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## Chapter Scholarships Awarded

The Board is pleased to announce awarding five scholarships this summer.

Jean Boyer Hamlin Ornithology scholarships have been awarded to three area birders to attend Project Puffin's Hog Island ornithology programs. Susannah Reed from Friendship, attended Teen Birding Studies, Sean Ari Hatch from Damariscotta attended Field Ornithology and Andrea Perko of Liberty attended the Joy of Birding Hog Island courses.

Two area youth, Noah Jordan of Alna and Josie Cotton of Bremen, attended Tanglewood's Blueberry Cove Camp at Tenants Harbor on Chapter scholarships.

Each year the Board budgets funds for scholarships and the Jean Boyer Hamlin scholarships are always available for area residents for studies in ornithology.



Don Reimer photo

### American Kestrel

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Annual Meeting goes boarding, right,  
Snow Goose III for short trip  
across the narrows to Hog Island

See Annual Meeting page 6 . . . .



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The Mid-Coast Audubon  
Board meets 6:30 p.m.  
the first Thursday  
at Medomak Valley H.S.  
Waldoboro, ME

**Our Mission  
is to promote  
long term  
responsible use  
of natural resources  
through an  
informed membership,  
community awareness.**

Did you know  
**Brazoria County TEXAS**  
has more species of birds  
than any other area in North  
America ?

## Welcome New Members

Karl Ebert & Roberta L.  
Adlington, Damariscotta  
K. Batchelor, Nobleboro  
Kenneth Kemp, Belfast  
John Randolph, Rockport  
Thomas Renyi, New Harbor  
Mrs. Linda H. Small, Port Clyde  
Ms. Jennie Woodford, Bremen  
Dudley Zopp, Lincolnville



**THINK ahead . . .**

## Christmas Bird Counts

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## Do You Have Your Bat Booklet ?

Your Chapter recently produced a 13 page primer, Maine's Bats, including all the information you should know to keep you informed about bat myths, truths, biology, housing and much more. Get your copy today (\$5) at program meetings, by writing to the Chapter or call 563-3578.

## Coming Programs

👉 September 16th, **Edible and Medicinal Mushrooms of New England and Eastern Canada** by David Spahr 6:30 pm Camden Public Library



September 30th, **Edible and Medicinal Mushrooms of New England and Eastern Canada** by David Spahr 6:30 pm Gibbs Library, Washington ME

October 21st, **Overview of Maine Birds** by Don Reimer 6:30 pm Camden Public Library

►Date TBA **Backyard Birding in Maine** by John Weinrich and Joe Gray 6:30 pm Gibbs Library, Washington ME

►Date TBA **Photography of Birds:** Mourning Doves-Nesting to Birth, Eagles, Loons (between 13th and 24th) at Sheepscott Valley Conservation Association

November 18th, **We Can Still Choose To Act** by Paul Kando 6:30 at Camden Public Library



Juanita Roushdy photo

### VanDuyn Refuge Trail Cleanup Crew

L to R, Bill Goodwill, Kristin Pennock, Susan Schubel, Colin Pennock, Ayla Liss, Barbara Hansen and her dog Shawnee.

### June Field Trip You Missed

Saturday, 6/12, six of us traveled to **Kennebunk Plains** under a threatening sky. The Plains produced in showery weather as advertised with: E. Meadowlark, Song, Savannah, Grasshopper and Vesper Sparrows, Prairie, yellow and Black-throated Blue warblers, E. Kingbird, Baltimore Oriole, Brown Thrasher, Mourning Dove, Barn Swallow and Upland Sandpiper.

We then headed for the **Sanford Wastewater Plant** to find: Eared Grebe, Ruddy Duck -5 in the most outstanding colors- Spotted Sandpipers, Barn, Bank, Tree and No. Rough-winged Swallows, Chimney Swift, Com. Grackle, European Starlings, Killdeer, dozens of Double-crested Cormorants, Canada Geese, Am. Crow and Am. Robin.

A most successful trip.

## Point of View

### Gulf Oil and Migration

The coastal marshes of the Gulf is the taking-off place for many of our migratory neotropical songbirds.

A partial list of migrants includes Blackpole and Yellow Warblers, Yellow-billed Cuckoo,, Swainson's Thrush, Ovenbird, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Summer Tanager and Chimney Swift.

The thousands of square miles of marshes are just as important as the wintering grounds of millions of North American waterfowl and shorebirds.

White-rumped, Upland and Semi-palmated Sandpipers together with Blue-winged Teal pass through the Louisiana marshes on their annual southerly trip to the Yucatan Peninsula.

These birds, adults and juveniles alike, will be coming from the pristine Arctic tundra, Canada's Boreal forest, farmlands and woodlands of the north, millions of birds will undoubtedly become contaminated with the oil now spreading daily further into the coastal wetlands.

I think it is safe to anticipate millions of birds will be lost during this year's migration.

Next spring, northerly migration may tell the tale of how many survived as the future of the coastal marshes dictate the effect on migratory populations.

-Ed



Joe Gray with American Chestnut planting at Tanglewood

### Injured Birds?

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## Cornell and Chapter Field Trips

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Cindy McIntire photo

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### Coming Field Trips

Saturday, August 7

Weskeag Marsh for Fall Migrants with Don Reimer and Bill Goodwill. Meet at 8 a.m. at parking lot on Buttermilk Lane Limited to 20 birders - call Georges River Land Trust at 594-5116 for reservations.

Tuesday, August 17

Poor Mans Pelagic Bird trip out of Portland with Bill Goodwill Call 207-354-0669 for details.

Saturday, September 11

Plum Island NWR, MA. Join leader Dennis McKenna at this famous National Wildlife Refuge Depart from Damariscotta Hannifords parking lot at 6:30 AM.

Saturday, September 18

Bradbury Mountain - Hawk Watch with Don Reimer. Meet at Moody's Diner at 8:00 AM and Lincoln County News parking lot at 8:15 for car pooling.

Friday & Saturday, September 24 & 25

Monhegan Island Fall Chapter Trip A 2-day option arriving on Friday morning, spending the night and joining the others on Saturday for the second day. Individual is responsible for boat tickets and lodging. Contact Monhegan Boat Line for reservations. Boat departs at 7:00 AM.

October Mushroom Walk

(date to be determined -  
follow [midcoastaudubon.org](http://midcoastaudubon.org) Events)

Monday, October 4

Poor Mans Pelagic trip out of Portland Portland with Bill Goodwill Contact Bill at 207-354-0669 for details.

Saturday, October 16

Green Point Wildlife Management Area - Dresden Join MCA for fall migrating sparrows, water fowl and more.

Saturday, November 20

Ducks with Don Reimer -Rockland/Rockport Meet at Chickawaukee Pond parking lot on the border of Rockland and Rockport off Rt.#17 at 8:00 AM.

Saturday, January 22

Rockland Harbor and Spruce Head with Don Reimer Meet at harbor parking area at 8:00 AM - dress warm.



John Weinrich photo

## Male Black-backed Woodpecker at South Bristol April 24th

Ruddy Ducks 7/4 Scarborough(R.A.);  
31 Loons 5/2, off Round Pond  
(E.K.).  
Family Pied-billed Grebes 5/29,  
Rockland (D.R.);  
6 Turkey Vultures 5/21, Warren  
(D.B);  
Great Egret 2/29, Rockland (D.R.);  
Bald Eagles 4/15, one Gardiner, one  
Hallowell, Families of Killdeer  
6/25, Warren,  
Barred Owl calling 6/22-26,  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird 5/21,  
Newcastle – very few Hummingbirds  
this year – (D.B.); both m. & F.  
birds regularly working beebalm 7/10  
(J.G.)  
Pewee 7/12, Surry (C.M);Pr.  
Eastern Phoebe nesting 5/18,  
Newcastle (M.W.); Great Crested  
Flycatcher, 5/15, Red-eyed Vireo  
5/10, 5/20 Newcastle (D.B.);  
Families of House Wrens 5/19,  
Newcastle (R.B.), Damariscotta  
6/28 (N.S.);  
Wood Thrush 6/12, Surry, Veery  
6/28, Newcastle (D.B.);  
Catbirds 5/18, Newcastle (M.W.) &  
(D.B.);  
Warblers: since early/mid- May: No.  
Parula, Yellow, Chestnut-sided,

Black-throated Green, Pine, Black  
and White, Redstart, Ovenbird,  
Yellowthroat, Newcastle (D.B.);  
Sparrows: Pr. nesting Song 7/9  
Damariscotta (J.G.), Chipping,  
White-throated, 5/18, Newcastle  
(M.W.); lots of Chipping  
throughout the period, 2 White-  
crowned 5/13, Newcastle( D.B.);  
Mix of House and Purple Finches  
7/4, Newcastle (R.A.);  
Pine Grosbeak 5/17, Newcastle  
(R.B.);  
Rose-breasted Grosbeak 6/24,  
Newcastle (M.W.)

## Reporters

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R.A. = Roberta Addington,  
D.B.= Doris Balant,  
R.B.= Rosie Bensen,  
J.G. Joe Gray,  
E.K.= Ed Krawic,  
C.M.= Cathie Murray,  
N.S.= Nancy Spinner,  
D.R.= Don Reimer,  
M.W.= Mariellen Whelan.

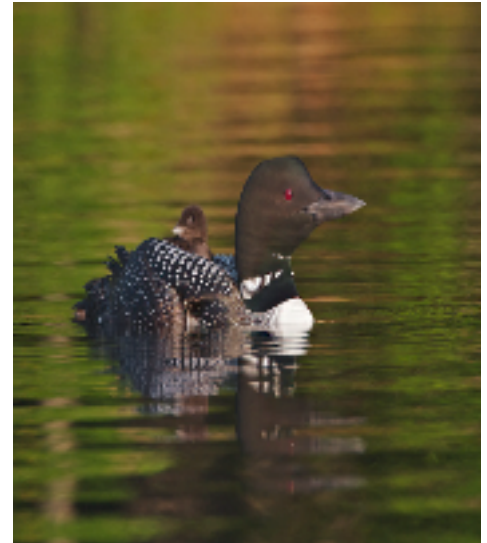
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## Common Loon

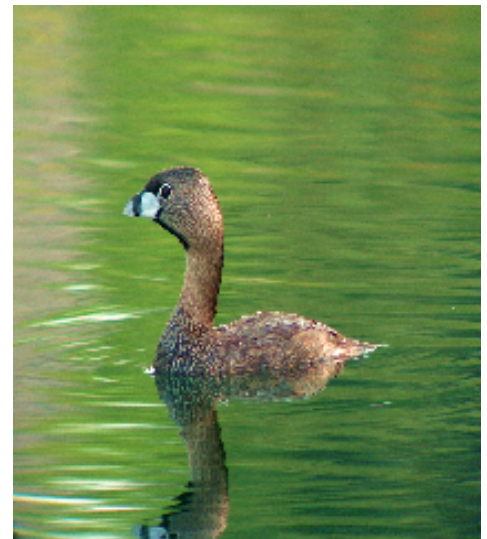


Kieth Carver photo

"I think most Maine  
nesting loons are already back  
on lakes and ponds. Loons take  
4 years to reach breeding age  
and do not leave the ocean 'til  
ready to breed. Perhaps this is a  
congregation of sub-adult  
birds...or adults that have not  
yet moved into extreme northern  
boreal regions to nest".

*Don Reimer*

## Grebe



Don Reimer photo



# Annual Meeting Notes

## Successful Chapter Meeting

The 2010 Annual Meeting was a great success - from the timing of the tides, to the sunny hot weather, to the delicious food - all completed “Summer in Maine” to perfection. Don Reimer and his crew (the Hot doggies!) tended the blaze and used all their Boy Scout skills to construct a stone pit which held the huge tray of lobsters and clams. Bill Goodwill, John Tobin, and new Board member Gerry Therrien led a nice walk around the peninsula of the island.

Fifty-one people enjoyed a good feed of seafood, potatoes, onions, and corn and as a bonus - Chef Janii's chowder! We finished it off with lemon squares and coffee.

During the meeting, held at picnic tables under the shady spruces, (see photo below) Steve Kress spoke about Hog Island, we reviewed our busy and productive year and voted in the next slate of Directors: Connie Arness, Gerry Therrien, Juanita Roushdy and Kristin Pennock.

During the past year we have offered over 30 field trips and 11 programs (programs are September - April) - all free!

We also supported the Seabird Education program in local schools and provided 5 camp scholarships to deserving mid-coast residents.



**Prexy Speaks !**



**Time to eat !**



**Don Reimer taking the “Bugs” out of the Hog Island shoreside fire. . . .**

Kristin Pennockphotos



# Annual Meeting at Hog Island

Saturday July 10, 2010

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John, Don, ?, Bill



All ate well



More Lobst

Photos by Cartwright and Weinrich



## More . . . Annual Meeting Photos

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Stil more eating !



Janii's lemon squares coming !!!!



Resting after lobster !





Do you like our new banner ?

It was difficult to tell who we are when we attended fairs, farm markets and other events, and to remedy this, the Board recently purchased a canopy, tables, chairs and the above banner.

We also have developed several bi-fold display panels for indoor displays.

## Attention . . . .

## Classrooms and Organization Program Chairs

The Chapter Speaker Bureau has two dozen informative and colorful educational nature programs waiting for your organization's meetings, on varied subjects: birds, of course, but also bats, deserts, wildflowers, water, and more. Contact Joe Gray 563-3578 or [cgray025@gmail.com](mailto:cgray025@gmail.com) to arrange a presentation.

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