

# FYKE NATURE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**September 8 – Field Trip: Saturday Celery Farm Guided Walk.** This walk is for nature-lovers of all ages and birders of all levels. We'll look for butterflies, bugs, weird plants and our feathered friends. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at Greenway on the north end of the CF off Franklin Turnpike. E-mail Jim Wright at [celeryfarm@gmail.com](mailto:celeryfarm@gmail.com) if you plan to attend. Check [celeryfarm.net](http://celeryfarm.net) for any updates. Bring water and wear long pants and socks and bug spray!

**September 15-16 – Field Trip: Fyke Weekend at Mt. Peter.** Come one or both days and join the regulars at the lookout. We hope to catch a big broadwing flight. Directions are in the article on page 2.

**September 28 – Monthly Meeting: 8:00 p.m., Allendale Municipal Building Brien Szabo presents The Glorious Variety of Nature in the Northeast.** In his own words: “Everyone experiences nature in their own way. I experience it through my camera. My program brings the viewers on a tour of what I have witnessed in nature and the stories behind the pictures. From subzero climates to middle of the night hikes to mountain tops as well as close up tales with various wildlife. I aim to enlighten, inform and add a dash of humor as I tell my stories of my time in the Glorious Variety of Nature in the Northeast.”

**September 29 – Field Trip: State Line Hawk Watch.** Meet at the State Line lookout in Alpine. This site has easy access and park facilities. Here is a chance to look down at migrating hawks.

**October 6 – Field Trip: Saturday Celery Farm Guided Walk.** This walk is for nature-lovers of all ages and birders of all levels. We'll look for butterflies, bugs, weird plants and our feathered friends. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at Greenway on the north end of the CF off Franklin Turnpike. E-mail Jim Wright at [celeryfarm@gmail.com](mailto:celeryfarm@gmail.com) if you plan to attend. Check [celeryfarm.net](http://celeryfarm.net) for any updates. Bring water and wear long pants and socks and bug spray!

**October 14 (Sunday) – Field Trip: The Big Sit! at the Celery Farm.** To sign up contact Carol Flanagan, 973-423-0420 or [carolflana@aol.com](mailto:carolflana@aol.com).

**October 26 – Monthly Meeting: 8:00 p.m., Allendale Municipal Building Rick Wright presents Armed Forces & Birds, Geronimo, the General, and the Hummingbird.** Renowned bird writer and lecturer Rick Wright takes us back in time to when soldiers serving on the Southwestern frontier in the late nineteenth century sought distraction from the heat and tedium however they could. In rough towns and rougher outposts, whisky, women, and cards were favored pastimes, but on campaign, other pursuits had to break the boredom—among them, birding. Even General Crook was a birder, and his “capture” of Geronimo’s band in 1883 is tied in surprising ways to the general’s pursuit of a particularly beautiful hummingbird.

**October 28 (Sunday) – Field Trip: Ducks at Dusk.** Meet at the Warden's Watch at 5:30 p.m. Leader: Mike Limatola (201) 739-8062 or [mike.limatola@gmail.com](mailto:mike.limatola@gmail.com).

**November 10 – Field Trip: Sunrise Mountain Hawk Watch.** Meet on site 10 a.m. Leader: Mike Limatola (201) 739-8062 or [mike.limatola@gmail.com](mailto:mike.limatola@gmail.com).

### **Mount Peter Enters the Digital Age**

By Judy Cinquina

Mount Peter will begin its 55th fall watch September 1, and as many of you know, the watch owes its existence to Fyke, and especially Stiles Thomas who drummed up the enthusiasm to man the watch during those early years. If you were one of the many Fyke volunteers who devoted time and effort to the hawk watch in the '50's, '60's or '70's, your efforts were not for naught. I'm happy to announce that every hour and every piece of data collected throughout our long history is now preserved and available to researchers and the public on Hawkcount. Denise Farrell and I worked a good part of the summer entering data, and I couldn't have kept up the tedious work without her. Check it out at <http://mount-peter.hawkcount.org/>

Mount Peter has also been added to the NY Department of Environmental Conservation's Trailways website. You can check that out here: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/82175.html>

The hawk watch will run from September 1 through November 15, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Please come up and visit and keep a lonely hawk watcher company. The view is lovely, and the homemade ice cream below the lookout is highly recommended. We're always looking for new volunteers. Half days are available, and you don't have to be an expert if you're willing to learn on the job. To volunteer, please contact me at [judycinq@optonline.com](mailto:judycinq@optonline.com) or call me at (201) 327-1782. The lookout is located on the top of 17A, between Greenwood Lake and Warwick, NY, and is marked by a pair of microwave towers. To reach the lookout, take Route 17 through Tuxedo to 17A and turn left. Follow 17A up the mountain and into Greenwood Lake. Keep right when you reach the lake and follow 17A up the second mountain. When you reach the top, you will see a sign for homemade ice cream ahead. Turn right at the ice cream shop onto Kain Road and turn right again up the pot-holed dirt road to the lot or park down below.

### **In Memory of Pat Brotherton**

By Jim Wright

I am saddened to report that Pat Brotherton, a long-time friend, Fyke member and all-around wonderful person, died May 14, 2012.

From producing the Fyke Nature Association newsletter to volunteering in the Butterfly Garden to helping lead field trips to serving on the Fyke Board, Pat loved the Celery Farm and was one of its core supporters for several decades.

We have lost an anchor.

Our deepest condolences go out to her husband John and their entire family.

## **Coming in September: 'Lost Bird Project'**

By Jim Wright

Here's your chance to attend a free September screening of the acclaimed new documentary film, "The Lost Bird Project," about the stories of five birds driven to extinction in modern times and sculptor Todd McGrain's project to memorialize them.

The event is on Thursday, Sept. 13, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Meadowlands Environment Center in DeKorte Park, Lyndhurst, New Jersey.

The Meadowlands Commission, Bergen County Audubon Society and Ramapo College are proud to sponsor this special screening, along with a question-and-answer session afterward.

The Q-and-A will be with artist Todd McGrain, director Deborah Dickson, producer Muffie Meyer and executive producer Andy Stern, Jim Wright from the Meadowlands Commission and Don Torino from Bergen County Audubon Society.

The Hiram Blauvelt Art Museum will have specimens of the extinct Passenger Pigeon on display at the center, and you will also be able to view two Heath Hen specimens after the screening.

To reserve seats, go to <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/3771873776>, or contact the NJ Meadowlands Commission at 201-460-8434.

## **New Book: The Nature of the Meadowlands**

By Jim Wright

The New Jersey Meadowlands Commission is pleased to announce the upcoming publication of "The Nature of the Meadowlands," an amazing coffee-table book that celebrates the environmental comeback of this amazing place.

With a foreword by N.J. Governor Thomas H. Kean, the lavishly illustrated, 128-page book illuminates the region's natural and unnatural history – from its darkest days of a half-century ago to its environmental revival.

It also celebrates the amazing landscapes and parks to be found here, including DeKorte Park, Kearny Marsh and Secaucus's Laurel Hill.

And it features some pretty cool images, including present-day nature and landscape photography to pictures of an old Secaucus pig farm, a "Sopranos" landmark, a Harp Seal in Carlstadt, an Eastern Coyote on a Meadowlands landfill, and rare Laurel Hill minerals.

To reserve your signed copy (copies) now and get a 20 percent discount good through October 1, 2012, e-mail Jim at [jim.wright@njmeadowlands.gov](mailto:jim.wright@njmeadowlands.gov). He will be happy to notify you by e-mail when the book arrives.

## STEPPING UP FOR LORRIMER 2012

By Darlene Lembo

We had a total of 76 species recorded during our thirteenth Stepping Up for Lorrimer held on Saturday, May 12, 2012! A donation of \$1,334.00 was presented to Patrick Scheuer, Sanctuary Director, NJ Audubon Lorrimer Sanctuary. Patrick expressed his thanks for our continued support of Lorrimer. Thanks to all who participated, whether counting or pledging, your support is greatly appreciated. And special thanks to those who took extra shifts, started early or worked overtime, birded alone or in teams, to beat last year's total by 9 species!!

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A special thanks to Darlene Lembo who arranged this event!

Species seen; Bald Eagle and Black Vulture were especially notable:

|                             |                       |                           |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Am Crow                     | Downy Woodpecker      | Palm Warbler              |
| Am Goldfinch                | Eastern Kingbird      | Pine Warbler              |
| Am Redstart                 | Eastern Phoebe        | Red-bellied Woodpecker    |
| Am Robin                    | Eastern Towhee        | Rose-breasted Grosbeak    |
| Bald Eagle                  | Eastern Wood Peewee   | Red-eyed Vireo            |
| Baltimore Oriole            | European Starling     | Red-shouldered Hawk       |
| Barn Swallow                | Fish Crow             | Red-tailed Hawk           |
| Black & White Warbler       | Gray Catbird          | Red-winged Blackbird      |
| Black Vulture               | Great Blue Heron      | Ring-billed Gull          |
| Black-capped Chickadee      | Great Egret           | Ruby-throated Hummingbird |
| Black-crowned Night Heron   | Green Heron           | Song Sparrow              |
| Blackpoll                   | House Finch           | Swamp Sparrow             |
| Black-throated Blue Warbler | House Sparrow         | Spotted Sandpiper         |
| Blue Jay                    | House Wren            | Tree Swallow              |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher       | Killdeer              | Tufted Titmouse           |
| Blue-winged Warbler         | Magnolia Warbler      | Turkey Vulture            |
| Brown-headed Cowbird        | Mallard               | Veery                     |
| Canada Goose                | Mourning Dove         | Warbling Vireo            |
| Canada Warbler              | Mute Swan             | White-breasted Nuthatch   |
| Carolina Wren               | N Cardinal            | Willow Flycatcher         |
| Cedar Waxwing               | N Flicker             | Wood Duck                 |
| Chimney Swift               | Northern Parula       | Wood Thrush               |
| Common Grackle              | Northern Rough-winged | Yellow-bellied Sapsucker  |
| Common Yellowthroat         | Swallow               | Yellow Warbler            |
| Cooper's Hawk               | Northern Waterthrush  | Yellow-rumped Warbler     |
| DC Cormorant                | Osprey                |                           |

Participants were: Mimi Brauch, Malcolm Chesworth, Nancy Drabik, Enid Hayflick, Darlene, Mike Limatola, Julie McCall, Doug Morel, Rochana Muenthongchin, Gabriele Schmitt, Suzanne Serafini, Michael Tat, Stiles Thomas and Penny Whitlock.

Thanks to the following for Stepping Up pledges: Mimi Brauch, Nancy Bristow, John Brotherton, Deedee Burnside, Monica Cardoza, Judith Cinquina, Jean & Phil Dahlen, Nancy Drabik, Seymour Drakes & Pat Finn, Carol Flanagan, Herb & Molly Gardener, Kathleen Hetherington, Linda Hingle, Ivan Kossak, Darlene Lembo, Alice Leurck, Dorothy & Joe Lux, Rochana Muenthongchin, Gabriele Schmitt, Suzanne Serafini, Fred Weber, Charles West, Penny Whitlock, Rosemarie Widmer, John Workman & Andrea Snell.

## **Stiles and Lillian Thomas Scholarship Winner – 2012**

By Carol Flanagan

The Stiles and Lillian Thomas Scholarship was initiated to honor Stiles and Lillian Thomas for their life-long commitment to preservation and conservation. This annual scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior student of Northern Highlands Regional High School who is pursuing a college degree in the environmental sciences, and who has demonstrate a commitment to the environment through participation in related community and school activities such as recycling, clean up, and green-conscious projects.

This year's award of \$1000.00 was presented to Emile Sutcliffe at the high school's award ceremony held in June. Ms Sutcliffe was active in environmental events. She participated in the clean-up of Ho-Ho-Kus day by raking leaves and picking up trash. She also was instrumental in putting recycle bins in Ho-Ho-Kus schools. Ms Sutcliffe is a member of the Leigh-on-Sea Sailing Club which helps keep the Thames Estuary clean, and has participated in the Avocet Egg Watch in Leigh-on-Sea to help protect the eggs of Avocets.

Here is her scholarship essay:

### **The Changes I Would Make to Help the Environment**

There are many changes that anyone can do to help the environment. One of the first steps would be to educate people about things that can be changed in their every day lifestyle, such as reducing the amount of plastic bottles used. The health benefits of drinking more liquid is well documented but the disposal of the empty containers has become detrimental to our environment. I would like to see better education on the practice of recycling or reusing. It should be remembered that when my parents were young no one carried extra water around and people were just as healthy and there were no mountains of useless non-degradable plastic. If things like these are taught to the community, and practiced, over time it will become a habit, and the environment would be better off.

I would also like to see schools reduce and recycle more, and become more environmentally conscious. Solar panels are expensive to install but have long-term benefits when it comes to heating and lighting. Investing in new sinks and toilets which use less water and installing hand dryers to cut down paper waste would also help with environmental efficiency. I would also like to cut down on carbon emissions by encouraging students to walk to school or car pool if necessary and finally make all school buses run on a source of renewable energy.

Another change I would like to make would be in places like supermarkets and clothing stores. They could charge people for using their shopping bags, giving consumers the incentive to bring their own. If supermarkets do this, then they could just get rid of plastic bags and plastic wrap from things like fruits and vegetables. If they converted to only paper or recyclable packaging, the amount of plastic waste on landfills would decrease substantially.

One of the first steps to improving the way humans treat the environment, is to change things on a community level; things that affect people's everyday life. Making supermarkets and schools more environmentally friendly in Bergen County may seem to have little effect at first, but if these ideas spread the impact on the environment will continue to grow. Becoming environmentally aware won't happen all over the world over night, but it's the small changes that eventually become the big changes.

## **Belize Scholarship Update**

By Nancy Drabik

Many members of the Fyke Nature Association have been so generous in their financial support of the Belize scholarship we have been providing to a high school student. Nancy Rivas, daughter of Mauricio who has served as the driver and guide on many of Stiles & Lillian Thomas's Belize tours, has been the recipient of this scholarship for the past two years. We have kept in touch with her family and have provided moral support to Nancy, as well. Nancy is chronologically one year behind her classmates and initially had some rough times as she faced the long daily commute and comprehensive high school academic program. Each year her performance improves.

Nancy sends us a copy of her report card every semester and we also receive a thank you note at the completion of each year. Nancy expresses her gratitude for Fyke's continued financial and emotional support. She is about to enter her third year of high school and we have communicated our sincere wishes for her to have another successful academic year.

This scholarship is dependent upon individual monetary gifts; if you would like to continue your support, we would be thrilled to accept your donations! A check, written to Fyke Nature Association (with the words "Belize Scholarship" on the memo line) can be sent to John Brotherton, 249 East Crescent Avenue, Mahwah, NJ 07430

We will be sending Mauricio this year's tuition within the next few weeks as he must provide payment to the school at the beginning of the school year. (All high school costs must be paid for by the students' families.)

Again, our deepest thanks for your continued support; together, we ARE making a difference!

Below is a recent response to an e-mail I wrote to Nancy, encouraging her to "be all she can be" as a student.

*Dear Mrs. Nancy,*

*I know that school is very important to have a brighter future, however, I have realized that I wasn't giving all my effort towards learning. I've opened my mind and thought ahead of me. I have thought of what I want in my future, and I'm willing to give it my all. My goal is to study medicine so I can help the sick in my community. I would really like to study out of Belize and experience the world out there, gain more knowledge and prepare for my future. I know that with all my effort and the help of my family and you guys I can be a successful person. Your words are of great help and makes me realize that without education, my future can be very challenging.*

*Yours Truly  
Nancy Rivas*

## FIELD AND FEEDER NOTES

By Judith Cinquina

*Once, when we were driving near Stinson Beach in California, I'd stopped to give him a telescopeview of a long-billed curlew, a species whose magnificence is to my mind self-evident and revelatory. He looked through the scope for two seconds before turning away with patent boredom.*

*...I understood the difference between his unmanageable misery and my manageable discontents to be that I could escape myself in the joy of birds and he could not.*

*Further Away by Jonathan Franzen ( NY Times Book Review, May 20, 2012, p. 21)*

Aren't we all lucky we can escape into the natural world for a little while? There's always something new to learn if we can put ourselves aside for a bit and pay attention to what's unfolding before us. How many times did you visit the Celery Farm (CF) this nesting season? Were you aware that a pair of Cooper's Hawks, not yet full adults and most likely fledged in 2011, built a nest there? Cooper's Hawks were seen carrying sticks to a nest as early as April 7. Both were yellow-eyed with buffy-orange heads, field marks of first-year birds. Rob Fanning heard their "strange woodpecker-like call" at this time. It was probably the male's alarm call, a long series of ca-ca-ca-ca's. Although I was aware the pair were nesting there, I never saw or heard them while I roamed the CF. Did you? What is even more amazing is that this young pair successfully fledged four young. Stiles Thomas noted the young fledged at different times. He stated that two had left the nest when he checked, June 29. These were possibly males, while the other two may have been larger females who require a few more days to fledge. Stiles found the nest empty when he checked again, July 7. However, Kumar Patel checked the nest later that day and discovered one fledgling had returned to the nest and was feeding. Raptors often leave food at the nest until their fledglings have learned to catch their own prey. And speaking of food, Palmer (Handbook N. Am. Birds, Vol. 4, 1988) states a "typical Cooper's Hawk nest with four young in N.Y." required 266 prey items, "mainly medium-sized birds." It is amazing that this young pair could secure that many prey items in a closely birded refuge and not be detected. Stiles did find the remains of a Downy Woodpecker approximately 100 feet from the Cooper's nest, but, as far as I know, Lisa Safier was the only one to spot a Cooper's, pursued by blackbirds, returning to its nest with "something black" in its talons. This first time event at the CF was echoed by another Cooper's nest off Crescent Ave. near the Waldwick border. According to Stiles, the parents were again first-year birds, and they also produced four young. Unfortunately, the nest collapsed, and the property owners found one chick dead under the tree and another injured. Taken to the Raptor Trust, the injured hawk eventually succumbed to its injuries. The other two youngsters had managed to climb to safety.

On April 20 Stiles found the nesting Allendale Red-shoulders feeding a piece of snake to a new hatchling. The pair managed to fledge two young this year. Stiles reported that on June 29, the youngsters were discovered in a birdbath two houses down from their nest on Gray Ave. Red-tailed Hawks are also adapting to a more urban landscape. According to Hugh Carola, (Hackensack Tidelines –Summer 2012) a Red-tailed Hawk nest was discovered on May 22 underneath the NJ Turnpike bridge over Berry's Creek Canal next to Exit 16W in East Rutherford. A pair of Bald Eagles nesting at Lake Tappan lost their nestling, according to Rosemarie Widmer. When she checked the nest on April 26, the youngster she had seen previously had disappeared. Another eagle nest at Overpeck in Ridgefield Park also contained two young, but Judy Collier observed only one there on June 3. Thanks to a heads up from Kurt Muenz, Penny Whitlock learned about a Great Horned Owl nest at the corner of Lake and Godwin in Midland Park, April 21. She observed three chicks there out of the nest and already branching. A Barred Owl called behind Stile's Allendale home, June 9 at 8:30 p.m. It or another

was photographed in a Crescent Ave. yard, also in Allendale. A Barn Owl flew over Rt. 80, May 12. I was stuck in a traffic jam before the GW Bridge when I spotted the large-headed, creamy white owl about 100 feet above the road, heading towards Englewood on slow, shallow wingbeats. It was probably one of the several pairs breeding in the Meadowlands. The pair of Mississippi Kites that built a nest in Sterling Forest failed to use the nest. Seen and photographed by many Fyke members, the pair was part of an invasion of this species, beginning with almost a dozen at Sandy Hook early in the spring, one at the Great Swamp, one near Princeton, and a pair over a Middletown yard.

A Red-throated Loon was still present on Lake Henry, Mahwah on April 2, according to Rob Fanning. This species traditionally winters along the coast and is uncommon inland, and then usually only on reservoirs and large lakes. Lake Henry is not one of those. Charlie West discovered a Glossy Ibis at the CF, April 19. Penny was rewarded with views of both an Am. Bittern and a Wilson's Snipe on April 14 at the CF. While fishing July 10, Jim Morris spotted a Yellow-crowned Night Heron along the Ho-Ho-Kus Brook near Waldwick. Many Fyke members enjoyed a male Mourning Warbler off Halifax Rd. in Mahwah that Doug Morel found on May 5. According to Rob, the date establishes a new arrival record for Bergen Co. by three days. Another was heard by Rob at the CF, May 23, a more normal date for this migrant. Flat Rock Brook in Englewood produced two good warblers on May 6. Stephanie Seymour found a Kentucky there in the morning and Fred Weber noted two Ceruleans in the afternoon. A male Prothonotary Warbler made an "unprecedented" summer stop at the CF on June 8, Rob reported. It stayed for just one day, but long enough for Carol Flanagan to make it her second Prothonotary ever. A breeding Worm-eating Warbler protested Simon Streatfeild's presence at Mahwah Green Acres, June 17. An early migrant Worm-eating turned up in Stiles' Allendale birdbath, July 12, and second bathed in mine here in Upper Saddle River, July 30. In both cases, the warblers were attracted to dripping water.

Stiles found a Woodcock on his driveway at 10:30 a.m. July 17. Little is known about their migration. Two days later, Rob tracked down a female Dickcissel at the CF. He wrote that it was a first summer record for the CF. Many were seen in the tri-state area this summer, and some nested. Kumar Patel showed Penny a N. Flicker nest at the CF on April 22. He told her that Red-bellieds had been nesting there but were routed by the Flickers. At a cavity in an adjacent snag, Tree Swallows were feeding young. In spite of all the competition for nest cavities, it's amazing they managed to own one. According to Boyle (*The Birds of NJ, 2011*), Tree Swallows didn't breed in northern NJ prior to 1900. On May 8, Rough-winged Swallows were again building a nest in a pipe on the north side of the pump house at Halifax. The pair perched on the nearby gate, and every time they took flight, the male would puff out his white undertail coverts as he flew by the female. Rosemarie Widmer visited the site on the 8th and discovered that Starlings had taken over the pipe and the Rough-wings were gone. Also on the 8th, a female Hooded Merganser shepherded her five chicks down the Ramapo River past the Halifax bridge, occasionally disciplining them with pig-like grunts. They're an uncommon breeder in NJ. However, on June 17, Simon Streatfeild also encountered a female Merganser with five young at Mahwah Green Acres.

Cedar Waxwings fed in Ann Plaisted's mulberry tree, May 25. It was a first for her Ramsey yard. Nancy Drabik enjoyed "the closest looks I've ever had" of Cedar Waxwings at the Stop and Shop in Wyckoff, May 30. They were feeding on plantings along the parking lot. Deedee Burnside commented that the plantings there are primarily Shadblow or Serviceberry, "a native tree that feeds wildlife." The color of a waxwings terminal tail band, usually yellow but sometimes orange, is influenced by the fruit it consumes. Early in the season, Hans Sammer counted eight Wild Turkey poults in his backyard on Green Way in Allendale. Lisa Safier, a neighbor found just

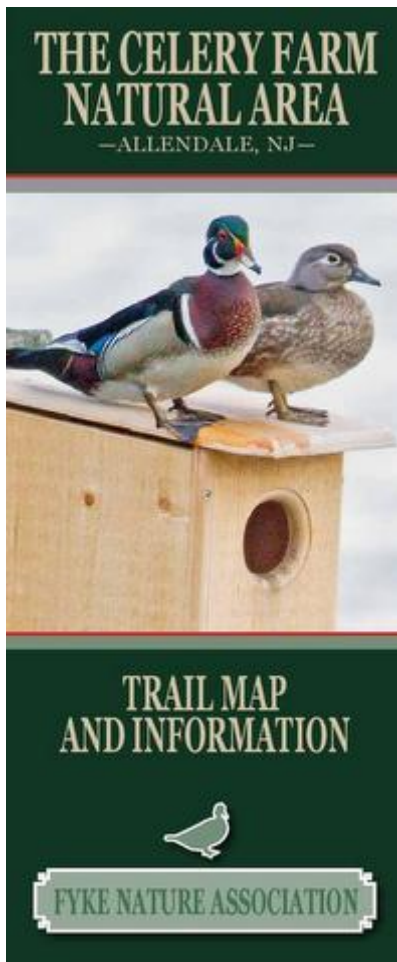


seven almost full-grown on August 1, according to Stiles. He was very surprised that seven had survived, with Cooper's and Red-shouldered Hawks in the area, among other predators. Finally, even common species can suddenly reveal something about their behavior that you never knew. On April 18, Loren Anderson saw a large bird land 40-50 feet up in an oak tree along the riverbank behind her Oakland home. She discovered it was a Canada Goose. Rick Wright responded, "Canada Geese are notorious for perching and nesting high atop stumps and poles." He even included a photo of one perched in a tree for confirmation.

Please send your observations to me at [judycinq@optonline.net](mailto:judycinq@optonline.net) or call me at (201) 327-1782. For information on the latest bird sightings, go to [www.fykenature.org](http://www.fykenature.org) and sign up with our Yahoo discussion group where many of the reports for this column originated.

## **Celery Farm Brochure and Map**

By Jim Wright



The Fyke Nature Association is pleased to announce the upcoming arrival of the first-ever Celery Farm brochure and map!

The free four-color brochure features a trail map (by Deedee Burnside), a 1955 aerial photo of the site when it was used as farmland, and Frequently Asked Questions (and, equally important, Frequently Answered Questions!).

Photos were provided by Jerry Barrack, Barbara Dilger, Stiles Thomas and Seymour Drakes. They include a Red Fox, Osprey, Wood Ducks, and much more.

The brochure will be available in September, and we hope to have it available for the Sept. 8 walk.

You'll wonder how you ever walked around the Celery Farm without it. From now on, I should be able to find my way home again.

Funding of this brochure was donated in memory of John Brewster.

**Fyke President Mike Limatola sends out a huge thank you to Rob Fanning, Lisa Malandrino, and Nick Kontonicolas for raising and donating over \$1433.50 for the Fyke Nature Association during this year's World Series of Birding. Super job, guys!**

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**The 2013 Celery Farm Calendars will be available soon!**

The donation of \$15.00 per calendar, after covering costs, will continue to fund the Stiles and Lillian Thomas Scholarship.

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**TIME TO RENEW YOUR FYKE DUES**

The new membership year for Fyke starts September 1, 2012 and ends August 31, 2013. This means that annual dues should be paid now. The dues schedule is: Individual -- \$15.00, and Family -- \$20.00. Checks should be made out to Fyke Nature Association, and mailed to John Brotherton, 249 E. Crescent Avenue, Mahwah, NJ 07430. Thank you!

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**Celery Farm T-shirts and Celery Farm caps are available!**

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