



# The Bedford Audubon Society Newsletter

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*Celebrating 91 Years of Conservation 1913-2004*

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**By Jackie Jones**

Although we will be well into the year 2004 when you receive this newsletter, let me take this opportunity, nonetheless, to wish you and your family a heartfelt happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year.

Board and Committee volunteers at Bedford Audubon have continued to be busy throughout the winter. As you will see, we have some wonderful field trips and programs planned, and hope to see many of you at one or another of them. Our field trips are geared toward beginner and more advanced birders, as well as those who simply enjoy nature and good company.

We have also been conducting our annual membership appeal, and want to thank all of you who have contributed so generously. This year one of our members offered to match donations submitted prior to December 31 then extended the offer to cover donations through January. We are grateful for every donation, large or small. Together, they will enable us to maintain services for our members and the public and, in fact, to expand our commitment to the environmental community.

For many years our fund raising needs have been fairly minimal. That's because until quite recently, Audubon Chapters received a portion of the dues each of us sent to the National Audubon Society. For Bedford Audubon, that portion covered most of the expenses for our sanctuaries, newsletter, programs and field trips. Our annual bird seed sale covered the rest.

However, the NAS Board of Directors has changed its policy of sharing membership dues with Chapters, leaving many Chapters in the position of cutting back on activities and, in some cases, dissolving due to loss of revenue. Bedford Audubon is fortunate to have a loyal, committed and generous membership that is enabling us to continue our services in spite of the reduced share of dues from National.

So thank you once again for your financial support. And, once again, I will end with inviting you to pick up the phone and join one of our committees. We're waiting to hear from you!

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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

3/10	7:30 P.M.	Fern Workshop / Katonah Public Library
3/20	8:30 A.M.	2004 Wildflower Symposium: "Native Plants are For the Birds" at WCC
3/20	10:00 A.M.	Tour of the Ecosystem with Scott Williamson
3/21	8:00 A.M.	Jones Beach Winter Walk
4/10	7:00 P.M.	Dance of the Woodcock
4/14	7:30 P.M.	Horseshoe Crabs and Migrating Shorebirds in Cape May, N.J. / Katonah Public Library
4/30-5/2		Delmarva Weekend
5/5	7:30 A.M.	Bylane Birdwalks
5/8		International Migratory Bird Day Celebration
5/12	7:30 P.M.	Sojourns in the Wild: The Yellowstone Edition / Katonah Public Library
5/12	7:30 A.M.	Bylane Birdwalks
5/14 & 15		BAS's Annual Birdathon
5/19	7:30 A.M.	Bylane Birdwalks
5/22		Bylane/Hunt Birdwalk and Breakfast
5/26	7:30 A.M.	Bylane Birdwalk
6/12	3:00 P.M.	Babes in the Woods at Westmoreland
6/12	5:30 P.M.	Jamaica Bay Sunset Cruise
6/19	2:00 P.M.	The Wolf Conservation Center
7/2 - 7/5		The Bedford Audubon Adirondack Excursion

### VISIT [WWW.BEDFORDAUDUBON.ORG](http://WWW.BEDFORDAUDUBON.ORG)

There's a lot going on in Bedford Audubon cyberspace! BAS's website is loaded with great photos and other information including trail maps and flora and fauna checklists for our sanctuaries. A new feature is a bi-weekly report on nature happenings in our region entitled "Field Notes." This feature is available exclusively on our website.

Don't forget that you can also shop our on-line store for all of your Bird watching and holiday gift-giving needs. You'll have the comfort of knowing that all proceeds go to BAS from the purchases you make with us! There are over 7,000 items in Bedford Audubon's on-line store! Check it out today at "[www.bedfordaudubon.org](http://www.bedfordaudubon.org)."

## NEW FIELD TRIP SIGN-IN SHEETS

By Don Pachner, Insurance Committee Chair

When you attend BAS field trips, you will now be asked to sign a new sign-in sheet. These forms contain legal wording concerning the hazards involved in attending a field trip and spell out BAS's and participants' responsibilities. While BAS has never before asked our participants to sign a hold harmless waiver, most insurers now require this as a prerequisite for insuring any organization that runs field trips or outings.

The purpose is to clarify our responsibilities to you to prevent any misunderstanding or litigation after an accident. Fortunately, BAS has an unblemished record in this regard, so it really acts as a sort of "belt and suspenders" safeguard from our point of view.

You will find that most outdoors-oriented, volunteer-run, not-for-profit organizations that offer trips now require this of all participants. We will post the wording on our web site so participants can read it in advance of signing in. Feel free to contact us should you have any questions about it. All questions should be addressed to [insurance@bedfordaudubon.org](mailto:insurance@bedfordaudubon.org)

## NYC CHEMICAL FILTRATION PLANT NEWS

By Don Pachner, BAS Conservation Committee

BAS continues to oppose the ill-conceived chemical filtration plant proposed for NYC's Croton Water Supply System due to its potential negative impacts on wildlife habitat in our region. We have appeared at hearings, provided written testimony during the regulatory process and along with NYC Audubon have proposed a policy resolution to the Audubon Council of New York State Chapters for consideration at their spring meeting.

Recent analysis of the situation reveals that NYC may ultimately be planning to put the plant in Greenburgh (Westchester County) at the Eastview site. The battle is far from over. Sierra Club, most Westchester and Putnam Audubon Chapters, and other members of the Croton Watershed Clean Water Coalition continue to fight the plant at every turn and are planning legal action should the environmental review process be treated as a "rubber stamp" without due consideration to the real impacts of this dangerous project.

Should you wish to send comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, an executive summary and CD-ROM can be requested by writing to: Mark N. Page, Jr., Project Manager New York City Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Environmental Planning and Assessment, 59-17 Junction Blvd, 11th Floor Flushing, New York 11373. You can also download the Executive Summary from the DEP website at "<http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/news/croton.html>"

For more information on how to help fight the numerous environmentally inappropriate real estate development projects in the Westchester and Putnam County watershed, contact Dr. Marian

Rose at the Croton Watershed Clean Water Coalition (BAS is a member of the coalition) at <http://www.newyorkwater.org>. In Somers, contact BAS member Barlow Humphreys at [bhumphreys@bedfordaudubon.org](mailto:bhumphreys@bedfordaudubon.org).

## HISTORY NOTES

By Patricia Humphreys

I came across an old Bulletin article entitled "75 Years of Activism" which intrigued me. What issues attracted the attention of BAS members? The original Society formed in 1913 focused on increasing the bird population by positioning gourds in trees for nesting sites. They also had broader interest and lobbied for the formation of Florida's Corkscrew Swamp Conservation Area (which is now an Audubon sanctuary).

We jump forward to the 1950s and find that BAS persuaded the NYS Conservation Department to list the Turkey Vulture as a protected bird. BAS members, along with other conservationists, provided support for passage of the Stokes bill, which prohibited building of the Panther Dam in the Adirondack Forest Preserve. They were also able to get the Snowy Owl, Great Grey Owl, Marsh Hawk and the Pigeon Hawk listed on the NYS protected birds list.

In 1958 BAS protested against the blanket spraying of DDT to control the spread of the Gypsy Moth in Westchester County and sought better control of pesticides. Remember that Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring* came out in 1962. BAS was definitely on top of the issues.

BAS members did not focus just on local and state issues, but also on national issues. Members were asked to write to representatives in the U.S. Congress to put the Bald Eagle in Alaska on the protected birds list (1951), establish a federal migratory bird act to protect migrating hawks from hunters (1953), pass an anti-billboard legislation for the millions of miles of new federal highway (1958), act on the Wilderness bill (1962), list the Golden Eagle as a protected bird (1962), and vote against hunting in National Parks (1962). Other issues came to the forefront in the 1970s and 1980s, such as pesticide control, water pollution (remember Love Canal?), nuclear power containment, development of alternative energy sources, and wetlands preservation.

Local and state issues were never forgotten. BAS protested the development of land in the Mongaup watershed in Sullivan county, which is a wintering area for Bald Eagles. In the 1990s NYS paid \$15 million to preserve that land. We also joined the campaign to save the Jay property in Rye, oppose development of David's Island (New Rochelle), pass the NYS Bottle law (1983) and to persuade Westchester County to purchase Cranberry Lake Preserve.

The BAS Conservation Committee still stays on top of the issues and lets us know what's happening both through this newsletter and by e-mail from the Conservation ListServe. See <http://www.bedfordaudubon.org/conserv01.html#conslist> to sign up.

## Notice of Annual Meeting

The 2004 Annual Membership Meeting  
of the Bedford Audubon Society  
will take place on  
May 12, 2004, at 7:30 P.M.  
at the Katonah Village Library

Nominations to the Board of Directors  
by members in good standing  
may be submitted  
to the Nomination Committee  
(914-232-1999)  
by April 14, 2004.

### About Birds: The Rose-breasted Grosbeak

By Tait Johansson

One of the first Neotropical migrants to arrive in southern New York every spring is the Rose-breasted Grosbeak (*Pheucticus ludovicianus*). In late April, this species completes its journey from its winter range (Mexico south to Ecuador) to our area, announcing its arrival with an enthusiastic-sounding, liquid, robin-like song. A fairly common breeding species in the area, Rose-breasted Grosbeaks frequent open woods, wood edges, orchards, and yards with deciduous shade trees and shrubs. They will sometimes visit feeders, often for sunflower seeds.

The name “grosbeak” comes from the French word *grosbec*, meaning “large beak,” and indeed both sexes of this species have a large, stubby, powerful bill, colored a dull, pale pink. This bill, designed for crushing the shells of seeds, is capable of exerting tremendous pressure on anything it clamps down on, as anyone unfortunate enough to have had a reason to handle a Rose-breasted Grosbeak can vouch for. (I can tell you that taking one out of a mist net is an experience not soon forgotten.) Beyond the bird-bander-scarring bill they share, the male and female bear little resemblance to each other, and might easily be mistaken for two separate species.

The male is a boldly patterned bird, mostly black and white, with a black head, throat, and back. The upper surfaces of the wings are black with two white wing bars and a crescent-shaped white patch at the base of the primary flight feathers. This patch is quite noticeable in flight, though it is mostly concealed when the bird’s wings are folded. The tail is mostly black with some white in the outer tail feathers. The rump and underparts are mostly white, except for a buffy area on the flanks with some fine dark streaking, and a triangular, bright pinkish-red patch on its breast. The

bird in flight reveals equally startling pinkish-red wing linings. Together, the male’s bright colors, thick bill, and rather stubby wings vaguely remind me of a small parrot.

The female’s upper-parts are mostly brown, with fine, darker-brown streaking extending down the back and wings. Her underparts are mostly white with fine dark brown streaking extending from the throat down to the belly. Two thick whitish streaks extend back from the bill across the head on either side of the brown auricular (the “ear-patch”). The only showy aspect of the female’s plumage is her yellow wing linings, only visible in flight. Perhaps her most distinctive trait is that, unlike most other female songbirds, she occasionally sings (in the vast majority of bird species, only the male sings). Both sexes frequently give a distinctive call note, a squeaky “eek,” often aptly compared to the sound of basketball sneakers on a gym floor.

Though common and seemingly conspicuously patterned (if only the males), this species is often overlooked by casual observers, perhaps because it spends much of its time in the foliage of trees and shrubs. But the Rose-breasted Grosbeak, a unique and striking part of our spring’s avifauna, is well worth a special effort to find it.

### Classroom FeederWatch Report

By Jodi Brodsky

The Classroom FeederWatch Program that BAS sponsored last year is up and running again at the Kent Elementary School in Putnam County. In the fall, the class was awarded an education grant of \$500 to purchase additional materials and seed. A portion of the money was used to buy a free standing feeding station. So far there have been no surprises in the birds we have attracted. However, the students have begun to learn how to identify the birds that do frequent the feeder. In addition, they have begun counting and collecting data. We won’t be sending the information to Cornell until the end of the count season. In the meantime, any donations of old field guides, binoculars, or pertinent materials for the elementary level would be greatly appreciated. Thank you. [jbbirdier@rcn.com](mailto:jbbirdier@rcn.com)

### LATE NEWS: Important Land Purchase in the Great Swamp

Jim Utter, BAS Board member and chairman of the Friends of the Great Swamp (FROGS), recently announced that FROGS has purchased an important parcel of land in the Great Swamp, which is one of the state’s largest freshwater wetlands. A 30 acre area known as Pine Island is considered the icon of the swamp and is the latest acquisition in the project aimed at preserving as much as possible of the 4200 acre Great Swamp. Pine Island rises near the confluence of the Croton River and the Muddy Brook in the town of Patterson and is considered a beacon for the Great Swamp which stretches from Dover in Dutchess County to Southeast in Putnam County. We are pleased to spread the word of this latest conservation success!

## Bylane Nature Notes

By Tait Johansson

As fall wound down in November here at Bylane, Bedford Audubon's headquarters in Lewisboro, the last butterfly seen this year was a trick-or-treating Compton Tortoiseshell on October 31. This late visitor was seen hovering around the windows of the Parker House, looking like it was trying to get in. This butterfly may actually have been looking for a sheltered place to over-winter, perhaps under a shingle. In November, a few migrant birds continued to trickle through on their way south. A lone American Pipit flew overhead on November 3, and a Horned Lark did the same on the thirteenth. A Rusty Blackbird and a Field Sparrow both also appeared on the thirteenth down by the ponds here. Bald Eagles, a regular sight here in fall and winter overhead, put on a show on the twenty first, with 4 of them visible in the air at once, 1 adult and three immatures. Scattered flocks of Pine Siskins and Purple Finches began to pass through in mid-November. The largest flock of siskins, 16 of them on the twenty fourth, landed in a black birch and started eating birch seeds for a few minutes before leaving for parts unknown. The last migrants to leave included a Ruby-crowned Kinglet at Bylane on the eighteenth and a Northern Harrier there on the twenty fourth, a late Yellow-rumped Warbler in the Hunt Sanctuary on the twenty fourth, and two Fox Sparrows near the Hunt Sanctuary trailhead on the twenty first and twenty third, with one lingering till the twenty fifth.

As the cold and snow settled in in December, only the wintering birds were still left, fewer half-hardy species than last year, it seemed. Two Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers decided to stay, spending much of their time in the apple trees here, presumably because of a preference for apple sap. Certainly the orderly, horizontal lines of small holes made by this species are disproportionately concentrated on apple trees in our area — almost no older apple tree is entirely without them. Just as last winter, one Northern Flicker is also spending the winter in the valley here. A Pileated Woodpecker, our largest and most spectacular woodpecker, was observed entering a hole in a dead tree in the Hunt Sanctuary to roost on a late afternoon in late December.

January's wintry weather brought scattered Common Redpolls south to us, with the highest number at one time a flock of about 50 on the twenty sixth. These birds are, like most other finches, highly erratic and unpredictable in their wanderings. Their winter range is strongly affected by birch seed crops to our north. In years when few birch seeds are present in eastern Canada, redpolls "irrupt" south to our area in search of food, which may, if you are lucky, include the seeds in your bird feeder.

Coyotes have been heard howling and seen hunting the fields several times this January, and a Red Fox was heard barking one night early in the month to mark the start of its breeding season. The only other mammal of note has been a Muskrat seen frequently in the ponds up until they finally froze over completely at mid-month. The ponds had at least some open water all last

winter, as I recall. It's been a cold, bleak winter, which brings me to the brave subject of my last paragraph.

This winter's "bird most determined not to migrate" award surely goes to an exceptionally stubborn Belted Kingfisher that was still in the Franklin/Fels Sanctuary in North Salem on January 20, by a very small stream winding through the woods, about 90% of which was frozen over. Male kingfishers regularly over-winter in our area to hold onto territories they will use for breeding in the summer, if open water remains so that they can continue to fish. This one must have had an Ahab-like obsession with some particular nemesis fish to stay with this stream, which seems to me barely large enough to support a kingfisher if it had no ice on it at all. Or maybe it was just feeling optimistic about how soon spring will come.



### BAS's Annual Birdathon Friday-Saturday, May 14-15

**Registration and/or information:  
Steve Ricker at (914) 234-2934**

Sponsor one of the birders or join with one of our teams. We'll count as many different bird species as we can within a twenty-four hour period, while raising funds for Bedford Audubon Society's Education programs. The birding will cover diverse areas from Long Island, to Westmoreland Sanctuary, to the Great Swamp in Patterson. Watch the mail for a flyer or check our web site for more details.



American Robin by Stephen D'Amato

## **BAS Celebrates Its 90th Anniversary**

We celebrated our 90th Anniversary and the holiday season on Wednesday, December 3, 2003. Our distinguished guest speaker, Mr. Andrew Berner of New York City (shown below with Jackie Jones), presented a slideshow lecture entitled "Beauty and the Beasts: Natural History According to Mark Catesby." Mr. Berner is Curator of Collections and Library Director at the University Club of New York City.



## **PROGRAMS**

### **Fern Workshop**

**Wednesday, March 10, 7:30 P.M.**

#### **Katonah Public Library**

We see them as we meander through the woods, and sometimes in our yards, but how many ferns do you know by name? We'll move outside of our usual program format and gather around the table as **Michael Penziner** teaches us the distinguishing marks of the most common ferns to be found in Westchester County. The ferns will be illustrated with pressed specimens that show the unique field markings of each fern, and Mr. Penziner will demonstrate how to tell them from the "look alike." At the end of the workshop, which lasts about two hours, you will be able to identify at least 10-15 common ferns without any difficulty. Mr. Penziner is a member of the Fern Society, a volunteer at the Rye Nature Center, and a Wildflower Island Guide at Teatown.

### **Horseshoe Crabs and Migrating Shorebirds in Cape May, N.J.**

**Wednesday, April 14, 7:30 P.M.**

#### **Katonah Public Library**

In the Cape May, N.J. area, the end of May brings the highest tides of the year, along with hoards of horseshoe crabs that come ashore to lay their eggs above the high tide line. This coincides with the migration of thousands of shorebirds that

stop to feed on the horseshoe crab eggs on their way from wintering grounds in South America to breeding grounds in the Arctic. **Tedor Whitman**, Director of Education and Research at Teatown Lake Reservation, will present a slideshow/Powerpoint program. This presentation will be partly a natural history lecture and partly an explanation of the scientific research that is taking place to better understand the shorebird/horseshoe crab phenomenon, and to better protect it in the future. You will definitely want to visit Cape May and see this spectacle for yourself after attending this program!

### **Sojourns in the Wild: The Yellowstone Edition**

**Wednesday, May 12, 7:30 P.M.**

#### **Katonah Public Library**

We have a *very* special program planned for our Annual Membership Meeting this year. **Gustav W. Verderber**, one of Vermont's foremost nature photographers, presents "Sojourns in the Wild." This multimedia presentation is a moving celebration of the spiritual value of Nature that sweeps you into some of the most magnificent and pristine natural areas on Earth, including Yellowstone National Park. Mr. Verderber uses several projectors to choreograph his images to sounds of Nature, along with the enchanting music of noted Celtic harpist, William Jackson, and Yellowstone composer Jett Hitt. The whole effect will be as though you, not the images, are moving through space and time. This will be a rare opportunity to see the works of this Vermont native in our area. So mark your calendar now.

## **FIELD TRIPS**

**Registration:** Please call Ginny Powers at 914-764-4320 to register for all field trips unless otherwise noted.

### **Tour of The Ecosystem with Scott Williamson**

**Saturday, March 20, 10:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.**

Scott will lead us on a car-pool tour of three sanctuaries that should never be taken for granted. We'll grab lunch along the way as we visit Marshlands, Read, and Cranberry Lake Sanctuaries.

Marshlands Conservancy, on Route 1 in Rye, is a 173-acre wildlife sanctuary composed of forest, meadow, saltmarsh, and shore. There are three miles of trails and one-half mile of shoreline along the Long Island Sound. Located along the Atlantic migratory flyway, more than 230 bird species have been sited.

Located on the shore of the Long Island Sound in Rye, The Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary exists along a migratory flyway. This 179-acre sanctuary, recognized by the National Audubon Society of New York as an Important Bird Area due to its significant habitats and flyway, is home to a great diversity of marine life. In winter months, the 85-acre lake, a mixture of salt and fresh water, hosts over 5,000 ducks.

Cranberry Lake, on Old Orchard Street in No. White Plains, is a 165-acre nature preserve comprised of forest, wetlands, and a ten acre lake that was carved by glaciers thousands of years ago.

**2004 Wildflower Symposium: "Native Plants are For the Birds"**

**Saturday, March 20, 8:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.**

**Westchester Community College**

**(Snow date: Sunday, March 21, 2 P.M.-6 P.M.)**

Registration Fee: \$35 for Audubon members, \$40 for non-members.

This event is Co-sponsored by The Native Plant Center at Westchester Community College, Valhalla, NY and the five Westchester Audubon Chapters. Topics will include "The Importance of Improving Habitat on Residential Properties," "Attracting Wildlife to Your Home Year Round," and "Personal Experiences: Bluebirds, Butterflies, and Native Plant Gardens."

For more information, phone the Native Plant Center at 914-785-7870 or visit our website: [www.bedfordaudubon.org](http://www.bedfordaudubon.org)

**Jones Beach Walk**

**Sunday, March 21, 8:00 A.M.**

Bill Wallace will lead us on a winter walk on the Long Island Shores of Jones Beach. The south shore of Long Island is the wintering home to many birds because of the diversity of habitats that may be found there, despite the intense development of the last 75 years. Pack a lunch and dress with warm layers.

**Dance of the Woodcock**

**Saturday, April 10, 7:00 P.M.**

**Ward Pound Ridge Reservation/Trailside Museum**

Join Naturalist Beth Herr at Trailside Museum in observing the Woodcock's energetic love antics as he "peents," struts, and hurls himself into the sky and acrobatically down again, all to attract a mate. Enter at junction of Routes 35 and 121 in Cross River.

**Delmarva Weekend**

**Friday, April 30 - Sunday, May 2**

Join us for a three-day weekend of birding in one of the East Coast's best springtime birding regions. The trip will begin early Friday morning.

**Wednesdays in May: Birdwalks at Bylane**

**Wednesday, May 5, 12, 19 & 26 at 7:30 A.M.**

Join Tait Johansson at Bedford Audubon's Bylane Farm for a leisurely bird walk. Bylane Farm is located at 35 Todd Road, off Route 22 just south of the Route 138 intersection.

**International Migratory Bird Day Celebration**

**Saturday, May 8**

Join Bedford Audubon and Friends of the Great Swamp (FROGS) for a daylong celebration of birds in the Great Swamp, which borders Putnam and Dutchess Counties. Check our website for a complete listing of events at [www.bedfordaudubon.org](http://www.bedfordaudubon.org) or call 914-232-1999.

**BAS Annual Birdathon**

**Friday, May 14 - Saturday, May 15**

**Registration and/or information: Steve Ricker at 914-234-2934**

Teams will be covering diverse areas from Long Island to Westmoreland Sanctuary to the Great Swamp in Patterson, NY. The object is to count as many different bird species as we can while raising funds for Bedford Audubon's educational programs. Please try to enlist at least one sponsor and join us.

**Bylane/Hunt Birdwalk and Breakfast**

**Saturday, May 22**

Please join us for a birdwalk and breakfast at our own Bylane Farm and Hunt Sanctuary at 35 Todd Rd., Katonah.

**Babes In The Woods at Westmoreland**

**Saturday, June 12, 3:00 P.M.**

This program is 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. Please register by calling 914-666-8448.

**Jamaica Bay Sunset Cruise**

**Saturday, June 12, 5:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.**

Enjoy a 3-hour narrated tour of the backwaters of Jamaica Bay aboard the 96' boat Dorothy B VIII leaving from Pier 6 in Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn. See nesting Peregrine Falcon, Osprey, Laughing Gull, Forster's Tern, American Oystercatcher, Willet as well as egrets, ibis, shorebirds, etc. Learn about the history and ecology of the bay. Sponsored by the American Littoral Society. Cost: \$35 includes wine, cheese, snacks, and narrated tour.

**The Wolf Conservation Center**

**Saturday, June 19, 2:00 P.M.**

Join us on a tour of the center and see a slide show program on these fabulous animals here in South Salem, NY. The Wolf Center was built to teach the importance of wolves in the environment and a little about their complex history with humans. Minimum age of 6 years; Donation of \$7 child/\$10 adult, MasterCard/Visa accepted.

**The Bedford Audubon Adirondack Excursion**

**Independence Day Weekend, Friday July 2 - Sunday, July 5**

Join our fearless leader, John Askildsen, as he leads our first tour to the Adirondacks. Please save the date and stay tuned or check our web site as more details follow.

**New Member Application**

*I would like to join the Bedford Audubon Society (a chapter of National Audubon).*

Send this form with a check made out to the  
**National Audubon Society, Bedford Chapter.**

*Please check the membership category.*

\_\_\_ Introductory \$20, \_\_\_ Two Year membership \$35, \_\_\_ Senior Citizen (65+) \$15, \_\_\_ Student \$15

I wish to make an additional donation of \_\_\_\_\_

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I do not wish to have my name or contact information shared with outside organizations.

e-mail conservation list

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