

Search for Eagles, Dr. S. Marie Kuhnen  
Memorial Field Trip Series, 1 March 2020

The Dr. S. Marie Kuhnen Memorial Field Trip, Search for Eagles took place in the Delaware Valley Sunday, 1 March 2020 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It was 22 F degrees and a bright sunny day with brisk 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, Downy, Red-bellied, and Pileated Woodpeckers. We logged 147 miles in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area and Upper Delaware Scenic River. We started at the Buskill Access and the trip concluded at the headwaters of the Lackawaxen River at 3:00 p.m. 35 F degrees.

Jack Padalino, president emeritus of PEEC and Brandwein Institute, led the search for 33 species of birds including 10 Bald Eagles (BE), 3 juveniles and 7 adults and 1 Golden Eagle. The first BE was perched at the shale bank near Tom's Creek. A second BE was in the nest near RT 209 mile marker 16. BE number 3 was perched on NJ side of the river south of the Milford bridge. BEs 4 & 5 were seen perched in the same NJ tree from the Riverview Resort parking area. Next, a juvenile BE flew over us as we drove through Port Jervis. From the Hawk's Nest overlook we looked down on an adult BE flying over the Delaware River. At the Mongaup observation site we watched a juvenile BE soar above us. Another soared above us as we traveled along the Delaware. The Golden Eagle, a juvenile, dark underwings with no white and a white tail with a thick terminal band soared above us at the Zane Gray observation site near the confluence of the Delaware and Lackawaxen Rivers. The last BE was sighted along the Lackawaxen near Hotel Road.

TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SEARCH FOR EAGLE FIELD TRIP, SUNDAY MARCH 8, 2020  
PHONE: 845.325.0536 AND INDICATE YOU WILL BE ATTENDING AND MEETING US  
Meet 8:00 a.m. at the PEEC parking lot OR meet 10:00 a.m. at the north entrance to the DWGNRA parking lot, Route 209 South 200 yards from the Milford Bridge.

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

**THERE IS NO CHARGE**

Eagle observation data that we collect are 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 10 Bald Eagles and 1 Golden Eagle we observed:

Canada Goose	Rock Pigeon	Black-capped Chickadee
Mallard	Mourning Dove	European Starling
Hooded Merganser	Downy Woodpecker	Song Sparrow
Common Merganser	Hairy Woodpecker	White-throated Sparrow
Turkey Vulture	Red-bellied Woodpecker	Dark-eyed Junco
Black Vulture	Northern Flicker	Northern Cardinal
Bald Eagle	Pileated Woodpecker	Red-winged Blackbird
Red-shouldered Hawk	Blue Jay	Common Grackle
Red-tailed Hawk	American Crow	House Finch
Golden Eagle	Common Raven	American Goldfinch
Ring-billed Gull	Tufted Titmouse	House Sparrow

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