

# Wissahickon Nature Club

## GUEST SPEAKER

**OCTOBER 10, THURSDAY, 7:30 P.M. PHOTOS FROM STEVE'S BIRDING ADVENTURES, BY STEVE GOSSER.** BEFORE 2005 STEVE KNEW VERY LITTLE ABOUT BIRDS AND COULD ONLY IDENTIFY A FEW. IN DECEMBER OF 2004 HE SAW A LOVELY NORTHERN CARDINAL PERCHED IN A NEARBY BUSH AS IT BEGAN TO SNOW AND THOUGHT THAT MIGHT BE A NICE PICTURE. TO HIS AMAZEMENT IT GOT THE HIGHEST RATINGS OF ANY PHOTO HE SUBMITTED TO PHOTO.NET. STEVE CREDITS THIS PICTURE FOR STARTING HIS LOVE AND ADDICTION TO BIRD PHOTOGRAPHY AND BIRD WATCHING.



Black-billed Cuckoo by Steve Gosser

**DON'T MISS OUR NEXT MEETING. OCTOBER 24, THURSDAY, 7:30 P.M. DO YOU HAVE AN ALIEN IN YOUR BACKYARD? BY PIA VAN DE VENNE, FRIENDS OF MURRYSVILLE PARKS.** THIS POWER-POINT PRESENTATION IS ABOUT COMMON INVASIVE PLANTS IN SW PA. PIA STARTED SHOWING SOME GOOD PLANTS AND SHE ENDED BY SHOWING WHAT PLANTS ARE GOOD SUBSTITUTES FOR INVASIVE ORNAMENTALS. SHE ORGANIZES VOLUNTEERS TO REMOVE GARLIC MUSTARD AND JAPANESE KNOTWEED FROM THE PARKS. PIA IS VERY INVOLVED AT THIS MOMENT WITH TRYING TO REMOVE THE INVASIVE CALLERY PEAR FROM BUSINESS PROPERTIES.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TREASURER'S REPORT

ACCORDING TO TREASURER  
**DIANNE MACHESNEY:**  
PREVIOUS BALANCE \$973.15  
DISBURSEMENTS:  
FHNC DONATION \$300.00  
CURRENT BALANCE: \$673.15

**ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE IN  
SEPTEMBER**  
INDIVIDUAL \$7.00  
FAMILY \$10.00

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:  
WISSAHICKON NATURE CLUB**  
MAIL TO:  
DIANNE MACHESNEY,  
TREASURER  
105 LINDLEY LANE,  
PITTSBURGH, PA 15237-1805

### WORTH REPEATING

I'D PUT MY MONEY ON THE  
SUN AND SOLAR ENERGY.  
WHAT A SOURCE OF POWER! I  
HOPE WE DON'T HAVE TO WAIT  
'TIL OIL AND COAL RUN OUT  
BEFORE WE TACKLE THAT.

THOMAS ALVA EDISON

## Bloggers

**Chuck Tague** Read the Nature Observer blog at  
[http://ctague.pairserver.com/Natureobserver/  
Welcome.html](http://ctague.pairserver.com/Natureobserver/Welcome.html)

**Kate St. John** <http://www.wqed.org/birdblog/>  
**Tom Pawlesh** [www.blurb.com/bookstore/search?  
search=pawlesh&commit=Search](http://www.blurb.com/bookstore/search?search=pawlesh&commit=Search)

**Steve Gosser** <http://home.comcast.net/~sgosser/>

Cool Video; Fox Calls  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J6NuhlibHsM>



American Avocets by Steve Gosser

CELEBRATE NATURE !

**Botanical Society of Western Pennsylvania**

**Loree Speedy** 724.518.6022  
mousemapper@verizon.net

<http://www.botsocwpa.org/Meeting>  
**Meeting**

**October 14, Monday, 7:15 p.m. At the center of the network: Dutch botanist Carolus Clusius (1526-1609) by Charlotte Tancin, Librarian at Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation at Carnegie Mellon University. Kresge Theater, Carlow University.**

**Outings**

**October 26, Saturday, Native Plant and Sustainability Conference, Phipps Garden Center Mellon Park** highlighted by **Jim McCormac** <http://jimmccormac.blogspot.com/>

For details visit [phipp.conservatory.org/exhibits-and-events/](http://phipp.conservatory.org/exhibits-and-events/)

**Three Rivers Birding Club**  
**Jim Valimont, President**

412.828.5338  
[www.3rbc.org](http://www.3rbc.org)

**October 27, Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Moraine State Park - Picnic** This outing will be their 12th annual 3RBC picnic and bird walk. Meet in the **Moraine State Park day use area (south shore)** in the first parking lot on the right. After the morning outing, birders will have the pot-luck picnic at

one of the park pavilions near the McDaniel's boat launch. Please bring a dish that will serve 4-6 people to share. **November 2, Saturday, 8:00 a.m. Yellow Creek State Park** joint outing with the **Todd Bird Club**. Meet **Margaret Higbee** at the park office located on Route 259 just off Route 422 east of Indiana. Allow an hour and 30 minutes from Pittsburgh.

**November 17, Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Moraine State Park day use area (south shore)** in the first parking lot on the right. Leaderless.

**Environmental Book Club**

**Kim Metheny**

[kmetheny@hotmail.com](mailto:kmetheny@hotmail.com)

**Chriss O'Lare** [colare@comcast.net](mailto:colare@comcast.net)  
Meet at the Panera on McKnight Road.

Upcoming Book

**October 21, Monday, 7:30 p.m. Darwin's Ghosts: The Secret History of Evolution** by **Rebecca Stott**.



**Sam McClain-Capezzuto, Director**

**412.741.6136**

**April Claus, Naturalist**

**412.741.7536**

**Thad Jones, Sewickley Heights**

**Borough Park Ranger**

**412.716.5520**

<http://www.fhnc.org/>

**Registration required for programs.**

**October 19, Saturday, 6:30 p.m. The Great Pumpkin Spooktacular.** by **FHNC and the Sewickley Public Library.** \$15 / \$25

**October 26, Saturday, 2:00 p.m. Citizen Science - Project FeederWatch.** Join up in this winter-long survey of birds that visit feeders at backyards, nature centers, community areas, and other locales in North America. Count the birds you see at your feeders from November through early April and send their counts to Project FeederWatch. To register please contact **Gabi** at **Audubon Society of Western PA** at 412.963.6100 x 21.

The Willet Gang by Steve Gosser

