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Birds in our Communities

Lessons in Ecology, Ornithology and History

2003 March Lecture Series
Ladd Recreation Center, Thursdays 7:00 - 8:15 pm

The Wayne School, the Ladd Recreation Center, the Androscoggin Lake Association and the Kennebec Land Trust are co-sponsoring a community ornithology series at the Ladd Center in Wayne during March, 2003. Please join us for these excellent presentations and the opportunity to meet your friends and neighbors in the region. Members of all four sponsoring organizations will be attending the series and there will be time to visit over refreshments after each program. This community program is supported by a grant from the Helen and George Ladd Charitable Corporation.

March 6th, Introduction to Maine Birds and Bird Conservation

Ron Joseph, Wildlife Biologist, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Old Town, Maine

Topics:

- Maine's great variety of birds and diverse habitat types - salt marshes, coastal islands, grasslands and farmland, emergent wetlands, forested wetlands
- Land birds - monitoring population trends through breeding bird surveys
- Conservation efforts with private landowners including grassland and wetland habitat restoration for meadowlarks, upland sandpipers, American bitterns, rails, and many other species.
- Working with Maine sporting lodges to diversify - attracting U.S. and international birders.
- What citizens are doing to help bolster migratory bird populations

March 13th, Maine Pioneer Ornithologist Cordelia Stanwood (1865-1958)

Dr. Cynthia Watkins Richardson, University of Maine

Topics:

- Cordelia Stanwood's contributions to bird conservation - from teacher to naturalist
- Contributions to ban the feather trade and efforts with Maine's Senator Johnson
- Cordelia Stanwood's work with teachers - bringing birds and conservation to the classroom
- Community Conservation: Cordelia Stanwood hosts birders of every age - Birdsacre as refuge for wildlife
- Cordelia Stanwood as a pioneer of the illustrated ornithology article

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March 20th, Birds of Wayne, Winthrop and Adjacent Areas

Jim Miller, Retired Teacher and Birdwatcher

Topics:

- Habitat types in Wayne, Winthrop, and surrounding areas
- Places to go birding - including map with locations
- Common birds of our region - check list for participants
- Not so common birds of the area - check list for participants
- Times of day to go birding
- Seasonal birding

March 27th, Birds as Environmental Indicators: Canaries in Coal Mines and More

Dave Evers, Executive Director, BioDiversity Research Institute and Adjunct Professor of Biology,
University of Southern Maine

Topics:

- Common loons, bald eagles, and belted kingfishers - "canaries" of our lakes and rivers
- Sampling birds for contaminants
- Watersheds, pollutants and biomagnification
- The impacts of contaminants and other environmental stressors on birds

Spring Bird Walks – see KLT Spring newsletter for dates

- This spring the KLT will offer two bird walks in May with Jim Miller and one in June with Ron Joseph. Participants on each of the KLT bird walks will start a species list for that property. This information will contribute important data to the KLT's property inventories.

For additional information contact:

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