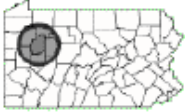


# Seneca Rocks Audubon Society



**Seneca Rocks Audubon Society** (SRAS) is a chapter of the **National Audubon Society** active in the Clarion, Forest, Jefferson and Venango County region of northwestern PA. If you are interested in enjoying the world of birds, protecting wildlife and its habitat or gaining an appreciation of the natural environment, [join us!](#) All of our events at SRAS are free and open to the public and families are welcome!



*Photo by Ron Montgomery*

## Northern Goshawk

A Northern Goshawk nest was found in Clarion County this May. SRAS member Ron Montgomery alerted Dave Brinker of the Central Appalachian Goshawk Project who was able to band both adults and 2 chicks. During 2009 none of the territories monitored by the Central Appalachian Goshawk Project fledged any chicks and fledging success was also poor the preceding 2 years. So this is exciting.



## **SRAS Scholarship Awarded to Cara Cherico**

Audubon Camp at Hog Island in Maine has re-opened this year with Stephen Kress (of Project Puffin fame) as director. Congratulations to Cara Cherico, our scholarship recipient. She is a science teacher at Jeff Tech in Reynoldsville and is



## Picnic - August 23

Fran and Jack Williams have graciously agreed to host our potluck August Picnic again this year. It will be held on Monday, August 23. Stay tuned for more details.

We have some great programs coming up for next fall!

On September 13 we will welcome back Scott Stoleson of the U.S. Forest Service, who will present "A bird in the hand: perspectives from bird banding". Scott has spent many hours in the field to gather the information and bird photos that make up this show.

On October 11 our own Gil Twiest will present a program on South America, where he and Linda have recently visited. Gil is not only a prize-winning photographer, he also has a way with words - this is sure to be a pleasurable evening.

On November 8, Bert Nemcik, a determined and hardy soul who has walked the entire 2,175 mile Appalachian Trail in a single trip, will tell of his adventures.

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Our programs are held on the second Monday of the month; refreshments and social begin at 6:30 pm, and the program will begin at 7:00 pm.

**Our programs are now being held in the Room 123 of the new Science Technology Center on the Clarion University campus. Park in Lot 11. Drop-off in front of the STC is available, but this is not a parking area.**

[Click for a Campus Map](#)

**All programs are free and open to the public.  
See you there!**

attending "Joy of Birding", a week-long program this summer.

## Oil Creek State Park Warbler Walk Report Saturday, May 15 Trip Leader - Mike Leahy

There were 9 SRAS members and friends on the Warbler Walk on this wonderful spring day. Yes, the Canada Warblers have returned, and we had a great sighting! Here is a list of the 60 species tallied, in order of appearance:

1. wood thrush
2. Northern flicker
3. northern rough-winged swallow
4. blue-gray gnatcatcher
5. yellow warbler
6. American goldfinch
7. Baltimore oriole
8. song sparrow
9. red-bellied woodpecker
10. chipping sparrow
11. rose-breasted grosbeak
12. common yellowthroat
13. hooded warbler
14. tree swallow
15. gray catbird
16. Eastern phoebe
17. common grackle
18. warbling vireo
19. American redstart
20. Eastern bluebird
21. red-winged blackbird
22. blue-winged warbler
23. great blue heron
24. red-eyed vireo
25. common merganser
26. turkey vulture
27. yellow-throated vireo
28. spotted sandpiper
29. chestnut-sided warbler
30. black-capped chickadee
31. American crow
32. swamp sparrow
33. magnolia warbler
34. brown-headed cowbird
35. house wren
36. great-crested flycatcher
37. ruby-throated hummingbird
38. cedar waxwing
39. tufted titmouse
40. wood ducks
41. scarlet tanager
42. pileated woodpecker
43. chimney swift
44. blue jay
45. indigo bunting
46. Canada geese
47. mallard
48. Eastern towhee
49. Canada warbler
50. dark-eyed junco
51. American robin
52. European starling
53. cerulean warbler
54. black-throated green warbler

## Conneaut Marsh Field Trip Report April 10 Trip Leader - Jim Wilson

Five SRAS members and friends got together for this great migrant field trip. Highlights included Sandhill Cranes, Bald Eagles, and a Great Egret. Waterfowl included Pied-billed Grebe, Bufflehead, Ring-necked Duck, Canada Goose, American Wigeon, Green-winged Teal, Northern Shoveler, Scaup species, Blue-winged Teal, and Gadwall. Other notable sightings were: Turkey Vultures, Least Sandpipers, Lesser and Greater Yellowlegs, Swamp Sparrow, and Rusty Blackbird.

### Events

Please send your Birdathon lists and donations to  
Janice Horn.

The PA Annual Migration Count (PAMC) was held May 8. This event is to provide a snapshot of migrants throughout the state on the second Saturday in May - reporting is done by county. A total of 89 species were counted in Forest County on that cold, rainy day.

### Interested in Birding at Piney Tract?

We have an updated map, including road names,  
and a revised document as of 1/13/2010 -  
click on Go Birding.

### Birds of Cook Forest State Park

- 55. Northern cardinal
- 56. Canada goose
- 57. least flycatcher
- 58. mourning dove
- 59. downy woodpecker
- 60. black-throated blue warbler

## Birds Cook Forest State Park



***new checklist available!***

Thanks to the hard work of Margaret Buckwalter, Doug Gross, and Dale Luthringer, the state has completed a new checklist of the Birds of Cook Forest State Park. It is available here for reading and/or printing in pdf. (Two pages, front and back).

You can "shrink to fit" it on 8 1/2 X 11" paper, but it is more easily readable on 8 1/2 X 14" paper.

Click [here](#) to download the Cook Forest Bird Checklist.

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