

Search for Eagles, Dr. S. Marie Kuhnen
Memorial Field Trip Series, 8 March 2020

The season's last Dr. S. Marie Kuhnen Memorial Field Trip, Search for Eagles took place in the Delaware Valley Sunday, 8 March 2020 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. At the start it was 21 F degrees and a cold, bright sunny day with winds from the northwest. 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, Downy, Red-bellied, and Pileated Woodpeckers. Four of us logged 149 miles in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area and Upper Delaware Scenic River. We started at the Buskill Access and the search concluded at the headwaters of the Lackawaxen River at 3:30 p.m. 57 F degrees.

Jack Padalino, president emeritus of PEEC and Brandwein Institute, led the search for 36 species of birds including 8 Bald Eagles (BE), all adults and 16 Red-tailed Hawks. Hi light was the Eastern Phoebe in the Lauren Ridge Cemetery. The first BE flew above the shale bank near Tom's Creek. A second BE was in the nest near RT 209 mile marker 16. BE number 3 flew above us from NJ side of the river south of the Milford bridge. BE 4 was sighted from the south end of the cemetery and perched on the NJ side of the river. Next, an adult BE was incubating in the nest opposite Indian Head Canoe launch. No BEs were seen at Mongaup, Plank Road, or Rio. At Pond Eddy we watched a BE soar above us and got a great look at a perched BE across the river. Another soared above us as we traveled along the Delaware. From the Zane Gray observation site near the confluence of the Delaware and Lackawaxen Rivers we were able to locate our last BE soaring in the distance upriver along the Delaware. We did not find BEs along the Lackawaxen.

TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SEARCH FOR EAGLE FIELD TRIP

First and Second SUNDAYS, DECEMBER 2020, JANUARY, FEBRUARY, AND MARCH 2021

PHONE: 845.325.0536 OR eMail jackpeec@aol.com AND INDICATE WHICH SEARCH(S) YOU WILL BE ATTENDING AND WHERE YOU WILL BE 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 8 Bald Eagles and 16 Red-tailed Hawks we observed:

Canada Goose
Mallard
Black Duck
Wood Duck
Common Merganser
Wild Turkey
Black Vulture
Turkey Vulture
Bald Eagle
Red-tailed Hawk
Ring-billed Gull
Rock Pigeon
Mourning Dove
Downy Woodpecker
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Pileated Woodpecker
Blue Jay

American Crow
Common Raven
Tufted Titmouse
Black-capped Chickadee
White-breasted Nuthatch
Eastern Phoebe
American Robin
Eastern Bluebird
Cedar Waxwing
European Starling
White-throated Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco
Northern Cardinal
Red-winged Blackbird
Common Grackle
House Finch
American Goldfinch
House Sparrow

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