

FYKE NATURE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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PLEASE NOTE:

- 1) Registration required for all field trips!
- 2) Newsletter Question Survey on page 10.
- 3) By-laws change proposal on page 10.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 25 - Monthly Meeting: 8:00 p.m., Allendale Municipal Building
Rob Bierregaard, Ospreys in the Age of Satellites and Silicon: Studies of Local Ecology and Long Distance Migration. Dr. Bierregaard has been studying Osprey migration since 2000. From South Carolina to northern New Hampshire, he has tagged 34 adults and 37 juvenile Ospreys with satellite or cell-tower transmitters. His data have highlighted the differences between the paths, both in fall and spring, taken by seasoned adults and naive juveniles. These differences shed light on how young birds find their wintering grounds and learn the routes between wintering and breeding areas. The data from juveniles represent the only dedicated study of their migration patterns and highlight the phases of the annual cycle where juveniles are most vulnerable to both natural and anthropogenic threats.

April 26 - Field Trip: Earth Day Warbler Walk at the Celery Farm. Meet fellow Fyke Members at the end of Green Way at 8:00 a.m. to look for spring arrivals. Birders of all levels are welcome! **Registration not required for this walk.**

May 10 - 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. Wear long pants and socks; bring water and bug spray! The walk will be followed by an optional half-hour tour of the historic Fell House. Leaders: Jim Wright and Mike Limatola. **Register for this walk at celeryfarm@gmail.com.** Check celeryfarm.net for any updates.

Note: Celery Farm caps and T-shirts will be available after the walk, \$15 each. Please have exact change or pay by check made out to Fyke Nature Association.

May 10 - Stepping Up For Lorrimer. This will be our 15th Celery Farm Big Day, also known as "Stepping Up For Lorrimer". Fyke teams will be birding the Celery Farm from dawn to dusk. The goal is to count all the species of birds seen to raise money for the New Jersey Audubon's Lorrimer Sanctuary in Franklin Lakes. Please see the pledge form on page 9. To sign up for a team contact Gabriele Schmitt, gaby413@aol.com or 201-387-0048.

*"Our task must be to free ourselves by widening our circle of compassion
to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature and its beauty."*

~ Albert Einstein

May 17 - Field Trip: Garret Mountain May Walk. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the three-tier parking lot. Directions: From Rifle Camp Road turn onto Mountain Avenue at the "tank". Turn right at the first right turn into the reservation. This is one way. The three tiered parking lot is the first parking lot on your left. **If planning to attend, register with Gabriele Schmitt, gaby413@aol.com or 201-387-0048.** This trip will be canceled if a minimum number of people do not register.

May 23 - Monthly meeting: 8:00 p.m., Allendale Municipal Building
Steve Glynn -- Birding at 75mph: A story of my mid-life migration. Steven Glynn, author of "Birding at 75mph: A story of my mid-life migration" will introduce his Amazon e-book and will discuss his enjoyment of birding and the natural world, and what motivated him to write about his birding adventures. He'll enjoy sharing his thoughts and discuss the many places he's ventured to and also share some of the digiscoping efforts he's enjoyed capturing of the many bird species he's enjoyed along the way.

May 29 – Deer Management Program given by the NJDEP
Please join us for a deer management program given by the NJDEP on Thursday May 29th at 7:30 pm at the Allendale Borough Hall. White-tailed Deer are over-populated in our area and cause major damage to native plants in and around the Celery Farm and your yards. They present a danger to motorists and cause disease. We have found that some people are feeding them including a large deer feeding station a few feet off Celery Farm property near the industrial complex that was found in March. Tell your friends in other towns about the presentation as no town in Bergen County has addressed this problem.

June 7 - Field Trip: Saturday Celery Farm Guided Walk. See May 10 for details.

July 11 (Friday) - 3rd Annual Fell House Moth Ball, 8:30-10:30 p.m.,
Crestwood Lake, Allendale, NJ

Join us for the third annual Moth Ball, a free celebration of moths and other nightlife, including a great live band, at the Red Barn at Crestwood Lake in Allendale. We'll have special moth-attracting lights and sheets in hopes of attracting a wide variety of these amazing creatures of the night, and we'll help you ID them and learn more about them.



Feel free to dance (the Jitterbug?) and enjoy this awesome classic-rock group, the After Hours Band. When the band takes a break, we'll do a quick and entertaining slide show about why most moths have gotten a bad rep.

The Moth Ball marks the unofficial start of National Moth Week (nationalmothweek.org), which runs from July 19-27, and a founder of the international event will again join us for the festivities.

The free event is open to all and sponsored by the historic John Fell House (a.k.a. the Concerned citizens of Allendale), the Fyke Nature Association, the Allendale Green Team and the Bergen County Audubon Society. For more information, e-mail Jim Wright at wrightjamesb@gmail.com

July 19 - Field Trip: Our Tom Burr Memorial Butterfly Walk at the Celery Farm. Named for the late Fyke member, naturalist, photographer and friend. Meet at the end of Greenway at 10:30 a.m. for a guided 90 minute stroll. Dress for bright sun. The walk will be followed by an optional half-hour tour of the historic Fell House. Leaders: Jim Wright and Mike Limatola. Register for this walk at celeryfarm@gmail.com.

September 1 – Mt. Peter Hawk Watch begins. To volunteer, contact Judy Cinquina, judycinq@optonline.net or 201-327-1782.

Haiku!

Gabrielle Schmitt is hosting the Fyke Nature Association Haiku-a-thon. Gabrielle writes "To all of you who've sent me your terrific nature and Celery Farm observations..."



A haiku "thank you"
for many sweet lines received.
Glad you enjoyed it.

This event has been, first and foremost, about having fun. Hmmm...maybe an exercise in limericks in the future?"

(You will find Haikus inserted in this newsletter and in future issues. Your haiku should be 17 syllables in 3 lines, broken out as 5-7-5. Haiku very often deals with nature, so you are requested to include a bird or other wildlife resident of the Celery Farm. Consider including 'The Celery Farm' as 5 of your syllables. Submit your Haiku, by August 15, 2014 to carolflana@aol.com or by snail mail to Carol Flanagan, 1079 Lafayette Avenue, Hawthorne, NJ 07506.)

*So reluctantly
I leave my Florida birds
And migrate back home
Nancy Drabik*

*The Celery Farm
Is teeming with birds in spring
Oh how I love it!
DeeDee Burnside*

*Robins, red of breast,
Arriving in great numbers.
Spring will soon be here.
Eleanor and John Pastore*

*Groundhogs and chipmunks
Spring peepers and Mourning Cloaks
Woodcocks fly--oh my
Brenda McIntyre*

*The Celery Farm
Home to Pterodactyls known
as Great Blue Herons.
Gabriele Schmitt*

*Chickadee-dee-dee,
At the Celery Farm you
Sing to me me me!
Carol Flanagan*

Once Upon A Time

*Once upon a time-
We trusted corporate words-
The primrose path ahead.*

*Once upon a time-
Our waters flowed fresh and clear-
Before fracking's toll.*

*Once upon a time-
Skies were clear and clean and blue-
Now we have black oil.*

*Maybe now it's time-
To re-think priorities-
Before it's too late!
Charley West*



Field and Feeder Notes

By Judy Cinquina

I found a Maryland Yellow-throat on December 6th, 1903, in the sand dunes just back of Ipswich Beach, among some bayberry bushes and goldenrod stalks. There was about an inch of snow on the ground and the thermometer early in the morning was only 15 ° F. The bird proved to be a young male, quite fat, with its stomach filled with insects, mostly beetles and flies, and a few small seeds.

C.W. Townsend in Bent's Life Histories, 1963 Dover edition

Yes, Common Yellowthroats do occasionally overwinter in NJ, but generally, like the one above discovered in 1903, they're found in our coastal marshes. With this winter one of our recent coldest and with a bit of new snow added almost nightly during January, the last thing Rob Fanning expected at the Celery Farm (CF) on January 24 was this masked bandit of the warbler family. In fact he wrote, "I was shocked to see an adult male...during a quick lunch stroll." He continued, "This represents the first January record for the CF. My only other winter record was back on 2/9/98." It's interesting that the only C. Yellowthroat ever recorded on our Christmas Count was a young male on 1/3/98 who popped up in a small wetlands patch in West Milford. Just food for thought: If they survive the winter, do these males become alpha males and claim the best territories? Five days later, Rob found a Yellow-rumped Warbler behind the ball fields at the Continental Soldier's Park (next to Halifax in Mahwah). This was his first winter record for this species in Bergen County.



The CF also produced another rare species on March 16, when Michael Tat discovered a pair of adult Tundra Swans in the limited open water there. Stiles Thomas ran over to verify the sighting. (All rare sightings at the CF must be seen by at least two people to be added to the official CF bird list.) And Stiles called Jim Wright to document the event with a series of photos, including an in-flight shot as the swans headed north out of the CF. According to Jim Wright's blog *The Celery Farm & Beyond*, March 16, 2014, Stiles mentioned that this is the third recorded sighting at the Celery Farm and that Rochana Muenthongchin reported one a decade ago. Birders used to know that to see wintering Tundra Swans, or Whistling Swans as they used to be called, they had to go to Brigantine or the cranberry bogs in south Jersey. Not anymore. Since the Migratory Bird Act of 1918 made them a protected species, this Arctic wetlands breeder has increased its numbers substantially. In fact, because of this increase and because the submerged pond weeds they depend on for sustenance have decreased in many of their stopover sites, Tundra Swans have become a nuisance to grain farmers. Consequently, limited hunt permits have been issued in the east since 1984. Unlike the alien Mute Swan, our Tundra species is a native. How nice it is that the CF was there to welcome them, even briefly.

Our resident Red-shouldered Hawks were spotted around the area this winter. One dove into Rosemarie Widmer's Allendale backyard on January 19 and carried off a vole. Another adult was hanging around the TD Bank at Lake and Crescent in Ramsey on the 29th, according to Dave Kaplan. Raptors brightened up Gabrielle Schmitt's winter. On February 8, she spotted a Red-tail in a neighbor's tree in Bergenfield while walking her dog. The next morning, a murder of Crows and a Sharp-shinned Hawk put on a show for her, strafing one another. When the Sharpie flew off, an adult Cooper's Hawk flew through with the Crows trailing and cawing. A week later, she stopped behind the Oradell Post Office to scan the frozen reservoir. It took much patience and frozen fingers, but she finally was rewarded with three immature Bald Eagles. Two landed on the ice next to something "small and dark." Gaby thought it might be "lunch." She found the three there again on the 17th and on the 23rd managed to get photos of them in a

nearby tree before they flew across the reservoir and were joined by two more young eagles. In Woodcliff Lake, Wiebke Hinsch reported an adult Bald Eagle, carrying a stick flew over her house towards the Woodcliff Lake Reservoir. Rosemarie Widmer noted an adult eagle on a nest there, March 8 and 14. But she believes the Woodcliff Lake Reservoir is being lowered for construction work, and she fears that soon their island nest will be accessible to predators, like raccoons. She's hoping the young hatch before that happens. Eagles are less inclined to desert a nest that contains young. And finally, on March 21, Rob wrote, "An adult Bald Eagle put on a show this morning around the lake at the Celery Farm. Flew around quite a bit and perched in trees on both sides as well as on the ice. Lake is about 10% open." Just as exciting was a red morph Screech Owl that Wiebke discovered perched on her windowsill for two hours the afternoon of February 28. She wrote, "It looked like a feather ball, fox brown, with darker stripes along each wing feather." After sunset at 6 p.m. it flew off to hunt.

What's up with Brown Creepers? This piece of bark-like bird, with a call as high pitched and ringing as a Cedar Waxwing's, suddenly was all over the Fyke area in February. Finding them here in winter is expected because they do overwinter in our state, but so many sightings between February 4 and 9 seemed to represent some sort of movement. First, Doug Morel reported one at Mahwah Green Acres on the 4th. That same day, Rosemarie noted one in her Allendale yard. The next day, Rob sighted one at the McFaul Environmental Center in Wyckoff while one explored a large oak in my Upper Saddle River yard. Then, on the 9th, Barbara Dilger photographed one in her Waldwick yard and commented that this was its second appearance that week. Those that do migrate south are not known to begin moving north until mid-April. According to Poulin, et. al. in *The Birds of North America Online*, Creeper numbers have "increased in the northern hardwood forests recently, possibly as a result of reforestation and the widespread mortality of trees due to gypsy moths and other alien insect species." Creepers prefer large tree trunks that offer more bark crevices where insects and their eggs and larvae overwinter. They're equipped with short legs, curved claws that enable them to scramble up trunks, a stiff tail to prop up their efforts, and a pick for a bill to pry out hidden tidbits. Although a few Fox Sparrows were noted under feeders in our area this winter, including Enid Hayflick's in Ridgewood, they increased on schedule in mid-March when they traditionally migrate through our state. Many were singing as they passed through DeKorte in the Meadowlands in mid-March. It's a sweet, spring-like song that Sibley describes as "a somewhat halting, relatively low, rich warble."



A sprinkling of Tree Sparrows turned up in yards in our area in January, including one under Stiles Thomas' Allendale feeders. And at least two E. Towhees surprised Fyke members: a male photographed by Barbara Dilger in Waldwick, January 25 and a female in Mike Limatola's Ho-Ho-Kus yard, February 17. A Yellow-shafted Flicker enjoyed a meal at a peanut butter block in Sara and Mike Buckley's Allendale yard, February 5, while a pair of Carolina Wrens kept Jeanine Jamieson company in Hohokus all winter. From Mahwah, Betty McDonnell reported that a Hermit Thrush visited her yard on February 28 and March 1. She wrote, "They (Hermit Thrushes) come to my winterberries which were unfortunately almost totally eaten in early fall." She's also had Robins that may have been eating the raisins she threw out on the snow. Rosemarie Widmer had one repeatedly drinking at her Allendale birdbath this winter, and Simon Streatfield tallied 13 Robins at Mahwah Green Acres on February 22, along with six Cedar Waxwings. They probably survived the winter on the plentiful berries I saw there in the fall.

Enough of winter...Tom Nicastrì heard his first Killdeer in Midland Park, March 8, and he noted Eastern Bluebirds checking out nest boxes in Franklin Lakes, on the 18th. Betty

McDonnell spotted the first Tree Swallow over her home on the 20th, and at least four Woodcock displayed under a full moon at the end of Green Way, on the 15th. I just hope spring creeps in slowly, so we can relish every moment.

CORRECTION: In the Spring Newsletter I wrote about the young Snowy Owls that invaded our area this winter, “a large percentage are emaciated or have already died.” This is what I’ve always heard and read, but evidently, it was not based on research. In a very well researched and written article *Have Lemmings, Will Travel* by Scott Weidensaul in the March-April 2014 issue of Audubon Magazine, Weidensaul quotes Norman Smith who has been studying Snowy Owls since 1981. As Smith points out, many young raptors die before their first birthdays, and young Snowy Owls are no exception. However, he goes on to say: “but the data that we’ve collected show that in years when you have lots of Snowy Owls, the birds are actually in better condition. They’re in good body weight, they have lots of fat. These birds are moving because it was a banner year for lemmings, and there are just more owls to travel farther south.” As least one Snowy was still at DeKorte in the Meadowlands on March 19. Can’t blame the owl. There’s still plenty of ducks there to feast on.

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

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*Haiku. Gesundheit!*  
*Celery Farm Ragweed is*  
*nothing to sneeze at.*  
*Jim Wright*

*Migration is here*  
*Birds flying all over now*  
*At Allendale Farm!*  
*DeeDee Burnside*

*I'm snow exhausted.*  
*Red cardinal, framed in white,*  
*Please summon forth Spring.*  
*Gabriele Schmitt*



*An old farm machine*  
*Stands sentry with raw pride.*  
*Rusted, yet stoic.*  
*Doug Morel*

*What is this I feel?*  
*Warmer weather in the air?*  
*Birds sing "Spring is here."*  
*Molly Gardener*

*So hot it melts snow*  
*So plant it on all the paths?*  
*The Skunk Cabbage Rules!*  
*Penny Whitlock*



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CAR JACKED! (This is a TRUE story)

By COOx2 (a.k.a. Charley West)

It was late November — after Thanksgiving. I was returning from an unsuccessful 4 days at deer camp in Sullivan Co., NY. My southerly route home to Somerset Co., NJ, had me on Route# 206 in rural and largely agricultural Sussex Co., NJ.

At about 10:30pm on a dark, moon-less night, my headlights picked up a bulky form lying in the middle of the road. As I passed over it — my wheels straddling same — I said to myself, “Wow, that looked like an owl.” I did a 180 ASAP and parked on the roadside opposite the “form”, where the loom from my headlights provided some illumination.

I walked to the scene and found a Great Horned Owl with its talons buried in the head of a very dead hen pheasant. I picked her up by her feet — her head hanging down; thus the owl, with talons still implanted in her head, also hung head down. I had to hold this 6 foot string of birds above my head to get it clear of the pavement.



As I marveled at this tragedy, having driven over both birds I assumed all were dead. At that point the owl started to beat its left wing! “Wow again!” I lived near the renowned rehabilitator, The Raptor Trust, and felt they could repair the right wing and save the bird, so I carried this odd couple to the rear of my station wagon.

One of the few cars that had passed came back to see what was going on and parked behind me. I asked, but they did not have anything I could use as a container. My station wagon was entirely open inside; a bench seat forward, then a second bench seat, then open cargo space to the full opening hatch-back. So after swinging the birds into the wagon I covered them with my wool hunting coat which was made even heavier by virtue of the 30/06 ammo in the pockets. With my passengers aboard I continued south; I still had an hour’s worth of travel ahead.

About 10 miles into the trek, I looked in the rear-view mirror and saw the owl perched upright on my canvas tote, its malevolent talons curled over the edge of the bag. The image of the hen bird struck me and I thought, “Oh great — I’m next!” and I sought and found a spot to pull off. I exited the car in great haste slamming the door behind me. With that the owl hopped forward and perched on the driver’s-side window, its talons gripping the window sill as it glared at me menacingly. Now I’m on the outside and he’s commandeered my car! — He’s in the driver’s seat proverbially and literally!

I went around the front of the car and peered in the passenger-side window, he followed me across. I continued to the back, he again followed me. I completed my circuit and he again took up his position as driver. Now what? This dance could go on all night!

I planned a solution (?). I would quickly go to the back, open the hatch, grab my coat, close hatch, and return to driver’s door. If he still clung to the window, I’d swing the door open, he’d fall to the ground, then I’d throw my coat over him, then I’d stow him more securely.

Well it worked up to a point. As I swung the door open, he dropped toward the ground, but he never made it. Instead he used both wings to fly away into the night. I stood there bewildered! Alone with my camera — UNUSED — in the tote bag and a dead hen pheasant, an illegal, non-game species.

I envisioned being stopped by a State Trooper or Game Warden. If I told him my story I’d still be behind bars! But with no venison I couldn’t bear to discard the pheasant so I motored home, cautiously, with a pheasant and this adventure.

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*Oh Virginia Rail!  
You eluded me before.  
But I see you now!  
Lisa Ann Fanning*

*Hour from (the) Tower  
Rainbow bird from Florida  
Purple Gallinule!  
Rob Fanning*





## The 62nd Ramsey Christmas Bird Count

By John Brotherton

Our most recent Christmas Count was scheduled for December 14, 2013 but we were stormed out and rescheduled for January 4, 2014. So hoped for mild conditions evolved into WINTER. Although the 4th was sunny and clear we did have cold temperatures and, of course all the ponds and lakes were frozen. As a result our 32 observers were able to find only 83 species, lower than our recent average. Some unexpected species were Virginia Rail, Gray Catbird, Brown Thrasher and Towhee.

The team awards battle was as intense as ever. THE COVETED BLUE JAY AWARD was won by Team West with a total of 70 unseating the usual Team Schwenker. Team Poalillo, new comers to our group, won the BEST TEAM TROPHY for finding 7 more species than their recent average. And finally Team Fanning won the HOUSE SPARROW TROPHY for counting 205 of this often overlooked species.

Thank you to all counters for their work as citizen scientists contributing valuable bird data via the National Audubon Society. The results are a crucial part of the U.S. Government's natural history monitoring data base. Those with internet access can view Christmas Bird Counts from 1900 to the present through Audubon's website, [www.christmasbirdcount.org](http://www.christmasbirdcount.org). Thank you also to the Borough of Allendale for the use of the municipal building for our recap meeting. The recap meeting may be the highlight of the day allowing everyone to share and compare the results of their day in the field.

Our 63rd Count is tentatively set for Saturday, December 13, 2014.

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*There is no yellow
Brighter than that found on the
first warbler of Spring
John Workman*

*Konk-la-ree he sings
The Red-winged black bird nests in
Celery Farm reeds.
Carol Flanagan*



*Deftly and silent,
Through reeds and frigid waters,
The rail stalks its prey.
Doug Morel*

*Day by day brighter
Earlier than other years
Finches yellow-er
Sara Buckley*
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### 2015 Celery Farm Calendar!

Photos are needed for the 2015 Celery Farm calendar! The only requirement is that the photo was taken at the Celery Farm by a Fyke member. The proceeds from the calendar sale fund the Stiles and Lillian Thomas Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior student of Northern Highlands Regional High School who is pursuing a college degree in the environmental sciences. This \$1,000.00 scholarship was initiated to honor Stiles and Lillian for their lifelong commitment to preservation and conservation.

Please send your photo, landscape orientation, saved as a jpeg file, to [carolflana@aol.com](mailto:carolflana@aol.com) by August 1, 2014.



**2014 Stepping Up For Lorrimer Pledge Form**

There are three ways to send your pledge:

- 1) Pledge forms can be returned at the April members meeting.
- 2) By mail to Fyke Nature Association, Box 141, Ramsey, NJ 07446
- 3) By e-mail to John Brotherton, jbro29@optonline.net

**YES!** I want to support Fyke’s team and Lorrimer on May 10 by making a pledge per bird species seen. I understand that 60 to 80 species may be recorded; however the total could be higher if conditions are ideal. All money donated will go to Lorrimer Sanctuary.

My pledge is:

\_\_\_\$1/species \_\_\_\$.75/species \_\_\_\$.50/species \_\_\_\$.25/species \$\_\_\_\_\_/species

Name:

Address:

Phone:

e-mail:

**You will be notified of your pledge total soon after May 10<sup>th</sup>. Checks should be made out to Fyke Nature Association.**

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*How now brown cowbird
Waiting and lurking about
No nesting for you
Brenda McIntyre*

*The Celery Farm
A breeding bird oasis
Peace and contentment.
Janet Tedesco*

*In serene long lines
spring migrants: Turkey Vultures.
No one notices.
John Workman*

*Sweet, sweet, I'm so sweet!
The yellow warbler sings out
In leafy tree tops.
Carol Flanagan*

*The Celery Farm
Where Catbirds and Wood Ducks Reign
Place of Solitude
Rob Fanning*

*Ragged cattails bloom
red and black with Kong-ka-ree's:
Celery Farm spring.
Judy Cinquina*

*Wide sky and high clouds
Illuminate Lake Appert.
Native life abounds.
Doug Morel*

*I've seen many birds
But what I most want to see?
Scarlet Tanager
Namita Potluri*



By-laws Change Proposal

The following change to the Fyke Nature Association by-laws will be voted on at the April 2014 meeting:

From: Officers shall not serve more than 2 consecutive 2-year terms.
To: Officers shall serve 2 year terms.

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**Newsletter Question Survey!**

We are considering having the newsletter delivered electronically. This would save on rising printing and postage costs. (Hard copies would still be mailed to those without internet access.) If you would be in favor of having your newsletter delivered electronically, please e-mail carolflana@aol.com with "e-newsletter = yes" in subject line. This does not obligate you in any way; we just want to see how many members want this before proceeding.

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Here's An Easy Way To Support Fyke



Don't forget we now have a direct link to AMAZON from our website. Fyke does not endorse any particular merchant but just log onto www.fykenature.org and you will find the link on the first page. Every month AMAZON sends us a sales commission check. Thank you for your participation.

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The Fyke Nature Association, a 501 (c) (3) organization, meets the fourth Friday of every month except June, July, August, and December at the Allendale Municipal Building, 500 W. Crescent Avenue, Allendale, NJ 07401.

Meetings and membership are open to all. Annual dues: Individual -- \$15.00; Family -- \$20.00. For further information, write to Box 141, Ramsey, NJ 07446, visit our website www.fykenature.org, or call Mike Limatola, President, at 201-739-8062.

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