President’s Message

By Marie Kennedy, President

In conversations with friends and colleagues, the same theme emerges — how very fortunate we are to live in the Litchfield Hills. We are surrounded by beautiful open spaces, much of it preserved by conservation organizations. These lands have been protected for the flora and fauna within and for the benefit of future generations.

There is no doubt these are challenging times. It is important to remember that being outdoors has many health benefits — it lowers blood pressure, reduces stress and anxiety, and helps to ease depression. So take a health break and spend more time outdoors. Relax in your backyard, go for a walk, or visit your local preserves to enjoy the sights and sounds of nature all around you.

Our three sanctuaries are open to the public, underutilized, and just waiting for you to visit and enjoy.

**Boyd Woods Audubon Sanctuary** — This 106-acre preserve located on Route 254 in Litchfield was gifted to us in 1994 by Tanya Tellman, cousin and heir of Margery Boyd. Margery Boyd was an avid birder and naturalist who kept daily records of birds visiting the property for over 30 years. This tradition continues with well-managed nature trails, ponds, vernal pools, and a new bird blind. The sanctuary contains forested, early successional, and grassland habitats.

**Wigwam Brook Wildlife Sanctuary** — This 36-acre property, acquired by LHAS in 2008, is located along Connecticut’s scenic Route 254 in Litchfield. Since then, an American Chestnut plantation has been planted as well as many native plants and shrubs. Wigwam Brook, the sanctuary’s namesake, tranquilly flows the length of the property, ponding up now and then along the way, thanks to industrious beavers.

**Kalmia Sanctuary** — In 1982, a 9.96-acre property at the end of Laurel Road in Harwinton was donated by LHAS member Dr. Elizabeth Cooling for a nature sanctuary. Upon the passing of Dr. Cooling, the 1880 house and remaining 2.73 acres were turned over to LHAS and added to the sanctuary. Trails lead through a wooded area, opening up to a lovely meadow, which then leads to the butterfly garden where you can sit and take in the beauty.

On another note: Like you, we all miss gathering together for our monthly nature programs, our spring and summer bird walks (thank you, Ray Belding, for bravely taking out small groups) and our LHAS field trips. Although there has not been a major outbreak of the COVID virus in Northwest Connecticut, our board has decided not to schedule any of our monthly indoor programs at this time. We will, though, bring to you some very interesting virtual programs through ZOOM. However, we need your email address so you can have access to these programs. Please send your email address to lhasct@me.com so we can communicate with you.

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NEW MEMBERS

By Doreen Orciari, Membership Records Chair

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*Welcome Back

LHAS Membership is at 843.

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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.
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effectively through these uncharted times.

Much like our beloved birds, we need to be resilient and adaptable. Stay safe, be healthy, and get outside.

*Marie Kennedy*

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**Boyd Woods Sanctuary Report**

*By Rich Martin, Boyd Woods Sanctuary Co-chair*

**New Bird Blind**

It’s been a very long time, a half century, if not more, since I was a Boy Scout. There’s one thing though that I will always remember, and that’s the Boy Scout motto: “Be Prepared.”

There’s no greater example of being prepared than was demonstrated these past 9 months as scout Lucas Oles undertook the enormous responsibility and task of building a bird blind for the Litchfield Hills Audubon Society.

During “normal” times Lucas would have been able to solicit help from fellow scouts, but because of the coronavirus pandemic and the restrictions placed on group gatherings, Lucas was on his own. This didn’t seem to faze him in the least as he was able to round up help from family members and a couple of volunteers from LHAS. It all came together nicely.

It was such a great experience. We had fun working together and learned a lot along the way. If you were to ask me, I think it’s the best bird blind in the state of Connecticut.

Funding for the project was provided by the Connecticut Ornithological Association, the Home Depot in New Hartford, Lucas’s family and friends, and LHAS.

Lucas is no stranger to LHAS. As a youngster he participated in many Junior Audubon events and walks under the guidance and instructional efforts of Cynthia Phipps and Robyn Dinda. It’s no wonder Lucas decided to “come full circle” now that he is older to make such a valuable contribution in support of nature, wildlife, and the public.

LHAS would like to thank Lucas for providing this wonderful addition to our sanctuary. The bird blind will provide many pleasurable moments of observing and identifying wildlife, especially birds, close-up and under the protection of a fantastic shelter. A job well done!

**Trails Status**

The trails at Boyd Woods Sanctuary, after Tropical Storm Isaias came through the area on August 4, overall, are passable and safe. Many trees were either uprooted or had fallen due to their vulnerability from rot and cavities. Terri and Joe Bianchi, Debbie Martin and I over a period of about a week were able to clear most of the trees that were obstructing the trails. A workaround had to be created in one area on the Windy Woods Trail and a very large tree at Margery’s Bird Pond will have to be removed in the near future because of its size and where it fell. For now, visitors will have

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**Condolences**

LHAS extends heartfelt condolences to **Maria Toth** and her family on the passing away of her father in July. We also send our sympathies to **David and Stephanie Zomick** and family. Their elder son, Matthew, passed away in July.

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**The next LHAS Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, November 17, at 7:15 PM in the Litchfield Community Center’s Learning Center.**
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To straddle the tree. The trails continue to require attention, regardless of whatever unsuspected violent storms come through every now and then. With just slightly over 3 miles of trails, you would think a couple of people would be able to manage it all. Unfortunately, because of weather conditions (heat waves especially) and a ton of other things going on, it’s hard to stay on top of things. So, if anyone would like to help out with trail work, don’t be shy, please contact Rich Martin at martins283main@mac.com.

I leave you with some visitor feedback that was received over the past few months.

Date: 4/22/20

Subject: The Boyd Woods Sanctuary

Hello,

I wanted to write and thank you for the Boyd’s Woods Audubon Sanctuary. I am a newcomer to CT, moving here in late 2017 after living in Germany for almost 30 years. I was delighted to discover Boyd Woods in the spring of 2018. I visited again last week with my family and was astounded at how well the trails were now marked. The addition of benches is a wonderful idea, giving the wanderer permission to sit and listen to the birds and feel in tune with nature.

I will return again soon.

Thank you for all your efforts for us, the citizens of Litchfield.

Best,

Ms. Curry Walker

Date: 5/9/20

Subject: Boyd Woods

We hiked around Boyd Woods yesterday. Please tell Tanya the property is beautiful. Audubon is doing lots there with trails, wildlife habitat restoration for the [New England] Cottontail and 47 other species, feeding birds, tree i.d. markers, etc.

We spent about 1 1/2 hours there. It was 70 degrees and smelled like spring. We saw trout lily, wood anemone, marsh marigold, and other wildflowers starting to bloom. We definitely have to go when you’re here some time.

What a nice gift to Audubon! Tell Tanya we said thank you!

Love, Bal

Note: Margery Boyd left 102 acres of her property in her will for her cousin Tanya Tellman, executor of Margery’s will, to find an organization that would keep her conservation-minded vision alive. LHAS was so fortunate to have received the property in 1995.

7/5/2020

Kiosk Notebook entry

Best kept secret in Litchfield County. We’ll be back to enjoy this sanctuary.

Anonymous

Wigwam Brook Sanctuary Report

By John Baker, Wigwam Brook Sanctuary Chair

Wigwam is on the Litchfield Pollinator Pathway (see article on page 9), and we will have a joint project with the North-west Conservation District (NWCD) in a small pollinator garden next to the chestnut orchard.

There are still 23 native plants from the NWCD sale to be planted, weather permitting. Meanwhile, they are in the shade of my personal orchard at home.

There have been several abusive incidents in the parking area at Wigwam, so please keep your eyes open and let’s try to catch the perpetrators.

There is still work to be done in the chestnut orchard, so keep your shears sharp!

Thank you for your help.

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Meetings, Bird Walks and Activities

LHAS Calendar — Summer/Fall 2020

NOTES: Unless otherwise indicated, General Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at the Litchfield Community Center, 421 Bantam Road (Rt. 202), Litchfield, CT. When the first Monday of the month falls on a holiday, the meeting is held on the second Monday. Refreshments are served at 6:45 p.m. The business meeting starts at 7:15 p.m. and the program follows. The April and October meetings are Potluck Dinners starting at 6:30 p.m. The June meeting is the Annual Meeting and Dinner held at a local restaurant; it begins at 6 p.m. Our August meeting is the annual Picnic at Boyd Woods Sanctuary; it begins at 6 p.m. Board of Directors Meetings are held the third Tuesday of every other month at 7:15 p.m. in the Learning Center at the Litchfield Community Center.

GENERAL MEETINGS

We still are not holding our usual Monday night meetings because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

BIRDING EVENTS AND FIELD TRIPS

Please wear a mask and observe social distancing on the following trips.

September 13. . . Birding at the Shore ........................................ Sunday, 8:30 AM
Specific location to be determined nearer the time — perhaps Lighthouse Point Hawk Watch, Milford Point shorebirds, or other. If interested, call Angela Dimmitt at 860-355-3429 or angeladimmitt@aol.com.

September 19. . . Walk at Kalmia Sanctuary in Harwinton . . . . . . . . . . Saturday, 8:30 AM
Marie Kennedy will lead a walk along the sanctuary’s easy trails and a meadow full of milkweed — where we might see many Monarch Butterflies preparing to migrate. Directions: Take Route 72 southbound in Harwinton to Locust Road. Turn right onto Locust, then left onto Laurel Road. Follow that until it becomes a dirt road. Continue a short distance on the dirt road and then park in the lot on the right. (You will pass a house before the road becomes dirt.) For more information, contact Marie at mariekennedy226@gmail.com or 914-393-6270.

September 26. . . Kayaking at Winchester Lake ........................................ Saturday, 10:30 AM
We will paddle leisurely around this 246-acre lake, enjoying the autumn colors. Bring lunch and beverage, a life vest (PFD), hat, sunglasses, and water shoes. If you want, bring a chair or picnic blanket for lunch, which we will eat at the boat launch area. Rain cancels. Meet at the lake by 10:30. Please let Marie Kennedy know IN ADVANCE if you will attend: mariekennedy226@gmail.com.

Wednesday Morning Birding with Ray

Once again, Ray Belding will lead his popular bird walks on Wednesdays this fall, beginning September 30 through November 4. Times and locations to be decided a day or so before. Participation might be limited to allow for social distancing. For information on locations and meeting times, email Ray at turaco3000@gmail.com.

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.
Federal Judge Rules Administration’s Bird-Killing Policy is Illegal

The ruling means the administration must halt its attempt to roll back the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

On August 11, a U.S. District Court judge ruled that the legal opinion which serves as the basis for the Trump administration's rollback of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act does not align with the intent and language of the 100-year-old law. In her ruling, the judge found that the policy “runs counter to the purpose of the MBTA to protect migratory bird populations’ and is “contrary to the plain meaning of the MBTA.”

According to Audubon, the MBTA is a common-sense law that requires companies to do things like cover oil waste pits, which birds mistake for bodies of water, and implement best practices for power lines to reduce bird electrocutions and collisions, among other actions. The administration, though, believes the MBTA's protections apply only to activities that purposefully kill birds, exempting all industrial hazards from enforcement.

The District Court decision comes as a result of a series of lawsuits brought in 2018 by Audubon, several other conservation groups, and eight states.

Congress Passes, President Signs Great American Outdoors Act

From a National Audubon news release:

In August the president signed the Great American Outdoors Act, which provides permanent, mandatory funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) at the authorized amount of $900 million annually at no additional cost to taxpayers. The program will help national parks, local parks, public lands, and athletic fields in every county across the country. The House of Representatives had passed the bill in a bipartisan vote in July. The bill was passed by the Senate in June.

The bill also creates a new fund ($1.9 billion annually for five years) to address deferred maintenance projects at the National Park Service, Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Bureau of Indian Education schools. These public lands and spaces provide critical bird habitat, protect endangered species, support the capture of carbon emissions, and connect people with birds across the country, but managing agencies have struggled to keep up with repairs for buildings and infrastructure even as visitation has increased.

“Our parks and public lands are sanctuaries for people and birds alike, and now we can do more to provide the protection and care they deserve,” said Audubon President David Yarnold.

Victory for a Little Fish Seabirds Rely On

From an Audubon Connecticut news release:

A small forage fish called Atlantic Menhaden, which serve as a major food source for many seabirds on the East Coast, has been properly recognized as the foundation of the ocean ecosystem. The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission voted unanimously [in August] to adopt a new approach, known as ecological reference points, to ensure the menhaden population never drops below levels that would put birds and other wildlife at risk. Managing fish this way would mean more menhaden and healthier marine life from Maine to Florida, while allowing commercial fishing to continue.

Key Environmental Law Weakened

From a National Audubon news release:

The president in July unveiled the final changes his administration is making to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Passed in 1970, NEPA ensures that the harms from proposed actions are considered and that the public knows what agencies are planning with a chance to weigh in before they are approved.

Among the changes made by the administration is the elimination of accounting for the cumulative and indirect impacts of activities that are often part of the biggest risks from proposed projects, like an oil and gas pipeline, or climate change.

The National Audubon Society has submitted formal comments opposing these changes, and thousands of its members have weighed in through the previous comment process. It is the organization’s view that the revisions will render NEPA unrecognizable when compared to the intent of the original law, and have ripple effects across conservation, health, and safety.
Seeds 'n' Suet

Some bird observations during a challenging 2020 season

By Russ Naylor

Southbury Training School Farm, Cassidy Road

Cold and snow squalls on May 9, with the season’s first Veery and Swainson’s Thrush gleaning insects from the roadside amid swirling snowflakes. Rescued a downy baby Killdeer from the road, with ¼ inch of snow covering the vegetation. Despite a hunting Kestrel pair, this little one fledged thanks to protective parents. Two or three meadowlarks present through summer.

Hesseky Meadows Pond, Woodbury

For at least the fourth straight year, a Black Duck pair bred here, fledging seven young alongside a brood of Hooded Mergansers, five Great Blue Heron nests, and dozens of Swamp Sparrows.

Mitchell School/Woodbury Middle School Chimney Swift IBA (Important Bird Area)

For three to four years, a trio of swifts raised young in Mitchell School’s south chimney, raising four to six young each year. In 2020, two of the three turned up, missing their third partner, to raise three fledglings — experienced breeders. Late snow, frost, and cold in May, then May–July drought, meant widespread nest failure for many other swifts in the area. By July 2-4, many Chimney Swifts started southbound, with 280 birds staging at both roost chimneys for one to two days.

Sandy Point, West Haven

Lots of Piping Plovers, Least and Common Terns nesting; three Oystercatcher pairs with young, Saltmarsh Sparrows fledging nestlings. Best birds — Black Skimmers are back! — seven birds with three nesting pairs. Hope they come back!

Hammonasset Beach State Park

Many nesting pairs of Osprey and Willets. Cedar Island hosting quite a few Saltmarsh and Seaside Sparrows, plus a pair of nesting Boat-tailed Grackles — a nice bonus. Good looks at Glossy Ibis also.

Milford Point

Expanding marsh and sandbar habitat with plenty of Piping Plovers, 12 Least and four Common Terns nesting, two Oystercatcher families, plus an oversummering White-rumped Sandpiper and Caspian Tern — both subadult. Thriving Purple Martins feeding young and pushing House Sparrows out of the neighborhood.

Wimisink Sanctuary, Sherman

This was the place to be! One of the last habitats in western Connecticut with a healthy bullfrog population. Birds, birds, birds all around — Wood Duck families by the dozen; two clans of Hooded Mergansers — one hen with 10 young — a pair of Least Bitterns on breeding territory for the second consecutive year; nesting Virginia Rails; three to four territorial Soras; a gathering of Green Herons, Marsh Wrens, and Swamp Sparrows.

Lake Zoar, Southbury

Despite lots of watercraft activity, spring/summer breeders

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Thank goodness for all the farmers’ markets around — the first corn yesterday!

Two sweet bunnies have appeared, almost tame in their proprietorship. I am waiting for the other dozen to appear. My cats, meanwhile, have been going outside a bit, the occasional “cocktails on the patio” with friends, and also tours of others’ gardens — surely a “safe” thing to enjoy while, of course, always wearing masks and staying well apart! I am so lucky — have everything I need, including a garden to keep me busy and that most excellent and socially safe hobby, birding. I wish everyone were as fortunate — and I greatly appreciate all those selfless, hard-working people who make life as safe and nearly normal as possible for others.

Now gardens are bursting with color, coneflowers, black-eyed susans, zinnias, daylilies, oriental lilies, phlox in many different hues, hostas, and this year hydrangeas are resplendent. The drought has not yet taken its toll. Some people’s vegetable gardens are bursting with produce (mine not so much); veggies grown in large tubs are excelling themselves — I’m trying that this year, but three different butterflies have zoomed in on the kale and their caterpillars are ending that dream (spraying with organic Neem does not seem to help).

On the home front, the family of Barred Owls finally moved on from the pines across my road — they would sing out at all hours of the night and day.

Anyone doing the CT Bird Atlas project has had a busy month, baby birds everywhere — except of course, the ones one is trying to “confirm.” I’ve been going up to the Wimisink marsh in Sherman quite often hoping to see baby Least Bitterns, Soras, and Virginia Rails — so far no luck; they are just too secretive, although they do sing and call from their

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hides in the reeds and grasses. However, three families of Green Herons have fledged, and nine or 10 fly back and forth chasing parents, begging for food. The kingfishers have also brought their young to the pond, plus lots of swallows and other residents, so there’s plenty of entertainment there. Even an Osprey for a few days.

On the home front, the family of Barred Owls finally moved on from the pines across my road — they would sing out at all hours of the night and day; two pairs of House Wrens are on their third brood; the bluebirds finally fledged theirs on the hottest day of the month; the Carolina Wrens also fledged and the male is now relatively quiet, though I don’t miss that loud, clear singing at 6 a.m. Hummingbirds are now fighting over one feeder while ignoring the other — I moved it to the shade from a spot they loved in the hot sun, where it quickly spoiled. They are also feasting from a variety of flowers on my back patio, always a joy to watch. They must be the female’s young, but I never discovered her nest. Once as I went to the stream with cans for water for the veggies, a Great Blue Heron was feeding on little fish below the bridge. I had counted 32 crayfish basking on the sunny mud — maybe he ate them too.

Life goes on! Stay safe and well — keep your social distance, more than 6 feet if possible, and WEAR THAT MASK!

Seeds ’n’ Suet (continued from page 7)

proved resilient and successful. Notable among them:

- Two Common Merganser hens, one with 14 young and one with 21 young, all fledged by July 15.
- Shepaug Dam’s Black-crowned Night Heron pair fledged two young by July 9-10.
- Osprey pair on Tom Crider’s easement cell tower nest (next to Bent of the River Audubon land) — fledged one young for the seventh year in a row.
- Lake Zoar Bald Eagle pair — fourth consecutive nesting — brought two eaglets to full independence by July 15.
- Healthy broods of Belted Kingfishers, Winter Wrens, and Louisiana Waterthrush fledged on Lake Zoar’s shores.
- No Spotted Sandpipers, though. This species hard to come by these days.

LHAS Sanctuaries Becoming ‘Pollinator Pathways’

By Karen Griswold Nelson, LHAS board member and NWCD staff

The Pollinator Pathway program was created to be a part of a worldwide effort to connect the globe’s fragmented landscapes. Its first design project, in the heart of Seattle, Washington, in 2007, was a mile-long project to connect Seattle University’s campus with a small woodland called Nora’s Woods. Out of this idea emerged other Pollinator Pathway projects, including one in the Northeast called “Pollinator Pathways Northeast.” Its stated mission is to establish pollinator-friendly habitats and food sources for bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, and other pollinating insects. Its established pathways in Connecticut, New York, and Pennsylvania have been created by town-based organizations run by volunteers from various town conservation groups encouraging private citizens and municipalities to plant native pollinator-friendly plants and avoid pesticides and chemical fertilizers. Its website, www.pollinator-pathway.org, contains many valuable resources, including links to Audubon’s website, www.audubon.org/news/how-make-your-yard-bird-friendly.

Currently many towns in western Connecticut have become part of this program, most recently, Litchfield, through the efforts of White Memorial, members of the Litchfield SustainableCT program, LHAS President Marie Kennedy, the Northwest Conservation District (NWCD), and many others. LHAS’ Boyd Woods Audubon Sanctuary and Wigwam Brook Sanctuary have been identified as Pollinator Pathway sites in Litchfield. Our Kalmia Sanctuary will be added to the state map as the first in Harwinton through the efforts of LHAS members Bob and Doreen Orciari and friends.

If you live outside of Litchfield, please check out the Pollinator Pathway website to see if your town is listed. If not, you might create a pollinator pathway in your own yard. You can help to spread the word by ordering a 6-inch sign ($10 donation requested) through the Pollinator Pathway website. Or, you may contact me at 860-309-9018 regarding signage and outreach materials.
It's Raptor Migration Time!

From September through mid-November, raptors by the thousands pass through Connecticut skies as they head south for the winter. Audubon Connecticut says that on a good day with north-west winds, or after a cold front, one may see a variety and large number of raptors such as eagles, kestrels, Sharp-shinned Hawks, Ospreys, Broad-winged Hawks, and Peregrine Falcons.

Good hawkwatching sites in our state are Lighthouse Point Park in New Haven, Quaker Hill in Greenwich, and Chestnut Hill (at the intersection of Chestnut Hill Road and Camp Dutton Road) in Litchfield.

Osprey

Photo: Diane Friend Edwards