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May Meeting—5/4/2023 TBD

Meeting topic to be determined.

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month (September through May) in the Education Building at the Hattiesburg Zoo. Refreshments at 6:30 pm. Meetings begin at 7:00 pm and are open to the public.

Pine Woods Audubon Society is a chapter of National Audubon Society, Inc.



President's Corner

Hello to everyone!

Happy Spring Migration! It is a great time in south MS!! Keeping feeders filled is a full-time job! We have had finches and grosbeaks in large numbers out here on Cascio Road!

We had a friend and fellow birder from New Jersey visiting last week. Over a two-hour span, we saw (and heard) 45 species without leaving our property! So exciting! Our visitor was a young man with great eyesight and our Merlin app had good ears!!

Unfortunately, our mulberry trees were hurt by the "arctic" freeze earlier, so we are wondering if we will see many tanagers or buntings? Hoping!! But our real joy has been several pairs of Wood ducks who have taken up residence on our back pond! We have loved watching them for several weeks!

What are you seeing around your neighborhood? I hope that this is a time that you are enjoying the blessing of nature, even if it is from a porch or open window! Fellow birders can help inspire your interest. Come join us at our monthly meetings and trips. We welcome you!

Dee

Field Trips & Activities May and Beyond

Monthly Lagoon Surveys:

May 13 (Sat.)—Monthly Lagoon Survey (meet at lagoon gate for 7:30am start) duration about 4 hours.

Field Trips:

May 6 (Sat.)—Painted Bunting Hunt at Hattiesburg Lagoons. Meet at the lagoon gate for an 8am start. They were sighted on the April lagoon survey so bring along your camera.

Other Activities:

May 9 (Tue.)—Keg & Barrel get-together starting at 5:30pm.

May 20 (Sat.)—Bird Fest at Hattiesburg Zoo—1-3pm. A few more volunteers are needed for this event. See Diane Lafferty at the May meeting or contact her directly.

Jun. 6 (Tue.)—Keg & Barrel get-together starting at 5:30pm

Jun. 17 or Jun. 24 (Sat.)—Local Butterfly Count. Contact Diane Lafferty for more information and to sign up as a counter (we need as many as possible).

Jul. 11 (Tue.)—Keg & Barrel get-together starting at 5:30pm

Jul. 22 (Sat.)—Delta National Forest Butterfly Count. Contact Diane Lafferty for more information.

Aug. 8 (Tue.)—Keg & Barrel get-together starting at 5:30pm

Sep. 12 (Tue.)—Keg & Barrel get-together starting at 5:30pm

Keep watching the website, the Facebook page, and the Pine Woods Audubon listserv.

These, as well as other events, can also be seen (and downloaded) at the PWAS [website](#).

Field Trips—Larry Morgan

Here's a summary of field trips since our last meeting. You're always welcome to join our activities

March 4 Sparrow Trip

This field trip was held in the MS Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station (MAFES) south of McNeil, MS. There were 5 PWAS members, 2 Mississippi Coast Audubon Society members, and our guide (Reggie Davis) and his daughter. We observed 31 species with the highlights being 2 Barn Owls and 2 White-crowned Sparrows.

April 22 Dauphin Island Spring Migration Trip

A total of 8 PWAS members participated (Grayson Rayborn, Jane Rayborn, Diane Lafferty, Kathy Edwards, Logan Firmin, Theresa O'Neal, Mike Morgan, and Larry Morgan). We were able to list 97 species for the day. My personal highlights were a Veery and an American Bittern at the DI airport. It was a great birding day considering the high winds. It's always good to spend some Island time!

2022–2023 Yard Count

The Chapter bragging rights contest (species seen in your yard) is in the final stretch. Bring your list of birds to the May meeting. The winner will be recognized and will receive bragging rights for the summer (or until a new counting period is declared and finished).

Summer Butterfly Counts

Hope you noticed some butterfly counts listed in the activities. Diane Lafferty is keyed into this activity and would like to see more members participate while birding is in the doldrums (the hot summer). Yes, these are hot affairs and counting is sometimes hard but, it's a great activity. Just remember to bring sunscreen, hats, and lots of water to keep hydrated. Only 2 events are listed in this newsletter but, there will be others that haven't yet been scheduled. Contact Diane for more information. Also keep your eye on the listserv as she will post notices of other counts as the dates are finalized.

We're on the Web!

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May

- 4 (Thu.)—PWAS Monthly Meeting, refreshments at 6:30pm, meeting start at 7:00pm
- 6 (Sat.)—Field Trip to find Painted Buntings at the lagoons. Meet at the lagoon gate for an 8am start.
- 7 (Tue.)—Keg & Barrel, 5:30pm at Keg & Barrel
- 13 (Sat.)—Monthly Lagoon Survey. Meet at lagoon gate for a 7:30am start (duration approx. 4 1/2 hours)



Summer

- Watch the listserv for the Monthly Lagoon Survey.
- 6 June (Tue.)—Keg & Barrel, 5:30pm at Keg & Barrel
- 17 or 24 June (Sat.)—Local Butterfly Count
- 11 July (Tue.)—Keg & Barrel, 5:30pm at Keg & Barrel
- 22 July (Sat.)—Delta NF Butterfly Count
- 8 August (Tue.)—Keg & Barrel, 5:30pm at Keg & Barrel
- 7 September (Thu.)—PWAS Monthly Meeting, refreshments at 6:30pm, meeting start at 7:00pm
- 12 September (Tue.)—Keg & Barrel, 5:30pm at Keg & Barrel