farming). When he was a boy, he could skim up a tall tree near his house and see a friend who lived in Centenary, sitting in another tree near his own house. Paddy attended the Street School on Main Street when it was only a small building. He had a number of careers and several avocations, including birding, hawk-watching and building rustic furniture.

I met Paddy at my first RAS board meeting back in 1980. He was a past president of Rockland Audubon and still leading field trips. He organized a series of trips that covered every foot of the Long Path in Rockland County. I went on many of those treks. One was on the portion of the trail between Central Highway and the Gurnee Amphitheater Park, above the French's house. Another venture with Paddy and Anne was to Jamaica Bay, on a chilly May morning when the refuge was jumping with birds. There I saw my first Swainson's Thrush, which came out from under a bush and stood still by the side of a grassy path.

Paddy and Anne also churned out our RAS newsletter, *The Observer*, for about 20 years. While Anne worried about the articles and other verbal content, Paddy drew images and pasted up the layout before taking the project to the printer. Paddy and Anne spent their summers in New Mexico, near their daughter's home, and when Anne found out I could create a document on my computer, I became the summer editor for a couple of years and that's how I became the editor for eight years.

Most of us, however, remember Paddy from the Hook Mountain Hawk Watch. He was always there! I remember having enough energy, as a young teacher, to climb the Hook after a day of teaching—and Paddy was already there. I knew my identification skills were improving when Paddy asked me if I could take over for a day while he and Anne took a short trip. After he retired from school bus driving for the Clarkstown district, he would climb the mountain every day, often as early as 7am, and he would stay until 5 or 6pm. He took charge of the Hook Mountain hawk watch for at least 10 years. In fact, visitors to the mountain still ask about him. The footpath we now use from 9W, the one with the yellow blazes, was marked by Paddy and was recently named for him; Paddy's Trail.

This old friend will be sorely missed and long-remembered.

By Frank Bonnano, RAS Member

My first encounter with Paddy French was probably in 1971. I wasn't a birder yet, I was a seven-year-old on my way to school, and Paddy was my bus driver. He made an impression from the start. The bus hissed to a stop, the door unfolded, and there was the man with the mutton-chop sideburns and the welcoming smile. Captaining his busload of kids with kindness and fairness, he set the tone for our trip to school. His bus was never rowdy or the passengers ill-behaved, and this was due to the mutual respect between Paddy and his students.

Fast forward to the mid 1980's and our paths crossed again—this time on top of Hook Mountain. The school bus was now replaced with a folding chair, a pair of binoculars, and a thermos of Earl Grey tea. His sideburns and the welcoming smile unchanged. Since I was a novice hawk-watcher, Paddy took me under his wing and helped me make sense of the spiraling specks in the sky.

My memories of Paddy during our hundreds of hours together on the Hook are countless, but two stand out. The first was on a warm, hazy October afternoon. Not ideal conditions for hawk watching, Paddy and I were alone on the Hook. Slowly a bird rose from the valley before us. It was large. Not a Turkey Vulture due to the white on the wings. Not a Bald Eagle either, the white was only on the wings and base of the tail in well defined areas. I asked Paddy, "What the hell is that?" He replied, "You tell me." And then the pieces came together. My first Golden Eagle drifted up in front of us. To this day I have never viewed a Golden closer than that one.

The second was a cool, clear, September morning, one of the clearest days ever on the Hook. Paddy and I had set up early that day. I scanned the south and something wasn't right. My first thought was, "I don't remember a smokestack there before." It wasn't a smoke stack, however, it was the World Trade Center shortly after the first plane hit. We watched and wondered what was going on and then the second plane hit. Once word got to us of what happened we realized the world had changed forever that day. I left to pick my children up from school before the towers fell, and Paddy stayed with the gathering group of hawk watchers.

Paddy and Anne moved to Albuquerque, N.M., in 2009 to be near their daughter Abigail. Paddy is survived by wife Anne; daughter Abigail and her partner Art Rivera; son Stephen Cooper French and his wife Ruth; grandson Brandon French Duncan; brother Alexander French; several nieces and nephews and many wonderful friends across the country. See more on Paddy French at <http://www.battaly.com/hook/PaddyFrench/>

Welcome New and Returning Members!

Andrew Andrews, Renee Becker, Marilyn Benkler, Maria A. Butrico, Tom Cunningham, Michele Finley, Sarah O. Ford, Lucille Goldberg, Lewis Goldin, G. Hammond, Michael Holober, Hunt Leigh, Mary Lindbloom, Lawrence Livsey, Evelyn Lombardi, Mary Ann Luisi, Judith Malo, Anthony Melita, Sona Mason, Ronnie Peters, Michele Petruolo, Patricia Prucnel, Nancy Ramputi, Evelyn Regenhart, Diane Senatore, D. D. Sousa

Notes and Sightings: June - August 2012

Compiled by Carol Weiss

Weather is assuredly a factor in bird watching and in my estimation, this past summer was a challenge. Not only was it too hot for birding on too many days, the humidity was horrendous. Some birds took no notice of that. Although the bluebird teams were reporting that there was no nesting activity in midsummer, the chickadees, titmice, robins and nuthatches seemed to have record numbers of youngsters. There was a fair amount of migrating shorebird activity at the Pier, but the counts of those birds were generally low. A few rarities and an exotic made their appearances during this summer, but it was generally a quiet season for Rockland's birders.

June 22: An early morning stroll around the lake at Rockland Lake State Park was productive, with more than 50 species of birds and many of them feeding, leading or scolding young. A young Purple Martin sat on top of the martin house near the Nature Center, piping plaintively. No other martins appeared to feed or console him. A Yellow-billed Cuckoo called from an ash tree in the northeast, spatterdock-filled corner and when I lifted up my binoculars, there it sat on a bare branch. Further along the trail, I checked out a group of Rough-winged Swallows sitting on a bush at the water's edge. Four of the five were fledglings and while I watched, an adult flew in and fed three of the youngsters. A week later, on the 29th, I located three species I had missed on the earlier trek. Five Cliff Swallows, including three young, posed on a fallen tree near the southern swimming pool. Where are their nests? Eastern Bluebirds—two males, three females, and a fledgling—were in trees near the Nature Center. They were having a disagreement with Tree Swallows over the occupancy of nest boxes. The swallows had the aerial advantage, but the bluebirds stubbornly held their perches. Finally, a sweet warbling call caught my attention as I walked where the trail and road are near the water's edge. Looking up, I noticed an Orchard Oriole near the top of a tree. He was the chorister! Carol Weiss

July 4: Evan Mark watched a single Black Skimmer skim by the Pier (link to his [video](#)), and the last time he saw Caspian Terns there (first reported in May) was June 29 or 30.

July 7: I was on the Pier this morning while temperatures were still in the 70s. Shorebirds were few: a Least Sandpiper two days ago, three Greater Yellowlegs and a Killdeer today. Seven Great Blue Herons were assembled on the mudflats near the large sewer pipe. There were many baby birds, including a fuzzy Yellow Warbler. Carol Weiss

July 9: I stopped at the Pier on Sunday afternoon for a break from bicycling and saw a Forster's Tern. Vince Plogar

July 15: A single Willet on the Pier this morning, between 8:00 and 9:00am. Other shorebirds were a Spotted Sandpiper, six Least Sandpipers, a Killdeer and a Wilson's Snipe. All of this was shortly after high tide. An American Avocet was found on the north side at 10:30am by Evan Mark. Carol Weiss and Drew Ciganek

American Avocet, Redwood Shores, CA Alan W. Wells >

July 15: Afternoon: The Willet, the American Avocet and a Laughing Gull were all on the Pier—north side. Carol Weiss, Barry Babcock, and Frank and Pat Bonnano.

July 21: At the pier in the morning checking out shorebirds: Semipalmated, Least and Spotted sandpipers with two Semipalmated Plovers. Near the ball field, however, I encountered an exotic, a Nutmeg Mannikin, a native of Asia. It hid under dark porcelain berry leaves and whenever I tried to get a photo, it moved. It flew, calling, above my head and into a locust tree and then flew back, hiding in the dense jimsonweed. An attempt to find the bird again that afternoon failed. Carol Weiss



< Nutmeg Mannikin, Huntington Beach, CA © Alan W. Wells



July 22: Drew Ciganek spotted two Short-billed Dowitchers in the Sparkill Creek and a Stilt Sandpiper near the end of Piermont Pier.

Stilt Sandpiper, Merritt Island, FL © Alan W. Wells >



July 26: Peter Johnson spotted the Nutmeg Mannikin in the jimsonweed. This bird is an exotic, not established in New York even though it is found in the states of Florida, Texas and California.

Aug. 1: Zenon Bachir sent this report of four or five Ruddy Turnstones on the pier, 6-7pm, during the week of July 30: *The Ruddy Turnstones were in breeding plumage and at least one was turning over small stones. I did not get the relationship between the name (turnstone) and small rocks until I looked the bird up in Sibley's.* According to the Internet, both Aug. 1 and 2 had 0.1 inches of rain, so it was probably one of these days. Low tide was about 4:30pm on Aug. 1, so by 6pm it was still low but rising. Ruddy Turnstones are seen every year on the Pier; usually 1 or 2 at a time, but to see four or five is unusual. Evan Mark also reported these birds. CW

Aug. 5: Nearly 100 Chimney Swifts in the air over the ball field at the pier. Many trip participants saw the Nutmeg Mannikin, which was again quick to disappear and so there is still not a photo of it. RAS field trip

Aug. 8: This evening, driving home on the PIP, I saw an adult male Green Heron fly over my car, determinedly on its way to the reservoir. Beverly Simone

Aug. 13: A single Caspian Tern sighted on a mudflat south of the pier. Carol Weiss

Aug. 26: Massed at the pier were 1,000 Tree Swallows. Drew Ciganek

Aug. 28: Nearing the end of my weekly perambulation of Rockland Lake, I stopped when I heard a “cu-cu-cu”. As I waited the sound was repeated and then the Black-billed Cuckoo flew out of one tree and into another. Carol Weiss

Aug. 28: A single Bobolink landed in the weedy corner of the ball field at the pier. Two others called overhead—a rare Rockland sighting. Carol Weiss

Aug. 30: Arriving home around 6pm, I was just in time to see a loose band of 10-15 Common Nighthawks flying southward over my apartment complex in Hillcrest. Linda Pistoletti

As the fall season begins, there are unusual reports of birds in our area. Birds are showing up early, like Pine Siskins and Purple Finches in Orange and Sullivan Counties and White-winged Crossbills in Central Park, New York.

*So help me out and send in your observations of birds: in an unusual place, an unusually high number spotted and counted, or an unusual time. These comments and observations from September to November will be in the next **Notes and Sightings**. Contact me by phone, 845-358-3659 or email cweiss1124@optonline.net*

Upcoming Nature Programs

These programs are made possible through generous donations from our members and friends! Thank you!

Unless otherwise noted, **Nature Programs** are held on the first Friday of each month, September through June, at the **Community Center, Congers Lake Memorial Park**, located at 6 Gilcrest Road, Congers, N.Y., 10920. Meet at 7:00pm for refreshments and conversation, with a one-hour nature program following, beginning at 7:30pm. There is plenty of parking near the building, and it is handicap accessible. All RAS programs are open to the public and donations are greatly appreciated to help cover costs. If you would like to contribute a sweet or savory treat for the refreshments table, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the meeting!

Nov. 2, 2012: Black Bears and How to Live with Them



Black Bear © Donald "Doc" Bayne

Speaker: Doc Bayne

Join educator and photographer Doc Bayne to learn about the life of the Black Bear and why we should be concerned about them and their habitat. Understanding the bears is essential to your safety, as well as theirs...learn what to do and what NOT to do should you encounter a bear!

Dec. 7, 2012: Gardening for Birds

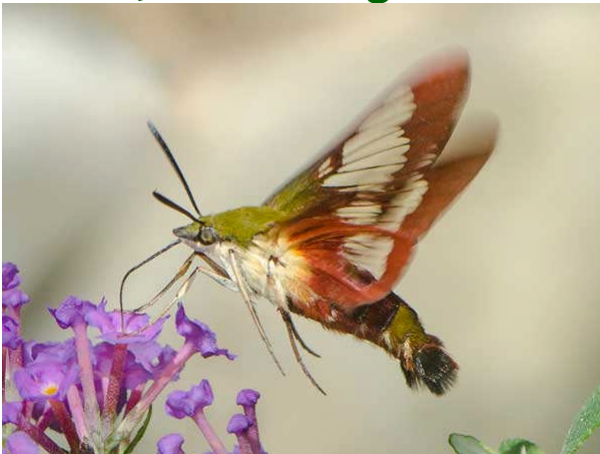


Chat in Garden Stream © Herb Lewis

Speaker: Herb Lewis, Master Gardener

Even a suburban yard can become a magnet for our avian friends and Master Gardener Herb Lewis will reveal some secrets for creating a "flap" in our own neighborhoods. His simple ideas and principles have brought 84 species to his small Alabama backyard since 2004 including some unlikely visitors like a Yellow-breasted Chat! His how-to presentation will inspire us all to create or upgrade our own happy habitats. Since retiring from the defense industry, Herb has focused his personal hobbies of landscaping, birding, and photography into creating a natural wildlife habitat within his backyard garden. Results of his wildlife habitat development and bird photography have been included in the training program for the Alabama Master Gardener classes in Limestone, Morgan and Madison counties since 2004. He was made an Honorary Master Gardener of North Alabama (MGNA) in 2007. He has given workshops at the Huntsville Botanical Garden and OLLI (Osher Lifetime Learning Institute) sponsored by the University of Alabama Huntsville. He and his wife, Terry, travel extensively and his bird watching interest has expanded from the backyard to many locations throughout the US and foreign countries. Herb is currently serving as a volunteer docent and shuttle driver at the Huntsville Alabama Botanical Garden.

Jan. 4, 2013: Bugs in Your Bloomers



Hummingbird Clearwing Moth visiting *Buddleia* © John Lampkin

Speaker: John Lampkin, RAS Member

Insects and flowering plants have been co-evolving for 135 million years and as a result, both groups have flourished, becoming our most abundant flora and fauna. The relationships are more varied, complex and sophisticated than first meets the eye. So, what is that bug and what is it doing in that flower? Armed with camera and thinking cap, RAS member John Lampkin has been investigating that question. The result is a program that is educational, artistic and above all, entertaining.

Upcoming Field Trips

Note: Please call the trip leader 24 hours ahead if you plan to join the group at the field trip site, rather than the designated meeting place! **Please check** <http://www.rocklandaudubon.org/> **for updates!**

NOV. 4, 2012 (Sun)

First Sunday Walk in Kennedy Dells County Park

Meet Carol Weiss at 8am in the Kennedy Dells parking lot, North Main Street in New City. Stroll through the park on graveled paths, looking for both resident and migrating bird species. This trip will run 2 to 2.5 hours. Call the trip leader for directions. 845-358-3659

NOV. 10-11 (Sat and Sun)

Fall Migration at Brigantine and Cape May

All-day trip (Sat) to Brigantine Unit of Edwin B. Forsythe NWR, N.J. Meet Jim Previdi at 6:30am at the Commuter Parking Lot, Route 303 North, West Nyack. If desired, continue on to Cape May for an overnight stay, and then bird on Sunday with Alan and Della Wells. 914-656-2509 or 845-942-5751

NOV. 23 (Fri)

Leader's Choice Field Trip

Contact Jim Previdi a few days in advance to find out the details of the day after Thanksgiving field trip. 914-656-2509

DEC. 2 (Sun)

First Sunday Walk in Kennedy Dells County Park

Meet Veronika Krause at 8am in the Kennedy Dells parking lot, North Main Street in New City. Stroll through the park on graveled paths, looking for both resident and migrating bird species. This trip will run 2 to 2.5 hours. Call the trip leader for directions. 845-359-9294

DEC. 16 (Sun)

Annual All-day Christmas Bird Count & Potluck Dinner

Join a team for our 66th Christmas Bird Count. Check www.rocklandaudubon.org or call Carol Weiss 845-358-3659

JAN. 1, 2013 (Tue): Birding at Jones Beach, N.Y.

Meet Della and Alan Wells at the Commuter Parking Lot, Route 303 North, West Nyack, at 5:45am. See the first sunrise of 2013 and start your New Year list. 845-942-5751

JAN. 6 (Sun): First Sunday Walk, Kennedy Dells County Park

Meet Peter Johnson at 8am in the Kennedy Dells parking lot, North Main Street, New City. Stroll through the park on graveled paths, looking for both resident and migrating bird species. This trip will run 2 to 2.5 hours. Call the trip leader for directions. 914-261-2895

JAN. 13 (Sun): Winter at Congers Memorial Park

Meet Matt Beckerle at 10am at the main parking lot of Congers Memorial Park (6 Gilchrist Rd.). Check out the variety of trees, birds and more along the eastern edge of Congers Lake. Path is wheelchair accessible, flat and paved. 845-735-5411

JAN. 19 (Sat): Pelham Bay Park

Meet Jim Previdi at 8a.m. at the Commuter Parking Lot, Route 303 North, West Nyack, for carpooling. Search for owls & waterfowl in this wild(er) corner of the Bronx. Dress warmly, bring snack & hot drink. Return by early afternoon. 914-656-2509

JAN. 25-27 (Fri-Sun): Winter Overnight to Adirondacks

Take a weekend trip to view north country birds in the beautiful Adirondack Mountains. Contact Jim Previdi for details. 914-656-2509

Chapter Financial Report for FY'12

2012 CHAPTER FINANCIAL REPORT

National Audubon Society

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

Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenues and Expenses
for the 12-Month Period from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012

REVENUES

Audubon Society Net Payment	2,121.76
Additional Membership Revenues	180.00
Bequests	
Collaborative Funding	700.00
Contributions	615.00
Educational Events	700.00
Field Trips	10.00
Fundraising Events	4,354.00
Grants	
Interest and Investments	
Program Meetings	662.00
Sales, Store, Videos	
Other, Miscellaneous	956.60
Total Income	\$10,299.36

EXPENDITURES

Administration	1,693.26
Newsletter/Postage/Mailing	613.44
Educational Events	2,551.77
Fundraising	519.09
Regional/State Offices/State Council	3,213.00
Grants Contributions to Others	
Collaborative Funding Project	605.29
Memberships	
Other	352.85
Total Expenditures	\$9,548.70

NET INCOME (OR DEFICIT) IN OPERATING FUNDS	750.66
BEGINNING BALANCE	11,859.20
ENDING BALANCE	\$12,609.86

ASSETS

Cash and Equivalents (Checking Account, etc.)	12,389.32
Miscellaneous, Petty Cash	24.35
Accounts Receivable (Owed to Chapter)	
Other (Videos, Store Goods)	196.19
Net Fixed Assets (furniture, equipment, not including value of land or buildings)	
Total Assets	\$12,609.86

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES

Liabilities

Accounts Payable (owed by chapter)	
Unearned Income (not credited in this fiscal year)	
Other	
Total Liabilities	0

Funds

Restricted (Endowments, Scholarships, etc.)	
Reserved (Committed to Special Programs)	
Unreserved (Not Committed)	
Total Fund Balances	\$12,609.86

Mission of Rockland Audubon Society

An all-volunteer chapter of the National Audubon Society, Rockland Audubon Society's mission is to promote environmental conservation and foster an appreciation of birds and nature through education programs and activities.

Board of Directors* and Committee Members

President	Jim Previdi*	Secretary	Della Wells*
Vice President	Karen D'Alessandri*	Treasurer	Veronika Krause*
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Field Trips	Jim Previdi*	Membership	Della Wells*
		Publicity	Caroline McDonald*
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