



Purple Martins at Cove Island

By Patrick Comins

Purple Martins have taken up residence for the first time at Cove Island Park, nesting in a gourd rack structure near the SoundWaters headquarters on the shore of Holly Pond.



Purple Martins require specialized housing in order to nest and successfully raise their young. This new gourd rack in Stamford seems to be just right.

The rack was paid for as part of a grant from the GE Foundation and was installed in April of 2004 by GE Elfund Volunteers and local birders Patrick Dugan and Mike Mocchio, who were the driving force behind installing Martin nesting structures in the park. The new colony is being monitored and maintained by volunteers from the Cove Island Wildlife Sanctuary group. Purple Martins are the largest

member of the swallow family in North America, and are listed as a Threatened Species in Connecticut because of declining numbers over the past few decades. Martins had regularly been seen in the park in migration, but require specialized housing in order to nest and successfully raise their young. The only thing that has been missing to make the area perfect for these beautiful birds were nesting structures. Cove Island Park was among the initial group of eight sites recognized as Important Bird Areas in Connecticut in November of 2001.



Purple Martin

HawkWatch Weekend Festival

Saturday and Sunday, September 15 and 16



- Hawk Shows: 1 & 3 pm
- Owl Pellet Dissections
- Games and Crafts
- Explore the Pond and more!

Will Morton's Rotisserie will be selling delicious salads, sandwiches and snacks plus naturally-raised, antibiotic-free chicken, burgers, and hot dogs.



August 2007 - Mike Warner & Brian O'Toole working hard to re-furbish the Quaker Ridge Hawk Watch kiosk. This is a great asset to the hawk counters who annually staff the site from late August to mid-November, recording each raptor spotted as they pass over. Check out the daily results compiled on www.hawkcount.org.

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George Payne Bent II

1909-2007

By Tom Baptist



The conservation community lost a true champion with the passing of George Payne Bent II on July 12, 2007. George was an extraordinary person and will always be remembered for his passion for the environment, his graciousness, and his effervescent warmth. There are very few people who loved birds as much as George. He was resolute in his commitment to protect the environment and the birds and other wildlife that depend on it. He thus was an important inspiration to several generations of conservationists.

George was deeply devoted to the Audubon cause. In the 1960s, he was a founding member of Greenwich Audubon Society and served as Chair on the Board of Management of the Audubon Center in Greenwich. During the 1970s, he was a director of, and played a key role on, the National Audubon Society Board of Directors, helping to shape the organization into the conservation force it is today. More recently, he joined Phoebe Milliken, Ann Elliman, Eaddo Kiernan and Susie Hilfiger in 1998 to lead the campaign to restore and transform the Audubon Center in Greenwich.

With George in mind, Audubon staff work hard to protect key habitats, engage children and adults in nature education, and take action in favor of healthy ecosystems. Audubon will always be grateful for George's leadership and vision in helping to establish the Greenwich Center as a lasting place where generations of children and adults will engage in conservation. The Center's historic apple orchard is named in honor of George, which will serve as a permanent memorial to George's commitment to Audubon. George was an inspiring and tireless voice for the protection of birds, other wildlife and their habitats. He was admired by many and will be greatly missed.

Wetlands Education Programs Get Helping Hand

Audubon gratefully acknowledges the generous gifts made by the following individuals towards our Wetlands Education Programs. Thank you!

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EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 12 • 9:30-11:00 am

In Audubon Greenwich's Kiernan Hall • 613 Riversville Road, Greenwich, CT 06831

9:30 am

CHECK-IN & REFRESHMENTS

10:00 am

WELCOME & SAMPLING OF ORGANIC GARDENS

Charlotte M. Frieze, ASLA, Garden Editor, *House & Garden Magazine*

10:15 am

FEATURE PRESENTATION

Chip Osborn from Osborne Organics, The Living Lawn Inc. and Beyond Pesticides

11:00 am

QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION

LIMITED SEATING! RESERVE YOUR SPACE NOW!

To RSVP, call the Nature Gift Shop at 203-869-5272 x221.

A Demonstration Organic Lawn will be on view in front of Kimberlin Nature Education Center

Thank You, Caroline Sandifer

And good luck in your new Audubon job in California!

Some of her highlights this summer include:

Releasing the old snapping turtle back in Mead Lake and watching him sink away into the mud; The imaginations of the Nature Sprouts; "If a stuffed bird toy is placed in a real tree, will it become real?"; Ted Gilman's firefly and full moon night hikes, and learning how to find spiders' eyes diamond-shining back from the leaf-litter by holding a flashlight at the end of my nose; Building 'gnome homes' out of fallen leaves, sticks, and old bark with campers; Feeding clover flowers and dandelion leaves to Lady, the African Spurred Tortoise; Seeing my first water snake up in a tree and the fuss it created with nearby birds; The curiosity of campers about the Leather Man on our hikes up to his 'cave'; Being remembered by returning campers.



Caroline Sandifer, the 2007 Summer Education Intern, has grown up at the Audubon Center. She started as a volunteer for four years before becoming a counselor/naturalist for four summers. "I can't imagine spending my summer any other way than being outside!"

AUDUBON GREENWICH NATURE PROGRAM CALENDAR

A U T U M N 2 0 0 7

BIRDING: "First Sundays" at Greenwich Point
Sept. 2, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, Dec. 2

9:00 am - Meet at second concession stand

Greenwich Point, with its rich diversity of habitats & avian life, is justly noted as one of Connecticut's premier birding sites. It is also designated as an "Important Bird Area" by the National Audubon Society. Join us

for fun, friendly, fantastic bird watching at the Point, on the 1st Sunday of every month.

Guides are experienced and knowledgeable birders from Audubon Greenwich, Bruce Museum & Wild Wings. Beginner to expert, all ages, are welcome. Bring binoculars & meet at 9:00 a.m. For more information, call 203-637-9822.



Turkey Vulture

Saturday, September 8

BIRDING: Marshlands Conservancy, Rye
7:30-9:30 am

Cynthia Ehlinger will lead bird enthusiasts through this seaside park with meadows, woodlands and saltmarshes. Meet at the Marshland Conservancy parking lot at 7:30 am to start. To RSVP and get directions, call 203-869-5272 x221.

Saturday, September 8

E4C: Family Breakfast & Fall Hike 9:00-11:00 am

A family nature hike beginning with a light breakfast in Audubon's Barn. Hiking groups then will hit the trails to Mead Lake to explore for signs of coyote, otter, songbirds or other surprises. Shorter Meadow and orchard walk available. \$25 per family. RSVP required. Call Jeff at x239 to sign up.

Saturday, September 8

Audubon's Insects and Spiders 2:00-3:30 pm

Join naturalist Ted Gilman and head to the meadows to search for an amazing variety of six and eight-legged creatures which may live in your backyard too! We'll learn about the special jobs they do. All ages.

Wednesday, September 12

Organic Lawn Care

All you need to know!

9:30-11:30 am

A special talk about how to easily use organic lawn care practices. The main presentation is by Chip Osborn, an expert in organic products and practices. Charlotte Frieze, Editor of *House & Garden Magazine*, will welcome the group. RSVP required. Sign up in the gift shop at x221.

September 15 & 16

BIRDING: Audubon Greenwich 7:00-9:00 am

Meet experienced birders when they set out to see early morning migrants visiting the site before the festival goes arrive. After the walk, join the hawk counting, starting at 9:00 am.

HAWK WATCH FESTIVAL

September 15 & 16

A two-day event, highlighting Audubon Greenwich's hawk-counting site. Live raptor shows at 1 pm and 3 pm plus guided hikes, pond searches, kids' games and more!
 Visit the website for a full schedule of events.



Saturday, September 22

BIRDING: Audubon Greenwich 7:00-9:00 am

Meet Kathy Gelman and local birders when they set out to see migrants visiting the local habitats. After the walk, join in the hawk counting. Happening daily from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Saturday, September 29

Hook Mountain Hawk Watch Trip
9:00 am-2:00 pm

Visit the west side of the Hudson River to take a moderate half mile hike up to this mountaintop hawk watch site with spectacular views of birds of prey and the Hudson River valley. Meet at the Audubon Center to carpool or call for directions. Bring lunch, water bottle, sun protection, and binoculars. Registration required and group size limited. Ages 8 and up. Adult must accompany children. Contact Ted at 203-869-5272 x230.

Between Land & Water:

Life stories of Connecticut's Amphibians

Saturday, September 29

3:00-4:30 pm

A new DVD taped entirely in Connecticut, this footage documents the life cycles of native amphibians over an entire season. Meet one of the creators, Brendan Hanrahan, for Q & A. Co-sponsored by the Greenwich Conservation Dept., Stamford Land Conservation Trust, ECOS, and Audubon. RSVP to the Audubon store. Video length: 48 minutes. More at: www.cttrips.com.



Leopard Frog

Saturday, October 6

BIRDING: Audubon Greenwich 7:00-9:00 am

Brian O'Toole will lead bird enthusiasts through the meadows and woodlands of the sanctuary. Meet in parking lot at 7:00 am.

Saturday, October 13

BIRDING: Gimbel Sanctuary, Greenwich
7:00-9:00 am

Cynthia Ehlinger will lead a bird walk through woodlands near the Byram River. Meet at Audubon parking lot at 7:00 am to carpool.

Saturday, October 13

Basics of Landscape Drawing 10:00 am-12:00 pm

This special two-hour class with Frank Guida, a local artist and birder, will demonstrate basic landscape drawing techniques and provide an opportunity to practice the skill. Pre-registration is required. Bring a portable chair, a drawing pad (+/- 14"x17") and #2 pencil and eraser. \$15 per person. Limit 15 people. Call the store to sign up. *Rain date: Oct. 14.*

Saturday, October 13

THE BIG SIT 12:00-1:30 pm

Join Audubon naturalists and volunteer hawk watchers when they sit and count the species that pass by. Have a picnic lunch while learning raptor ID. Sign up by calling the Audubon Gift store.

Saturday, October 13

AAH: Natural Bird Food Sources 2:00-3:30 pm

Learn about natural food sources you can grow to feed migrating and resident songbirds. We'll visit our Audubon At Home (AAH) demonstration yard, then seek out plants and birds along the sanctuary trails.

Saturday, October 20

Birds & Business: Conservation secrets everyone should know 3:00-4:30 pm

Jeff Wells, senior scientist for the Boreal Songbird Initiative, will talk about his views on the state of birds and will sign his new book, *Birders' Conservation Handbook: 100 North American Birds at Risk*, before and after the show. RSVP to the Nature Store: 203-869-5272 x221.

Sunday, October 21

Sparrow Workshop at Allen's Meadows, Wilton, CT 8:00 am-12:00 pm

Learn how to separate those confusing sparrows with Brian O'Toole and Mike Warner at this fall hotspot. The weedy fields and brush here attract many sparrows such as Savannah, White-Crowned, Lincoln's, Vesper, Swamp and Field. Rarities such as Clay-colored Sparrow and Dickcissel have been seen here. Carpool leaves the Audubon Center at 8 a.m. To register call Brian in the Nature Store at 203-869-5272 x221.



White-Crowned Sparrow

Friday, October 26

E4C: The Enchanted Orchard & Animal Show
6:00-8:00 pm

Prepare the family and join the fun in Audubon's Historic Barn and orchard. This special E4C evening will include a live animal show, visits to Audubon's Enchanted Orchard, and lots of treats for children. Refreshments, sweets and a cozy fireplace await guests. All ages. Costumes encouraged. \$25 per family. RSVP & parent supervision required. Call 203-869-5272 x239 to sign up. *Rain date: October 27.*

Sunday, November 4

Late Fall Hike in Fairchild Garden 1:00-2:30 pm

Search Fairchild Garden for fall bird migrants, local wildlife, wildlife foods, and late autumn foliage colors. Ages 7 and up. Meet in Audubon's Fairchild Garden parking lot. RSVP to the Nature Store.

Sunday, November 4

TALK: Birds, Cactus, & Whale Tails! 3:00-4:30 pm

Hear recent tales about Baja and the Sea of Cortez from Gary Palmer, chair of Audubon Greenwich's Science Committee. His stories will touch on whales, sea turtles and even the endemic Elegant Terns, Yellow-footed Gulls and Craveri's Murrelet. No charge. No RSVP required.

Saturday, November 10

Project Feederwatch and Winter Bird Feeding
2:00-3:30 pm

Learn to identify winter's backyard birds and tips on providing food, shelter, and water. Also, learn to do regular counts of your backyard birds and take part in 'Project Feederwatch', a nationwide citizen science program. All ages. RSVP to Ted at 203-869-5272 x230.

Saturday, November 17

BIRDING: Jamaica Bay's Coastal Birds
9:00 am-2:00 pm

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, near John F. Kennedy Airport, is one of the outstanding birding locations in the New York metropolitan area. Carpool departs from Audubon. Ages 10 and up with adult supervision. Dress warmly in layers, bring a lunch. Loaner binoculars, field guides and spotting scopes will be available. RSVP required. Call Ted at 203-869-5272 x230.

QUAKER RIDGE BIRD CLUB

2007 Hawk Watch Report & Christmas Bird Count preview

Sunday, December 2 2:30-4:30 pm

Hear the hawk watch report by Brian Bielfelt and enjoy this fun, annual gathering of birders and naturalists. Newcomers can join a team and returnees can get their Christmas Bird Count packets.

Programs are suitable for all ages unless otherwise indicated. Please register by calling 203-869-5272. Programs start at the Kimberlin Nature Center at Audubon Greenwich, 613 Riversville Rd. Program fees: \$3/adult members; \$5/adult non-members; \$1.50/member children and seniors; \$3/non-member children and seniors; no charge to Teacher Naturalists as part of their ongoing training.

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Connecticut Policy Update

By Sandy Breslin

The 2007 Regular Session of the Connecticut General Assembly ended June 7th and – to paraphrase the poet T.S. Eliot – it ended not with a bang, but with a whimper. The lack of agreement between legislative leaders and Governor Rell on a budget resulted in a June Special Session to approve a spending plan. A final bond package – the money the State borrows to finance key programs – is not expected until September. Fortunately, a number of Audubon Connecticut's top priorities were successful. Others are poised for success pending the outcome of ongoing bond negotiations. Many thanks are due to all of you who called, wrote, emailed, attended meetings and forums or just passed the word along to family and friends on behalf of key environmental efforts. It cannot happen without your help! Below is a quick recap on top state priorities.

Clean Water – The Legislature has proposed \$110M in general obligation bond funding for the state Clean Water Fund in FY 08 and FY 09 – enough to get us back on track with this key program that ensures clean water in our rivers, lakes, streams and Long Island Sound. We won't know the final outcome until the bond package is announced.

Face of Connecticut (P.A. 07-131) – This bill increases the percentage of open space grant funding to 65% of purchase price for towns, nonprofits, and water utilities, and to 75% for targeted and distressed communities. It also establishes a municipal loan program for the purchase of farmland.

Open Space Funding (Bonding) – Lawmakers recommended \$7.5 M for the DEP's Recreations and Natural Heritage Trust Program, \$5 M for the Municipal Open Space and Watershed Matching Grants Program, and \$5 M for Dept. of Agriculture's Purchase of Development Rights program – less than Governor Rell had proposed in her budget. They also approved \$3 M to help protect the East River Preserve (Goss) property in Guilford and were considering \$5 M to match funding from the federal Long Island Sound Stewardship Act. We won't know the final outcome for these programs until the bond package is announced, but we are already hard at work planning for next year!

Invasive Plants (P.A. 07-04) – Efforts to combat the spread of invasive plants will take a quantum leap forward with \$500,000 approved by the legislature for both FY08 and FY09 to establish a statewide program in the DEP. This is a big victory for environmental, nursery industry, and garden club advocates!

Pesticides (P.A. 07-168) – Connecticut now has the strongest law in the country that extends the 2005 ban on the use of lawn care pesticides at public and private schools from pre-Kindergarten to grade 8. Schools have until 2009 (an additional year) to transition to pesticide-free lawn management utilizing Integrated Pest Management.

Environmental Review of State Land Transfers (P.A. 07-213) – Section 7 of this bill sets up a process for public notice and environmental review of state land sales or transfers. Spurred by the 2005 sale of Norwich Hospital, which has since fallen through, this bill culminates two years of effort by members of the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) Working Group.

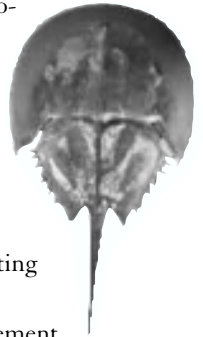
Endangered Lands (P.A. 07-252) – This bill contains provisions that restore incentives for water utilities to sell their land for conservation. These incentives were unintentionally removed in 2005 by energy-related legislation (P.A. 05-1).

"Rat" Scurries Past Class I and II Protections for Water Company Lands (P.A. 07-244) – Two days before the end of session, the environmental community learned of a "rat" – legislation without public hearing that is amended to an existing bill in the last days of the session – that would permit a sand and gravel mining operation on Class I and II watershed land owned by the City of New Britain Water Department. Sponsored by influential lawmakers, the amendment was poised for passage. Urgent negotiations produced a better bill that passed, but concerns remain the bill sets a precedent threatening the future integrity of watershed lands statewide. Efforts are underway to repeal this "rat." Stay tuned.

Sanctuary for Horseshoe Crabs – Audubon Connecticut worked with DEP to create new regulations that took effect March 1, 2007 implementing significant changes to the state's horseshoe crab hand-harvest fishery. Along with the existing requirement of a commercial license to take horseshoe crabs by hand, the new regulations require endorsement letters, make changes to the open season, clarify restrictions on the use of tools and assistants, and create closed area sanctuaries at three (3) Audubon Important Birds areas: Menunketesuck Island in Westbrook, Sandy Point in West Haven, and Milford Point in Milford.

Conservationists Get a Break on Property Taxes (P.A. 07-170) – This bill enables municipalities to abate property taxes or the interest on delinquent taxes owed on property acquired by nonprofit land conservation organizations. In the past, organizations such as Audubon or local land trusts were liable for local property taxes accrued on land conveyed to them.

For more about Audubon's legislative priorities, contact Sandy Breslin, Director of Government Relations at (203) 264-5098 x307.



STAY INFORMED!

Get information on issues affecting birds, other wildlife, and their habitats, via Audubon's Advocacy Network. Sign up by emailing: AudubonActCT-subscribe@yahoogroups.com or check the policy web pages at www.audubonct.org.

Weekly Events by Email: Once a week, the education department sends email announcements about upcoming nature programs and special events. To sign up automatically, simply send a blank email to: Audubongreenwichnews-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Audubon Greenwich Nature Store

Autumn means it's hawkwatching season so be sure to pick up a copy of *Hawks From Every Angle* by Jerry Liguori to learn how to identify the hawks that pass by our Quaker Ridge Hawkwatch site.

Come in to check out these new items and see our full selection of birdfeeders, birdhouses, books, toys, gifts and much more!

What's New?

- Terra Cotta birdhouses
- Ceramic hummingbird feeders
- Wheelhouse socks
- Organic iced-tea
- Steiner binoculars
- Educational bird posters
- *An Inconvenient Truth* by Al Gore
- *Bird Songs* audio book by Les Beletsky
- *A Guide to Northeastern Dragonflies and Damselflies*
- Wind chimes
- Jabebo earrings


Bird Seed Sale!

*Stock up on seed and suet
for the winter!*

In October we will be starting
our special monthly seed sale.

Buy \$50 or more of any
seed or suet in
October, December or February
and receive

15% off
total amount.

 Audubon GREENWICH

Greenwich-Stamford Summer Bird Count Results June 9th and 10th, 2007

Report by: Brian O'Toole & Gary Palmer, July 2007

Birders recorded a total of 140 species and set a new all-time high (since 1976) of 26,033 individual birds counted. 62 dedicated observers combed areas in Greenwich, Stamford, Darien and parts of Westchester County for all birds seen or heard. Unfortunately, species such as Brown Thrasher, Ring-necked Pheasant and Hooded Warbler continue to show a downward trend.

New all-time highs and ties:

- 6 Common Loons
- 174 Wood Ducks
- 43 Ospreys
- 53 American Oystercatchers
- 12 Semi-palmated Sandpipers
- 11 Dunlin
- 357 Common Terns
- 708 Mourning Doves
- 241 Red-bellied Woodpeckers
- 65 Hairy Woodpeckers
- 31 Pileated Woodpeckers
- 204 Warbling Vireos
- 5 Common Ravens
- 105 Cliff Swallows
- 447 Barn Swallows
- 310 House Wrens
- 313 Brown-headed Cowbirds
- 419 Baltimore Orioles
- 103 American Goldfinches

Rarities:

- American Bittern
- 3 Black Vultures
- 2 Oldsquaw
- Bufflehead
- Common Goldeneye
- Red-breasted Merganser
- Peregrine Falcon
- American Coot
- 3 Sanderlings
(new to count circle)
- Black Tern
- 2 Olive-sided Flycatchers
(new to count circle)
- Yellow-breasted Chat
- Nelsons Sharp-tailed Sparrow
- White-throated Sparrow



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BIRD CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

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FALL 2007

Natural History Notes

By Ted Gilman, Education Specialist

Green darner dragonflies, with their immense compound eyes, pausing in their southbound migration to dart back and forth over the Quaker Ridge hawk watch site, to feed on flying insects, in the fleeting warm September days; a sharp-eyed kestrel or merlin making sudden, twisting turns to capture a dragonfly snack in mid-air, then feasting on it either on the wing or on a treetop perch; the steady background buzz of black-horned tree crickets rubbing their wings together to advertise for mates to ensure another generation of eggs is laid before the frosts of late fall silence the current generation of insect musicians; meadows and roadsides covered with rich yellow carpets of goldenrod, sprinkled with violet patches of New England asters, offering a rich harvest of nectar and pollen to resident and migrating insects; and a host of small predators including ambush bugs, crab spiders, jumping spiders and orb-weavers lying in wait on or between the autumn flowers to capture the flower-feeding insects; deep blue fruits of Virginia creeper, sassafras and black gum/tupelo providing essential fat-rich migration fuel for wood thrushes building up their fat supplies to power their return flight to their winter home in Costa Rica; brilliant scarlet foliage revealing the location of a scarlet oak on wooded hillside above Mead Lake; deer taking on the grey coat of winter in place of the cinnamon colors of summer and the clacking



sound of two bucks using their newly-hardened antlers to spar with each other to determine who will dominate in the fall breeding season; monarch butterflies soaring high over the Quaker Ridge hawk watch site as they make their way southwest to pass the winter in the chilly pine forests west of Mexico City; a male scarlet tanager, in mid-molt, looking like a patchwork quilt of red, yellow, olive-green and black as it exchanges its brilliant summer scarlet and black for muted winter tones to help him elude the scanning eyes of predators in his Latin American winter home; chipmunks scampering back and forth to nut trees and bird feeders, stuffing their cheek pouches with seeds to stock their winter food caches for the long winter's rest; a majestic golden eagle, migrating south from its summer home in northern Quebec or Labrador, floating on brisk October winds; the invigorating feeling of a bright October day with brilliant fall foliage, puffy white clouds and the rustle of fallen leaves as you walk through the forest; mourning cloak butterflies seeking out hibernation sites beneath loose bark or in a hollow tree to wait through winter snows until a warm day in late March or April to reappear; the first few intricate white flakes of snow drifting down from a late November squall reminding us that the world has turned round to the season of snow and ice once again...

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