President’s Message

By Diane Edwards

As an all-volunteer organization, LHAS has been very fortunate in having so many members who donate their time and talents to help run our chapter, maintain our sanctuaries, provide interesting programs and field trips, educate people about conservation, conduct nature-related research ... I could go on and on. Many thanks to all of you!

I especially want to thank Dave Tripp, Jr., for coordinating the Summer Bird Count (see the article on page 8). That two-day event is a huge undertaking, although it’s a labor of love for all those who participated. (Likewise, thanks to Ray Belding, who does a masterful job with the Christmas Bird Census — which he’s been leading for more than 40 years!)

Janet Baker, too, deserves a standing ovation for her many years of helping LHAS in just about every aspect — she’s been an officer, board member, committee chair, Annual Appeal coordinator ... I can’t imagine what we would do without her input.

Also thanks — and welcome — to a new board member, Karen Griswold Nelson, the program administrator for the Northwest Conservation District. With Karen’s help, LHAS has collaborated with NWCD on their annual Earth Day Plant Sale, where we distributed Audubon’s Plants for Birds information. Karen will be a great addition to our board.

A big thanks goes to Debbie and Rich Martin and all the vol-

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NEW MEMBERS

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Please email items to appear in the newsletter to Diane Edwards at edwardsd68@charter.net or mail them to her at 68 Shingle Mill Road, Harwinton, CT 06791.

Send other business to the appropriate chairperson at LHAS, P.O. Box 861, Litchfield, CT 06759-0861 or lhasct@me.com.
Remembering Susanne Ainsworth

By Ann Orsillo

Susanne, an LHAS member, passed away peacefully on July 6. Susanne served on the LHAS Board for three years. I met Susanne shortly after she moved into Litchfield from Somers, New York. Together we participated in many LHAS Bird Census and Christmas Bird Counts. One time we traveled to Cape May, New Jersey for a birding weekend.

I can vividly recall two events that we shared during those years. One early morning we ventured down to Woodridge Lake and while I was setting up my scope, Susanne uttered, “Osprey”! Sure enough there was an Osprey perched in a tall pine tree across the lake. We often observed Osprey during migration periods, but this was a first for our census count area. Since that sighting years ago, Osprey have nested in Goshen for the last five years.

On another census Susanne and I were counting bluebirds in a field overlooking Woodridge Lake. The unmistakable call of the Common Loon wafted up from the lake. We just looked at each other and jumped in the car and drove to a vantage point where we observed the loon. Loons stop by in migration during the month of May but this was a late migrant for the month of June. We were thrilled. We enjoyed many other bird hikes together.

Susanne was an avid gardener. Every summer she showed me her many flowers growing in her garden. Bluebirds nested in the boxes around the house, and there were hummingbirds galore. She enjoyed many meetings and excursions with the Goshen Garden Club.

Susanne took pleasure in kayaking, and we paddled together on the Bantam River. One year she graciously invited a group of us to kayak on Lake Waccubuc where her family maintained a cottage. The highlight was a very friendly Green Heron that allowed us to slither very close.

Susanne will be remembered for her smile, her sense of humor, her bird sighting skills, and love of nature and outdoor activities. Her beautiful cats were a great comfort and pleasure. Her husband, Harry, shared in her enthusiasm and served as LHAS President from 2013–2016.

Our condolences go to her loving husband, Harry (Pete), and her family. She will be missed.

Condolences

LHAS extends deepest sympathy to David and Jeanne Woolley. David’s mother, Mabel Woolley, passed away July 10 at the age of 105.

Condolences also go to Carol Perrault, whose sister passed away in August.

We are sorry to report that longtime member and supporter of LHAS Bill Gregware passed away in August. We extend sincere sympathy to his family.

Congratulations

LHAS congratulates Doreen and Bob Orciari, who recently became grandparents on the birth of their granddaughter, Catherine Ann, on July 19, and Debbie and Rich Martin on the birth of their new grandson, George William.

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Volunteers who helped with logistics and refreshments to make the Boyd Woods history walk on July 14 a big success.

Looking ahead, we could use a few volunteers to help staff our table at White Memorial’s Family Nature Day on Saturday, September 28. If you can help us for an hour or two, please contact Carol Perrault at cperra94@sbcglobal.net or 860-589-8023.

Take a look at the list of committees on page 2. If there is anything you would like to help out with, whether once or an ongoing basis, please contact me or the appropriate chairperson.

Meanwhile, enjoy the upcoming fall migration!
Conservation News
By Diane Edwards, Conservation Chair

Where Bobcats Roam

DEEP’s bobcat research project is now in its second year. Data retrieved from GPS collars have revealed that bobcats are using urbanized areas far more than expected. The average home range size was found to be an impressive 8.35 square miles for females and 24.03 square miles for males. For the first phase of the project, 50 bobcats were live-trapped and fitted with GPS collars, which were programmed to detach from the cats on August 1, 2019. The detached collars were located via radio telemetry. In fall 2018 DEEP began trapping and collaring 50 more bobcats. Meanwhile, please report any bobcat sighting to DEEP in one of three ways:

• Record observations through the app iNaturalist (available for free on Android and iOS).
• Send an email message and any photos to deep.ctwildlife@ct.gov.
• Post sightings on DEEP’s Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/CTFishandWildlife.

When recording a sighting by any of these three ways, please provide the following information:

• Date and specific location (including town) of the sighting
• Number of bobcats observed

Will Birds Be Protected from Offshore Wind Projects?

Earlier this year, state lawmakers passed a bill allowing Connecticut to procure up to 2,000 megawatts of offshore wind by 2030. The new law does not include a guarantee that bidders mitigate impacts on birds. According to Audubon Connecticut, it does include language requiring each bidder “include an environmental and fisheries mitigation plan for the construction and operation of... offshore wind facilities” to minimize and mitigate any impacts to wildlife, natural resources, and ecosystems. It further states these plans must include “an explicit description of the best management practices the bidder will employ that are informed by the latest science at the time the proposal is made that will avoid, minimize and mitigate any impacts to wildlife, natural resources, ecosystems.”

DEEP has convened a new Commission of Environmental Standards to provide input on best practices. Audubon Connecticut’s director of bird conservation, Corrie Folsom-O’Keefe, is representing Audubon Connecticut on the commission.

For more information, visit ct.audubon.org/news.

Single-use Plastic Bags to Be Banned

A hazard to wildlife, single-use plastic bags will soon be banned in Connecticut. A new state law passed this year will ban these bags beginning in July 2021. Meanwhile, retailers must now charge a 10-cent fee for all single-use bags at checkout counters.

CT Congressmen Cosponsor RAWA

Three members of Connecticut’s congressional delegation have agreed to cosponsor the Recovering America’s Wildlife Act (RAWA), which was introduced in Congress in July. They are Congressman Joe Courtney, Congresswoman Jahana Hayes, and Congressman John B. Larson.
Boyd Woods History Walk:
Celebrating the Life of Margery Boyd

By Debbie Martin, Boyd Woods Co-chair

Twenty-one people came out to Boyd Woods on July 14 to hear about the life of Margery Boyd and the history of this land, which is now our 106-acre Boyd Woods Audubon Sanctuary. The weather, which had been extremely hot and humid for days, cooled off (just a bit!) by 5 p.m. when the walk began. We strolled down through the hayfield, past the “Plash,” into the Monarch Meadow, and made a stop at Margery’s Bird Pond. Stories and old black and white photos, depicting these locations as they were years ago, were shared along the way by Boyd Woods co-chairs, Rich and Debbie Martin.

Of special interest to our group was a picture, from 1981, of Margery and her cousin, Tanya, sitting in a tall, wooden bird blind that once overlooked the pond from the place we now stood. Another picture shows Tanya, in this same spot, scattering Margery’s ashes here, after she had passed away (at the age of 86) on August 12, 1992. Margery wanted her land to be enjoyed and preserved by a conservation organization, and she left the decision of who would receive the property to Tanya. We are truly grateful to Tanya for choosing LHAS as the recipient of this gift of land that we have come to cherish just as Margery had. Our walk ended at Margery’s Picnic Rocks — a special place, where Margery enjoyed good times and good food with friends. And now, we too, were thankful to be doing the same. Thanks to all of our volunteers for your time, hard work, wine, appetizers — and cookies!

According to Audubon Connecticut, the bipartisan act would direct resources to recover species before they reach the brink of extinction. The act would steer a steady $1.3 billion in existing annual revenue — collected from the general U.S. Treasury fund — into a conservation account that provides permanent, dedicated funding for wildlife conservation that is not subject to annual appropriations. The funding would be disbursed to states based on their population and land area, with the stipulation that no state can receive more than 5% or less than 1% of the pot. States would have to match at least 25% of the money they receive.

Audubon Connecticut urges you to contact your congressperson to voice your support for this bill.

For more information, visit ct.audubon.org/news.
Meetings, Bird Walks and Activities

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**MEETINGS**

**September 9**  Hawks on a Branch and in the Sky: Tips on Identification  
Monday, 7 PM

It's time for the southbound migration of raptors! Learn from master bander and hawk watcher Larry Fischer as he gives tips on identifying the different species of buteos, accipiters, and falcons. This program is illustrated with up-close and in-the-hand photos of hawks. Larry has been banding and watching hawks for more than 40 years. He lectures on the subject around the Northeast and has twice been a guest lecturer at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City. He has been recognized as an expert in the field of birds of prey.

**October 7**  Members' Night and Potluck Dinner  
Monday, 6:30 PM

Show us your favorite photos or digital slides. Display your prized artwork or handcraft. Are you into knitting, needlework, sculpture, wood carving, etc.? Show it off! LHAS Members’ Night is an opportunity for our talented and artistic members to share those creations and accomplishments with other LHAS members and their guests to see and enjoy. For additional information and an entry form, see page 11. The **deadline for submitting digital photos and the entry form is September 21**. Remember to bring a place setting and your favorite dish or dessert for the Potluck Dinner, which begins at 6:30 p.m.

**BIRDING EVENTS AND FIELD TRIPS**

**September 7**  Bantam River Paddle to Little Pond  
Saturday, 8 AM

Join Ann Orsillo for a leisurely paddle on the Bantam River to Little Pond and back. Bring kayak or canoe, PFD, paddles, water, snack, sunscreen, hat, and sunglasses. **Please let Ann know IN ADVANCE if you are going**: 910-880-1518 or spoonbill@optonline.net. To rent a kayak ($40 a day), call Sportsmen’s in Bantam at 860-567-3167.

**September 13**  A Guide to Restoring the Little Things That Run the World  
Friday, 7 PM

Join Sharon Audubon Center and Litchfield Hills Audubon Society for a special presentation by Dr. Douglas W. Tallamy, author of *Bringing Nature Home*, as he shares the importance of landscaping with native plants for the benefit of caterpillars, pollinators, and birds. There is a $10 per person fee. **Pre-registration is appreciated; to pre-register, call Audubon Sharon at 860-364-0520 x105** and leave a voicemail with your name, number attending, and your contact number. The presentation will take place at the Litchfield Community Center, 421 Bantam Road, Litchfield.

**September 14**  Full Harvest Moon Saunter  
Saturday, 6:30 PM

As the sun sets we'll stroll along a winding, open trail listening for the pleasant sounds of a late summer evening: singing birds, insects, and toads. Big Brown Bats are regularly observed soaring over the clearcuts, and the resident

**MEETING CHANGES OR CANCELLATIONS**

Bad weather? Meeting and event cancellations or postponements are broadcast on WFSB TV Channel 3 in Hartford and on radio station WZBG at 97.3 FM. Notices are also emailed to members on our email notification list; if you want to be added to our email list, **send an email to lhasct@me.com.**
Barred Owl hoots in the woodlands. Heading back to our cars through the hayfield, the full Harvest Moon will be seen, peeking above the horizon. If you'd like to stay awhile to view the moon and stars, and to enjoy the company of friends, be sure to bring a chair. Feel free to bring a beverage of your choice (wine is fine!) and snacks, if you'd like. Bring a flashlight, binoculars, insect repellent, and something warm to wear, as temps drop quickly when the sun sets. No dogs. Meet at the Boyd Woods Sanctuary parking lot on Route 254 in Litchfield. Rain cancels. For additional information, contact Debbie Martin at 860-819-7462 or barnowl524@hotmail.com.

**September 28 . Visit Our Table at White Memorial's Family Nature Day . Saturday, 11 AM – 5 PM**

Be sure to stop by — or perhaps help out — at the LHAS table at White Memorial’s Family Nature Day. We'll have activities for children and information to inspire adults. If you can help staff our table for an hour or two, contact Carol Perrault at cperra94@sbcglobal.net or 860-589-8023.

**October 2 . Wednesday Morning Birding with Ray Belding . Wednesday, time TBA**

For meeting time and location, email Ray at turaco3000@gmail.com and ask him to put you on his email list.

**October 9 . Wednesday Morning Birding with Ray Belding . Wednesday, time TBA**

For meeting time and location, email Ray at turaco3000@gmail.com and ask him to put you on his email list.

**October 12 . Tree ID Walk at Boyd Woods . Saturday, 1:30-4 PM**

Due to an unexpected closure of Route 254 on June 2, only a handful of people were able to reach Boyd Woods for the CT Trails Day Tree ID Walk scheduled for that morning. Those who attended were impressed by our beautiful sanctuary and trails, and said they had learned so much about trees and woodlands on this informative walk. Many others, who were stopped at the roadblock, contacted me to express their disappointment over missing the walk. I promised these folks I would lead another tree walk — so here it is! We'll follow another route this time, highlighting different trees and habitats in other parts of the property. There will be more stories to share about the birds and animals that call these woods home, more trees to identify, and some early fall foliage colors to enjoy. If conditions have been right, an added bonus will be a variety of interesting mushrooms that pop up beside the trails. There will be plenty of time for questions along the way. Bring a camera, notebook, or sketchbook to record your observations, if you wish. The walk of about 1 1/2 miles will cover mostly level ground, with a few short up/downhill sections. No dogs. Meet at the Boyd Woods Sanctuary parking lot on Route 254 in Litchfield. Rain date: October 13 (same time). For more information, contact Debbie Martin at 860-819-7462 or barnowl524@hotmail.com.

**October 16 . Wednesday Morning Birding with Ray Belding . Wednesday, time TBA**

For meeting time and location, email Ray at turaco3000@gmail.com and ask him to put you on his email list.

**October 18-20 . Birding Weekend at Cape May, NJ . Friday–Sunday**

Cape May, NJ, is one of the most well known East Coast birding destinations. We will go to some well known and not so well known birding sites throughout the county with a stop at the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge to net around 130 species. Go to the LHAS website (lhasct.org) newsletter archives and read about our past trips. We have seen some great birds with some great experiences. The Hyland Motor Inn in Cape May Courthouse is honoring the same price as in the past years and looking forward to LHAS's stay. Ten rooms have been reserved for Friday and Saturday nights at $194 (total). Thursday night is also available like last year. To reserve a room or share a room, contact Dave Tripp ASAP for payment details. Questions and reservations shall be made at dtrippjr@gmail.com.

**October 23 . Wednesday Morning Birding with Ray Belding . Wednesday, time TBA**

For meeting time and location, email Ray at turaco3000@gmail.com and ask him to put you on his email list.

**October 30 . Wednesday Morning Birding with Ray Belding . Wednesday, time TBA**

For meeting time and location, email Ray at turaco3000@gmail.com and ask him to put you on his email list.
Summer Bird Count Results 2019

Submitted by Dave Tripp, Summer Bird Count Chair

The 2019 Litchfield Hills Summer Bird Count (SBC) was held on June 8th and 9th. Thank you to all the participants for the early hours and hard work you put into this year’s SBC. That work resulted in the teams’ spending 164 hours, 147.75 during the day and 16.25 during darkness. The following team participants deserve recognition: Judi Armstrong, John Baker, Janet Baker, Bob Barbieri, Ray Belding, Debbie Bishop, Jay Coles, Eileen Cooper, Robin Denny, Angela Dimmitt, Eileen Finnan, Cathy Glasner, Ed Goodhouse, Nicki Hall, Dennis Hannon, Keith Johnson, Bill Kennedy, Marie Kennedy, Patricia Kennedy, Nic Main, Bill Martha, Denise Martha, Debbie Martin, Scott Mills, Russ Naylor, Ann Orsillo, Susanna Shirlock, Sam Slater, Donna Rose Smith, David Tripp Jr., John Wagenblatt, and Fran Zygmont. Thank you!

A total of 131 species and 14,160 individual birds counted during the count weekend were submitted as record to the Connecticut Ornithological Association (COA). Our total number of species increased by one from last year; most annual species were reported. A high note was a Ruffed Grouse counted for the second year in a row. Though it’s a

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Wigwam Brook Sanctuary Update

News from the Chestnut Orchard

By John Baker, Wigwam Brook Sanctuary chair

On June 20, Kendra Collins, regional science coordinator of The American Chestnut Foundation (TACF) in Portsmouth, NH, and her summer intern joined Jack Swatt, president of the CT-TACF Chapter, and about eight or so local volunteers at the Wigwam Brook Sanctuary chestnut orchard to inoculate the chestnut trees for blight resistance. Kendra had grown two batches of blight fungus, one stronger than the other, and these were inserted into nail-sized holes on the trunks, about a foot apart, of about 250 of the chestnut trees. In a few months, the trees should show signs of blight (or not), and in a year, blight resistance should be able to be determined — probably in about 50–70 trees. The nonresistant trees will be removed, and the inoculated area on each will be destroyed. So, this will be quite a circus! Come and get your chestnut wood when we alert you!

Thanks to everyone for their help; it was very much appreciated.

Garrett Smith, a long-time director of the CT-TACF, was very active performing many tasks and planting in most of our orchards. On May 4th, Garrett’s family gathered at Wigwam to spread his ashes amongst the chestnut trees he loved so much. This was indeed an honor for LHAS, as Garrett was an inspired and thoughtful gentleman who helped develop our orchard. We hope he rests in peace amongst the trees and the mission he loved so much; God bless him.

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breeder species in our count circle, it’s hard to find them. Another very tough bird that we have missed year after year is Spotted Sandpiper, but we counted one again this year. Some pretty good ticks always come with some misses: Yellow-billed Cuckoo and Prairie Warbler are at the top. A quote from last year’s report, “Not surprising was the absence of Eastern Meadowlark and Whip-poor-will again. And to make misses really hurt, Mute Swan was not seen for the first time!” Well let it be known that a Whip-poor-will and a Meadowlark were both counted this year, and the Mute Swans made a pretty good return!
After a morning of heavy rain on June 21, the skies filled with glorious, puffy clouds, and a cool, refreshing breeze blew in to greet the 17 people who arrived at Wigwam Brook for the First Evening of Summer Walk. There are so many wonderful things to see and experience at the sanctuary: the bountiful American Chestnut grove, a Mourning Dove on a nest, the beautiful wetlands, wild strawberries! But nothing could compare with the family of four friendly beavers!

Photo: Rich Martin

As we approached their pond, they clambered up the bank toward hands outstretched, offering their favorite food: apples!

Photo: Rich Martin

Near the end of our walk, Joe and Terri Bianchi had parked their truck in an open spot, beforehand, to deliver chairs and refreshments for the group. Here, Stephanie Zomick, Anna Buczniewicz, and Evelyn Gelerter enjoy some home-baked goodies and conversation.

Photo: Rich Martin
MEMBERS’ NIGHT
October 7, 2019
ENTRY FORM

Members’ Night is a non-competitive event that is open to all Litchfield Hills Audubon Society members.

As the main program for the October monthly meeting, members will have the opportunity to share with other LHAS members their artistic and/or photographic works. Help make this a fun-filled evening and one that will continue on in the years ahead by showing off those prized pieces of artwork or photos.

We invite you to participate by submitting a number of your favorite pieces. You can submit: digital photos, photographic prints, paintings, drawings, crafts, sculptures etc. You are free to submit whatever subject or category you wish (family, nature, architecture, etc.).

You can enter up to 10 pieces total for each format type entered (i.e. 10 digital photos, 10 drawings, etc.)

Please select from the list below the type of format(s) and the quantity for each you are submitting.

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Submission Instructions:

- **Digital Photos** – Send your digital photos via email or CD/DVD to Rich Martin by September 21, 2019 (see email and postal address below). Your digital photos will be compiled, with others, to create a slideshow presentation.

- **Photographic Prints** – prepare your prints at home as to how you would like to display them (i.e. mounted on a matt board, in picture frames, etc.) and bring to the monthly meeting on Oct. 7, 2019. Tables and easels will be used to display your photographs.

- **Paintings, Drawings and Crafts** – prepare your artwork and/or craft at home as to how you would like to display them and bring to the monthly meeting on Oct. 7, 2019. Tables will be used to display your artwork and/or craft.

Note: all artwork and photos will be returned to the owner at the end of the meeting.

* Entry Forms Must Be Received No Later Than September 21, 2019 *

Mail or e-mail to:  
Rich Martin  
283 Main Street  
Terryville, CT 06786  
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Your name:  
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For additional information or questions please contact Rich Martin at the above telephone number or email address.
Boyd Woods Tree ID Walk

Tree identification blazes that were placed on numerous trees at Boyd Woods recently were the inspiration for a Tree ID Walk on Saturday, June 2nd, during the CT Trails Day Weekend. Many people who had hoped to attend this walk were, sadly, not able to reach the sanctuary due to a sudden, unexpected road block.

Photo: Rich Martin

Over 40 different trees and shrubs were identified by leader Debbie Martin and discussed by our group of seven walkers as we passed through the sanctuary’s clearcuts, woodlands, and pond habitats. We love our Boyd Woods trees and enjoy sharing their amazing attributes with others! Therefore, we’ve planned another tree walk on October 12. See page 7 for details.

Photo: Rich Martin