

Scherman-Hoffman Wildlife Sanctuary

Home of the Hoffman Center for Conservation and Environmental Education

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HOURS: Tuesday to Saturday, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. / Sunday, noon to 5:00 P.M. / Closed Mondays

CLOSINGS: Saturday and Sunday, December 24 and 25, for Christmas,
and Sunday, January 1, for New Year's Day.



Sanctuary Staff:

Mike Anderson, Sanctuary Director
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Ben Barkley, Patrick Belardo, Kevin Bolton,
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Holly Hoffman, Carole Hughes, Roger Johnson,
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Mike Newlon, Rick Radis, Lloyd Shaw,
Ken Witkowski, Philip and Becky Witt.

Winter 2011-12 Programs

December through February

EVERY DAY AT SCHERMAN-HOFFMAN WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Visitor center and bookstore are open Tuesday to Saturday, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and Sunday, noon to 5:00 P.M. Trails are open seven days, dawn to 5:00 P.M. (park in the Scherman lot on Hardscrabble Road if visiting Mondays or before 9:00 A.M. other days).

VISIT the Hoffman Center for Conservation and Environmental Education.

DISCOVER our Nature Store. We are the area's best source for binoculars, spotting scopes, birdseed, feeders, field guides, natural history books, and nature gifts.

OBSERVE our state-of-the-art feeding station.

EXPLORE our three miles of trails which meander through forest and fields and along the headwaters of

the Passaic River. The sanctuary is contiguous to Morristown National Historic Park and the Cross Estate. **LEARN** from our educational materials, exhibits, and expert naturalists. In addition to the programs and field trips listed below, we offer group programs and tours for schools, scouts, clubs, and other organizations by reservation at least two weeks ahead. We also offer a wide variety of lectures and slide programs for club meetings and special events. Please call for more information and the fee schedule for these programs.

Whether you register for programs by mail or phone, please provide the following information: your name, address, phone, and e-mail; dates and titles of program(s) you are registering for; name and phone of an emergency contact, and whether you will get instructions from the website or will need them mailed.

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December 24 and 25,
for Christmas,
and Sunday January 1,
for New Year's Day.**

Program Registration Information: Checks should be made payable to NJ Audubon and sent to 11 Hardscrabble Road, Bernardsville, NJ 07924, or brought to the Hoffman center during open hours. Indicate which program(s) you are registering for, and please be sure to include your name, address, and phone number in case we need to contact you. It is also possible to register by phoning us during office hours; please have your credit card ready. Prepaid registration ensures a place and is required for all trips. Walk-ins are possible for in-house programs at the Hoffman center if not full. No refunds except in

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case of cancellation by us. No cancellation for bad weather unless specifically stated.

Tips and guidelines for all field trips:

We target the best sites for natural history of the season and invite birders/naturalists at all levels. Trips go in any weather. See the individual trip descriptions for hoped-for highlights. Preregistration is required, so that we can notify participants of last-minute changes in time or meeting place. Trips begin at the sites promptly at the specified time, and normally travel by car-caravan to other nearby locations.

For directions go to <http://www.nj Audubon.org/SectionCenters/SectionScherman/FieldTripDirections/WinterFieldTripDirections.aspx>, or directions can be mailed on request. Bring lunch, water, binoculars, sun-screen, extra layers of clothes, and wear shoes that could get a little muddy. Leaders will have scopes; feel free to bring your own. Focused children accompanied by an adult are welcome.

Visit <http://www.nj Audubon.org/Travel/Dosanddents.aspx> for more tips on how to prepare for and enjoy field trips.

BIRDSEED SALE DAYS

Saturday, December 10

9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Orders are due by Saturday, November 26.

Saturday, March 10, 2012,

9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Orders are due by Saturday, February 25, 2012.

WAYRICK WILDLIFE ART GALLERY

December to March

"Images of Nature: Eagles, Bears, Whales & Landscapes"

The Photography of Richard Koch

Reception Sunday, December 4,
1:00 to 3:00 P.M.

We are pleased to welcome accomplished fine art photographer Richard Koch to the Isobel Wayrick Wildlife Art Gallery for the Winter 2011-2012 season.

Richard Koch is a successful businessman and fine art photographer. He came to be serious about photog-

raphy later in life, but has dedicated himself to perfecting his talent using modern digital equipment and techniques.

He became fascinated by nature photography by fulfilling his desire to experience the Southwest that existed in his mind's eye. After many trips perfected that interest, Richard finds that photography of the natural world consumes his attention. Creative photography must bring a recognition of a moment in time delivered to the observer, which wakes a feeling of wonderment or discovery.

Digital cameras and computer developing have brought whole new approaches to fine art imaging. Richard is convinced that mastering those digital skills will define whole new levels of photographic art. For instance, he has perfected the skills necessary to excel in HDR (High Dynamic Range) photography, which draws the viewer ever deeper into an image with the often-stunning combination of color, texture, and detail.

HDR solves the problem created by the fact that the human eye can perceive about two to three times the brightness range as photographic equipment. By shooting a range of different exposures and then combining them using HDR software programs, it is possible to reach beyond the limitation of equipment and create visions that captivate the imagination.

Please join Richard when he hosts a reception for his exhibit on Sunday, December 4, from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M.

CELEBRATE YOUR BIRTHDAY

AT SCHERMAN-HOFFMAN WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Would your child like a nature-themed birthday celebration with an educational lesson led by an experienced naturalist? If so, you may want to contact the sanctuary to find out about program offerings. Our beautiful new learning center can be rented for 2½ hours to hold your child's party. We provide a one-hour lesson on a seasonally appropriate topic of your choice such as Reptiles and Amphibians, Feathered Friends, and Happy Habitats. The party rate for up to 15 children is \$250, which includes the use of our adjacent kitchenette, tables, chairs, and trash receptacles. If you are interested in having your party at the sanctuary, please call 908.766.5787 x23 for details.

FREE NATURE WALKS

BIRD WALKS AT SCHERMAN-HOFFMAN WILDLIFE SANCTUARY Every Friday and Saturday

8:00 to 9:00 A.M.

Meet at the Hoffman Center. These walks are led by staff and/or associate naturalists. These walks are informal and informative. We look at birds, trees, tracks, wildflowers, reptiles and amphibians. Our free walks are a great way to introduce friends and family to NJ Audubon – bring a companion along!

Cost: Free.

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Become an NJ Audubon member and enjoy discounts on tours, events, and field trips at all NJ Audubon centers. Members also get a 10% discount at our Nature Stores (greater discount on optics).

COUNT YOUR LOCAL BIRDS! PARTICIPATE IN THE BOONTON CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT Monday, December 26

This important winter bird count--conducted annually for more than 75 years under the auspices of the National Audubon Society--includes areas in Morris Township, Morristown, Whippany, Parsippany, and East Hanover. Count the species and numbers of birds at your feeders and in your neighborhood; or join a group censusing the birds in your area. Help contribute bird data that is a vital resource to scientists, birders, and planners nationwide. For details, contact the Boonton count compilers, Rick Radis, 973.586.0845, isotria@verizon.net; and Tim Vogel, 973.586.9210. or Mike Anderson at Scherman-Hoffman Wildlife Sanctuary at 908-766-5787, mike.anderson@nj Audubon.org.

FAMILY-ORIENTED PROGRAMS AT THE HOFFMAN CENTER

FIBER ARTS IN NATURE SERIES

**Hallway exhibit will run
November through January.**

FELTED WOOL BOWLS WITH NATURAL DYES

Saturday, November 12

2:00 to 4:30 P.M.

Create a decorative bowl using white and natural dyed fleece. Bring some old towels and a tray with a lip.

Requires lots of hand pressure with hot, soapy water, but the results are delightful. Limit: 8.

Preregistration required.

Cost: \$20 members,
\$30 nonmembers.

A NATURAL HOLIDAY Saturday, December 3

2:00 to 4:00 P.M.

Come join us for some old-fashioned holiday fun! Relax away from the hustle and bustle of the holiday while making some ornaments and small tabletop decorations from natural materials. When you're done, you'll have owls, turkeys, reindeer, mice, porcupines, turtles, dragonflies, and butterflies to decorate with during the holidays! Please bring a glue gun if you have one. We'll supply materials and refreshments.

Cost: \$8 members,
\$15 nonmembers.

QUILLING ORNAMENTS WITH A NATURAL THEME

Saturday, December 10

2:00 to 4:30 P.M.

Quilling is the art of rolling thin strips of paper into different shapes and using the shapes to form designs.

Learn how to make the basic shapes.

Then choose your design from patterns supplied or come up with your own pattern to make a nature themed ornament. All paper strips, patterns and quilling tools supplied. Limit: 10. Preregistration required.

Cost: \$15 members,
\$25 nonmembers.

HANDMADE CRAFT PAPER FROM SHELF FUNGI

Saturday, January 14

2:00 to 4:30 P.M.

Using just the fungus and water, you will create small pieces of hand-crafted paper. Using molds and deckles and different kinds of fungi, many colors of paper will be created. Bring a small plant press if you have one, newspapers for pressing and some pieces of old sheets.

Limit: 8. Preregistration required.

Cost: \$15 members,
\$25 nonmembers.

BINS AND SCOPES FOR BIRDING Sunday, February 12

2:00 to 4:00 P.M.

Whether you're new to birding and buying that first binocular, or finally trading in that well-used clunker for your High-End Fantasy Machine, or if you're ready to take the spotting scope plunge, the more you know about optics the happier and more confident you'll be with your final purchase. In this workshop, store manager Denis Cleary will briefly review what the numbers and the jargon mean, after which there will be an extended period of hands-on comparisons of the various binoculars and spotting scopes we carry. Cost: Free to members, \$5 nonmembers (can be applied to purchase).

THE GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT AT SCHERMAN-HOFFMAN

Saturday, February 18

8:00 to 10:00 A.M.

The Great Backyard Bird Count is an annual four-day event that engages bird watchers of all ages in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of where the birds are across the continent. Join us at Scherman-Hoffman and we'll spend some time outside counting the birds. We'll head indoors and continue counting through the window while we enjoy some refreshments. This program will be combined with our regularly scheduled Saturday morning bird walk.

Cost: Free.

STITCHERY SHARING Saturday, February 25

2:00 to 4:30 P.M.

Join us for a short program on "The Social History of Women Working

with Fiber." Bring your own handiwork with a nature theme. Share your own designs with others – whether you quilt, knit, crochet, cross-stitch, tat, latch-hook, or weave. Join us for a fun afternoon which will include tea, savories, and sweets.

Limit 15. Preregistration required.

Cost: \$5 members,
\$10 nonmembers.

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP II

Saturday, December 3

10:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

With Phil Witt, Dave DesRochers, Jacki Dickert, and Jim Gilbert.

Workshop II will cover more intensively composition and digital editing. Although the workshop will demonstrate digital editing using PhotoShop, the majority of the editing techniques can be implemented in other digital editing programs. The workshop will be organized around three nature photography principles – light, composition, and moment. All composition and editing techniques, from the initial lens choice, to the image-capture technique; to PhotoShop editing, will be geared towards achieving an image that captures those three elements well. Although we will stress getting the best image capture initially, sometimes Mother Nature needs a little help in the digital darkroom, so we will cover basic digital editing methods that can improve the image. The workshop will review examples from a variety of subject types within nature photography, ranging from birds to insects to landscapes. The workshop will cover the six most essential PhotoShop tools. Participants will be encouraged to submit their own images for in-class editing. Cost: \$8 members, \$15 nonmembers (can be applied to membership).

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP III

Saturday, January 14

10:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

With Phil Witt and Dave DesRochers.

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Scherman-Hoffman Wildlife Sanctuary Winter 2011-12 Events at a Glance

Saturday, November 12	Felted Wool Bowls with Natural Dyes
Saturday, November 26	Winter Birdseed Orders Due
Friday, December 2	Friday Morning Bird Walk
Saturday, December 3	A Natural Holiday – Crafts
Saturday, December 3	Digital Photography Workshop II
Saturday, December 3	Saturday Morning Bird Walk
Sunday, December 4	Richard Koch Reception, Wayrick Wildlife Art Gallery at the Hoffman Center
Sunday, December 4	Merrill Creek, Round Valley, Spruce Run, and Alpha Field Trip
Friday, December 9	Friday Morning Bird Walk
Saturday, December 10	Winter Birdseed Sale Pickup
Saturday, December 10	Saturday Morning Bird Walk
Saturday, December 10	Quilling Ornaments with a Natural Theme
Fridays, December 16, 23, 30 ..	Friday Morning Bird Walk
Saturday, December 17	Saturday Morning Bird Walk
Monday, December 26	Christmas Bird Count
Fridays, January 6, 13	Friday Morning Bird Walk
Saturdays, January 7, 14	Saturday Morning Bird Walk
Saturday, January 14	Handmade Craft Paper from Shelf Fungi
Saturday, January 14	Digital Photography Workshop III
Saturday, January 14	Hackensack Meadowlands Field Trip
Fridays, January 20, 27	Friday Morning Bird Walk
Saturdays, January 21, 28	Saturday Morning Bird Walk
Sunday, January 29	Walkkill River NWR Field Trip
Friday, February 3	Friday Morning Bird Walk
Saturday, February 4	Saturday Morning Bird Walk
Sunday, February 5	Great Swamp NWR Field Trip
Friday, February 10	Friday Morning Bird Walk
Saturday, February 11	Saturday Morning Bird Walk
Sunday, February 12	Binoculars and Scopes for Birding
Friday, February 17	Friday Morning Bird Walk
Saturday, February 18	Great Backyard Bird Count
Saturday, February 18	Digital Photography Workshop IV
Saturday, February 18	Barnegat Light State Park Field Trip
Saturday, February 18	Saturday Morning Bird Walk
Sunday, February 19	Walkkill River and Shawangunk NWR Trip
Friday, February 24	Friday Morning Bird Walk
Saturday, February 25	Stitchery Sharing Craft
Saturday, February 25	Saturday Morning Bird Walk
Saturday, February 25	Beginning Birding Field Trip Hoffman Center and Great Swamp
Saturday, February 25	Spring Birdseed Orders Due
Sunday, February 26	Merrill Creek, Round Valley, Spruce Run, and Alpha Field Trip
Saturday, March 10	Spring Birdseed Sale Pickup

Workshop III is a continuation of Workshop II, with a focus on in-camera composition and PhotoShop editing. Workshop III will cover additional PhotoShop tools and useful plug-ins, such as Nik Viveza, Imagenomic Noiseware, and Photomatix HDR plug-in. The workshop will focus on solving common photographic problems – obtaining

the correct exposure, dealing with extreme dynamic range, getting a sharp image, toning down an overly bright sky, straightening a crooked horizon line, etc.
Cost: \$8 members, \$15 nonmembers (can be applied to membership).

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP IV

Saturday, February 18

10:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

With Dave DesRochers.

Workshop IV will focus on techniques used to photograph landscapes, from the majestic scenery of the American West, to the hidden treasures in one's own backyard. In addition to reviewing equipment selection and use, the topics of time of day, weather, composition and light will be covered. Students will also be introduced to the methods used to create panoramas.

Cost: \$8 members, \$15 nonmembers (can be applied to membership).

ADULT FIELD TRIPS

MERRILL CREEK, ROUND VALLEY, SPRUCE RUN, AND ALPHA
Sunday, December 4

8:45 A.M. to midafternoon

Join Terry Caruthers to search for winter waterfowl, raptors, gulls, and lots more.

Cost: \$15 members,
\$20 nonmembers.

HACKENSACK MEADOWLANDS
Saturday, January 14

8:45 A.M. to early afternoon

Join Carole Hughes to explore this outstanding site for raptors, passerines, gulls, and waterfowl.

Cost: \$15 members,
\$20 nonmembers.

**WALKKILL RIVER NATIONAL
WILDLIFE REFUGE**

Sunday, January 29

8:45 A.M. to midafternoon

Ken Witkowski spent a lot of time birding the Walkkill River NWR before he began working there five years ago. Ken knows the refuge very well, and is an excellent leader. Raptors and waterfowl will be our primary focus. It's not unusual to find some passerines.

Cost: \$15 members,
\$20 nonmembers.

**GREAT SWAMP NATIONAL
WILDLIFE REFUGE**

Sunday, February 5

8:45 A.M. to midafternoon

Carole Hughes will lead this trip to the Great Swamp NWR for wintering

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raptors, passerines, and waterfowl. The swamp always seems to have a few surprises.

Cost: \$15 members,
\$20 nonmembers.

**BARNEGAT LIGHT STATE PARK
Saturday, February 18**

10:00 A.M. to midafternoon
Lloyd Shaw will lead this trip to look at Harlequin Ducks; and look for gulls, seabirds, loons, and grebes. In the afternoon we'll visit Manahawkin or Cedar Run for raptors.

Cost: \$15 members,
\$20 nonmembers.

**WALLKILL RIVER NATIONAL
WILDLIFE REFUGE AND
SHAWANGUNK GRASSLANDS
Sunday, February 19**

8:45 A.M. to early afternoon
Mike Britt will lead this trip to Wallkill River NWR and the Shawangunk Grasslands in search of passerines, raptors, and waterfowl.

Cost: \$15 members,
\$20 nonmembers.

**BEGINNING BIRDING FIELD TRIP
— SCHERMAN-HOFFMAN AND
GREAT SWAMP**


Saturday, February 25

9:00 A.M. to noon-ish
We'll start out learning the distinguishing characteristics or "field marks" of the abundant birds at the sanctuary birdfeeding station and then caravan to Pleasant Plains Road in the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge. Bring warm clothes for the swamp portion of the trip. We have "loaner binoculars," field guides, and will have spotting scopes to share.

Cost: \$8 members, \$15 nonmembers (can be applied to membership).

**MERRILL CREEK, ROUND VAL-
LEY, SPRUCE RUN, AND ALPHA
Sunday, February 26**

8:45 A.M. to early afternoon
Join Terry Caruthers to visit some or all of these sites, in search of winter waterfowl, raptors, gulls, and other birds of late winter.

Cost: \$15 members,
\$20 nonmembers. 

We need your help!

Are you interested in birds and other wildlife? And people, too? New Jersey Audubon's Nature Store at Scherman-Hoffman is looking for personable and enthusiastic volunteers to help operate the store and spread the word about our work and programs to visitors and members. Of course you don't have to be a serious birdwatcher or accomplished naturalist. But your interest in the natural world will definitely help while speaking with, and learning from, like-minded visitors about wildlife, birds, gardening, and similar subjects. Sales and light computer skills are required, as is a desire to have fun while helping one of New Jersey's premier environmental organizations. If interested, contact Denis Cleary, store manager, at 908.766.5787 or e-mail Denis at denis.cleary@njudubon.org