

EagleFest 2010 Saturday, February 6

Putnam Highlands Audubon Society will be one of 30 cooperating partners at the 2010 Hudson Valley EagleFest, to be held at Croton Point Park and at other locations up and down the river on Saturday, February 6.

This increasingly popular event, coordinated by the Teatown Lake Reservation, is visited each winter by several thousand people (some 4,000 last year) who come to see both captive eagles during formal programs and wild eagles that can be viewed in places like Annsville Creek, George's Island, and Croton Point.

PHAS will host a table and is looking for volunteers to help us during this busy and exciting day. For complete information about the event, including the day's schedule, go to <teatown.org/eaglefest.htm>. To volunteer to help with PHAS's outreach efforts at this gala conservation event, email Pete Salmansohn at <psalmansohn@audubon.org>.



Join the Great Backyard Bird Count

Count for Fun, Count for the Future
February 12-15, 2010

Bird and nature fans throughout North America are invited to join tens of thousands of everyday bird watchers for the 13th annual **Great Backyard Bird Count** (GBBC), February 12-15, 2010. A joint project of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society, this **free event** is an opportunity for families, students, and people of all ages to discover the wonders of nature in backyards, schoolyards, and local parks, and, at the same time, make an important contribution to conservation. Participants count birds and report their sightings online at <www.birdcount.org>. It's fun, important, and easy!

PUTNAM HIGHLANDS AUDUBON SOCIETY WINTER EVENTS

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Orders due Friday, January 29
Pick-up Saturday, February 6
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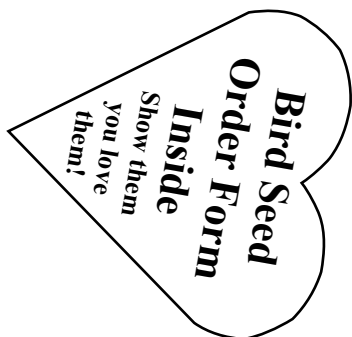
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Putnam Highlands Audubon Society
www.putnamhighlandsaudubon.org
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PHAS Field Trips

Constitution Marsh Monthly Bird Walk

Sat, Feb 13, 9 am, Constitution Marsh Audubon Center
Meet at the Constitution Marsh nature center for a birding walk at the center followed by a walk out to the boardwalk. The walk to the boardwalk includes a moderately difficult hike up and over a short rocky ridge. Call (845) 265-2601 for details. Leader: Pete Charbonneau

Shorebirds at Jones Beach

Sat, Feb 20, 8 am, Jones Beach State Park
Carpool from the Annesville Paddlesport Center parking lot (just off the traffic circle at the intersection of Routes 9 and 202) or meet at Jones Beach. We will depart the Annesville Paddlesport Center at 8:00 am and meet at Jones Beach at 10:00 am. We will bird until approximately 2:00 pm. Wear appropriate clothing and bring lunch and warm drinks. Call (845) 265-2601 for details. Leader: TBD



Circle April 10th & "Bear" Up for Annual Dinner

Be sure to reserve the date, Saturday, April 10 for the Putnam Highlands Audubon Spring Dinner, to be held at the Taconic Outdoor Education Center, Highland Lodge in Cold Spring. Since there have been many bear sightings lately, you will not want to miss our main speaker, *Matt Merchant*, a NYS-DEC Bear Biologist with Region 3, New Paltz. He will address the recent sightings of "bear" in our area including Philipstown and all the new considerations. NYS Assemblywoman Sandy Galef will make the opening remarks after our social hour and the pondering of the "bear in our backyard".

Don't forget the wonderful kitchen staff of the Highland Lodge and be sure you don't miss this 9th Annual event. Look for further details in upcoming newsletters.

Winter 2010 Bird Seed Fundraiser

The semi-annual Bird Seed Fundraisers are your opportunity to buy quality birdseed and help us to raise funds for educational and other programs for members and the community. We urge you to splurge for the birds. (Cheap metal trashcans are the best way to store a lot of seed.)

Here's How It Works

1. Fill out the order form
2. Write check for FULL AMOUNT payable to PHAS.
3. Send form and check to:

Paul Kuznia
Taconic Outdoor Education Center
75 Mountain Laurel Lane
Cold Spring, NY 10516

4. Orders must be received by **Fri, January 29.**
5. Pick up your order on **Sat, February 6,** 9am-12pm at Taconic Outdoor Education Center*.

Have questions? Contact Paul Kuznia at 265-3773, 9 am - 4 pm, Monday-Saturday or at <swixblue@verizon.net>.

Need additional forms? Download forms at <www.putnamhighlandsaudubon.org>.

***Taconic Outdoor Education Center:** Take Route 301 to Denytown Road (between Taconic State Parkway and Route 9); go 1/4 mile to Indian Brook Road; go 1/4 mile to Mountain Laurel Lane; then 1/2 mile to Highland Lodge. Phone: (845) 265-3773.

Seed Descriptions

Black Oil Sunflower Seed: Most attractive to the greatest variety of birds, this thin-shelled seed gives birds the high energy they need.

Striped Sunflower Seeds: Second only to black oil in popularity. **Sunflower Hearts:** Very attractive to birds, and no hull mess to clean up.

Birder's Secret™ Neat Feast: Shell-free mix ideal for patio, deck, or garden. With dehulled-sunflower seed, sunflower chips, shelled peanuts, coarse cracked corn, tree nut pieces, and pumpkin seed.

Nyjer Seed (Thistle): Use in a fine-mesh tube feeder to attract finches.

Song Maker™ Regular Blend: A nutritious combination of striped and black oil sunflower seeds, sunflower chips, peanut hearts, fine cracked corn, and white millet. Favored by song sparrows, white-throated sparrows, purple finches, towhees, and titmice.

Nature's Choice™ Premium Blend: Chickadees, nuthatches, titmice, finches, and cardinals go for this mix of extra-high levels of black oil and striped sunflower seeds with sunflower chips, white safflower seeds, peanut hearts, fine cracked corn, and white millet.

Concerto™ Ultimate Blend: High-energy, no-corn mix for cardinals, white-throated sparrows, and purple and house finches. With high levels of black oil sunflower seeds, sunflower chips, white safflower, peanut hearts, white millet, and no corn.

Scratch Feed for Game Birds: For native game birds and pheasants. Wild turkeys, ruffed grouse, northern bobwhite, and quail gravitate to this grain mix of cracked corn, whole wheat, and oats.

Suet Cake: Suet's high fat content provides the energy wild birds need, especially during the cold winter months. Woodpeckers, nuthatches, chickadees, titmice, and northern flickers are common visitors at the suet feeder.

Bird Seed Order Form

Make your selections, complete your contact information, and send this portion with payment (check payable for full amount to Putnam Highlands Audubon Society) to:

Paul Kuznia
Taconic Outdoor Education Center
75 Mountain Laurel Lane
Cold Spring, NY 10516

PHAS member? Yes No

Name _____

Address _____

Phone/E-mail
(for pick-up reminder)

Item	Size	Price	#	Cost*
Black Oil Sunflower Seeds	40 lbs	\$26.00 ×	_____	_____
	20 lbs	14.00 ×	_____	_____
Striped Sunflower Seeds	50 lbs	20.00 ×	_____	_____
	25 lbs	12.00 ×	_____	_____
Sunflower Hearts	50 lbs	49.50 ×	_____	_____
	25 lbs	26.75 ×	_____	_____
Birder's Secret™ Neatfeast	5 lbs	7.00 ×	_____	_____
	20 lbs	29.00 ×	_____	_____
Nyjer Seed (Thistle)	8 lbs	15.50 ×	_____	_____
	50 lbs	57.00 ×	_____	_____
Song Maker™ Blend	25 lbs	29.50 ×	_____	_____
	5 lbs	7.25 ×	_____	_____
Nature's Choice™ Blend	40 lbs	17.00 ×	_____	_____
	20 lbs	9.50 ×	_____	_____
Concerto™ Blend	40 lbs	21.00 ×	_____	_____
	20 lbs	11.50 ×	_____	_____
Scratch Feed	40 lbs	22.00 ×	_____	_____
	20 lbs	12.00 ×	_____	_____
Suet Cake	50 lbs	13.00 ×	_____	_____
	25 lbs	7.50 ×	_____	_____
		9 oz	1.75 ×	_____
<i>Donation to Putnam Highlands Audubon Society</i>				_____
Total				_____

*If you would like, for tax purposes, an accounting of the donation factor in your purchase, please contact Paul Kuznia at 265-3773 or <swixblue@verizon.net>.

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