



THE DRUMMER

www.senecarocksaudubon.org



Volume 42-1 ~ Winter

December 2025-February 2026

SRAS ~ PO Box 148 ~ Clarion, PA 16214

Editor, Cindy Bonner

Conservation and Advocacy

By Kay John

The "I Bird I Vote" Conservation and Policy Summit was held October 24-25, 2025 in State College, PA.

The first activity of the conference was a two-mile walk hosted by Margaret Brittingham that gave us an opportunity to learn about area forest management. Two Audubon foresters, Scott Parkhill and Joshua Rittenhouse accompanied us to explain the landscape changes being made to the property that were done to encourage the return of bird species that had inhabited the area previously.



Margaret Brittingham,
Joshua Rittenhouse
and Scott Parkhill

Photos by Kay John



The remainder of the conference was very informative as we learned how programs and funding for core bird protection and habitat conservation face unprecedented threats at the federal and state level. Several panel discussions focused on how Audubon provides a voice for birds in Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania, and, how all of us can support their work by being an advocate for birds. With that in mind, included on the next page is a list from Audubon Mid-Atlantic of 2025-2026 PA Legislative Priorities and the current status of each. Calling and/or writing your State Representative, encouraging him/her to support these legislative priorities, can be a way that you can Stand Up for Birds.

H.B. 501/S.B. 501: PRESS – PA Reliable Energy Sustainability

PRESS establishes renewable energy portfolio standards to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while diversifying our energy economy. Currently, PA is ranked between 45th and 49th in the country for renewable energy generation. PRESS will set a goal of 35% of PA's energy being produced by renewable sources by 2035.

Standard Status: Passed out of House Energy Committee, has yet to receive a vote in the full House

H.B. 504/S.B. 504 – Community Energy This act provides for community solar facilities in Pennsylvania. This includes provisions for the construction of community solar facilities, which will provide jobs and investment opportunities across the state while promoting a clean energy future. This bill will also impose duties on the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, electric distribution companies, and subscriber organizations as a way to maximize the use of federal money to provide for the development of community solar programs. *Status: Successfully passed out of the House, in the Senate now*

H.B. 502/S.B. 502: RESET – Reliable Energy Siting & Electric Transition Board Establishing a state siting board through RESET will help accelerate the deployment of appropriately sited renewable energy, and not let misinformation block good renewable energy projects. Developing renewable energy can be done in tandem with habitat conservation goals. Audubon supports RESET legislation that includes local elected officials in the board make up, and that supports provisions for community benefits. *Status: Referred to House Energy Committee*

H.B. 1260 – Solar-Ready Warehouse and Distribution Center Act This bill requires all new warehouses and distribution centers be constructed to be solar-ready, and provides a tax credit for existing warehouses and distribution centers to make retrofits necessary to be solar-ready. Removing barriers to solar installation is critical to helping PA meet our renewable energy needs. *Status: In the House Energy Committee Find*

H.B. 673 – Riparian Buffer Protections This bill aims to safeguard water quality and restore the ecological balance of aquatic habitats by limiting development in requiring a minimum 100-foot buffer on each side of a body of water where development cannot occur. For streams designated as High Quality or Exceptional Value, a minimum 300-foot buffer is required. *Status: Referred to Environment and Natural Resources Protection House committee*

H.B. 1811 – Pennsylvania Game Commission Purchasing Price Limit Removes the \$400 price-per-acre cap for land acquisition in first through fifth class counties, enabling the Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC) to acquire more parcels supporting opportunities for bird watching, managing and conserving wildlife, preserving natural heritage, hunting and fishing, and other outdoor recreation opportunities. *Status: Passed out of the House Game and Fisheries Committee, waiting consideration in the full House*

H.B. 426 – Native Habitats at Commonwealth Facilities This bill asks state agencies to prioritize native plants when building new green space on their facilities and to refrain from treating native plants with systemic pesticides on their facilities. This bill also asks PA DCNR to share native plant education resources with other agencies and to plant native pollinators on their properties. *Status: Referred to Environment and Natural Resources Protection House committee*

H.B. 969 – Responsible Outdoor Night Lighting This bill requires that state agencies use shielded outdoor lighting to reduce light pollution and lower the wattage of fixtures needed to maintain satisfactory light levels. This results in considerable energy savings in addition to decreased threats to birds. *Status: Referred to Environment and Natural Resources Protection House committee*

H.B. 503/S.B. 503: PACER – PA Climate Emission Reduction Pollution-induced climate change is the single biggest threat to birds and bird habitat. PACER is a cap-and-invest program that allows PA to set prices on carbon emissions and invest that revenue in natural climate solutions including habitat protection, energy bill savings programs, and renewable energy development. *Status: Referred to House Energy committee*



Several chapter leaders and conservationists discussed policy actions to improve the lives of birds. Many helpful resources for education and advocacy were referenced throughout the weekend, such as:

- [Audubon Mid-Atlantic's legislative priorities and bill fact sheets](#)
- [Speaker slides from Friday's panel discussions](#)
- [Migrations in Motion by The Nature Conservancy](#)
- [Audubon's Birds and Transmission Report \(2023\)](#)
- [Audubon's Offshore Wind Report \(2025\)](#)
- [Pennsylvania's 2015-2025 Wildlife Action Plan](#)
- [PA Solar Center's Guidebook for Leasing Land for Large-Scale Solar Development](#)

Kay and Alice were impressed and inspired by the conservation speakers and Audubon leaders at the summit. Through our new SRAS Advocacy Committee, we'll work to create effective approaches to speak out on behalf of the birds.

[**Audubon Mid-Atlantic
PA Legislative Tracker**](#)

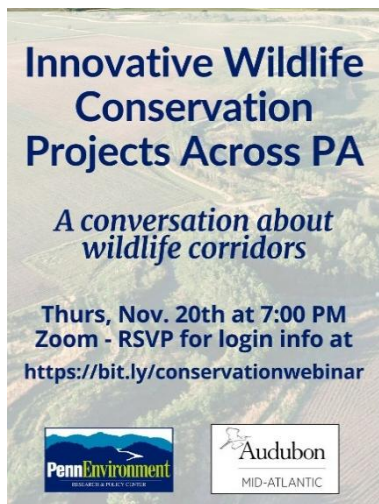


[**Find Your
PA Legislator**](#)



[**Audubon
Action Center**](#)





Wildlife Corridors

Audubon is co-sponsoring this exciting upcoming Penn-Environment webinar about wildlife corridors on Thursday, November 20th at 7pm on Zoom. More info below, and here's a registration link:

<https://environmentamerica.org/pennsylvania/center/events/join-pennenvironment-for-a-webinar-on-wildlife-conservation/>

Join PennEnvironment's Conservation Advocate Stephanie Wein to learn about her recently authored report highlighting innovative habitat conservation projects in Pennsylvania. Known as wildlife corridors, the webinar will discuss local success stories across Pennsylvania that will help the state's native wildlife species, and next steps to increase the use of these critical habitat protection efforts.

Christmas Bird Count

The Audubon Christmas Bird Count (CBC) started on Christmas Day 1900 as an alternative to hunting birds. Seneca Rocks Audubon Society established the Clarion CBC in the 1987 count year. It was held on January 2, 1988, with 17 participants and 44 species. It's been held annually ever since. **CBC 2025 will be on Dec 20th.**

You are welcome to join us for the CBC, but only with advance arrangements. For counting via carpool or walking, please contact CBC Field Coordinator, Mal Hays. For feeder-watch counting, check the map to see if you're in the CBC Circle. If so or if you're uncertain, contact our CBC Feeder-Watch Coordinator, Cindy Bonner.

You can view the map, read more about the Audubon CBC or for FAQ, check our website: <https://www.senecarocksaudubon.org/christmas-bird-count>

Christmas Bird Count Tally: December 22nd, 2:00 p.m., at Perkin's Restaurant. Hear the results and entertaining tales from this year's CBC. Lunch is on your own tab.

Hog Island Scholarship

On November 12, Brianna Lauer gave an enthusiastic and interesting day-by-day recount at our program of her many educational experiences at Hog Island, Maine. Brianna is a 7th-12th grade science teacher at Union School District. She was the recipient of our 2025 Hog Island scholarship to attend "Sharing Nature: An Educator's Week," August 10-15, at Hog Island. She's already implemented a new activity, nature journaling, into her classroom routine and has found it to be very popular. She also uses the Puffin Cam when appropriate. Brianna stated that the highlights from the trip included meeting Dr. Steve Kress and seeing her first Atlantic Puffin.

We are so happy to have chosen Brianna to enrich her teaching with new methods and activities from Hog Island and are excited to find the next candidate for Educator's Week, August 9-14, 2026. The 2026 application to attend is on our website [here](#). Let any potential educators (formal or informal) in Clarion, Forest, and Jefferson Counties know about this wonderful opportunity!

Seneca Rocks Audubon Expands!

Seneca Rocks Audubon was approved by the National Audubon Society (NAS) to expand our coverage area to include Jefferson County. Our service area now includes most of Clarion, Forest, and Jefferson Counties.

All NAS members residing in our coverage area are automatically members of our chapter. We also welcome volunteers and "local members" of Seneca Rocks Audubon, no matter where they live.

Over the next few months, our Leadership Team will be discussing and planning how to best serve members in this additional area.

Welcome to the Leadership Team

The SRAS Leadership Team welcomes Peggy Butler, Nancy Cichocki, and Carole Winslow to the Leadership Team. The Leadership Team meets quarterly to steer the chapter's programming and finances.

Peggy is the founder of the PA Firefly Festival. Carole is an expert birder known across the state and has been helping SRAS for years in many capacities. Nancy is a valued member of the Bird-Friendly Habitat team and will serve as an interim Member at Large.

Thank you to these new leaders and also to our longtime leaders for the wise guidance they provide to SRAS!

New Demonstration Native Garden Planned for Clarion



The Bird Friendly Habitat promotion team recently “sheet mulched” an expanse of lawn along Mechanistic Brewery on 6th Avenue in Clarion in preparation for a garden installation next year.

The team layered leaves and straw on top of a base of wet cardboard. Next summer, the group will install young native perennial flowering plants. When these mature and bloom, the garden will attract native bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds.

Many thanks to Jim Crooks, owner of Crooks Clothing, for inviting and entrusting the group to transform the lawn into a lovely and worthwhile garden.

Jerry Cichocki and Liz Brocious sheet mulching the Bird Friendly Habitat team's new native garden project.

Winter sowing classes

Join the fun at a winter sowing class on January 10 in Clarion! You'll plant 5 types of beautiful native perennial flower seeds in jugs and take them home. It's an easy and inexpensive way to grow native flowers for your garden.

Two classes, 9:30-10:30 am and 11:30 am -12:30 pm, will be held on January 10 in the lower level of the Main Street Center, 516 Main Street. Classes are limited to 15 persons. To preregister, send an email with your name, phone, and class preference to senecarocksaudubon@gmail.com.

Instruction, supplies, seeds, and informative handouts are all included in the cost of \$5 (paid at the door).

The classes are co-hosted by Seneca Rocks Audubon and the Master Gardeners of Clarion County.

Woodland Owner's Conference

If you're interested in learning about sustainable practices for your woods or yard, mark your calendar for the Woodland Owner's Conference from 9 am-noon on February 7. It's an annual conference hosted by Penn State Extension and held at Penn West Clarion at the Science and Technology Center on Greenville Avenue.

Roxanne Swan will present “Supporting Birds and Pollinators with Native Plants.” Roxanne is the Environmental Botanist and Horticulturist for the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania in Fox Chapel, Greg Kedzierski, Plant Material Specialist for Ernst Seeds, will present “Creating a Native Meadow.”

Seneca Rocks Audubon worked with Penn State Extension to arrange for these two excellent speakers. We'll send a link for the conference to all of our members and friends in January.

Nature Book Project News

Thanks to the single-handed and expert efforts of our Paulette Colantonio, 12 area public and school libraries were each given five fabulous nature books for their children's collections this month.

Since 2009, the Garden Club of Clarion County and Seneca Rocks Audubon have partnered to provide the books to the Clarion County libraries. Seneca Rocks Audubon alone pays for the books for 5 additional libraries outside of Clarion County.

Paulette has been the force behind the scenes for the project. She carefully selects ten titles from which each library makes five selections. Then she orders the books, receives the shipments, and organizes them according to each library's selections. She usually delivers them, too. This month, however, she handed them to another volunteer to complete the task as she was in the midst of moving.

Paulette's complete list of books since 2009 can be found on our website's [Nature Book Project](#) page.

We will sorely miss Paulette and her cheerful volunteering "for the birds." Thank you, Paulette!



Rose Slike, Youth Service Librarian for the Clarion Free Library, recently received her library's new nature books from Seneca Rocks Audubon and the Garden Club of Clarion County. Pictured along with Rose (center) is Alice Thureau, President, Seneca Rocks Audubon, and Darlene Hartle, President-elect for the Garden Club of Clarion County.



Knox Library Assistant Candy Raybuck and Director Brenda Beikert



Eccles-Lesher Memorial (Rimersburg) Library Director Rachel Campbell



Foxburg Library Director Nichole Sherry



Marienville Public Library Director Jackie McLaughlin



Rebecca M. Walters (Brookville) Librarian Pat Conway

Fall Bird Seed Sale

Many thanks to our bird seed sale coordinator, Liz Brocius, for another successful fall bird seed sale and to J&J Feeds and Needs for their great pricing and cooperation. Thanks for your bird seed orders and donations!

2025 Mill Creek Watershed Bird Survey

By Mal Hays

We started this year's survey on May 14th concluding on June 17th with a group walk. Eight people were in attendance. All of Mill Creek from the Jefferson County Line to the confluence at the Clarion River was walked. The highlight of this year's survey was finding a Louisiana Waterthrush along Mill Creek. A total of 66 species were recorded on this year's survey.

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Wood-Duck | 34. Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher |
| 2. Turkey | 35. Bluebird |
| 3. Killdeer | 36. Veery |
| 4. Turkey Vulture | 37. Wood Thrush |
| 5. Bald Eagle | 38. Hermit Thrush |
| 6. Sharp-Shinned Hawk | 39. Robin |
| 7. Broad-Winged Hawk | 40. Brown Thrasher |
| 8. Red-Tailed Hawk | 41. Catbird |
| 9. Mourning Dove | 42. Cedar Waxwing |
| 10. Ruby-Throated Hummingbird | 43. Northern Parula |
| 11. Belted Kingfisher | 44. Yellow Warbler |
| 12. Red-Bellied Woodpecker | 45. Magnolia Warbler |
| 13. Downy Woodpecker | 46. Chestnut-Sided Warbler |
| 14. Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker | 47. Black-Throated Green Warbler |
| 15. Pileated Woodpecker | 48. Black-Throated Blue Warbler |
| 16. Northern Flicker | 49. Black and White Warbler |
| 17. Eastern Wood-Pewee | 50. American Redstart |
| 18. Acadian Flycatcher | 51. Ovenbird |
| 19. Least Flycatcher | 52. Louisiana Waterthrush |
| 20. Easter Phoebe | 53. Hooded Warbler |
| 21. Great Crested Flycatcher | 54. Scarlet Tanager |
| 22. Blue-Headed Vireo | 55. Eastern Towhee |
| 23. Red-Eyed Vireo | 56. Chipping Sparrow |
| 24. Blue Jay | 57. Field Sparrow |
| 25. Common Raven | 58. Song Sparrow |
| 26. American Crow | 59. Dark-Eyed Junco |
| 27. N. Rough-Winged Swallow | 60. Rose-Breasted Grosbeak |
| 28. Tufted Titmouse | 61. Cardinal |
| 29. Black-Capped Chickadee | 62. Indigo Bunting |
| 30. White Breasted Nuthatch | 63. Red-Winged Blackbird |
| 31. Brown Creeper | 64. Grackle |
| 32. Carolina Wren | 65. Baltimore Oriole |
| 33. Winter Wren | 66. American Goldfinch |

Louisiana Waterthrush
Cameron Darnell/Audubon Photography Awards



2025 Clarion County Common Nighthawk Migration Count

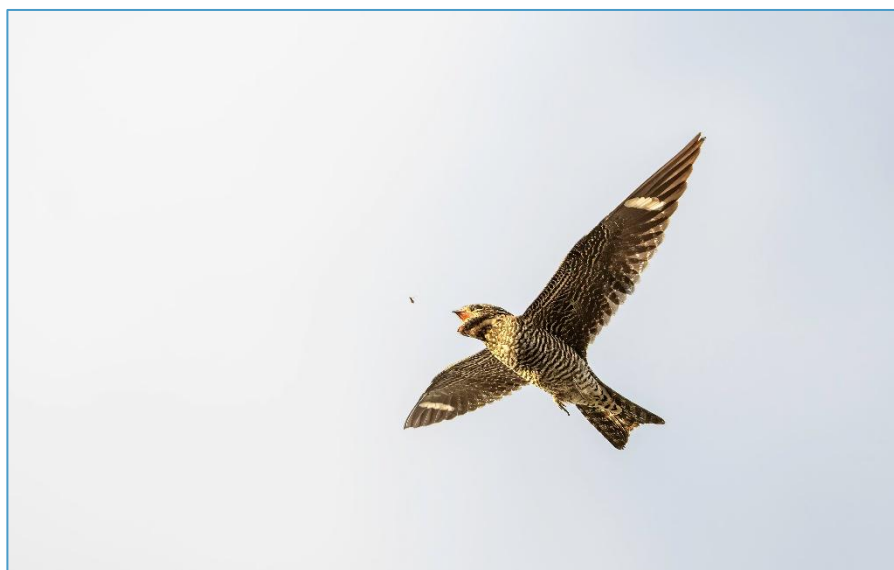
By Mal Hays

2025 was our ninth annual count at the Millcreek boat launch on the Clarion river. We started our count on August 16th, and ended on September 8th, counting each night. We had one rain date on August 27th. Our total count for the year was 460. Our average number of birds over the nine years is 490 birds, so we were slightly below average this year.

We start each evening two hours before sunset and count till dark, breaking it down into four 30-minute quarters. This year the first quarter had 20 birds (4%) of our total, second quarter 197 birds (43%), third quarter 153 (33%), and the fourth quarter 90 (20%). This had been our normal trend over our nine years with the 2nd and 3rd quarters being our highest.

We had 19 different people participate as watchers this year with nine participating for the first time. Larry and I always appreciate all the people who show up to watch and count. The more eyes we have makes for a more enjoyable time and we always enjoy having the new participants. We had 25 other species of birds while doing the count including Bald Eagle, Osprey, Barred owl, Great Horned owl, Solitary Sandpiper, Raven plus many others.

Thanks to everyone who participated this year – looking forward to 2026.



Common Nighthawk
Mark Hainen/Audubon
Photography Awards
09/02/22

2025 Venango County at Oil City Marina ~ Common Nighthawk Watch Migration Count

By Meg Kolodick

2025 was the 26th year for our annual count @ the Marina along the Allegheny River, scanning the skies for 2 hours each evening, till sunset. Count began August 15th and ended September 9th, with August 28th being a partial rainout.

The totals for each of 4 half hours were as such:

- 1st half hour: 7 Nighthawks (2%)
- 2nd half hour: 117 Nighthawks (33%)
- 3rd half hour: 88 Nighthawks (25%)
- 4th half hour: 142 Nighthawks (40%)

Total: 354

Our peak night was September 1st, with a swarm of 110 Nighthawks overhead, in the 2nd half hour. 7 nights yielded no sightings.

We had 18 human participants altogether, along with Jim McGuire's pup Zuzu also enjoying the company. A special thanks to Julie Novacek, who provided treats, homemade chocolate chip cookies.

We had 32 other species, including a Merlin on a phone pole, 7 Spotted sandpipers, an Osprey and both Green and Great blue herons.

Though our total was lower than we'd like, we look forward to better numbers next year.

Fairwell and Best Wishes

As mentioned previously, Paulette Colantonio worked tirelessly to bring children's books to local libraries. Ron Montgomery also shared a memory of Paulette. He said she has a wonderful singing voice. When Margaret Buckwalter was the matriarch of SRAS, she enjoyed inviting Paulette to go birding with her because Margaret was becoming hearing impaired and Paulette, because of her music training, could tell Margaret what the bird sounded like and Margaret could use that description to identify an unseen bird.

Pete Dalby was one of the founding members of SRAS. He was a leader in establishing the Millcreek Coalition, a group of local citizens who spent decades ridding Millcreek of pollution from acid mine drainage. You can read about this in these websites:

<https://www.senecarocksaudubon.org/millcreek-coalition> or

<https://www.clarionconservation.com/mill-creek-coalition>

He was also instrumental in the purchase and designation of Piney Tract as an Important Bird Area. Pete had a wealth of knowledge and contacts that launched our chapter.

Jim Wilson was our craftsman. His nest boxes are standing all around PA and other states as members purchased his feeders and boxes as gifts for family and friends. Of course, our owl nest boxes were made by Jim and he was an integral part of the team that put them up and monitored them. He was an enthusiastic member who created our first patches for hats and vests and carried on to t-shirts.

Looking ahead to 2026, not including a lot of great programs!

- A self-guided Native Garden Tour is planned for the summer of 2026. Maps will be available at the Second Avenue Park. C&A Trees is planning to have some food vendors and you can make that your last stop and perhaps pick up some native plants for your own garden.
- Michael Leahy is planning a wildflower walk. Watch this newsletter or the SRAS website for more information.
- SRAS will have a table at the Brookville Laurel Fest for Outdoor Night, June 15, 2026.
- Peggy Butler is leading a SRAS sponsored bird art contest for preK-2nd, 3rd-6th, 7th-12th via public libraries next spring. Eight libraries (Clarion and Forest Counties and Brookville) have been invited to participate. There will be a first-place prize for each age group at the library level and also a grand prize for the overall winner for each age group.
- Six more owl boxes will be erected on private land and some boxes will be relocated in our ongoing nesting owl box project.
- Nest boxes and bird feeders will be available for sale at 2026 tabling events.

Five Foods to Feed Birds in Winter

- Suet: You can get beef fat directly from your butcher, or purchase premade suet cakes. Attracts Blue Jays, Cardinals, Chickadees, Nuthatches, Pine Warblers, Ruby-Crowned Kinglets, Tufted Titmice, Woodpeckers, and Wrens
- Unsalted Peanuts and Peanut Butter: Jays and woodpeckers prefer whole peanuts, while nuthatches and chickadees like the shelled version. Spread some peanut butter in pine cones, along tree bark, or mix it with suet.
- Nyjer Thistle Seed: Attracts: Finches, Pine Siskins, Dark-Eyed Juncos, and other smaller foragers
- Black-Oil Sunflower Seed and Safflower Seeds: Attracts: Cardinals, Grosbeaks, Finches, Chickadees and Nuthatches
- Dried Fruit and Berries: Offer them in a suet cake, or soak them in water to soften and offer them on a platform feeder. Attracts: Thrushes, Bluebirds, Waxwings, Mockingbirds, and Yellow-Rumped Warblers

Bewildering Birds

Is that a Pine Siskin or a Goldfinch in winter plumage?

Information from: [Goldfinch or Pine Siskin? How to Tell Who's at Your Feeders | Nature Notes Blog](#)

The easiest way to distinguish the two species *if* you're able to get a close enough look is by plumage. Pine Siskins are overall brown with heavy streaking over most of the body, subtle yellow edging on the wings and tail, and notched tail that is forked when in flight. In the winter, American Goldfinches sport nonbreeding plumage that is a pale brown with no streaking, black wings, and light-yellow tones on the face and head.

Pine Siskins have a uniquely shaped bill that is narrow and fine-tipped to aid in extracting seeds from conifer cones. American Goldfinches have more typical conical shaped bill.

Although similar in overall body length and wingspan, Pine Siskins are slightly smaller in stature than American Goldfinches.

Both Pine Siskins and American Goldfinches tend to travel in relatively large flocks, and can be found clinging to branches while extracting seed from cedars, pines, and other conifers. Pine Siskins are typically a little feistier than goldfinches, tussling with each other in mid-air and at feeders, and incessantly twittering as a flock.



Pine Siskin, 10/26/25, Photo by Meg Kolodick



Goldfinch in winter plumage, 02/17/19, Photo by Meg Kolodick



Goldfinch in winter plumage, taken at last year's CBC, 12/14/24, vs. their beautiful summer plumage, Photos by Cindy Bonner



Seasonal Sightings (December-February) *Birds, Flora & Fauna*



Red Breasted Nuthatch, 09/28/22,
Photo by Meg Kolodick



White Breasted Nuthatch, 01/23/23,
Photo by Cindy Bonner

The above photos show an excellent way to distinguish between the two nuthatches: The Red Breasted has a black eye streak, whereas, the White Breasted does not have the stripe and has more black on its head.



The above photo, by Meg Kolodick, shows both types of nuthatches on a suet feeder.



Chickadee, 12/08/??, Photo by Meg Kolodick



Carolina Wren, 01/04/20, Photo by Cindy Bonner



Dark-Eyed Junco, 02/17/23, Photo by Meg Kolodick



Dark Eyed Junco, 01/25/23, Photo by Cindy Bonner



Red-Shouldered Hawk, 02/04/23, Photo by Meg Kolodick



Redpoll, 01/27/21, Photo by Meg Kolodick



Titmouse, 12/16/23, Photo by Meg Kolodick



Although this was taken 11/03/25 and not in the Seasonal Sightings time period, I just had to share it!
This is one reason why the feeder goes in each night!
Now if the bears would just go hibernate!
Photo by Cindy Bonner

The Poetry Corner

All poems are from Beak Bone & Feather.

You can purchase the book at any of our events or programs or on Amazon.

One January Evening

By Deborah Sarbin

A murmuration of starling flew out east of sunset
we all paused on our way home, migrating
humans in
the parking lot
heads up leaving work
caught between two worlds
until our commutes ended
we each contemplated in our own way
students snapped phones to attention:
see, this happened
this was my day
this beauty shimmering when I was between
things
I snapped my words to attention,
looking until syllables framed the meaning
gave a gloss
to the flocking, flying
swirling, spitting
glorious passerines.



Starling and Titmouse photos by Meg Kolodick

Murmuration (Haiku)

By Deborah Sarbin

These daytime stars now
merge into a galaxy
blaze like a comet.

February on the Farm

By Pat Conway

It's February.
Soon spring will come.
I sit by the barn with the weathered boards
at my back
And the warm afternoon sun on my face.
A crow calls to its kind and flies over the
orchard,
Or what used to be the orchards. There are only
stumps there now.
The winter birds are out today.
To the right of me, down by the run, in the
brush, are goldfinch.
To the left, on the feeder, under the
spruce trees,
The tufted titmice, chickadees and
nuthatches feed.
Honey bees fly past me on their
cleansing flights.
I follow one back to the hive.
Below it, the ground is littered with the
bodies of dead bees,
Their life cycles over.
The neighbor's dog is barking
at something I can't see.
Despite the barking dog, it's peaceful here.
The sun warms my bones.
The birds warm my heart.





LEADERSHIP TEAM

TEAM MEMBER	ROLE
Alice Thureau	President, Webmaster & Bird-Friendly Habitat (BFH)
Vickie Gotaskie	Vice-President, BFH
Cindy Bonner	Treasurer, Drummer Editor & CBC Feeder Watch
Kay John	Secretary, Membership & Conservation/Advocacy
Peggy Butler	Education
Nancy Cichocki	BFH, Interim Member at Large
Pat Conway	Facebook & History
Gary Edwards	Outreach Programs
Mal Hays	Outings & CBC
Nick Kolodick	Outings & CBC
Michael Leahy	IBA 21 Piney Tract
Jim McGuire	Education
Ron Montgomery	Outreach Programs
Larry Towse	Outings
Carole Winslow	CBC Compiler, PA Bird Atlas

**To contact one of the team members,
send an email to their attention to
senecarocksaudubon@gmail.com**

The Drummer is the newsletter of Seneca Rocks Audubon Society (SRAS).
The Drummer is available on our website in Adobe pdf
and may be read or downloaded from the site: www.senecarocksaudubon.org.

The Drummer is published 4 times per year

Submission Deadlines

Vol. 1	Winter (December-February)	November 15
Vol. 2	Spring (March-May)	February 15
Vol. 3	Summer (June-August)	May 15
Vol. 4	Fall (September-November)	August 15

Members are encouraged to contribute announcements, articles, photos, etc. to Editor,
Cindy Bonner, 1000 Lincoln St., Sligo, PA 16255, or email attention Editor: SRAS.

Become a Volunteer for SRAS: <https://www.senecarocksaudubon.org/volunteer>

Like us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/SenecaRocksAudubon>

SRAS wishes all our members and friends a wonderful holiday season!