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PRESIDENT'S PERCH

By Michael Marchus, President

As I reflect upon Earth Day 2015, I would like to take a moment to bring you up to speed on some of the wonderful things going on within your Stanton Bird Club! As warmer weather approaches, our dedicated stewardship team is hard at work maintaining nearly 10 miles of trails and preparing to maintaining the natural balance of native plants and wildlife habitat throughout the over 750 acres. In 2014, the stewardship team facilitated the restoration of a three acre meadow portion of our No Name Brook parcel on Thorncrag's east side. At Woodbury the CMP work was finally completed on the massive power line project allowing us to move forward to restore the trail sections the heavy equipment disturbed. In addition, the newly formed Monmouth Conservation Commission has agreed to help us publicize Woodbury in the Monmouth area. As more and more families use our Sanctuaries our commitment to keeping them clean, safe and welcoming for our human visitors while at the same time protecting the natural habitat of our resident birds, plants and animals is increasingly important.

Our educational efforts continue to include a robust schedule of field trips and the club's informative monthly meetings [see the website www.stantonbirdclub.org for schedules]. The Sunday afternoon program offered April-June and September-November has become very popular. In addition, the Junior Naturalist program remains a vital part of the educational effort offered by Stanton. Club volunteers work with youth one evening per month to study nature related topics, followed by field trips to further solidify the learning process. Some of the Jr. Naturalist programs included studying beavers, bird migration flyways, tide pools, and minerals of Maine.

As you reflect upon Earth Day 2015, please consider all of the wonderful activities your Stanton Bird Club has accomplished, and will continue to accomplish in the coming year. Please continue to stand with us through your volunteer efforts and financial support! Here's to another GREAT YEAR!



Photo courtesy of Dan Marquis



STANTON

BIRD CLUB

LEWISTON / AUBURN AREA

Guided Bird Walks

Summer 2015

The Stanton Bird Club is pleased to announce our 9th year of summer **Guided Bird Walks** in the Lewiston / Auburn area. All walks are **free** and open to everyone, beginning naturalist to advanced birder. Walks are led by Stan and Joan DeOrsey, who identify and comment on birds seen and heard.

Anyone interested in walking, seeing new places, fresh air, and nature is welcomed. Walks are held in a variety of interesting and diverse local habitats, plus some areas less often visited. Please mark your calendar and join us every other Wednesday on the dates listed, or pick and choose the one or two which most interest you.

- May 27 Ina Small's Farm, Litchfield, for spring migrants.
Meet at the Promenade Mall / Staples.
- June 10 Papermill & Ricker Farm Trails, Lisbon for migrants and summer birds.
Meet at the Promenade Mall / Staples.
- June 24 Viles Arboretum, Augusta, for summer birds. Bring a picnic lunch.
Meet at the Promenade Mall / Staples.
- July 8 Alexander-Harkens Preserve, Auburn, for resident birds.
Meet at the Promenade Mall / Staples.
- July 22 Androscoggin Riverlands, Turner, for summer birds.
Meet at the Auburn Mall / JC Penney's.
- Aug. 5 St. Peter's Cemetery, Lewiston, for post-breeding resident birds.
Meet at the Promenade Mall / Staples.
- Aug. 19 Pineland Farms, New Gloucester, for early fall migrants. Bring a picnic lunch.
Meet at the Auburn Mall / JC Penney's.

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- **Meeting Locations**, as noted above:
 - Promenade Mall parking lot, near Staples, 855 Lisbon St., Lewiston.
 - Auburn Mall, JC Penney's end parking lot nearest Center St., 550 Center St., Auburn.
 - All walks leave at **8am** to be at the walk site at **8:20am**. Walks end by **11am**, but you may leave early.
 - Walk will be held even if it is drizzling, but if there is a steady rain at 7am and it is projected to continue to 10am, the walk is canceled.
 - Walks are approximately 2 miles on an even and basically dry surface.
 - Bring binoculars and dress for the weather; layers work very well.
 - For any questions, call Stan or Joan DeOrsey at 933-2266 or e-mail jsmd@att.net.



Don't miss our last regular meeting of the season!

Did you know that 70 out of the top 100 human food crops (which supply about 90% of the world's nutrition) are pollinated by bees? And did you know that once your hive is up and running, it can take as little as 30 minutes a week for maintenance (a bit more for collection honey up to twice a year!). If you're interested in learning more about how YOU could keep bees, please join us on Monday, May 4th for "Bees & Beekeeping in Maine", when we will have guest speakers Peter and Paula Schlax, from the Androscoggin Beekeepers Club. The meeting will be at 6:30 pm at the University of Southern Maine's Lewiston-Auburn College, at 55 Westminster Street in Lewiston. Visitors are always welcome, the meeting is free and open to all, so bring any aspiring beekeepers you know!



Photo courtesy of Dan Marquis. Happy Spring!

When is My Membership Renewal Due?

By Michael Marchus

Earth Day is just around the corner, and that means many of you will be receiving your annual renewal letters. Membership/ Supporter donations are accepted at any time; however you'll receive a reminder letter and remit envelope only when your renewal is due. In an effort to use volunteer time efficiently, the Membership/Advancement Committee sends renewal letters twice a year.

- * Earth Day letters are sent to those due to renew in Spring (if you paid between Feb-Aug of 2014)
- Fall renewals are often paid at the Annual meeting (optional) or a Fall renewal letter is sent in late October (if you paid between Sep 2014 - Jan 2015).

You can check your Membership Card to see which season you're due to renew... simply look at the last line to know when you expect your renewal.

From the entire Board of Directors, we thank you for your generous contributions - both dollars and volunteer time.

New & Returning Members

Jake & Katie Ballou
 Chris & Joline Beam
 Glen Bolduc
 John Bonneau*
 Elizabeth Bryant
 Michael Burian*
 Nancy Daniels
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