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Tufted Puffin, photo by Jeffrey Hall

The Pribilofs — Alaska's Puffin Paradise

Jeffrey Hall

April 13 Program

This program was originally scheduled for February but was cancelled due to inclement weather. Come in April!

From glaciers to grizzlies, from tundra to ptarmigan, the 49th state is full of natural treasures. After a survey of some of the mainland's highlights, we'll venture to a tiny island in the Bering Sea. Here, along with the world's largest breeding colony of fur seals, we'll find a wealth of nesting seabirds:

fulmars, cormorants, kittiwakes, and alcids in abundance, including murres, three species of auklets, and both tufted and horned puffins.

Jeffrey Hall is an active member of Seneca Rocks Audubon Society and is also President of Bartramian Audubon Society. He was the keynote speaker at last year's Foxburg Nature Festival and has previously presented programs to SRAS on topics such as the Galapagos Islands, the Texas Coastal Birding Trail, and winter waterfowl on the Jersey Shore.

Summer's Dazzling Gift

Peggy Butler

May 11 Program

This program presented by Peggy Butler from the Pennsylvania Firefly Festival, Inc., is an informative but fun look at a favorite childhood pastime of watching and catching fireflies. Peggy and her husband Ken are the owners of the Black Caddis Ranch Bed & Breakfast in Kellettvile, Forest County. Peggy will share information about how they came to learn about the different firefly species in the Allegheny National Forest and how they helped to develop the annual PA Firefly Festival that

*Our meetings are generally held at the Clarion Free Library, Lower Level.
Come early to socialize -
programs begin at 6:30 pm.*

celebrates fireflies and educates hundreds of visitors each year.

Among the 15 plus different species of fireflies identified in the Allegheny National Forest area is the rare and unique "Synchronous" firefly. This variety of firefly is especially attractive to eco-tourists and the scientific community alike. You will learn about these amazing creatures' life-cycle, how to best observe and identify them, locate and conserve their habitat. You may even be inspired to join the Pennsylvania Firefly Festival, Inc., and become a volunteer citizen scientist, firefly monitor or interpretive guide. Peggy looks forward to the opportunity to share one of summer's best gifts with you.



We may see a Yellow Warbler on the Warbler Walk - photo by Lee Ann Reiners.

Upcoming Outings

Our annual Conneaut Marsh Outing will be held on Saturday, April 2. Meet at the spillway bridge at Custards, off Rt 285 near Cochranton, PA at 8:00 a.m. We will bird here for a while and caravan to several locations. From Cochranton, go south on Rt. 173, across French Creek, to Route 285. Follow Route 285 west (right) about 6 miles to Custards and turn right on Mercer Pike Road. Follow Mercer Pike about a half mile to the bridge.

Another popular annual field trip is the Warbler Walk at Oil Creek State Park on May 28. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Blood Farm Day Use Area. The Park entrance is on the east side of Rt. 8 about a mile north of Rouseville. Less than a mile into the park, you will see the Day Use Area on the right. There are restrooms here. After this walk, we may drive to the Park Office area in search of more species.



Familiar Feathered Friends

Our "Familiar Feathered Friends" programs at the Clarion and Oil City libraries have been quite popular. Informational handouts from some of these programs is presented in the following three sections: "Bird Emergencies", "Resources," and "Books About Birds Bibliography".

BIRD EMERGENCIES

Let's talk about WINDOW STRIKES

- birds see reflection of sky and trees
- birds are startled by predators
- American Bird Conservancy reports that there are up to 1 Billion collisions with glass annually

[So how can we minimize these collisions on our problem windows?](#)

The U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service issued these tips:

1. Identify problem windows
2. Place feeders within 5 feet of screened windows – another guide is the "3/30 rule" - closer than 3 feet or farther than 30 feet
3. Move indoor plants away from clear glass windows
4. Break up glass with decals on outside of windows
5. Turn off lights at night – particularly in offices
6. Avoid exterior lighting especially during migration and breeding
7. Close blinds at night and partially close during the day

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Members are encouraged to contribute announcements, articles, photos, etc., to Editor Flo McGuire, 609 Ponderosa Lane, Tionesta, PA 16353 (814 755-3672) or email at fmcguire1@verizon.net.



Can we help injured birds?

- Many birds recover from window strike if given time
- Need protection from weather – cold, rain
- Safety from predators
- Open box, bag or natural cover – shrubbery
- Raptors have talons – know what you're doing or get help

What about baby birds?

Fledglings – naked or feathered during nesting season

- If newly hatched, put back in nest
- If fledgling, parents will feed, but protect from dogs/cats – keep your pets inside

Who can we call for help?

Wildlife rehabilitators are licensed to keep and treat animals. There are two in our region. They operate on donations.

- **Tamarack** in Saegertown specializes in treating birds of prey of all ages, adult seed-eating songbirds, turtles and opossums. Other species of wildlife are cared for whenever there is the staffing, room and funding to do so.
- **Skye's Spirit** in Harrisville accepts Birds of Prey, Small Mammals, White Tail Deer Fawns, Waterfowl, Songbirds, Bats and Native Reptiles. They are open 7 days a week to intake wildlife for care

(Rehabilitator contact information is on the RESOURCES handout.)

RESOURCES

Field Guides

The Sibley Field Guide to Birds of Eastern North America Hardcover – 2003 by David Allen Sibley

Stokes Field Guide to Birds: Eastern Region (Stokes Field Guides) Jan 29, 1996 by Donald Stokes and Lillian Stokes

National Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Birds: Eastern Region, Revised Ed. Sep 27, 1994

Peterson Field Guides to Eastern Birds, 4th Edition Nov 17, 1980 by Roger Tory Peterson

National Geographic Field Guide to the Birds of Eastern North America, Oct 21, 2008 by Jon L. Dunn and Jonathan Alderfer

Birds of Pennsylvania Field Guide by Stan Tekiela

Backyard Birds (Peterson Flash Guides) Apr 4, 1996 by Roger Tory Peterson

Rehabilitators

Skye Spirit, Harrisville 814-786-9677
skyes-spirit.com

Tamarack, Saegertown 814-763-2574
tamarackwildlife.org

Apps

The Cornell Lab Merlin Bird ID – FREE
Audubon Bird Guide – sometimes on sale for \$.99
May actually be FREE !

Poster Guide

Feeder Watch Poster
FREE download at www.feederwatch.org

Web-cams

[Pixcontroller.com](http://pixcontroller.com) - Hays Bald Eagle nest in Pittsburgh
<http://cams.allaboutbirds.org>

Web Sites

www.birdscornell.edu
www.ebird.org
<https://secure.Audubon.org>
www.allaboutbirds.org



www.senecarocksaudubon.org

Meetings - 2nd Wed Clarion Library 6:30

www.bartramianaudubon.org

Meetings - 2nd Mon Jennings Environmental Center 7:00 p.m.

www.csonline.net/gedwards/ - Venango Birds

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Julio Mulero

The elusive Le Conte's Thrasher, photo by Julio Mulero, courtesy of Terry Sohl at sdakotabirds.com

The Name Game

~ Gary Edwards

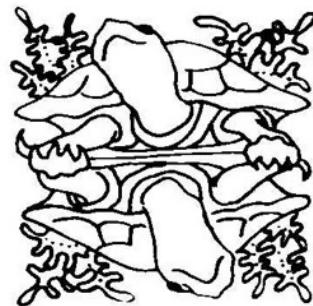
I recently made a much-too-short trip to Southern California with Russ States. Two-and-a-half long days of driving west, three-and-a-half days back east and four-and-a-half days of birding. It won't be many more years before I opt for shorter distances or more time. Several of our target birds, some we saw, others we missed, were named for naturalists. Here are three:

Ridgway's Rail – recently split from the Clapper Rail of the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts, Ridgway's is found in California saltwater marshes. We saw three at Tijuana Slough NWR and heard several more. The bird is named for Robert Ridgway (1850-1929). Ridgway was a giant of American ornithology. His 55 years at the Smithsonian Institution, 43 of them as curator of birds, were punctuated by his publication of over 500 scientific papers. Ridgway also named new birds after Spencer Fullerton Baird, William Gambel, Charles K. Worthen, Jose' Zeledon, Lyman Belding, Charles Nutting, and many others.

LeConte's Thrasher – we looked for, but missed, this secretive, pale, greyish species, probably because it was a little early for territorial singing. John Lawrence LeConte (1825-1883), the most important entomologist of the 19th century, collected the first specimen while on a trip to California in 1850. During the Civil War he served as a surgeon with the California volunteers, attaining the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Later he became Assistant Director of the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia. By the time of his death, he was responsible for naming about half of all American insects known at the time.

Nuttall's Woodpecker – we located this small relative of the Ladder-backed Woodpecker, found only in California, in an oak woodlot, its preferred habitat. It was named for Thomas Nuttall (1786-1859), a British botanist who, in addition to his botanical work, spent 33 years in the U.S. as an ornithologist, printer, explorer, and professor. Nuttall made three trips up the Missouri River, wandering as far west as Oregon; taught at Harvard between his last two trips; published articles on geology, botany, and zoology; and authored "North American Sylva," a three-volume set depicting all the trees of North America. It's difficult to travel anywhere throughout the American West without coming across a plant that was either named for or collected by him.

Sources: *Audubon to Xanthus*, by Barbara and Richard Mearns, and several web pages.



Programs at Cook Forest State Park

~ Dale Luthringer

Earth Day Envirothon Challenge - Thursday, 4/28/16, 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Come join us for a day of hands-on outdoor activities in forestry, wildlife, aquatics, soils, and the natural history of Cook Forest State Park. All ages are welcome! You must register to attend. Snacks will be provided, but students should bring a bagged lunch. Contact Clarion Conservation District if your class is interested in attending - 814-297-7809

Friends of Cook Forest Spring Work Day - 4/30/16, 9:00 a.m. at the Four-Mile Canoe Launch

Rain or Shine. Picnic lunch provided. Work will include light-duty clearing of limbs, brush and other debris to help prepare the launch site for resurfacing and construction of a small footpath.

Cook Forest Living History Weekend - 5/27/16-5/29/16 This will be a fun-filled weekend of living history, featuring master story-teller Paul Stillman and historical interpreter Dave Clark. For more information: http://events.dcnr.pa.gov/event/cook_forest_living_history_weekend_6175#.VvVm1WNZXtg

Children's Fishing Rodeo - Sunday, 6/5/16, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Children 12 years and under are permitted to fish freshly stocked Tom's Run from the Swinging Bridge to the Children's Fishing Pond. Registration and prize give-away will be held at the Children's Fishing Pond behind the Park Office.

Cook Forest French & Indian War Encampment - 6/11/16-6/12/16

The park will be hosting a series of living history events depicting life during the French & Indian War. For more information contact the Park Office at (814) 744-8407 or www.cookforest.com

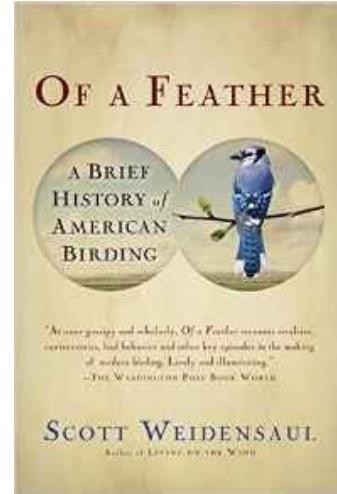
ACA Level 1: Introduction to Kayaking Teacher Workshop - 7/22/16 & 7/23/16

This is a certified kayaking course for teachers. Participants must pre-register by contacting Dale Luthringer, environmental education specialist, at (814)744-8475 or dluthringe@pa.gov by 7/19/16. Cost is \$75/participant.



Clarion River Canoeing Adventure - 8/27/16-8/28/16

An overnight outdoor interpretive canoeing and camping experience designed for families & friends. Children 12 & up must be with a participating adult. Cost is \$100 per person. For more information contact the Park Office at (814) 744-8407.



Of A Feather: A Brief History of American Birding

Book Review by Pat Conway

At least once a year, I like to go the Roger Tory Peterson Institute in Jamestown, New York. The Institute is tucked away on a side street, off the beaten path in Jamestown. I think it's a treasure, because every time I go there I find something valuable. The exhibits change often, and are always interesting. A few years ago they had a display of mammoth bones. Last year, they had a gorgeous display of bird paintings by different artists. I found several treasures in the gift shop on this trip: a bird puzzle for my granddaughters, a bird bingo game, and a book by Scott Weidensaul entitled, *Of A Feather: A Brief History of American Birding*.

I probably have enough field guides to fill a small U-Haul, so I was looking to find something different to read about birds, something non-fiction. (Not that field guides aren't non-fiction). *Of A Feather* caught my eye, so I picked it up and read the back blurb. The words "natural history" popped out at me, so I bought the book because I enjoy reading about natural history. I made the right choice.

These must have been exciting times for ornithologists in the early days of America. Discovering and recording species became the life's work of many men besides John James Audubon, but he was the one who stole the honors.

These men fought with Indians, traipsed through underbrush, swamps, deserts, and virgin forests.

They did it without gortex, dehydrated food, poly bottles, Sheetz, road-side rests, good optics or cameras. They sketched birds after they shot them and posed them in positions for drawing, using wire to give them a “natural” look. After much trial and error, they transferred color to the sketches using metal plates. I found it interesting that Audubon wasn’t the first to make colored plates of his birds, although he became the most famous for it.

Back in the 80s, I was privileged to volunteer at Calloway Gardens in Columbus, Georgia, for an exhibit of Audubon’s original works. They were impressive, to say the least, and quite large. Security was tight during the week of the exhibit. The exhibit drew large crowds from all over the country.

In his book, Weidensaul brings out many interesting points about birds in colonial times, such as how they figured in folk wisdom regarding the weather, and how they got their names from the pioneers who farmed and settled the frontier. When the “pewit” (our eastern Phoebe) arrived in southern Pennsylvania in mid-March, farmers could plant peas and seeds in the ground without danger of frost. They also believed that wild geese flying high meant fair weather. The Baltimore Oriole, for example, was called “hangnest,” Northern Flicker was “yellowhammer,” and American Bitterns were bestowed the name of “thunder pumpers.” I like these names — they make sense to me.

There is so much interesting information in this book, I can’t say enough about it. It is a real treasure trove of birding history. I will say that there are some big words to decipher, so you might want to skip over them and/or have a dictionary handy, when you read it. I chose the latter.

You may also find it interesting to know how many early ornithologists were female, including one from Northern Pennsylvania, Martha Maxwell, who was also a taxidermist.

Of A Feather: A Brief History of American Birding, is exactly what it the title says. The bibliography is extensive and impressive.

Birding has come a long way since the settlement of this country. If you want to know just how far it has come, and why, read *Of A Feather*. It will intrigue you with tales of adventure and inspire you to be a better birder.

Arrival Dates for Various Bird Species

~ Gary Edwards

Thanks to Gary for sharing this list he compiled for Venango County. Dates should be similar in surrounding counties.

February 15-28

Pied-billed Grebe
Turkey Vulture
American Woodcock
Killdeer
White-crowned Sparrow
Fox Sparrow
Red-winged Blackbird
Common Grackle

March 1-15

Northern Shoveler
Green-winged Teal
White-winged Scoter
Ruddy Duck
Horned Grebe
Red-necked Grebe
Double-crested Cormorant
Eastern Phoebe
Tree Swallow
Eastern Towhee
Eastern Meadowlark

March 16-31

Blue-winged Teal
Red-throated Loon
Common Loon
Osprey Greater Yellowlegs
Lesser Yellowlegs
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Louisiana Waterthrush
Swamp Sparrow
Chipping Sparrow

April 1-15

Surf Scoter
Great Egret
Broad-winged Hawk
Spotted Sandpiper
Blue-headed Vireo
Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Barn Swallow
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Hermit Thrush
Brown Thrasher
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Yellow-throated Warbler
Pine Warbler
Savannah Sparrow

April 16-30

American Bittern
Green Heron
Upland Sandpiper
Whip-poor-Will
Chimney Swift
Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Eastern Wood Pewee
Least Flycatcher
Great-crested Flycatcher
Eastern Kingbird
White-eyed Vireo
Yellow-throated Vireo
Warbling Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo
Purple Martin
Bank Swallow
Cliff Swallow
House Wren
Swainson's Thrush
Wood Thrush
Gray Catbird
Blue-winged Warbler
Nashville Warbler
Northern Parula
Yellow Warbler
Chestnut-sided Warbler
Magnolia Warbler
Black-throated Blue Warbler
Black-throated Green Warbler

Blackburnian Warbler
Prairie Warbler
Palm Warbler
Cerulean Warbler
Black and White Warbler
American Redstart
Ovenbird
Northern Waterthrush
Common Yellowthroat
Hooded Warbler
Wilson's Warbler
Canada Warbler
Scarlet Tanager
Grasshopper Sparrow
Henslow's Sparrow
Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Indigo Bunting
Bobolink
Orchard Oriole
Baltimore Oriole

May 1-15

Semi-palmated Plover
Semi-palmated Sandpiper
Least Sandpiper
Wilson's Snipe
Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Black-billed Cuckoo
Common Nighthawk
Olive-sided Flycatcher
Acadian Flycatcher
Alder Flycatcher
Willow Flycatcher
Philadelphia Vireo
Veery
Gray-cheeked Thrush
Tennessee Warbler
Orange-crowned Warbler
Cape May Warbler
Bay-breasted Warbler
Blackpoll Warbler
Worm-eating Warbler
Kentucky Warbler
Mourning Warbler
Lincoln's Sparrow



Short-eared Owl sketch courtesy of Daniel S. Kilby

Clarion County PA Birds Report for Fall 2015

~ Carole Winslow

Locations: Cullsville (CV), Mt. Zion/Piney Tract/
SGL 330 (MZ), Kahle Lake (KL).

Blue-winged Teal were the first birds of note for the fall season, as they are seen less regularly in migration in *Clarion*. Two birds were noted on Redbank Creek in New Bethlehem 9/10 (J&AK), during their typical migration period. At KL, a female **Surf Scoter** was first seen 11/14 (GE,JS), again 11/16 (RN, CW), and remained through the rest of the season. At the same location, a less common **Black Scoter** joined the surf scoter 11/22, and continued through the end of the season as well (GE, JS).

Northern Harriers utilize the many grasslands in the southern part of the county and their numbers vary from year to year. This season there were reports from several areas. At CV strips site, two were present 8/16 (GK, MAK), and one was seen at MZ 10/10 (RK). Birds remained present through the mild fall season with three seen on Rankin Rd near CV 11/11 (MM, CW) and one bird at the same

location 11/25 (CW). Two individuals were noted near Longpoint outside of Ringersburg 11/24 (MM), and two also near KL 11/30 (MM). **Bald Eagles** have continued to be more frequently reported through the past several years, and this season was no exception. With improvements in the trail systems along the major waterways in the county, this will likely continue as more people have access to habitat where this species has been nesting more regularly. Along the Redbank Valley Trail on the southern *Clarion* border, sightings were reported in several areas from 9/10 through 11/11 (J&AK, RH, MH, FM).

Shorebirds continue to be one of the least reported family of birds for *Clarion*. The only two species reported for fall were three **Solitary Sandpipers** seen on the edges of the Allegheny River at Foxburg 8/8 (MM, CW), and two **Spotted Sandpipers** present along Redbank Creek in New Bethlehem 8/20 (MM).

Short-eared Owls were first noted back in their usual location on Rankin Rd near CV 11/2, with three birds present at dusk (CW). One bird only was noted in this same location 11/24, also at dusk (DD, CW). One of the most interesting species reports for the season was that of a **Merlin** seen 8/1 at MZ and again in the same location the following weekend 8/8(MW). On this latter date, a single bird was also seen at Foxburg along the Allegheny River (MM,CW). These early dates out of the normal migration period might indicate this species requires more effort to locate and identify as a possible breeder in the county, given excellent habitat available at both these locations and the recent documented expansion of it's breeding range.

At SGL 63 near Shippensburg, two **Yellow-bellied Flycatchers** were seen 9/13 (MM, RN, CW), and later that week on 9/18, two were also seen at a property near CV (CW). This species is a fairly regularly reported migrant in fall but not often with two individuals present. An area that has been recently improved in *Clarion* is the Redbank Valley Trail at Lawsonham near Ringersburg all the way to the Allegheny River at Redbank. This area should prove to be an outstanding birding site along the waterway of the southern border. A walk along here late in the season on 11/27 showed up two lingering winter wrens, one of which was singing along a steep ravine (CW). There are pockets of promising habitat here that may provide breeding habitat for this species.

The third week of September is usually the prime time to listen for migrating thrushes in the pre-dawn

hours, and this year had several days which provided good weather and listening opportunities. Near CV on the morning of 9/18 before dawn, approximately 300 calls were heard over 20 minutes, mostly **Swainson's Thrush**, but also **Gray-cheeked Thrush** and **Wood Thrush** heard as well (CW). At the same location 9/21, a larger flight was heard over a 35 minute period that totaled 1,000-1,100 calls (CW). This flight was heavily made up of Swainson's , but increasing numbers of gray-cheeked were heard as well as wood thrush.



Cape May Warbler photo by Lee Ann Reiners

Several warbler sightings deserve mention, the first of these being **Cape May Warbler**. At a property near CV, up to six birds were seen daily between 9/5-9/12 (CW). At this same location 9/12, three **Bay-breasted Warbler** were present, and five birds were seen at SGL 63 as well. This species is not usually reported in these numbers in fall. This was a day following a heavy migration flight until changing weather conditions overnight likely forced down many birds, resulting in a small fall-out for the county with many species of passerines reported. At SGL 63 on this same day three **Blackpoll Warblers** were seen (CW), as well as a **Connecticut Warbler** (MW), not a species that is reported yearly. A single **Wilson's Warbler** was seen near CV on both 9/5 and 9/7 (CW).

Reports of **Rusty Blackbird** have decreased over the last ten years, and this season saw only one report of them, with two birds seen 10/4 near CV along a small wooded stream (CW). **Purple Finches** have continued to be regular at a location near Rimmersburg where they have been nesting, and they continued to be reported from August through 11/7 with numbers of up to eight birds (MM). To round out the report, a very unusual observation of a single female **Red Crossbill** was obtained from a feeder watcher in Strattanville. The bird was first seen 11/29 at a sunflower feeder and

remained through the end of the month, with excellent documentation photos taken (SH).

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Donald DeWolf, Gary Edwards, Margaret Higbee, Roger Higbee, Shari Hindman, John and Avis Keener, Mary Alice Koeneke, Glenn Koppel, Rob Krauss, Florence McGuire, Mark Moore, Richard Nugent, Jerry Stanley, Mike Weible.

PAMC

The Pennsylvania Annual Migration Count will be held on Saturday, May 14. This survey is done by county and all results are sent to a state compiler who writes a comprehensive report for the PSO journal, *PA Birds*. For more information, see the PSO website - <http://www.pabirds.org/Index.html> and click on "PSO projects".



Purple Finch photo by Meg Kolodick

2016 Birdathon

~Janice Horn

The dates for the Birdathon this year are set for Sat., May 7 to Sun., May 15. Please consider participating -- either by spending a day birding (any 24 hour period in that range of days) or by pledging for someone who will be out seeking as many species as he/she can find.

This event is our most profitable fundraiser of the year and the more who take part the greater the success. You can do it by yourself, but the enjoyment is much greater if parties of two or more go out together.

If you have any questions or just want more information contact me at 814-226-7367 or jhorn35@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Dates & Events

April 2 - Conneaut Marsh, meet at Custards at 8:00 am

April 13 - "The Pribilofs-Alaska's Puffin Paradise" -
Jeffrey Hall

May 11 - Summer's Dazzling Gift - Peggy Butler

May 28 - Warbler Walk, Oil Creek State Park at 8:00 am

Looking Ahead - August 10, Picnic at Cook Forest



Ring-necked Duck photo by Meg Kolodick

SRAS Leadership Team

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*Take a quiet walk
with Mother Nature.
It will nourish
your mind, body, and soul.*

~ Anthony Douglas Williams

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