

Some PSO Activities

Second PA Breeding Bird Atlas

Many of our members were involved in this six-year effort to document breeding birds in Pennsylvania. PSO was, in fact, born shortly after the (First) Breeding Bird Atlas of Pennsylvania - working on this atlas gave birders from all over the state the opportunity to meet, and they decided to found PSO to continue their association and camaraderie. Our work is showcased in the book, *Second Atlas of Breeding Birds in Pennsylvania*.

Certificates of Appreciation

These Certificates, (COAs), are presented to any home-owner who hosted a rare or unusual bird and welcomed visiting birders throughout the year.

PSO Site Guide

The PSO website also includes a site guide, which lists birding site descriptions and other information by county. Simply click on a county for a map and other particulars.

Pennsylvania Migration Count

Since 1992, the PAMC has been held annually on the second Saturday in May. It is a snapshot of bird sightings by county on that day during spring migration. Many of our members are involved in this effort as county compilers and/or observers. An annual report analyzing the data is produced for *Pennsylvania Birds*.

PSO Youth Scholarship

Each year a scholarship is made available to an interested youth to attend our annual meeting.

Facebook and Field Trips

Check us out on Facebook! See www.facebook.com/pabirds for the latest happenings. We all enjoy getting together to bird, so we now have PSO sponsored outings to a nice variety of locations. Details are posted on our Facebook page.

Pennsylvania eBird

PSO supports Pennsylvania eBird, <http://ebird.org/content/pa>. PA eBird is a data entry website for eBird that provides news of the state's birds, birding, and bird conservation. Members contribute field reports and help maintain eBird's data quality.

Winter Raptor Survey

The Winter Raptor Survey (WRS) monitors winter raptor populations in Pennsylvania by the analysis of sightings from roadside surveys. The WRS was the brainchild of one of our members and has been coordinated by him since 2000. These surveys are done by county; each participant creates his own route or routes. A report which evaluates and reports on the findings is published each year in *Pennsylvania Birds*.

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

The Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee (PORC) was established in 1988 under the auspices of the Ornithological Technical Committee, itself a subcommittee of the Pennsylvania Biological Survey. We have recently brought PORC officially into the PSO organization. PORC is a group of volunteers tasked with maintaining the Official List of Birds for Pennsylvania, as well as maintaining a record of rare birds seen in the state.

Join Us!

You may easily join PSO on-line at www.pabirds.org. Click on "Join/Renew PSO" OR you may complete the application below and mail it to:

PSO
2469 Hammertown Road
Narvon, PA 17555-9730

Checks may be made payable to "PSO."
Membership Categories:

- ☐ \$30 - 1 Year Individual Membership
- ☐ \$35 - 1 Year Family Membership
- ☐ \$45 - 1 Year Sustaining Membership
- ☐ \$10 - 1 Year Student Membership
(Students receive digital version of our publications)

Extra Donation to PSO - Amount _____

Check here ☐ if you do not want your address and phone number to be published in our membership list.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____



*PSO outing at a recent annual meeting,
photo by Mark McConaughy*

Annual Meetings

We have one membership meeting each year, held in spring at a different location in Pennsylvania.

This weekend gathering includes socializing, field trips led by local birders, research papers, vendors and a silent auction. The banquet is followed by the presentation of awards and a keynote speaker.

Each year the Earl Poole Award is presented to someone who has increased our knowledge and understanding of the birdlife in Pennsylvania. Periodically, a Conservation Award is given to an individual or organization that has had a positive impact on bird conservation in Pennsylvania.

A selection of PSO T-shirts, hats, logo patches, and bird checklists can be purchased at the annual meeting or on-line.

Publications

All members receive our quarterly newsletter and our quarterly journal. You are encouraged to “go green” and download the newsletter from our website, or it will be mailed to you.

The PSO Pileated, our newsletter, is published four times each year. It includes engaging articles and photos by members, with a focus on birds and birding in Pennsylvania. Some regular columns are the President’s message, “The Raven Reporter,” “Ornithological Literature Notes,” and a Bird Quiz. You will find information about the annual meeting here, as well as a list of PSO Officers and Directors.

Pennsylvania Birds is PSO’s quarterly journal dedicated to bird distribution and occurrence in Pennsylvania. Each issue includes sightings reports for the season on a county-by-county basis, rare bird reports, many excellent bird photos by PA birders, site guides, book reviews, information about Christmas Bird Counts, reports on the Pennsylvania Migration Count (PAMC), the Winter Raptor Surveys (WRS), and much more.

PABIRDS Listserv

Many of our members are involved in the PABIRDS Listserv, which serves as a forum for birders to discuss all aspects of birdlife in Pennsylvania. The listserv links the birding community together electronically. To join the list, go to our website and click on “PABIRDS Listserve.”

Pennsylvania Society for Ornithology



Visit us on the web at
www.pabirds.org

*The PSO was founded in 1990 to foster
the study and appreciation of the
birds of Pennsylvania and to promote
the conservation of birds and their
habitats.*

*We welcome anyone interested in birds,
from beginning birders to
professionals.*