

Peoria Audubon Society Annual Plan for 2004

Bird Monitoring

- Coordinate three annual Peoria-area Christmas Bird Counts ... recruiting volunteers, publicizing the events, and compiling the results. PAS will also continue to pay the participant fee for all three counts (Peoria, Chautauqua, and Chillicothe).
- Coordinate the annual mid-winter Bald Eagle Count from Henry to Havana ... recruiting volunteers, publicizing the event, and compiling the results.
- Coordinate five annual Spring Bird Counts ... recruiting volunteers, publicizing the event, and compiling the results. Ensure consistent coverage and at least three counters in Peoria, Tazewell, Woodford, Mason, and Fulton counties.
- Coordinate the annual Fourth of July Butterfly Count for the Peoria area ... recruiting volunteers, publicizing the event, and compiling the results. PAS will also continue to pay the participant fees.

Public Education

- Host monthly public programs in conjunction with the monthly meetings, September through May.
- Host at least four seasonal field trips, open to the public.
- Continue sponsorship of area schools in the Audubon Adventures program.
- Partner with Forest Park Nature Center to host Eagle Day in late January ... providing eagle viewing maps, leading field trips to view eagles on the river, and answering questions the public has about the eagles that winter in Central Illinois
- Partner with Forest Park Nature Center to host International Migratory Bird Day in May ... providing information about neo-tropical migrants, leading field trips to migrant hotspots, and answering questions the public has about spring migration.

Sanctuary Initiative

- Continue with the planning effort, holding at least four committee meetings throughout the year.
- Document any properties reviewed by the committee.
- Continue to develop a fund-raising contacts, and build on the past March auctions and mail solicitations.

Member Recruitment

- Keep membership brochures hand at Forest Park Nature Center and at society events.

Fund-Raising

- Organize an annual bird seed sale in fall.