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*The mission of the Evansville Audubon Society is to promote the awareness of
and appreciation for birds and other wildlife and their habitats
through education and conservation.*

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EAS Email Contact System to Be Implemented. Send Your Email Address Now

EAS is implementing an email notification system for members and friends about upcoming trips and meetings. To receive announcements and reminders, send your name and e-mail address to Carolyn Bennett at paul-carolyn-bennett@insightbb.com. Addresses will, of course, remain confidential; only the address for each addressee will appear on e-mails sent out.

Calendar Shaping Up

See new items on the Calendar of Events, beginning below.

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, October 16, 7:00 PM,
Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve.
Indiana and Hawks and Owls, by John Castrale, Indiana Department of Natural Resources. Join us beforehand for dinner and camaraderie at 5:30 PM at the Eastland Mall Food Court.

Saturday, October 27, 7:30 AM, *Field Trip to Rim Rock-Pounds Hollow Recreation Area*. First field trip of the year to Southern Illinois Shawnee National Forest to see interesting rock formations, fall birds and foliage. Hiking will be easy on good trails. Meet at Wesselman's grocery parking lot at Weinbach and the Lloyd at 7:30 AM. Lunch in the area before heading home. In case of rain, call Steve Heeger at 867-3873 for possible cancellation.

Saturday, November 10, 7:30 AM,
Field Trip to Hemlock Cliffs in Hoosier National Forest. Hemlock Cliffs is a "narrow 150-foot-deep box sandstone canyon with waterfalls and caverns along its forested cliffs. Archeological excavations at Indian Cave and Arrowhead Arch have discovered Indian occupation of the area since 10,000 B.C." (from *Nature Walks in Southern Indiana*) Hiking is easy. Meet at the south end of Whirlpool parking lot on Highway 41 at 7:30 AM. We'll have lunch on the return trip home. Call Ted Hitch at 812-867-9249 to sign up, or see him at our monthly meeting on October 16.

Tuesday, November 20, 7:00 PM
Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve.
Nature Photography with Al Perry,
prize winning photographer, local
businessman and EAS member. Perry
will showcase exotic birds and other
sights from his world travels. Join us
beforehand for dinner and camaraderie
at 5:30 PM at the Eastland Mall Food
Court.

Saturday, December 15. Vanderburgh
County Christmas Bird Count. Snow
date: December 22. See details
elsewhere in this newsletter.

Tuesday, December 18, 6:00 PM,
Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve.
Christmas Sharing. Each person bring
a favorite covered dish, table service
and drink. Following the meal, we will
have a show-and-tell of some of your
favorite nature memories.

Saturday, December 29. Posey
County Christmas Bird Count. Snow
date: January 2. See details elsewhere
in this newsletter.

January, tentatively 28 or 29. Field
trip to Pere Marquette State Park,
Illinois. Bus trip to view bald eagles in
Grafton, Illinois, north of St. Louis. Pere
Marquette State Park is well known as
one of the best spots to look for these
magnificent birds in the winter and is
listed on the National Audubon Society's
Great River Birding Trail. It will be an
overnight trip being planned with Tim
Griffith at Wild Birds Unlimited. Lodging
and meals will be at the state park
lodge. Details and cost to be announced
later.

February, Field Trip to Sloughs
National Wildlife Management Area,
Sauerheber Unit. Join us to view
potentially thousands of migrating ducks
and geese, including snow geese and
white-fronted geese, as well as possibly
a bald eagle or even trumpeter swans,

in this area approximately half an hour
south of Henderson. Details to be
announced later.

Join the 2007 Christmas Bird Count

The Audubon Christmas Bird Count
(CBC) was begun in 1900. This year
the Evansville Audubon Society will
participate in the 108th count.

The data collected is used to assess the
long-term trends in the early winter bird
populations of North America.

The Vanderburgh county CBC is Dec.
15, and the Posey county CBC is Dec.
29. Please join us for either or both
CBCs this year. Both yard and field
counters are needed. Contact Carol
Pettys at 812- 867-6231 or
pettys1234@aol.com.

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**Send your email address
now to [paul-carolyn-
bennett@insightbb.com](mailto:paul-carolyn-bennett@insightbb.com)**
See item on front page of this
newsletter.

EAS Minutes September 18, 2007

Steve Heeger, president, convened the board meeting. June monthly and August planning meeting minutes were approved as printed.

Treasurer Dick Vernier reported as of 8/31/07 Income: NAS Collaboration NAS Incentive, \$40.00; Interest, \$4.63. Expenses: newsletter mailing labels, \$20.79; Secretary of State, \$10.00; Supplies /copies, \$9.74; transfer to bulk mail, \$200.00. Balances: checking, \$3933.26; six-month CD, \$4332.71; bulk mail, \$248.50. All accounts, \$8504.87.

Field Trips Steve Heeger led discussion as we are still looking for a Field Trip Chair. October trip previously scheduled. Hemlock Cliffs November 10. With Wild Birds Unlimited to Alton, IL for Bald Eagles in January. Details elsewhere.

Education Carol Pettys shared reports from Sharon Elementary 5th grade Wren House Project and Castle High School Garden Project. These were funded by contributions to EAS. A report on a field trip from a Title One school to Wesselman Woods was also circulated. Half the cost had been obtained by EAS as a collaborative grant from NAS.

Carol moved and Lois Schmitt seconded a motion to apply to NAS for another collaborative grant (up to \$500) to continue to fund half the cost of field trips for Title One schools. Motion passed.

A motion to ask NAS for collaborative funds of \$500 for the Birding Festival May 1-4 also passed.

Conservation Sue Vernier reported that an amendment concerning logging in Tongass National Forest prohibiting the government building the roads passed.

The Nature Conservancy is supporting Patoka NWR for the first time. Construction on additional viewing facilities at Cane Ridge will start soon.

Old Business Carolyn Bennett will handle the e-mail notification/reminder list. Donation Request letter to be sent soon. CBC dates set.

New Business EAS will promote giving Audubon membership as a Christmas Gift.

Sightings Carol Pettys – redstarts in yard. Sue Vernier – Green Tree Frog in rain gauge. Ted Hitch – Chestnut Sided Warbler, male Rose-breasted Grosbeak, female Summer Tanager in yard. Mississippi Kite flyover.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00.

Carolyn Bennett, secretary



A gift of **Evansville and National Audubon Society membership** would be a perfect surprise for that nature lover on your holiday list.

A one-year subscription includes six issues of the marvelous *Audubon* magazine as well as newsletters and emails concerning all activities of the Evansville Chapter. Does a coupon redeemable for \$5.00 in merchandise from WildBirds Unlimited sound too good to be true? It's yours for providing your friend with the Evansville and National Audubon Society membership.

What a deal! Just use the forms on the back of the newsletter.