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President's Letter

The end of June will mark the end of my first term as president of the board and the end of our fiscal year at Bedford Audubon Society. I would like to thank all our directors and committee members and volunteers for making this year successful. If you sit back and think about the volunteer-hours that go into producing all our programs each month, scheduling the field trips, the countless hours spent on meetings, working in the garden and fields to preserve our habitat, keeping Bylane in the best shape we can, communicating with the various public media agencies, the work that goes into each newsletter, and office work, you would think we do it with mirrors! But no, that cliché does not apply here. All that we do is planned, orchestrated, and implemented by our loyal cast of volunteers, directors and committee members. We can all be proud to call Bedford Audubon our own. Thanks again, and, special thanks to our financial committee for keeping us on the straight and narrow and on track to meet our long-term needs.

This past year we continued to make necessary upgrades to Bylane. All underground fuel storage tanks were successfully removed with no leaks reported, and we upgraded the electrical service to the building with a larger service. Our water supply was tested and new filtering and an ultraviolet sanitizing system was checked and upgraded. I mention these items in case we can be of some help to our members that have the same issues in their own homes. We would be happy to share our experiences with you.

The Hawkwatch results of last fall's monitoring at the Arthur Butler Sanctuary are now up on our Website. Our Hawkwatcher, Allisyn Gillet, created a wonderful Powerpoint presentation that can be downloaded as a pdf document.

Also this past season, our volunteer eagle watchers, along with Tait Johansson, finished monitoring by the end on March and our garden committee with many volunteers planted shrubs for Earth Day as a conservation method. A lot of hours, often cold and wet ones, were spent here!

A list of the birds seen on our annual Birdathon, held over the May 9-10 weekend, is available on our website. (See separate article on page 4.) Thanks for all your support. We had five teams go out this year, including our group of North Salem High School students with their environmental science teacher, Scott Lenhart, as part of the NSHS Science Research Program, and, Scott Wieman, our Martin McGuire Scholarship winner.

Looking ahead to the summer, Linda Burke and her water monitoring volunteers will take to the streams once again as part of our continuing relationship with the Westchester County Citizens' Water Monitoring Program. These results are used by various agencies to maintain water quality consistency.

I am excited that we are also attracting some younger students to Bedford Audubon as we move forward to support our educational programs. We are currently working with a group of Cub Scouts from Carmel to assist them with their Webelos' nature study requirements on their way to becoming Boy Scouts.

Our monthly Katonah Library program schedule will end the season with the June program, and will return again in September, after a well-deserved summer break. Carol Gracie and her staff of Events volunteers deserve a quality thank you for putting these programs together. The presentations have been top shelf! They are already hard at work scheduling next year's events.

Special thanks this year to our hospitality chief and animal rehabilitator, Valerie Palen. Valerie has been a committee volunteer and member in good standing for many years now and is always there when needed. And, if you think the cookies don't matter, the Mallomars received a favorable member response over the winter!

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Our Mission

The mission of the Bedford Audubon Society is to promote conservation and protection of wildlife habitats in the northern Westchester and eastern Putnam region through education, advocacy, nature study, and birdwatching.



BAS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

6/11	7:30 p.m.	An Overview of the Life of Carolus Linnaeus and His Contributions to Biological Taxonomy/ Katonah Village Library
6/12	9:00 a.m.	Darwin's Garden: An Evolutionary Adventure at the NY Botanical Garden
6/21	3:00 p.m.	Babes in the Woods
6/22	10:00 a.m.	Damsels and Dragons
6/24	9:00 a.m.- Noon	Nature Hike at Hunt-Parker Sanctuary
7/16	9:30 a.m.- Noon	Nature Hike at Hunt-Parker Sanctuary
7/19	9:00 a.m.	Excursion to Wethersfield Estate and Gardens in Amenia and Trevor Zoo in Millbrook
8/7	9:30 a.m.- Noon	Nature Hike at Hunt-Parker Sanctuary
8/23	8:00 a.m.	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge



Volunteers Plant for Habitat Enhancement

By Nannette Orr



Bedford Audubon celebrated Earth Day by planting shrubs and trees at its headquarters at Bylane Farm in Katonah during the week of April 21, 2008. We thank the Watershed Agricultural Council's Forestry Program for a grant which funded the purchase of 500 Northern Bayberry (*Morella pensylvanica*; formerly *Myrica pensylvanica*) and 250 White Spruce (*Picea glauca*).

We are indebted to volunteers who donated a total of 75 hours planting for the enhancement of bird habitat. Species such as Prairie Warbler, Field Sparrow, Indigo Bunting, and Eastern Towhee are a few of the shrubland bird species that will benefit from Bedford Audubon's Habitat Management Plan.



We thank the following for donating their time to this project: Bonnie Barrett, Joe Bernhart, Bev Elgar, Doug Erickson, Don Hopko, Tait Johansson, John LaPadura, Jan Linsky, Rosa Lutar, Stan Mandel, Sue McIntyre, Nannette Orr, Ginny Powers, Ted Raymond, Bobbi Reynolds, Alain Rossignol, Frank Ruckel and son, John Settembrino, and Michelle Walter.



Trip Report: It's All Happenin' at the Zoo

By Joan Eckels Becker



Inca Tern

Photo by Tom Griswold

On a weather-perfect Thursday, April 10, 2008, an enthusiastic group of Bedford Audubon members lifted their binoculars and came eyeball-to-eyeball with Laughing Kookaburras, Pink Cockatoos, Andean Condors, Tufted Puffins, high-flying hornbills and Helmeted Curassows, to name only a few of the species ogled on our spring excursion to the Bronx Zoo. With more than 4,000 animals

on 265 wildlife acres, the Bronx Zoo (only 45 carpool-minutes from Bylane) is always a glorious destination for animal lovers young and old.

No surprise that our visit focused on the park's award-winning bird exhibits. We viewed Snowy Owls, King Vultures, Golden Eagles, Barred and Barn Owls, and other raptors in the *Birds of Prey* outdoor aviaries. Our own species behavior could only be described as "giddy and gleeful" in the multi-story *House of Birds*, home to scores of the planet's most striking and elegant feathered friends, with desert, tundra, and tropical varieties all well represented.

As the sole visitors to the *Sea Bird Colony* (the zoo's best-kept secret, in my opinion), we felt like explorers on a slice of windswept South American coast, walking alongside rugged cliffs encircling rocky waters. This enormous outdoor aviary is home to the swooping and diving seabirds of Patagonia, including Magellanic Penguins, Guanay Cormorants, mustachioed Inca Terns, Black Oystercatchers, and assorted gulls. And in the nearby *Aquatic Bird House*, we had close-ups of colonies of storks and starlings, ibises and avocets. Our binoculars swept the *Northern Ponds* and we shamelessly and shamefully debated identification of the dozen-or-so duck species in residence.



Bee-eater

Photo by Tom Griswold

And no zoo trip would be complete without a visit to the *Butterfly Garden* or appreciative views of the great bears, twin snow leopards, tigers, and lively lowland gorillas.

Excursion highlight? The camaraderie of our Bedford Audubon members – longtime and new, expert and novice – as we shared a tasty lunch, our minute-by-minute enthusiasms, and a commitment to a healthy earth for all inhabitants. Join us for our next Bronx Zoo adventure!



Mark Your Calendars!

Wednesday, September 10, 7:30 p.m.

Return to the Lost World — Adventures With Birds of Paradise and Tree Kangaroos in New Guinea With Dr. Bruce Beehler
Katonah Village Library, 26 Bedford Road, Katonah



This Is an Absolute "Can't Miss" Event!

Featured on CBS *60 Minutes* on December 16, 2007, the eminent ornithologist, ecologist, and conservationist Bruce Beehler of Conservation International will present a lecture about his

two trips in 2005 and 2007 to the Foja Mountains in the Indonesian section of New Guinea – "a place as close to the Garden of Eden as you can get" untouched by humans, a world of strange and hauntingly beautiful birds, many of them never before seen by man. The presentation will include video clips of the displays of the Golden-fronted Bowerbird and Black Sicklebill.

Bruce Beehler's latest book entitled *Lost Worlds*, focusing on rainforests of the world, will be for sale at the lecture.

The CBS *60 Minutes* story on Dr. Beehler, including video clips, can be found at <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2007/12/13/60minutes/main3615385.shtml>



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Please see the field event schedule for the summer. We have the return of our good buddy, noted Damselfly and Dragonfly expert, Ed Lam, in June for a Sunday Bylane walk.

Please do not hesitate to call or email me if you have any suggestions or comments about Bedford Audubon. I would be happy to hear your thoughts.

Looking forward to a great summer, we hope you enjoy our outdoor events and we will be back in the fall.

Tony Ianniello



Bedford Audubon's Wintering Bald Eagle Survey

By Tait Johansson



Michelle Walter and Nannette Orr are eagle monitoring

This past winter, Bedford Audubon conducted the second year of its wintering Bald Eagle survey. A committed group of volunteers surveyed three different roosts of Bald Eagles in our area three times a week from late December to late March. The lower Hudson River

has the largest concentration of wintering Bald Eagles in the Northeast north of Chesapeake Bay, and the BAS survey is intended to collect information on the use of these roost sites to assist in protecting this wintering population.

The number of eagles at these roosts varied greatly from one day to the next. On a warm day, just a few eagles would roost, whereas in the coldest part of the winter (the peak time for wintering eagles in our area), the two largest totals at a time were 51 Bald Eagles counted on the north side of Montrose Point in Montrose on February 14, and 47 at the New Croton Dam on January 26!

Another exciting observation was that two nests discovered last year, one of them by Bedford Audubon volunteers, were once again being used by bald eagles as nesting sites. That brings the total number of active Bald Eagle nests along the Hudson tidewater to at least 20.

The final comprehensive report will be offered to various agencies like the DEP and DEC to complement their own counts for the season.

In addition, these results will be posted on eBird, a huge data source started by Cornell's Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society back in 2002. eBird is very quickly becoming the largest biodiversity data resource of bird observations. The information is then shared with educators, land managers, ornithologists, and conservation biologists for a better understanding of bird distribution across the western hemisphere and beyond.

Many thanks to all of the volunteers that participated in the survey. The project would have been impossible without all your hard work.



Trip Report: Dance of the Woodcock, April 26

By John Askildsen

Over 25 people attended this popular walk held at Ward Pound



Ridge Reservation. As the Field Sparrow's, Eastern Towhee's, and Northern Cardinal's evening chorus yielded to fading light, "our quarry" — the American Woodcock — took center stage. First we heard the distinctive "PEENT" call from the nearby wetlands where woodcocks

spend their days, with the birds emerging into the fields shortly thereafter. Several male woodcock put on excellent aerial flight displays, with the majority of the onlookers seeing and hearing all aspects of the woodcock's courtship display. For some it was their first experience of this amazing spring ritual.



2008 Birdathon

By Richard L. Becker

BAS Birdathon: "A great way to get out and see birds while generating contributions for Bedford Audubon." This year we were pleased to have five groups participating during the Birdathon period of May 9-10.

Scott Lenhart was able to take three North Salem High School students out on Friday afternoon. Despite the steady cold rain, they were able to count 19 species on school property in 1 hour. This was their first-ever "bird team." Scott reports, "The kids and I had fun and they asked when we could do this again. My principal was very supportive of this activity."

BAS scholarship winner Scott Wieman was a team of one. With his parents switching off driving, Scott covered around 400 miles over the course of the contest, walking at Rye Marshlands, Edith G. Read Sanctuary, Ward Pound Ridge, Jamaica Bay, Jones Beach, Point Lookout, and the New York Botanical Garden. Scott recorded 100 species of birds and said, "...the best/rarest of which were Red-necked Phalarope at Jamaica Bay, Harlequin Duck at Point Lookout, American Golden-Plover at Jones Beach, Bobolink at Jamaica Bay, Blue-winged Warbler and American Woodcock at Ward Pound Ridge, and Yellow-breasted Chat at Jamaica Bay.

Jack Kozuchowski birded in Westchester County on Saturday at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation and at BAS's Bylane Farm. Peter Becker joined Jack for part of the day. Jack totaled 52 species. Among Jack's highlights were being able to "immediately key the song of a Rose-breasted Grosbeak and then being treated to a view of the grosbeak singing from the top of a tree" and "an imperial view of a male Common Yellowthroat at the Michigan Road Pond in Ward Pound Ridge Reservation."

Tait Johansson participated in New Jersey Audubon's World Series of Birding and supported the BAS Birdathon at the same time. Birding only on the Cape Island (Cape May south of the Intracoastal Waterway), Tait's team tallied 145 species and won the Cape Island Cup for the most species found on the Cape Island. We congratulate Tait for his outstanding showing.

Joan B. and Richard Becker's plans for birding on Friday evening were cancelled because of the heavy rain. Despite this, they tallied 100 species on Saturday at Alley Pond Park and Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge in Queens, New York. Joan's best bird was a Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow at Bench 7 at Jamaica Bay; Richard's was the Red-necked Phalarope at the same spot. A pair of Bobolinks made three unusual sightings at the same location. Bedford Audubon would like to thank all who took part in the Birdathon and all those who sponsored the participants.



Bedford Audubon Society Awards Scholarship to High School Student from Katonah



On May 14, **Scott Wieman**, a sophomore at Rye Country Day School, in Rye, New York was awarded Bedford Audubon Society's 2008 Marty McGuire scholarship at the Katonah Village Library. Scott was chosen from a list of highly qualified candidates from Northern Westchester and Eastern Putnam counties. He will use the award to attend a weeklong environmental science research camp at Maine Audubon's Hog Island Audubon Center.

Scott Wieman has shown a keen interest in the environment, particularly in ornithology, for many years. Scott has attended the Hog Island Camp twice. He has worked as a volunteer at Dinosaur National Monument in Colorado, been a Conservationist in Training at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, attended Audubon Vermont's High Pond camp, and worked at the Rye Nature Center. At Rye Country Day School he is the Vice President of the Environmental Club and is in the midst of a three-year research program, under the mentorship of Andrew Farnsworth of Cornell University's Lab of Ornithology, focusing on wood warblers and specific threats to their migration. Scott has participated in many Bedford Audubon events, most recently the 2008 Birdathon. His lifelist of birds that he has observed currently stands at 570 birds (475 in the United States). Scott intends to pursue environmental studies in college.

About the Scholarship

Bedford Audubon Society's Marty McGuire Scholarship, was established in memory of Marty McGuire of Putnam County, NY, who died tragically in a car accident in August of 2007 at age 25. He was an active and enthusiastic young birder and naturalist, whose every breath was filled with his love of nature. In awarding the scholarship, preference is given to students who are involved in relevant environmental research and have also participated in conservation-minded community service.



BAS Board Notes

At Bedford Audubon's Annual Meeting on May 14, Nannette Orr and Carol Gracie were both elected to a second three-year term to the BAS Board of Directors. Janet Andersen, who had been appointed to the Board after last May's annual meeting, was elected to complete her first three-year term. The balance of the Board remains the same.

At the May 15 Board of Directors meeting, all current officers were re-elected to their current positions for another one-year term.

Copies of the BAS financial statements can be seen on the web by clicking on the links at the bottom of the page at <http://bedfordaudubon.org/about-bas.html>



Pet Poop Pollutes!

By Janet Andersen



Warmer weather and longer days lure us all outside. Pet owners can step in to make a difference now.

Scoop and bag. According to several national studies, about 40% of owners do not clean up after their pets. Most people recognize that dog and cat poop can be a nuisance and can affect water quality, but think it is a minor contributor to the overall problem. The effects of not cleaning up can be much greater than they think. But it is something that is in our control, and it is much easier than slowing the multiplication of geese or fixing aging septic systems.

It's not just fertilizer. Dog and cat poop is not fertilizer. It's the same stuff that humans have learned to put into toilets and septic systems. The primary reason we do that is to control bacteria, including *E. coli*. Studies in Seattle showed that 20% of the identifiable watershed bacteria came from dogs. The US EPA estimated that for watersheds up to 20 square miles, 2 to 3 days of droppings from 100 dogs would contribute enough bacteria and nutrient to close waters to swimming and fishing. And here size doesn't matter—even small dogs contribute to the problem.

What you don't pick up grows weeds or algae in our streams, lakes, and reservoirs. Pet waste contains nutrients that promote weed and algae growth. A 45 pound dog produces 2 pounds of phosphorus annually. Each pound of phosphorus contains nutrients for 500 to 1100 pounds of plants. These nutrients wash off roads and lawns and run downstream into our water bodies.

Dog feces can transmit a number of pathogens to wildlife:

- *Parvovirus* affects other canines and was the source for wolf pup mortality in Glacier National Park area in the early 1990s.
- *Muscle cysts* can affect ungulates like deer and elk.

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- *Leptospirosis* is a bacterial disease that affects the kidneys and urinary tract of most species of mammals.
- *Parasites* such as *ticks*, *keds*, *tapeworms*, and *fleas* can be passed to wildlife.

Yuck! On a personal note – I'd really like to be able to walk barefoot in the summer. So please pooper-scoop and dispose of the poop in your trash to get it out of your watershed! Put cat waste in the trash, too.



Backyard Birds During Migration

By Tony Ianniello

I received my Audubon “initiation” ten years ago, and each spring I look forward to seeing different birds on their way north. It reminds me of my childhood, collecting coins and stamps. You want to find that unusual and somewhat rare specimen. I don't complain though, as I feed birds all year round and enjoy seeing cardinals, finches, sparrows, jays, juncos, titmice, chickadees, and crows.

Millions of birds migrate during this period, and my yard is like an aviary. I have three hummingbird feeders, a large platform feeder, four or five small peanut and sunflower heart feeders, and a double-sided squirrel-proof feeder. I'll never forget the time my daughter emerged from her car to an incredible, almost deafening sound of birds everywhere. It was obvious even to a non-birder that there was something going on.

I have been treated to several pairs of visiting Purple Finches. They stay about a week or so before moving on. Before they came, I swore that half the brighter red male House Finches I was seeing were Purple Finches. No way! Having seen them at the same time as the House Finches, I readily see the richer red of the male and the distinctive eye stripe and streaking of the female.

American Goldfinches are out in full force. I feed them thistle seed and sunflower hearts. Their constant chatter and vivid yellow and black brighten my yard. Some of them migrate, but a good share remains all year round.

I had my first Eastern Towhee this year, walking between my pine trees. Its bold black, orange, and white colors really stand out. I only saw it for a few days.

I placed a small birdhouse off my deck several years ago. A House Wren always uses it at this time. Apparently thinking it's a rooster, it wakes us up every morning and continues singing from dawn to dusk.

The Yellow-rumped Warbler is another migrant that appears in my yard every May. Four or five come for a week's stopover. What a pretty bird, darting around the upper tree branches in the yard changing directions in a flash!

My bluebird house has five newly hatched little chicks. The Eastern Bluebird has made a big comeback, and many people track its progress. The kids at Somers Intermediate School are keeping a close watch at their houses. The school has a brand

new trailway through the woods, a vegetable garden, and some 20 bluebird houses. We wish them every success with this project that involves students, teachers, parents, and friends.

My own backyard has its specific habitat that attracts certain species of birds and provides a place for them to roost and stopover on their way to their breeding grounds. You, too, can enjoy migrants, but also help make it easy for the resident birds to build nests by supplying them with fresh water, food, and nesting materials.



FIELD TRIPS

Registration: Please register for all field trips (except where noted) with trip registrar, Joan Becker, (914) 232-4806 or by e-mail to jebecker@bedfordaudubon.org.

Darwin's Garden: An Evolutionary Adventure at The New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, NY. An Insider's Tour With Botanist and Photographer Carol Gracie

Thursday June 12. Departure (carpool) from Bylane Farm, 9 a.m.

Join Bedford Audubon Director and New York Botanical Garden (NYBG) Research Assistant Carol Gracie on a tour of this exhibit, which *The New York Times* called “...a stunning, multipart exhibition,” celebrating the upcoming bicentennial of Charles Darwin's birth and the 150th anniversary of the first publication of *On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection*. Read more about the exhibit at <http://www.nybg.org/darwin/>

A per-car parking fee of \$12 applies except for members of NYBG. Admission is free for members (\$20 for non-members). In addition to the Darwin exhibit, Carol will show us the Henry Moore sculpture. We will purchase lunch in the Garden Cafe. Registration is strictly required and limited to a maximum of 10. Return to Bylane by 4p.m. Please sign up early for this popular field trip.

Babes in the Woods With Steve Ricker Westmoreland Sanctuary, 260 Chestnut Ridge Road, BedfordCorners

Saturday June 21, 3 p.m.

Co-sponsored by Westmoreland Sanctuary. Director Steve Ricker will lead a leisurely hike to show us the secret places where the young animals, birds, and even plants are hiding. This is the time of year when the woods are truly alive. All ages are welcome.

Damsels and Dragons With Ed Lam Bylane Farm, 35 Todd Road, Katonah Sunday June 22, at 10 a.m.

Ed Lam, noted author and graphic illustrator, will lead us on a journey to find a variety of damselflies and dragonflies at Bylane Farm. Do you know the difference between an Ebony Jewelwing and a Band-winged Meadowhawk? Join us and find out, as we search for some 30 species of “damsels and dragons” and, as a bonus, some of the 60 species of butterflies found at Bylane Farm.

Nature Hike at Hunt-Parker Sanctuary**With Naturalist Tait Johansson****Tuesday, June 24, 9 a.m.-12 noon.****Meet at Bylane Farm, 35 Todd Road, Katonah**

Join Bedford Audubon naturalist Tait Johansson for a walk through Bedford Audubon's key sanctuary. Focus will be on the butterflies, dragonflies, and damselflies of the meadow and ponds. Bring binoculars and water.

Nature Hike at Hunt-Parker Sanctuary**With Naturalist Tait Johansson****Wednesday, July 16, 9:30 a.m.-12 noon.****Meet at Bylane Farm, 35 Todd Road, Katonah**

The Hunt-Parker Sanctuary occupies 318 acres and is home to Bedford Audubon's headquarters, Bylane Farm. Join Bedford Audubon naturalist Tait Johansson for a walk through the Sanctuary's meadow and ponds in seeking butterflies, dragonflies, and damselflies. Bring binoculars and plenty of water.

Excursion to Wethersfield Estate and Gardens in Amenia and Trevor Zoo in Millbrook and Lunch at a Nearby Restaurant With John Askildsen**Saturday, July 19. Meet at Bylane, 35 Todd Road, Katonah at 9 a.m. for carpool (approx. one hour).**

This exquisite Georgian mansion sits on ten acres of sculpture-dotted landscape and classic formal gardens. It was bought in 1937 by Chauncey Stillman, the conservationist, philanthropist, and National City Bank (now Citibank) heir to cultivate his interest in driving carriages. In 1997, Wethersfield opened its collection of carriages along with the mansion, which has been described as "a marvelous adventure in *trompe l'oeil* design," and its extensive gardens, to the public. Admission is free.

The Trevor Zoo, established in 1936 on the grounds of the Millbrook School by its first biology teacher, Frank Trevor, is a six-acre facility with winding paths that take visitors through twelve different exhibits containing more than 120 exotic and indigenous animals, including seven endangered species. Exhibits include a covered bridge with views of birds of prey, bamboo groves sheltering red pandas and Asian deer, and more. Indoor exhibits include birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, and arachnids. Admission \$3. Return to Bylane approx. 4 p.m.

Nature Hike at Hunt-Parker Sanctuary**With Naturalist Tait Johansson****Thursday, August 7, 9:30 a.m.-12 noon.****Meet at Bylane Farm, 35 Todd Road, Katonah**

Bedford Audubon naturalist Tait Johansson will lead a walk through Bedford Audubon's "Crown Jewel" in search of the insects, birds, and flowers of summer. Bring binoculars and plenty of water.

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, Queens, NYC**With John Askildsen****Saturday, August 23. Departure (car pool) from Bylane Farm at 8:00 a.m.**

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge in Queens, NY, is bustling with wild-life in late summer. Hosts of butterflies are busy nectaring in the meadows and garden. Some birds are still tending their young, and others, such as northern breeding shorebirds and warblers, are already preparing for their journey south. Herons, egrets and Glossy Ibis will abound, and Ospreys and terns will be busy patrolling the extensive salt marshes. Bring binoculars and lunch and plenty of cold drinks. Also, bring boots and be prepared to join John for a walk in the mud at the East Pond! Return to Bylane will be around 4:00 p.m.



PROGRAMS

*All programs are free and open to the public.
Katonah Village Library is wheel chair accessible.*

An Overview of the Life of Carolus Linnaeus and His Contributions to Biological Taxonomy With Dr. Gerry Moore, Director of Science, Brooklyn Botanic Garden**Wednesday, June 11, 7:30 p.m.****Katonah Village Library, 26 Bedford Road, Katonah**

Carolus Linnaeus (Carl von Linné), born in 1707 in Sweden, is often referred to as the father of taxonomy. He was the first person to consistently refer to species using a binomial (*e.g. Homo sapiens*); many of the binomials in use today were first coined by Linnaeus over 250 years ago. Linnaeus also developed a taxonomy of diseases, differentiating 11 classes, broken down into orders and species. In his talk, Gerry Moore will provide an overview of the life of Carolus Linnaeus, including methods developed by him that continue to be used in biological taxonomy today.



Gerry Moore is currently the Director of Science at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, where he has worked for the past eight years. He also serves as the coordinator for the Garden's New York Metropolitan Flora project that seeks to document and map the occurrences of all vascular plants growing without cultivation in the New York Metropolitan region.

He received his Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University in 1997 and was a postdoctoral researcher at Duke University from 1997-1999. Gerry Moore is an adjunct faculty member of the Pratt Institute and Rutgers University and a research associate at the Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia. He grew up in southern New Jersey and has spent much of his life studying the flora of the northeastern United States. He has given presentations on Linnaeus at the American Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, and Uppsala University.



Bedford Audubon Membership

Yes, I would like to join the Bedford Audubon Society. My local chapter membership will help support local conservation efforts, programs, and sanctuaries. (Send this form with a check made out to **Bedford Audubon Society** or **fill in the MC/VISA credit card information below.**)

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