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Greenstones honored



Else and Wayne Greenstone

The Montclair Bird Club's own Else and Wayne Greenstone were honored in October with the Maurice Broun Award of the Hawk Migration Association of North America.

The award is given for outstanding contributions to the HMA or to the goals of HMANA, hawk migration study and raptor conservation. Read the presentation and the Greenstones' remarks on pages 4 and 5.

FIELD TRIPS

Jan. 16: Shark River. Leader: Rick Wright

Feb. 15-18: Cape Ann. Leaders: Donna and Don Traylor (see p. 3 for details)

Feb. 20: Meadowlands. Leader: Rick Wright

March 20: Sandy Hook. Leader: Rick Wright

April 7: Liberty State Park: Birds & Beer. Leader: Bill Beren

April 13-17: Nebraska Sandhills: Dancing sharp-tailed grouse and greater prairie-chickens. Leader: Rick Wright

May 4: Verona Park. Leader: Deb DeSalvo

May 11: Bonsal Preserve. Leader: Deb DeSalvo

June 5: High Point and Stokes State Forest. Leader: Rick Wright

Aug. 7: Mill Creek Marsh Leader: Rick Wright

Wednesday Walks with MBC



Bird Club members and friends look at black ducks from one of the blinds at the Great Swamp's Wildlife Observation Center, on the managed side of the refuge. Rick Wright led a Wednesday morning walk there on Dec. 12.

Photo by John Ludas

Cape Ann, Massachusetts

Friday-Monday, Feb. 15-18

The Cape Ann trip has become a yearly pilgrimage to beautiful coastal Massachusetts. Many birds of more northerly climes consider the shorelines here as downright balmy. Of course, people participating in this trip are highly recommended to pack many layers of clothing in the hopes that not all will be required!

We will bird all day Saturday and Sunday and half a day Monday. Locations visited include: Newbury and Newburyport, Plum Island, Rockport and Gloucester and many small towns and parks in between.

There is limited walking on this trip; we drive, park and scan at most locations. Please be prepared to car pool if we have a good turnout — makes it a lot easier for the leaders to keep cars together as we journey from one hotspot to the next. Dinners will be a group affair at some of the best local restaurants; usually we try to stop quickly for an indoor lunch in order to allow people to warm up a bit.

Birds we always hope to see include alcids (last year we had a most cooperative dovekie), owls (snowy, short-eared, eastern screech and sometimes great horned), common and king eider, long-tailed duck, purple sandpipers, crossbills and other unusual winter finches and bald eagles.

Pack your binoculars, cameras and scopes and let the leaders know you plan on attending no later than Feb. 12 (email us at dtraylor@ptd.net).

Hope to see many of you up North.

Donna and Don Traylor

Lodging info:

Fairfield Inn by Marriott, 35 Clarks Road, Amesbury, Mass.

Standard room rate (kings and doubles): \$82 per night plus applicable taxes and fees. To insure above room rate, call 978-388-3400 or 1-800-228-2800 no later than Feb. 4; identify yourself as a member of the Montclair Bird Club.



Searching for dovekie from the Rockport Granite Pier, 2018.

Photo by Donna Traylor

Wayne and Else Greenstone, from page 1

Presentation of the Maurice Broun Award by the Hawk Migration Association of North America

The Maurice Broun Award was created to honor individuals who have made outstanding, long-term or major contributions of time and effort to the Hawk Migration Association itself or to the goals of HMANA, hawk migration study and raptor conservation. At its October 2018 conference in Detroit, HMANA announced presentation of the award to longtime MBC members Else and Wayne Greenstone.

Broun Award Presentation

Wayne and Else Greenstone first visited Montclair Hawk Lookout in 1981 and were captivated by the enthusiasm of the count compiler Andrew Bihun Jr. and of course the hawks. After that day, Wayne and Else began spending more and more time watching hawks at the site. In 1986 when Andrew passed, Else Greenstone assumed daily compiling duties for the site and the Montclair Bird Club. Else welcomed all visitors with a dazzling smile and invited them to enjoy the hawk flight. Her enthusiasm and gentle kindness to everyone was legendary among eastern hawkwatchers as she shared the mystery and wonder of the migration with hundreds of school children annually. Wayne and Else were regular visitors to Hawk Mountain for the regional meeting, the Kittatinny Roundtable. Wayne served on HMANA board of directors in the late 1990's and Else was the MidAtlantic regional editor for a stint.

Wayne also served on the board of New Jersey Audubon, which has assumed oversight of the spring and fall hawkwatch at Montclair Hawk Lookout in recent years and hires a seasonal counter to conduct the annual counts.

The Broad-winged Hawk migration was the favorite time of the season for Wayne and Else. Laurie Goodrich relates that "Prior to Hawkcount.org, Wayne would often call me to share particularly notable flights or to check on how we did or to lament on where the birds might be. It was always fun to hear from Wayne and Else and talk about how they were doing. Although the computer updates are handy, I miss the Greenstone calls!" Both Wayne and Else were co-authors on a Wilson Journal of Ornithology study comparing the timing of NJ and PA broadwing migration with Hawk Mountain authors.

Montclair Hawk watch has maintained consistent coverage since 1957, and since [the] 1980s onward the Greenstones have ensured its daily coverage in both fall and spring. As many watchsites struggle to find coverage, Montclair has benefitted from the volunteer time and passion of the Greenstones.

As Pete Dunne says, "Wayne and Else Greenstone are the epitome of what it means to be HMANA members. Their passion for raptors is only exceeded by their capacity to share their enthusiasm with others. Maurice Broun himself could not have chosen two more worthy ambassadors to honor with the award that bears his name."

Acceptance

We would like to thank the Board of HMANA for presenting us with this very special award. To be mentioned in the same breath with Maurice Broun is humbling – all that we did was follow our passion for raptors, the magic of migration, and a desire to share our love for these special beings so that others could witness the spectacle and join the effort to preserve the planet they inhabit. So a young girl from Copenhagen, Denmark, who grew up with the wonder of visiting Snowy Owls to her neighborhood every winter, and a young man from Brooklyn whose only outdoor activity was playing basketball on asphalt courts before she took him by the hand and through the portal of nature, accept this award on behalf of our mentor Andrew Bihun Jr., and the many hawk watchers who scanned the skies before us at the Montclair Hawk Watch now in the midst of its 62nd Fall count. We would like to thank our friends at HMANA, Hawk Mountain, Cape May, the Montclair Bird Club and New Jersey Audubon for their friendship and support over the years, and for sharing their knowledge and enthusiasm with us. As Else wrote many years ago:

“One need only look at a child’s face beaming at the sight of a soaring Bald Eagle or the glorious colors of an American Kestrel to realize that while the count itself is important, it is the shared experience of the beauty of these birds and the mystery of migration that is at the core of the Montclair Hawk Watch. While sharing in the quest of the Autumnal wingspan, we reach out for an increased knowledge and a growing awareness of the plight of the birds of prey . . .”

Else and Wayne Greenstone

Oct. 13, 2018

January meeting: “Birds and Nature of the Scottish Highlands,” by William Fiero

On Jan. 9, Bill will give a lively Powerpoint presentation on his birding/nature trip to the Scottish highlands in May 2017. He will discuss the unique bird life and also touch on the geology and culture of this beautiful area.

Bill is a retired pharmacist who has enjoyed a lifelong passion for birds, nature and photography. He loves birding locally with his wife Jayne, as well as traveling worldwide experience global birding.

Coming up: Feb. 13: The Lighter Side of Birding, by Evan Cutler

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MBC meetings and dues

Regular meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m., at Union Congregational Church, 176 Cooper Ave. All programs are open to the public.

MBC does not meet in July, August, or December.

Annual membership dues are \$35 for a family, \$25 for an individual, and \$5 for students. Applications for membership can be found at montclairbirdclub.org on the About page.

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publication schedule

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Useful links

New Jersey Audubon:
njudubon.org

Cornell Lab of Ornithology:
<http://www.birds.cornell.edu/>

Article of interest: "Getting to the Root of Long-Term Tree Swallow Declines." An article from the official blog of peer-reviewed ornithology journals The Auk: Ornithological Advances and The Condor: Ornithological Applications, published by the American Ornithological Society. Here's the URL for print readers: <https://tinyurl.com/y9j7ywef>

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