

Report: 2 February 2020 for the Search for Eagles.

- The Dr. S. Marie Kuhnen Memorial Field Trip took place in the Delaware Valley on Ground Hog Day, Super Bowl Sunday, 2 February 2020 from 8:00 a.m. through 2:30 p.m. It was 29 F degrees and overcast, half inch of snow on the ground with some snow flurries. Winds were from the northwest. The day began with watching feeder birds at home and at the Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC) with a start of 13 species. We logged 147 miles in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area and Upper Delaware Scenic River from the Bushkill Access to where the trip concluded at the headwaters of the Lackawaxen River, 2:30 p.m. at 39 F degrees.
- Jack Padalino, president emeritus of PEEC and Brandwein Institute, led the search for 31 species of birds including 17 Bald Eagles (BE), 10 adults and 7 juveniles, 4 Red-tailed Hawks, 2 Red-shouldered Hawks, and a Peregrine Falcon. An all-time first was the Great Horned Owl flying upriver at Milford Beach. Our first BE was perched at the RT 209 mile marker 17 nest, second BE was perched along River Road. The BE at the Pierce House nest was deep inside it, probably incubating. Behind the DV High School along the river, we added the fourth adult BE. The fifth was seen from the Riverview Restaurant parking lot perched in New Jersey. Our sixth was perched near the nest in the Laurel Ridge Cemetery. At the Hawks Nest Common Raven, Peregrine Falco, an adult BE perched along the river below us, and two juveniles exhibiting courtship displays above us. An adult BE was at the nest near Homemyer Road another was high in the Pond Eddy perch tree. As we crossed the bridge at At the Mongaup Observation Blind, Plank Road, and Rio Dam we drew a blank, no BEs. We had seen total of 13 BEs by the time we reached the Zane Gray Museum where we added a perched juvenile and a spectacular view 250 migrating Snow Geese. We added 1 more BE along the Lackawaxen at Appert Road where we discovered a new nest. The 16 & 17th BEs flew by as we entered RT 6.

2019-2020 SCHEDULED EAGLE HALF-DAY FIELD TRIPS:

- **February 9, 2020** – 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- **March 8, 2020** – 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Meet at 12:00 Noon at the North Entrance of Delaware Water Gap Parking Area on RT 209 (just south of Milford Bridge Toll Plaza).

FULL-DAY FIELD TRIP:

March 1, 2020, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Meet 8:00 a.m. at the PEEC parking lot OR meet 10:00 a.m. at the North entrance to the DWGNRA, 200 yards south on Route 209 South from the Milford Bridge.

TO PARTICIPATE IN A SEARCH FOR EAGLES FIELD TRIP
PHONE: 845.325.0536 AND INDICATE WHICH FIELD TRIP(S) YOU WILL BE
ATTENDING.

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

THERE IS NO CHARGE

Eagle 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 our nation's symbol.

In addition to the 17 Bald Eagles we observed:

Canada Goose
Snow Goose
Common Merganser
Turkey Vulture
Bald Eagle
Red-tailed Hawk
Red-shouldered Hawk
Peregrine Falcon
Great Horned Owl
Ring-billed Gull
Mourning Dove
Rock Pigeon
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Pileated Woodpecker
Carolina Wren
Black-capped Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
White-breasted Nuthatch
American Crow
Common Raven
Blue Jay
European Starling
White-throated Sparrow Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco
Northern Cardinal
House Finch
American Goldfinch
House Sparrow

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