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Next Meeting – April 11
Peirce Science Center, Clarion University
Social at 7:00 p.m. - Program begins at 7:30 p.m.

Dave Brinker – Northern Saw-whet Owl Research

by Gary Edwards

Dave Brinker, Maryland Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Biologist, is an old friend to SRAS. Several years ago, with the assistance of some of our members, he banded and fit satellite radio telemetry equipment on a pair of Northern Goshawks nesting in Cook Forest. The following year he was gracious enough to show us where the birds spent the winter.

At our April meeting, Dave will give a brief update of his Goshawk research and then discuss his nearly 30 years of interest in Northern Saw-whet Owl migration. For the last 19 years, he has been banding migrating Saw-whets at Assateague Island and other locations in Maryland. Dave founded Project OwlNet in 1996 to promote information sharing and banding results with others.

Project OwlNet began at his banding sites and a long term banding site at Cape May, New Jersey. It now has expanded to include over 60 sites from coast to coast in the U.S. and Canada. Dave

will discuss how to attract Saw-whets to banding stations, some of the interesting results from the Project OwlNet data, and the plans for the future. Please join us in welcoming our friend back to SRAS and receive a wealth of Saw-whet Owl information in return. 🐦🐦🐦



Upland Sandpiper by Terry Sohl, used with permission

Field Trips

by Ron Montgomery

Mon, April 25	Oil Creek State Park
May 9 -16	Birdathon
Sat, May 14	Mts Zion & Airy (Grassland Birds)
May 20 -22	PSO meeting (SRAS Hosting)
Mon, June 20	Atlas Block Busting

Our spring field trip season is underway! Our remaining trips are listed above, along with the dates of the Birdathon and the PSO meeting for completeness.

Monday April 25; Warbler Walk at Oil Creek State Park. We will meet Gary Edwards at the park at 8:30 am. Find our starting point by going north on Route 8 out of Oil City, through Rouseville. The Park entrance is on the right about a mile north of Rouseville, immediately after you cross Oil Creek. We will meet at the picnic area parking lot on the right, which is less than a mile into the Park. This was a very productive outing last spring. We will be through before noon. There are restroom facilities in the Park.

Saturday May 14; Grassland Birds at Mt Zion & Mt Airy. I am scheduling this a little earlier this year in hopes of seeing the Upland Sandpipers before they take up nest-keeping, because they are shy nest-keepers. We will meet at 7:30 AM on top of the hill as you enter Piney Tract by way of Elliot Road. Follow Route 80 to Exit 53 (old exit 7), go south and cross the Clarion River at the Canoe Ripple Bridge. Go a little over a mile past the bridge and take the first left (a scary turn, be careful) on Elliot. Follow Elliot past the houses about a mile to the open grasslands. It is 15 miles and 25 minutes from Clarion. We will finish before noon.

Monday June 20; Atlas Block Busting. We will meet Flo & Jim McGuire in Oil Creek State Park (Block 30D16) at 8:00AM to do some collective Atlas work; driving instructions to the Park are given above. At our April meeting we will ask whether you plan to join us and what kind of birding you would like to do. We are anxious that you join us whether you want to hike trails or stay close to the car! We will make it work. If Flo & Jim have an idea of how many are coming and what each of you would like to do, they will be able to plan the outing more effectively.

If you have not yet gotten into the Atlas Project, this is your chance to get started with expert help. If you are experienced, come see a new area and help complete page 30. We will finish at noon and compare sightings over lunch at a restaurant. Bring a hand radio if you have one.

You are welcome to return to this block on your own at anytime to make additional observations. You might want to come back a week or so later to “T” an intriguing observation. For example, if you see a Pileated Woodpecker in suitable nesting habitat but see no breeding clues, you have an “X” or “Possible” breeder. You can upgrade that to a “T” or “Probable” breeder by observing it again at least 5 days later, but before the safe date expires on July 31.



Ducklings by Georgette Syster

Audubon PA Announces new Executive Director

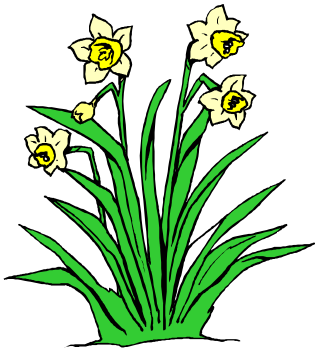
Audubon PA announces Timothy D. Schaeffer, Ph.D as the new Executive Director. Dr. Schaeffer is a native of Pennsylvania and a conservationist. He emphasizes the importance of “place-based” education and resource management because “we are more likely to conserve that which we know and understand”. Dr. Schaeffer intends to visit our chapter and welcomes the opportunity to join us in an activity.

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Crow's Nest

by President Deb Freed

I was walking in the woods, stepping around icy patches and noticed some skunk cabbage poking through the soggy leaf litter. In my yard the pussy willow buds are forming and daffodils are stretching a few inches out of their winter beds. It seems spring is arriving with some resistance.



It's the perfect intermission to get ready for action! I used this time to make strings of feathers to hang on my large windows. Last year I was heartbroken when a

Wood Thrush flew into my window after I had enjoyed its early morning song. I know that there will soon be a flurry of bird activity and I've read that the feathers give warning of a recent attack and may reduce window strikes. I used this sluggish period to drive around my block, 44C41, and note good observation spots. I collected dog hair and stuffed it in an old suet cage for soft nesting material. Oh, yes, the bird CDs are in the car player too. Maybe this year I will be able to pick out the Yellow-rumped Warblers before I see their "butter butts" and hear the American Redstart before I catch the distinctive yellow or orange patches on wing and tail.

Our chapter activities will outpace the seasonal change as we head into April! Clear your calendars for field trips, surveys, atlasing, programming, and events all mentioned in the Drummer. National Wildlife Week, April 21 to 23 at the Clarion Mall is an excellent source of maps and regional information for months of activities. Most

years, spring has a way of sneaking up on me. I may be a bit more ready this year, but when it comes, I'll catch my breath, get outdoors and enjoy this marvelous time of year. 🐣🐣🐣



Hog Island - FM

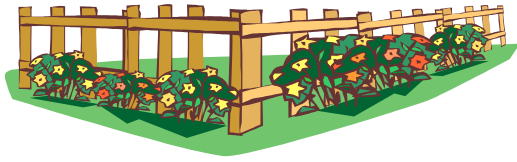
Audubon Camp Scholarship Winner

The Maine Audubon Camp Scholarship for 2005 has been awarded to Greg Cain of Shipperville. Greg is a member of SRAS and currently a student at Slippery Rock University where he is majoring in Parks and Resource Management and Geography. Greg most recently participated in the 2004 Christmas Bird Count. Congratulations, Greg!

Audubon PA Birder's Workshop April 16, 2005 Cook Forest

Audubon PA, DCNR and the PA Game Commission are teaming up to offer training on survey methods and bird identification. This training is geared towards birders of varying bird ID skill levels (from beginners to those who already have solid abilities). The workshop will focus on how to do point counts, strategies on counting & estimating bird numbers, challenging bird ID topics, improving birding by ear skills and GPS usage.

The location will be the Log Cabin Inn at Cook Forest State Park from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The fee is \$30 which includes handouts and lunch! To register, contact Kim Van Fleet at kvanfleet@audubon.org or call 717-213-6880 ext 11 (Kim) or ext 13 (Sharon).



Conservation Corner

Some interesting comments gleaned from the PABIRDS listserv, used with permission...

Scott Weidensaul __ PABIRDS __ 3/25/05

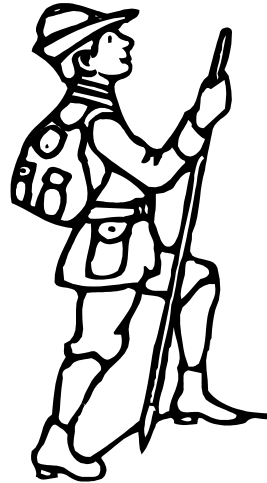
Pennsylvania has perhaps the worst land planning in the country, what the Brooking Institution labeled "one of the nation's most radical patterns of sprawl and [urban] abandonment." How bad? In the 15 years ending in 1997, the state's population grew by just 2.5 percent, while its urbanized footprint jumped by -- are you sitting down? -- 47 percent. The recent DCNR study on wildlife habitat found that Pa. loses 400 acres of wildlife habitat per day to development, a million acres between 1990 and 2000, while our road system, which at 120,000 miles of asphalt is already the densest per square mile in the country, grew by another 3,000 miles of highway. (Hello, I-99...)

Because almost all of this sprawl is controlled at the local level, the only way to solve it (at least for the moment) is through local involvement. Who runs most township planning and zoning boards? The people with a vested interest in the decisions -- developers, contractors and the like. This isn't some grand conspiracy, but simply a reflection of the fact that people with a professional interest in development are usually the ones who take the time to get involved in land planning. Conservationists almost never do. The single most effective action you can take for birds is to get involved in your local government.



Hosting our April meeting
will be Kathy Pokrifka

Plummer Hollow Invitation



To all SRAS members,

We have received a special invitation from Dave and Marcia Bonta to join a Juniata Valley Audubon Society field trip at their place - Plummer Hollow - on Saturday, April 23. This is an outstanding field trip - if you do decide to go, you'll not regret it.

The details are: "Meet at the bottom of the mountain at our parking lot at 8:30 a.m., bring a lunch and beverage, and we will do a slow walk up the hollow to look at the wildflowers and birds. Lunch on the veranda and then more hiking for those who want it. Dave will lead a faster group up the hollow and for more hiking if enough people want it. We'll also give a tour of our 3-acre enclosure not far from the house. And probably offer a dump truck ride back down the mountain for those who don't want to walk it."

Marcia's fourth "season book", *Appalachian Winter*, has just been published.

A few years ago SRAS had a field trip to Bonta's place and it was absolutely great! Now they've added a huge deer enclosure so there's even more to see and study. The location is near Tyrone and driving time is about two hours.

- Margaret Buckwalter

Ed. Note - Marcia Bonta has agreed to be a vendor at the PSO meeting on May 20 and 21. This will be a great opportunity to meet a talented nature writer from Pennsylvania and to purchase her books!

Cook Forest Big Tree Extravaganza

by Dale Luthringer

Cook Forest State Park, in conjunction with the Eastern Native Tree Society, will be hosting another mini-old growth forest event entitled, "Cook Forest Big Tree Extravaganza" on April 23 and 24, 2005. This will be an incredible opportunity to learn some of the latest information available on old growth forest documentation and research, and accurately measuring tall and noteworthy trees.



Formal presentations on Saturday, 4/23/05 will be open to the general public. There will be informal programming conducted on Sunday 4/24/05 at a nearby natural area that will not be available to the public (no facilities). Please contact Dale Luthringer for more details.

Saturday, 4/23/05 – Join forest scientists and naturalists as we learn the latest and most accurate methods to measure tall and noteworthy trees.

Watch as a team of scientists climb to the top of one of two magnificent trees: the Jani Pine (171ft high), or the Davies Black Cherry (140ft high) to confirm its height and trunk dimensions. The Jani Pine is one of only 3 documented 170ft class white pines in the entire Northeastern United States (all 3 located in Cook Forest State Park). The Davies Black Cherry is the tallest documented black cherry in the entire Northeastern United States.

Events will explore the Park's biodiversity, aesthetics, natural and human history, and importance as a National Natural Landmark.

Saturday's schedule:

8:00am-8:15am - 'Opening Remarks' – by Robert Leverett, co-founder and Executive Director of ENTS, and Dale Luthringer, Environmental Education Specialist Cook Forest State Park, at the Log Cabin Inn Environmental Learning Center.

8:15am-10:15am - 'Measuring Trees for Science & Sport' – Conducted by Bob Leverett, co-founder and Executive Director of ENTS, Dale Luthringer, Environmental Education Specialist Cook Forest State Park, and other ENTS certified tree measurers. Lecture and hands-on training in the following topics will include: definitions basic to all techniques, traditional baseline methods & problems, new innovative error reduction methods including the laser-clinometer technique, tangent problems, instrument calibration, and sunlight effects.

10:30am-1:00pm - 'Searching for the Giants of the Forest Cathedral' - Conducted by Dale Luthringer, Environmental Education Specialist Cook Forest State Park, Robert Leverett, co-founder and Executive Director of ENTS, and Will Blozan, arborist, co-founder & President of ENTS. Join us for a strenuous interpretive hike into the Forest Cathedral to search for new big/tall tree records as well as re-measure the following trees:

- Seneca Pine (12.5ft CBH x 172.7ft high on 10/8/04) - 2nd largest white pine overall dimensions PA
- Longfellow Pine (11.3t CBH x 182ft high on 10/8/04) - 3rd tallest documented white pine Eastern U.S.
- Cook Pine (12.4ft CBH x 160.2ft high on 3/10/04) - exceptional tree from days gone by.

(Ed. note – CBH is Circumference at Breast Height)

1:00pm-1:30pm – LUNCH (Please bring a lunch.)

1:30pm-4:00pm - 'Trunk Modeling Tree Climb' - A noteworthy tree of choice will be climbed and trunk modeled by Will Blozan, arborist, co-founder & President of ENTS. One of the following two trees will have the honor of being accurately measured for height to within +/- 1 inch of accuracy by the plumb bob method.

Jani Memorial White Pine - last measured at 10.2ft CBH x 171.6ft high on 10/6/04. It is one of only 3 documented white pines in the 170ft class in the entire Northeastern U.S. (all three are found in Cook Forest!). A definite survivor, it withstood the 1976 tornado and currently affords an excellent

overlook of the Clarion River off of the Seneca Trail.

Davies Memorial Black Cherry - last measured at 11.4ft CBH x 140ft high on 10/21/03. Stands as the 3rd tallest documented black cherry in the entire Eastern U.S, located off of Forest Road.

The specific tree will be announced at the Log Cabin Inn Environmental Learning Center where we will start our drive to the trailhead. A very strenuous hike is a possibility.

4:00pm-6:00pm – Break for Dinner (Please enjoy dinner at one of our local area restaurants, then reconvene for the following evening presentations at the Sawmill Theater for the Arts. The theater is not heated! Please bring a jacket or blanket.)

6:00pm-6:05pm - 'Opening Remarks' – Dale Luthringer, Environmental Education Specialist, Cook Forest State Park, and Robert Leverett, co-founder & Executive Director of ENTS.

6:05pm-6:50pm - 'The Establishment, Growth, and Future of the Eastern Native Tree Society' – Robert Leverett, co-founder & Executive Director of ENTS and principal architect of the Ancient Eastern Forest Series.

6:50pm-7:35pm- 'The GIST of Mapping Old Growth Forests' – Gary Beluzo, Professor of Environmental Science, Holyoke Community College.

7:35pm-8:20pm - 'Seeing the Forest Through the Trees: Old Growth Forest Influences on Stream Ecosystems' – Dr. Charles Williams, Professor of Ecology, Clarion University of Pennsylvania.

8:20pm-8:35pm - BREAK (coffee, tea, hot chocolate provided)

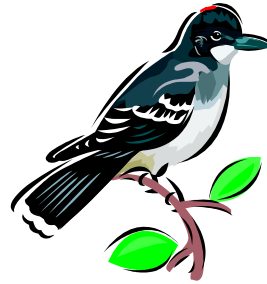
8:35pm-9:20pm - 'Tall Tree Reserves of the Lake Erie Gorge System' – Dr. Tom Diggins, Biological Sciences, Youngstown State University.

9:20pm-10:05pm - 'New Findings on Derechos and Patterns of Blowdown' – Dr. Lee Frelich, Director of Hardwood Ecology, University of Minnesota.

Buttermilk Hill Nature Sanctuary

by Jerry Stanley

Editor's Note – In response to a request for more information about Jerry and Kathie and their planned PSO outing, I received this delightful article, which did not make it into the PSO newsletter. I am happy to print it here.



Kathie Goodblood and Jerry Stanley have been avid birdwatchers for nearly 20 years, ever since they were driven to discover the identity of an eastern kingbird which was waking them up every day at 5 A.M. They have lived and pursued birds in western PA for the last 13 years. When not on the roost, you are liable to sight them at migratory concentrations in Cape May, NJ, Waggoner's Gap, Allegheny Front, Hawk Ridge, Duluth, Crane Creek, Ohio, or Southeast Michigan Raptor Research. They have migrated extensively to Central and South America and have been blown off course to New Zealand, Thailand, Borneo, and Malaysia.

Kathie is president of the Bartramian Audubon Chapter of Slippery Rock. As a member of the Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee, Jerry enjoys hearing about rare and unusual bird sightings from around the state and is looking forward hopefully to putting some faces to the names he has become familiar with.

They have created Buttermilk Hill Nature Sanctuary with the long term goal of restoring a tract of old growth forest and the ongoing effort of preserving native biodiversity. When not watching birds, or simultaneously with watching birds, they also maintain a 7000 square foot organic vegetable garden, compost all the leaves collected from Sugar Creek Borough, and are in the early learning stages of propagating and landscaping with native flowers, fruiting shrubs and trees. The sanctuary provides the home for ongoing research and repatriation of the imperiled Eastern Box Turtle, by Prof. Bill Belzer.

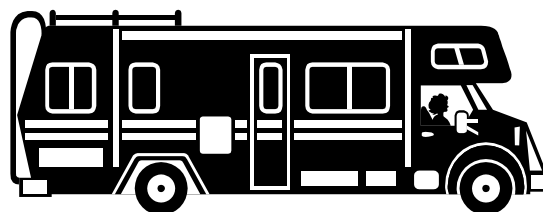
The sanctuary is predominantly deciduous second growth. Riparian forest runs for 3/4 of a mile along French Creek, where cerulean, parula and yellow-throated warblers, Louisiana waterthrush, yellow-throated vireo, Acadian flycatcher, rough-winged swallow, kingfisher, wood-pewee, wood duck and hooded and common mergansers breed. Orioles, gnatcatchers and waxwings may be abundant along the creek. Bald eagles nest about a mile away and are frequent visitors to the sanctuary.

Five hundred feet higher on top of the hill, hermit thrush, blue-headed vireo, and junco breed. A large field in early second growth with aspens has recently encouraged territoriality and in some cases nesting attempts by thrasher, willow and alder flycatcher, chat and golden-winged warbler. Twelve pairs of bluebirds called the fields their home last year along with numerous tree swallows. Be careful not to step on one of the many field sparrow nests. Nesting raptors include Cooper's, red-shouldered and broad-winged hawks, barred and great horned owls and screech-owls, although in any given year I don't know where all the nests are. Favorites such as turkey, grouse, pileated woodpecker, yellow-bellied sapsucker, scarlet tanager, wood thrush, ovenbird, hooded warbler and both cuckoos all breed here, often in abundance.

Some less common birds for the county such as Kentucky, worm-eating, mourning, Canada, Blackburnian, magnolia and prairie warblers, eastern kingbird, great crested and least flycatcher, warbling vireo and winter wren breed intermittently in small numbers. Purple finch, indigo bunting, rose-breasted grosbeak, Baltimore oriole, red bellied woodpecker and hummers are to be expected at the feeders. On any given day northern migrants such as blackpoll, Tennessee, Nashville, Cape May, Wilson's and bay-breasted warblers, Philadelphia vireo and Swainson's thrush may be common or abundant. Harder to get migrants such as olive-sided and yellow-bellied flycatcher, Lincoln's sparrow, orchard oriole and gray-cheeked thrush can turn up. It will probably be too early for green dragons, but

we should see spotted salamander larvae and maybe a wood turtle or basking soft-shelled turtles. Black bear and coyote don't like us, so they will hide.

Wear sneakers or hiking boots and expect to walk 2 or more miles, first downhill on a dirt road and then along railroad tracks or deer paths on the flood plain. A lower impact alternative walk can be arranged with birding of equal quality. Travel time from Clarion is 60 - 70 minutes.



RED WARBLER DAY

by Gil Twiest

In December of 2004, my wife Linda and I left Clarion in our motorhome towing a jeep wagon and headed for Nogales, Arizona, where we joined a caravan of seven other rigs on January 12, '05 for a birding trip into Western Mexico. During our stay at Playa Escondido RV Park, Mazatlan, Sinaloa, Mexico, we took a three day side trip up into the mountains east of Mazatlan. We left our rigs behind and went by car to Villa Blanca Hotel which was our base in the mountains.

During the evening meeting on the day we arrived, the wagon master, who was also the bird leader, told us that tomorrow would be a "red bird" day. This is an account of that day.

28 Jan 05; Villa Blanca Hotel east of Mazatlan. 55153 miles (ed.note - odometer miles - the Twiests were about 3700 miles from home); 4500 ft. altitude. Cool, about 65 degrees at night and warm in the day, about 80 degrees. \$95 for two nights and 6 meals.

Got up about 5 AM as I couldn't sleep anymore. Went out and had a cup of coffee along with dry cereal until breakfast of scrambled eggs and ham

along with toast came. It was a good filling breakfast.

We left about 6:30 for the mountains. I had Ray and Nancy (a birding couple who did not have a 4WD car) with me in the jeep. We drove on up into the mountains until we were at about 6500 feet. It was very twisty and up and down driving. At a ravine in the side of the mountain there was a road of stones up into the ravine. It was rough but the Jeep went up it like a veteran. I put all my 4WD knowledge learned from the boys to work as I drove up. No problems.



We parked and started to walk up the cobblestone road through a forest of broad leaf evergreen trees. We got into

birds right away and started to see all kinds of new warblers and tanagers: Painted Redstarts, Slate-throated Redstarts, Red Warblers, Red-faced Warblers, Red-headed Tanager and Hepatic Tanager were all birds with a lot of red on them. In addition there were Hermit Warblers, Olive Warblers, Crescent-chested Warblers, Grace's Warblers along with Black-and-white Warblers, Yellow-rumped Warblers and redstarts. People were calling out new birds right and left. It was very hectic, as almost every bird was new to me. We stayed in the same area about an hour as each of us tried to get a good look at all the new birds. It was a large mixed feeding flock of birds which moved slowly through the forest feeding as they went. While most of the birds were warblers and tanagers, there were also woodcreepers, gnatcatchers, woodpeckers and flycatchers in the flock. Once a large flock like this is found, it is best to stick with it until all the birds are identified. Lucky for us this flock was moving up the road the same way we were going.

The warblers were found mostly at mid-level in the trees with some higher and some all the way down to the ground. The red warblers, for example, feed either on the ground or very near it.

Many of the other birds were at eye level, and because we were overlooking a ravine, even the ones that were feeding higher in the canopy were at eye level to us.

As we continued on up the road we saw a Mountain Trogon. This bird looks almost like the Elegant Trogon, except that its tail is green rather than copper-colored above. We all got very good looks, as trogons tend to sit still for long periods of time. Its green back contrasted nicely with the white chest stripe and the red belly.

Even though we were in a forest, there were flowers along the road and there were hummingbirds feeding in them. We saw both White-eared and Berylline Hummingbirds, which were new for me. The next day I came back with the camera and got some shots of the white-eared hummer.

My leg was feeling somewhat better and I walked all the way up the trail which was about 1.5 miles. The forest gradually became oak-pine forest and then mostly pine forest with openings of grassland. In one opening that was apparently its territory, we all got to watch a Tufted Flycatcher. They are a beautiful chestnut-brown. In the pines, Mexican Chickadees were common. They have a bigger black throat patch than our chickadees. Some of the gang went over the edge of the hill looking for Aztec Thrushes, but I elected to stay put because my knee was getting tired.

On the way back down, we got the Tufted Jay, which is only found in this region and was the targeted bird for the trip to the mountains.

It was a really exciting walk, which ended with lunch at the cars. The sixteen new life birds was about the most that I got on one day on this trip to Mexico.

Drove back to the hotel and birded a bit in the back yard. We got an American Robin. Had supper and talked until about 8:30 and then went to bed.



PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY FOR ORNITHOLOGY
 17th Annual Meeting
 20 - 22 May 2005
 Clarion Holiday Inn
 Clarion, PA

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 30, 2005

Name(s) for name tag (include each person registering) _____

Your email for an electronic registration receipt: _____

Mailing Address _____

	No. of Persons	X	Cost =	Total \$
PSO Member	_____	_____	\$25.00	_____
Member's spouse/guest	_____	_____	\$20.00	_____
Non-Member	_____	_____	\$30.00	_____
(includes 1 year membership in PSO)				
Non-Member's spouse/guest	_____	_____	\$20.00	_____
Children under 18	_____	_____	\$12.00	_____
After Deadline, April 30, 2005	_____	_____	\$ 5.00	_____
Subtotal (from this side)				_____

Lodging : Clarion Holiday Inn 814-226-8850 or 800-596-1313;
 Must reserve before April 19, 2005; cost is \$84; must specify "PSO."

Other Lodging options: Comfort Inn Clarion 814-226-5230;
 Quality Inn & Suites 814-226-8682; Super 8 814-226-4550

Campgrounds:
 Black Bear Cabins, Cooksburg, PA 1-877-833-2663
 Cook Forest State Park, Cooksburg, PA 814 744-8407
 Cook Forest Top Hill Cabins, Cooksburg, PA 1-800-531-1545

For early breakfast or lunch:
 Eat 'N Park Restaurants (open 24 hours), Perkins Family Restaurant (open 24 hours)
 McDonald's Restaurant (open at 5 am)
 Other lunch possibilities -- Timberlands Restaurant (at the Holiday Inn), Cozumel
 Mexican Restaurant and Cantina (at the Quality Inn), Burger King of Clarion, Taco Bell.
 More restaurant options and many pizza places in Clarion, about 1.5 miles from exit 62.

No. persons X Cost = Total \$

_____ No Charge

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MEALS

Breakfast ON YOUR OWN

Lunch ON YOUR OWN

Banquet			
Prime Rib	\$23.00	_____	\$ _____
Seafood Imperial	\$19.00	_____	\$ _____
Vegetarian Lasagna	\$17.00	_____	\$ _____
Banquet only (no registration, sessions or field trips)			
Prime Rib	\$26.00	_____	\$ _____
Seafood Imperial	\$22.00	_____	\$ _____
Vegetarian Lasagna	\$20.00	_____	\$ _____

Sunday Breakfast ON YOUR OWN

Subtotal of meals	\$ _____
Subtotal from registration (other column)	\$ _____
GRAND TOTAL	\$ _____

 Please make checks or money orders payable to PSO and mail to:

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 Lock Haven, PA 17745



REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS: APRIL 30, 2005

Cancellations by you must occur before May 7th. After this date, registration fees will be refunded, but meal costs cannot be because of catering concerns.



Margaret Buckwalter Wins Earl L. Poole Award

Each year at the annual PSO Meeting, the Earl L. Poole Award is given to an individual, amateur or professional, who has made a significant contribution to Pennsylvania ornithology. The 2005 winner is Margaret Buckwalter !!

The awards committee recognized the following: Margaret has served as Clarion County compiler for *Pennsylvania Birds* since the journal's inception. She was co-coordinator for Clarion County during the first breeding bird atlas and is contributing to the second atlas effort. She has contributed numerous bird records from Cook Forest to PSO's Special Areas Project. She worked to have the Piney Tract grasslands declared a Global Important Bird Area, and along with other local birders, worked in favor of its purchase as a state game land by the PA Game Commission.

This is the first year that the Earl L. Poole Award winner has been announced before the meeting, so that their relatives and friends can attend the banquet and award presentation.

Congratulations, Margaret!

SRAS Wins PSO Conservation Award

Seneca Rocks Audubon Society will be the proud recipient of the first PSO Conservation Award at the PSO meeting banquet on May 21! This award is being given for work involving Piney Tract.

Volunteers Needed

A few SRAS volunteers will be needed to help at the PSO and SRAS tables at the PSO meeting. Hours are 6:00 to 8:00 pm on Friday, May 20, and noon to 5 pm on Saturday, May 21. Several programs will be presented on Saturday afternoon; members will be visiting the tables before and between programs. Jim Wilson, Events Chairman, will be scheduling the volunteers and will have a signup sheet at our April meeting.

Seneca Rocks Audubon Society
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