

Fyke Nature Association Fall Newsletter

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Dues Notice

Prompt Payment Appreciated

Fyke dues for September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026 are due now. Annual dues are \$20 for an individual and \$25 for a family. You can pay online at www.fykenature.org or by check to Fyke Nature Association mailed to Fyke Nature Association, Box 141, Ramsey, NJ 07446.

Allendale selected the Red-shouldered Hawk as the town bird! A story about the proclamation and how this came to pass will be featured in our next newsletter!



Programs*

Since mid-2015 Fyke's monthly speaker costs have been funded by a generous grant from the Winifred M. and George P. Pitkin Foundation.

Friday, September 26, 2025 - Monthly Meeting & Presentation, 8:00 PM via Zoom Plants of the New Jersey Highlands

The forests of the New Jersey Highlands are a botanical paradise filled with a rich variety of native trees and shrubs. Join naturalist Mike Lefebvre as he identifies the flora found there.

Mike is a nature enthusiast who has led plant ID walks for Fyke Nature Association, Friends of the Bonsal Preserve (Montclair), Bergen County Audubon, and the Friends of the NJ School of Conservation (Stokes State Forest). He also wrote the nature blog NJUrbanForest for several years.



Mike Lefebvre

Registration is required. A link to register will be available early September. It will be emailed to Fyke members and posted on the website under Programs.



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Friday, Oct. 24, 2025- Monthly Meeting & Presentation, 8:00 PM via Zoom Long-time Fyke Member Jerry Barrack Presents Some of His Favorite Bird Images

Jerry will present some of his favorite images of birds from his extensive collection taken over more than 65 years. While many will be from the Celery Farm, which he has been photographing for over 35 years, many others will be from Florida, where he has been living for the last ten years as well as a few from Belize and South Africa.

Jerry has been a member of Fyke for over 35 years and has presented many times over the years, initially by himself and then later with his friend, Jim Wright. He has given over 100 nature programs and together with Jim and Doug Goodell, written In the

Presence of Nature, better known as "The Celery Farm" book. They also produced a book entitled Jungle of the Maya, a celebration of the magnificent rain forest that encompasses much of Belize, Guatemala, and the Yucatan Peninsula. Jerry and Jim have also written three children's books about the Celery Farm; Duck Enough to Fly; Icky, the Hungry Heron; and Swan Babies.

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Jerry Barrack



Events & Field Trips

Mt. Peter Hawk Watch 2025- September 2 - November 15, 2025, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

The volunteer hawk watchers at Mt Peter will be conducting migratory raptor counts for the 68th season this year as the oldest all volunteer hawk watch in the country. The watch will start on Monday Sept. 1 and run through Saturday Nov. 15. Our small group of dedicated volunteers will be covering the majority of days during that period but we welcome any additional help. Anyone with hawk watching experience that would like to help out would be greatly appreciated. Beginners are also welcome and our more experienced counters are always willing to work with newcomers. The watch is located above the Creamery at the top of 17A between Greenwood Lake and Warwick, NY.

If you are interested, please contact Ken Witkowski by email at: kenwitkowski@yahoo.com.



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State Line Hawk Watch 2025- September 2 - November 15, 2025, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

State Line Hawk Watch is located in the Palisades Interstate Park in New Jersey. Our observation point is 527 feet above the Hudson River in Alpine, NJ, the highest point on the Palisades in New Jersey. We are wheelchair accessible, and there are restrooms and a refreshment stand on site. We operate each day throughout the period, weather and volunteer availability permitting. Public education is the primary focus of this hawk watch, and all are welcome.

Directions: <u>Google Map</u>. From Palisades Interstate Parkway northbound, State Line Lookout is an unnumbered but well-marked exit two miles north of Exit 2. From Parkway southbound, take the well-marked median U-turn at Exit 3, then use caution as you merge onto the northbound Parkway, as you will have to move immediately to the right lane to exit for State Line exit.

Hour on the Tower- Every Sunday 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM at the Celery Farm



Usually on the Pirie-Mayhood Tower platform.

Everyone is invited to join with the group of regulars who keep a list of every species of bird they can identify over the course of one hour. It's a good way to improve your birding skills and catch up on Celery Farm news. The location may shift between the Pirie-Mayhood Tower platform on the east side of Lake Appert and the Warden's Watch platform near the Franklin Turnpike parking area.

Contact Gaby Schmitt to find out where to meet up.

Self-Directed Exploration Open to Fyke Members- North Harpersfield Property

George Rand and Pamela Ryder invite Fyke members to visit 135 acres of forest, field, stream, and pond in upstate NY. Please see the website to download and print <u>essential information</u> you must read before your visit, including directions, contact numbers, release and waiver document, lodging, and area attractions, as well as a map of the property.

Thank you to The Volunteer Wish List Donors!*

Gloria Antaramian	Darlene Lembo	Catherine Shaw
Monica Cardoza	Patricia Linard	Cathy Squasoni
Margery Cleveland	Tom Mitchell	Janet Terchek
Patty Finn	Nancy Motto	Cindy Waneck
Amy Griffin	Rochana Muenthongchin	Jim Wright
Enid Hayflick	Heidi Petri	Leslie Young
Sarah Hrynak	Lisa Potash	

Helen Raleigh

*Through 8/15

Tom Jaeger



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Final List, STEPPING UP FOR THE CELERY FARM - May 3 & 4, 2025 Gabriele Schmitt

- 1. Canada Goose
- 2. Wood Duck
- 3. Mallard
- 4. Black Duck
- 5. Mourning Dove
- 6. Black-billed Cuckoo
- 7. Yellow-billed Cuckoo
- 8. Chimney Swift
- 9. Ruby-throated Hummingbird
- 10. Killdeer
- 11. Spotted Sandpiper
- 12. Solitary Sandpiper
- 13. Greater Yellowlegs
- 14. Lesser Yellowlegs
- 15. Least Sandpiper
- 16. Yellow-crowned Night Heron
- 17. Green Heron
- 18. Great Egret
- 19. Great Blue Heron
- 20. Turkey Vulture
- 21. Osprey
- 22. Red-shouldered Hawk
- 23. Red-tailed Hawk
- 24. Red-bellied Woodpecker
- 25. Downy Woodpecker
- 26. Hairy Woodpecker
- 27. Pileated Woodpecker
- 28. Northern Flicker
- 29. Great Crested Flycatcher
- 30. Eastern Kingbird
- 31. Warbling Vireo
- 32. Red-eyed Vireo
- 33. Blue Jay
- 34. American Crow
- 35. Fish Crow
- 36. Black-capped Chickadee
- 37. Tufted Titmouse
- 38. Tree Swallow



Swallow

- 40. Barn Swallow
- 41. White-breasted Nuthatch
- 42. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
- 43. Northern House Wren
- 44. Carolina Wren
- 45. European Starling
- 46. Grey Catbird
- 47 Veery
- 48. American Robin
- 49. House Sparrow
- 50. House Finch
- 51. American Goldfinch
- 52. White-throated Sparrow
- 53. Song Sparrow
- 54. Swamp Sparrow
- 55. Baltimore Oriole
- 56. Red-winged Blackbird
- 57. Brown-headed Cowbird
- 58. Common Grackle
- 59. Northern Waterthrush
- 60. Black & White Warbler
- 61. Common Yellowthroat
- 62. American Redstart
- 63. Northern Parula
- 64. Yellow Warbler
- 65. Wilson's Warbler
- 66. Chestnut-sided Warbler
- 67. Black-throated Blue Warbler
- 68. Yellow-rumped Warbler
- 69. Northern Cardinal
- 70. Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- 71. Eastern Screech Owl
- 72. American Black Duck
- 73. Marsh Wren
- 74. Double-crested Cormorant



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Thank you to the 2025 Stepping Up Donors!

Christian Alcaide Suzanne Ishii Crista Murphy Frank Alcaide Heidi Petri Tom Jaeger Dana Anello Alan Pomerantz Bob Kane Gerald Barrack Lisa Potash Brian Kenney Mimi Brauch Ivan Kossak Pat Price Alice Luddington & Richard Cantor Darlene Lembo Marty Prince Monica Cardoza Alice Leurck Siân Roberts

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Amy Griffin Kurt Muenz

How Fyke Got Its Name

A friend in the NY/NJ Trail Conference recently asked if the Fyke Nature Association had a role in the creation of the Campgaw Mountain Reservation back in the early <u>1950s</u>.

I did a little digging in an online newspaper archive and found a 1953 newspaper article that explained how "Fyke" became part of our group's name.

"The Fyke Nature Association was organized in January 1952, and has 34 active members, many of whom are experts in various facts of nature," the article in *The Paterson News* reported.

"Topics covered so far in monthly meetings, which take place on the fourth Friday (even back then), are wildflowers, marshes, binoculars, bird banding, mushrooms, rocks, minerals and astronomy," the article continued.

Now here's the cool part: "The name of the association was chosen in deference to the locale of activity where the Bergen County Park Commission is acquiring large tracts of land between Route 202, or the Valley Road, and Camp Road, south of Darlington Ave. The Fyke is a highway that starts on the eastern end of the area and all but peters out in the Ramapo Mountains, but reaches far enough for the purposes of those who take interest in the wonders that lie about them."

The article went on to say that the Fyke Nature Association received permission to label trees and mark trails for the new park, dubbed "Fyke Park" at the time. The park was likely named Fyke Park because, according to an early Fyke president, the area had been called the Fyke from the earliest Dutch days.

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By Jim Wright



"Fyke" was thought to refer to a narrow-mouthed fish net, in apparent allusion to the shape of the lower Fyke valley in the Netherlands.

The county property includes Fyke Pond, part of Fyke Brook and Fyke Road.

After its creation, Fyke Park became known as the Campgaw Mountain Reservation. An article in the November 25, 1955, edition of *The Record* confirmed Fyke's work:

"Stiles Thomas, president of the Fyke Nature Association, announced at a meeting of the group on Friday evening in Ramsey that the Nature Trail Committee has completed surveys for two additional nature trails in the Campgaw Mountain Reservation.

"The group is cooperating with the Bergen County Park Commission in marking trails. The two additional trails will be 600 and 800 yards in length. Eventually, it plans to label all trees, plants, rocks, etc."

A later article said that "the association continued its work in helping plan the roads, trails and parking and picnic areas and in identifying trees, shrubs and other points of interest."

Even after the name of the property had changed to Campgaw and the group's involvement had diminished, our nature group stuck with "Fyke" because, the article reported, people liked the name.

* My Trail Conference friend John Moran added this fitting footnote:

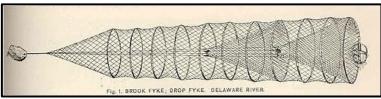
"I've personally been attending to the trail blazing and maintaining for over 25 years [at Campgaw]. I was told that an anonymous park employee was keeping the trails up before then, but after his retirement they fell into minor disrepair.

"Somewhere in late 1990s I nominated Campgaw for adoption by the Trail Conference, and we've been at it since then."

In short, John followed in Fyke's footsteps... Thanks, John!

Jim Wright is a long-time Fyke member and deputy marsh warden at the Celery Farm Nature Preserve.





Caption: A fyke fish net

Credit: Hugh McCormick Smith, public domain, via Wikimedia Commons

Caption: Fyke Pond in Campgaw Mountain Reservation
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Eastern Red Bats are North America's most abundant tree bats. They are found wherever there are trees east of the Rocky Mountains, from Canada to ...central Florida... (They) roost in the foliage of deciduous or sometimes evergreen trees. Despite their bright red color, these bats are actually rather cryptic and can appear like dead leaves or pine cones. They are perfectly camouflaged as they hang curled up in the furry membranes of their tails, suspended by a single foot, twisting slightly in the breeze... For the most part, red bats are solitary, only gathering together to mate and to migrate...

J. Scott Altenbach, <u>Bat Conservation International online</u>

Loren Anderson was sitting on her Oakland deck along the Ramapo River in the late afternoon of April 14 when she spotted something red and swallow-like flying over the river. It had a reddish-brown body, darker wings and buffy undersides, Loren wrote, and it flew like a Nighthawk but was much smaller. She grabbed a few blurry, in-flight photos that weren't helpful, and then was distracted by a young Cooper's Hawk who swooped past, grabbed something and landed in a nearby tree.



Copper's Hawk with Red Bat, Loren Anderson

After snapping a few photos of the hawk, Loren went back to looking for the mysterious red thing, hoping for better photos, but it seemed to be gone. She took a few more Coop photos, and later, while looking at her photos, she realized the hawk had captured her "life" red bat. The photo shows the bat's rather long, fox-like snout and at least one of its pointed ears. Its mouth is open and pinkish. Note the hawk's long legs which help keep sharp talons, beaks or teeth away from its own body until the prey is no longer a threat. Soon Red Bats will join the birds migrating south using the same migratory routes along the Atlantic seaboard as many birds, according to Altenbach. He further reports that in the late 1800s, there were reports of large migratory bat flocks passing over in the daytime, but no such sightings have been made since. And speaking of migratory flocks, Common Nighthawks begin migrating in late August, but like the Red Bat, their numbers have declined drastically all over the east. Please report any you see. Look for them around sunset beginning August 20.

In spite of fog, Doug Morel "lifed" a Little Gull at Piermont Pier, along the Hudson River, April 7. "The Bonaparte's have been coming through in droves at the pier lately," Doug wrote. Between April 6 and 8, 40 to 50 Bonaparte's Gulls were recorded each day, and the Little Gull traveled with them. A tiny gull, in fact, the smallest gull in the world, the Little Gull, like the larger Bonaparte's, was hunting small fish around the pier. An adult, the gull's primary field mark was its black underwings. "It carries its shadow with it," one old-time birder used to tell me. The water was calm when Doug arrived at 6 p.m., so the gull was easy to follow. By the next day, the winds had picked up and the pale gray and white gull with black underwings hunted low over the water and was often lost in the white caps. It breeds in small numbers in the Great Lakes basin and in Canadian wetlands further north, Ewins and Weseloh report in their online Little Gull 2020 entry in Birds of

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the World. Along with his life bird, Doug also counted 15 Bonaparte's Gulls and six Common Goldeneye that early evening. This was the second Little Gull ever reported in Rockland County.



A Black Skimmer surprised Julie McCall and many Fyke members, June 28 at the Celery Farm (CF). A first ever for the CF, Julie alerted members at 8:20 a.m. "Black Skimmer working Lake Appert right now." "My son and I saw it at 10 a.m. with a group of Canada Geese on the mudflats," Amy Griffin wrote. And Patty Finn reported, "...had a good time with other Fykers watching that Skimmer up close." A number of Fyke members enjoyed this long-winged black and white tern with the party-hat bill. Red at the base and black out to the tip, its bill is unusual, with the lower mandible much longer than the upper and used to slice through the water and detect prey. Its bill will automatically snap shut on contact with prey. But all that slicing creates wear and tear on the bill, so the lower mandible continues to grow over its lifetime.

Black Skimmer, Julie McCall

Usually you have to climb a mountain, like Mount Washington, and be atop at sunrise to add a Bicknell's Thrush to your life list. And then, it might just be a heard bird. That certainly wasn't the case this May when a Bicknell's turned up at Losen Slote Creek Park in the Meadowlands and hung around for over a week. John Coyle heard the Bicknell's and recorded its song on May 18. He wrote that it sang "its distinct song over and over." Doug Morel, who has had spectacular birding this spring, went for the Bicknell's early on May 24, got the bird and heard it sing. Not a first for Doug, he had previously "lifed" the bird at the CF in May of 2014, as did many Fyke members. Doug also listed 50 other species on the 24th, including Bicknell's cousins – Gray-cheeked, Swainson's (5) and Hermit (2) – along with 13 warbler species, and Alder and Yellow-bellied Flycatchers. The Yellow-bellied Flycatcher's "turree" call is very similar to that of our commoner E. Wood Pewee, and sometimes even Merlin misidentifies it, but photos backed up the identification. One last Doug find must go on record. On July 10 he was surprised by an Upland Sandpiper foraging in a grassy area with several Killdeer in Westwood. This long legged sandpiper is an Endangered Species in NJ. Open grasslands have disappeared from most of NJ, leaving little habitat for this grassland breeder Already migrating south, the Upland Sandpiper had to use any bit of open, grassy habitat it could find. Doug wrote that they turn up occasionally in Westwood during migration.

The Fyke area is part of the northern limit of the Yellow-breasted Chat, so they're an exciting find when they do turn up. Stephanie Swanzey went for one reported singing along Tice Boulevard in Woodcliff Lake on June 2. She heard its slow, sometimes harsh, intermittent calls coming from a thick brushy area behind a parking lot and managed one quick photo that showed enough of the bird for an ID. She listened to it calling for the next hour but it failed to come out into the open. John Pastore topped off a "fabulous morning" at the CF with a "life" Prairie Warbler, April 22. He even managed a photo. That same day, Dana Anello also scored her first ever Prairie Warbler at White's Pond in Waldwick. The word "prairie" brings to mind large western grass habitat, but our Prairie Warblers occur further east in old field, vegetated dunes and brushy hilltops. They're very rare out West. Maryann Fahey visited Van Saun Park in Bergen, April 27 and observed the Little Blue Heron that continued there. She wrote that it was easy to see from the platform overlooking the

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pond and mudflats. Amy Griffin and her son encountered three Green Herons in a tree near the old tractor at the CF, late May. She wrote, "I love that the CF supports so many wonderful birds!"

Tom Mitchell shared a video of one of those "wonderful birds," a Virginia Rail at the CF, April 21. You can view it at https://youtu.be/ZQ3VESwZMys?feature=shared. Up close, it's handsome with a gray face and somewhat long, bright orange bill as it hunts insects and small prey at the edge of Lake Appert. Suzanne and Michio Ishii were surprised to find a strange bird when they went down to the third underground level of their parking garage under their apartment building in Cliffside Park, April 7. The bird was wandering around and disappearing under cars, and the Ishii's feared it would be run over by a car or die in a remote corner and decided to rescue it.



Virginia Rail, Suzanne Ishii

"We never thought we could capture it, but it was easy as the bird seemed to not be afraid of us at all," Suzanne wrote. Michio managed to pick it up, and they put it in a shopping bag and released it in Fort Lee Historical Park. Once they saw it in the sunlight, they realized it was a Virginia Rail. The rail wondered around for awhile, and Suzanne snapped a few photos.

The CF produced an American Bittern for John Tworsky, April 4. Although it was under heavy cover in the phragmites, John managed a photo of this "brown and buff streaked, heron shaped bird." Like a large bowling pin, the color of the marsh, his photo showed the bittern stretched tall among the reeds, its long neck and pointed bill reaching for the sky. This very successful pose often includes a bit of swaying like a reed blown by a slight breeze. It's a perfect camouflage for a bird that calls dense phragmites home. This bittern used to breed in the CF marsh. Maybe Brown Thrashers nested here this year. Thrashers nest in overgrown fields along forest edges, but that habitat is disappearing. So it's good news that Tom and Sharon Mitchell observed three as they walked along the Allendale Brook at the CF, June 14. Thrasher ages are difficult to determine since both adults and young are reddish with long tails and spotted white chests. But only adults have golden eyes, something difficult to observe without optics. Hopefully at least one was a recent fledgling. Mike Limatola found two of the three Pileated Woodpecker fledglings trying "their best" to get food at the CF, June 27. They were still crying for their parents to feed them, Mike reported. Bob and Lisa Safier had three Savannah Sparrows in their Allendale yard, April 23. A first for their yard but not unexpected, since they live next to the CF. Lisa also suspected that no one had cleaned out the wren box at the CF when she found the male House Wren busily doing the work, the 24th . He used the "side door (a woodpecker hole) and stuck his head out at least a dozen times" and shook out beakfuls of feathers each time, Lisa wrote.

Once again, Black-necked Stilts visited DeKorte Park in the Meadowlands. Both John Coyle and Daniel Carola enjoyed two at DeKorte's Harrier Meadows (Closed to the public.), May 10. As I described them last year, stilts "are black and white with long, black stiletto bills and neon-pink, twiggy legs that go on forever and seem too fragile to support their frenetic lifestyle." A pair last year turned up there on May 19 and stayed one more day. This May they arrived around May 10 and were still there on the 30 th . Black-necked Stilts were "probably fairly common breeding birds in NJ in the early 1800's," wrote Bill Boyle in his Birds of

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NJ (2011). Maybe someday they'll stay and breed somewhere in NJ again, like they do in nearby Maryland and Delaware.

The fall migration is already in progress. Some species like the Cerulean and Yellow warblers, Louisiana Waterthrush and C. Nighthawk are already on their way. Please share your sightings in your yard or in the field with the rest of us at fykenature@groups.io where many of the reports for this column originated or send your observations to me at judycinq@optonline.net. Comments on their behavior are always appreciated.



Website Notes Fall 2025

By Tom Mitchell

Searching for information about the Celery Farm is what draws visitors to our website and we have comprehensive information about this place for them that is our pride and joy. In the process they are invited to learn about Fyke and what we do. In this way the website does outreach for us.

There are many ways to look at visitor behavior, but counting views and the number of visitors is the basic metric. Looking at the pages that are viewed by the most people gives us a general picture of what visitors are interested in.

The Celery Farm page gets by far the most views and visitors. The most popular page after the Celery Farm is the Celery Farm map. The Home page gets the next highest number of visitors, followed by the Events page, which suggests visitors are checking out the Fyke Nature Association. And the Volunteer Opportunities page is the next on the list, showing that many people are considering becoming volunteers.

It is not static information. Many pages get regular updates and pages covering completely new information are regularly added. More than 50 pages have been modified or added since the last newsletter deadline. Sometimes the Fyke email list gets a notice about new content, but otherwise there has been no way to know if anything changed. Now the Home page has a What's New and Different link that lists the pages updated in the previous 30 days with links to view them.

The updates and new information pages are mostly simple edits. Developing new functionality is more of a challenge and more rewarding for me when it succeeds.

Stepping Up for the Celery Farm went online this year, taking the chore of tracking pledges off a thankful Gaby Schmitt. Now the pledges get recorded on our website, where a self-service form is available. And the pledge payments are recorded online when they are received, showing up in a Stepping Up report for the Board and dropping into the online ledger.

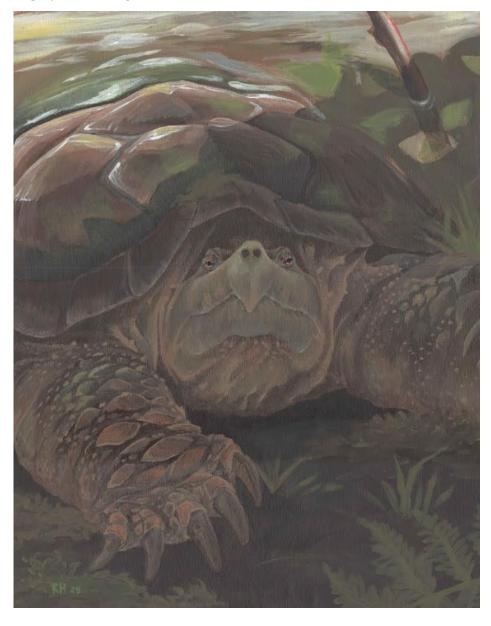
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What was built for Stepping Up was further developed into the Volunteer Wish List, which involves some added features and has resulted in a good number of donations. Adding that functionality has provided enhanced fundraising capability for Fyke, but really it is the volunteers who have inspired the outpouring of support for their efforts.

What would you like to see on our website? Send your request to webcontent@fykenature.org



Turtle Painting By Raven Hughes



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Welcome New Members:



Richard Keohana, Waldwick
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Lilly Rouhani, Ridgewood
Mary McCartney, Ramsey
Helen, Raleigh, Allendale
Marianne Ansari Mahwah

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The Fyke Nature Association, a 501 (c) (3) organization, meets eight times a year. These are the meeting dates for 2025. All meetings are on Fridays.

 January 24, 2025
 July – no meeting

 February 28, 2025
 August – no meeting

 March 28, 2025
 September 26, 2025

 April 25, 2025
 October 24, 2025

 May 16, 2025
 November – no meeting

 June – no meeting
 December 5, 2025

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The deadline for the Winter 2025 issue is October 16, 2024. Send material via e-mail to crista430@gmail.com or Box 141, Ramsey, NJ 07446

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