

Search for Eagles, Dr. S. Marie Kuhnen
Memorial Field Trip Series, 1 December 2019

The Dr. S. Marie Kuhnen Memorial Field Trip, Search for Eagles took place in the Delaware Valley Sunday, 1 December 2019 from 8:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. It was 23 F degrees and overcast with icy winds from the northeast. The day began with watching feeder birds at home and at the Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC) that included Dark-eyed Junco, Tufted Titmouse, Black-capped Chickadee, Hairy and Downy Woodpeckers, Brown Creeper, and Blue Jay. I logged 116 miles in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area and Upper Delaware Scenic River from the Bushkill Access. The trip concluded at the headwaters of the Lackawaxen River at 3:00 p.m. 21 F degrees.

Jack Padalino, president emeritus of PEEC and Brandwein Institute, led the search for 24 species of birds including 8 Bald Eagles (BE), all adults. The first BE was perched at the Pond Eddy Camp Ground along the Upper Delaware. A second BE was high in a tree near NPS Headquarters. The remaining six BEs were sighted along the Lackawaxen. I did not travel to Rio or the Mongaup observation site, roads were icy and snow covered. I relocated active BE nests along RT 209 at mile markers 16 & 17, near the NPS Pierce house, and at the Laurel Ridge Cemetery in Port Jervis.

Future Searches for Eagles: Sundays, January 5 & 12, February 2 & 9, and March 1 & 8.

TO PARTICIPATE IN A SEARCH FOR EAGLES FIELD TRIP
PHONE: 845.325.0536 AND INDICATE WHICH FIELD TRIP(S) YOU WILL BE ATTENDING.
Meet 8:00 a.m. at the PEEC parking lot OR meet 10:00 a.m. at the Historic Callahan House,
101 Route 209 South @ mile marker 21, Milford, PA

WEATHER PERMITTING Dress warmly, bring binoculars, field guides, and a lunch.

THERE IS NO CHARGE

Eagle observation data that we collect is shared with members of the Sussex County Bird Club, Eagle Institute, and Hawk Migration Association of North America HMANA.

An Eagle identification field guide and "Search for Eagles" instructional material will be provided for participants by the Paul F-Brandwein Institute.

Join us to Search For Eagles, the symbol of our nation.

In addition to the 8 Bald Eagles we observed:

Canada Goose
Mallard
Black Duck
Common Merganser
Bald Eagle
Red-tailed Hawk
Ring-billed Gull
Herring Gull
Rock Pigeon
Mourning Dove
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Blue Jay
American Crow

Common Raven
Tufted Titmouse
Black-capped Chickadee
Brown Creeper
European Starling
Song Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco
Northern Cardinal
American Goldfinch
House Sparrow

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