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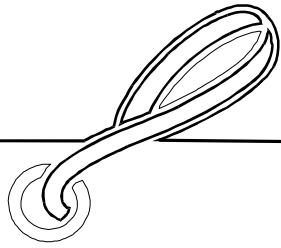
Where were you in 1990? Still in school? Working hard to establish yourself in a career? Busy raising a family?

1990 was the year that I started volunteering at Bombay Hook. The first few times that I worked in the Visitor Center I was paired with an experienced volunteer named Donald Dean. Donald also happened to be the president of a recently formed organization called the Friends of Bombay Hook. When he told me about the Friends, I joined immediately.

The Friends of Bombay Hook was incorporated in March of 1990. Ten individuals were named as directors, to serve until such time as the membership could hold its first elections. After two decades, two of those original directors are still actively involved in the Friends: Verna Price (still managing the store) and Bill Winters (still providing *pro bono* accounting services for our organization).

Thanks to those directors and the other original members, the Friends of Bombay Hook has for twenty years been making a difference for the refuge by providing funding for projects that would otherwise not happen and helping to educate children and adults about the refuge, wildlife, and the importance of conserving habitat.

That's not a bad legacy.



***The Refuge Store
By Verna Price***

**Spring is here and the birds are
out full force on the refuge.**

**We have some very pretty shore-
bird t-shirts and pewter horse-
shoe crab pins, so come in and
see them. We have reordered
books and other items you are al-
ways looking for, so come in and
see us.**



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Our readers are encouraged to share comments, provide articles for publication and/or suggestions regarding the refuge as well as notifying us of address changes.

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***Bird Notes
By Frank Rawling***

***Fall Migration
September - November 2009***

September

The season kicked off with the following sightings on September 1st: **Wood Duck, Bobwhite, Blue Grosbeak, Black-bellied Plovers, Greater Yellowlegs, Avocets, Glossy Ibis** and **Snow Geese** were all seen at Bear Swamp. This was followed with sightings of a **Hudsonian Godwit** on bayside of Shearneck and a **Sedge Wren** at Bear Swamp on the 4th. A juvenile **Wilson's Phalarope** was at Bear Swamp on the 6th and both **Sedge Wrens** and **Marsh Wrens** were seen along the Boardwalk Trail on the 7th. A flock of 15 **Bobolinks** were seen along Whitehall Neck Road on the 11th. The same observer saw a **Hudsonian Godwit** at Shearneck. On the 12th an **American Bittern** was seen at the north end of Raymond Pool on the bayside as well as a **Sharp-shinned Hawk**. Also, couple of **Bobwhite** were seen along the Bear Swamp exit road and a female **Blue Grosbeak** on the road to Raymond Pool. The next day an observer had sightings of both **Peregrine Falcon** and **Merlin** at Raymond Pool. The same day **Marsh Wrens** were seen along the Boardwalk Trail and a **Great Horned Owl** at Bear Swamp. A half dozen **Northern Harriers** were seen over the Refuge. **American Golden-Plovers** as well as a probable **European Golden-Plover** were seen in Wicks' potato field just outside the Refuge. A **Buff-breasted Sandpiper** was in a field near the Allee House on the 14th. An **Olive-sided Flycatcher** was sighted near Bear Swamp on the 18th and a **Common Moorhen** at Shearneck on the 19th. A **Red-headed Woodpecker** was seen along the Boardwalk Trail on the same day. On the 22nd **Horned Larks** were reported along Whitehall Neck Road. A couple of **Green Herons** were spotted at Raymond Pool on the 23rd as well as a **Peregrine Falcon**. On the 25th a **Pileated Woodpecker** was observed along the Boardwalk Trail and a couple of **Great Crested Flycatchers** were seen along the exit road at Bear Swamp. An **American Bittern** was

seen along Sheariness Dike on the 27th and a flock of approximately 20 **American Avocets** were on Sheariness.

October

Both **Wood Thrush** and **Swainson's Thrush** were seen in Finis Woods on the 2nd and 2 **Tundra Swans** were at Sheariness on the 4th. A 1st-year **Bald Eagle** was seen along Sheariness on the 5th. The first large flocks of **Northern Pintails** were reported on the 8th. They were seen at Raymond Pool and a large number of **Double-crested Cormorants** were seen on the bay-side of Sheariness Dike. An **Eastern Screech Owl** was seen along the trail into Raymond Tower on the 9th. A **Salt Marsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow** was observed on the 11th. The first **Ross's Goose** of the season was reported on the 11th from Sheariness Pool. At



Red Shouldered Hawk

At Bear Swamp that day were two **Pectoral Sandpipers** and two **Long-billed Dowitchers**. Four **Red Knots** were seen at Sheariness on the 12th. On the 13th a **Blue-headed Vireo** was seen at Finis Pool and on the 15th in the field along Whitehall Neck Road there were **American Pipits**, **Horned Larks** and **Black-bellied Plovers**. A **Red-shouldered Hawk** was seen near Sheariness Tower on the 18th. An **American Kestrel** was seen at Finis on the 20th as well as a **Peregrine Falcon** at Sheariness. Both **Ruby-crowned** and **Golden-crowned Kinglets** were seen near the Visitor Center on the 21st. A couple of **Least Sandpipers** were seen at Bear Swamp on the 22nd as well as **Dunlin** and **Lesser Yellowlegs** as well as a **Common Moorhen**. One lucky birder saw 2 **Barred Owls** at Finis Pool on the 25th. The same observer also saw a **Brown Creeper** along Bear Swamp Trail and 2 **Pied-billed Grebes** between Raymond and Bear Swamp. All month there

were sporadic reports of what appeared to be a couple of **Ringed Teals** mixed in with **Northern Pintails** on the impoundments. To the best of my knowledge there have been no previous records of this South American species in Delaware. There are no records listed in Birds of Delaware. I suspect that they were escapees for either a zoo or private collections. The month closed out with sightings of a **Lesser Black-backed Gull** at Sheariness and 15 **Ruddy Ducks** at Raymond Pool.

November

Sightings of **Tundra Swans**, **Bald Eagle**, **Peregrine Falcon**, **Cooper's Hawk** and **Ruddy Duck** opened up November. This was followed up by the sighting of a **Sandhill Crane** flying south over the Visitor Center. **White-crowned Sparrows** were seen at the Visitor Center on the 6th and on the 7th a **Ross's Goose** was seen at Sheariness Pool and a late **Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher** was seen along the Bear Swamp Trail. The next day a **Cackling Goose** was seen opposite Sheariness Pool. **American Pipits** were seen along Whitehall Neck Road on the 9th. On the 10th 2 **Ross's Geese** were seen on the bayside of Sheariness and a rufous-phase **Eastern Screech Owl** was seen in the wood duck box by the parking lot at Sheariness Tower. A single **Mute Swan** was seen at Sheariness on the 10th and on the 15th a **Yellow-crowned Night Heron** was seen at Sheariness. **Horned Larks** were present in good numbers along Whitehall Neck Road on the 20th and on the Refuge there were **Northern Harriers** quartering the marshes and a **Peregrine Falcon** flying over the marsh. On the 21st there was a juvenile **Hudsonian Godwit** at Raymond and two **Peregrine Falcons** seen on the Refuge. There were 16 **American Coots** seen at Sheariness on the 24th. Along Sheariness Dike some 25 **Savannah Sparrows** were counted. Two **Gadwalls** were seen at Bear Swamp on the 27th. On the 28th there were 3 **Hooded Mergansers** on the bayside of Sheariness as well as 2 **Buffleheads**. Twelve **Eastern Meadowlarks** were seen in the vicinity of Sheariness. **Tundra Swans** were at Raymond and **Ruby-crowned Kinglets** along the Boardwalk Trail on the 29th.

**The Winter Season
December 2009-February 2010**

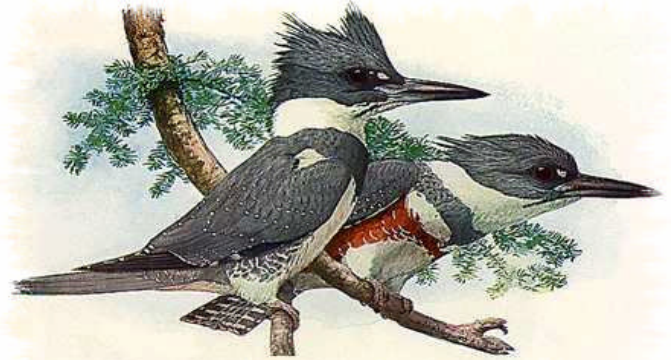
December

A small flock of **Ruby-crowned Kinglets** was seen near the "Don't Feed the Fox" sign on the 2nd. On the 5th there were approximately 100 **American Avocets** on the impoundments. A lone **Snow Bunting** was found at Shearness Pool on the 6th as well as some 20 **Eastern Meadowlarks** along Finis Pool Road. The same day two **Belted Kingfishers** were seen along the Boardwalk Trail. Also on the 6th an **American Bittern** was seen along Shearness Dike. A **Red-shouldered Hawk** was observed at Finis on the 7th. It is always wise to be alert for birds on Whitehall Neck Road. As an example, on the 8th a lone **Lapland Longspur** was seen as well as a **Peregrine Falcon**. A **Hairy Woodpecker** was seen at Raymond Tower on the 15th. Three **Snow Buntings** were seen along Whitehall Neck Road on the 24th as well as a **Lapland Longspur** and a dozen **Eastern Meadowlarks**. Also on Christmas Eve 4 **Bald Eagles** were seen at Shearness Pool. Eight **Buffleheads** were seen in Raymond Gut on the 24th. Both **Virginia** and **Clapper Rails** were recorded along the Boardwalk Trail on the 27th. The same birder also picked out a lone **Ring-necked Duck** on Raymond Pool as well as two **Short-eared Owls** over the bayside of Shearness. The final sighting for the month was a **Rough-legged Hawk** seen over Raymond Pool.

January

There were birders out and about on New Year's Day and there were birds to see at the Refuge. Seen on the Refuge for starting the 2010 list were **Belted Kingfisher**, **Red-bellied Woodpecker** and **Downy Woodpecker** all along the Boardwalk Trail. **Common Mergansers** and **Buffleheads** were seen at Shearness along with **Gadwalls**, **American Widgeon**, **Red-breasted Mergansers**, **Pied-billed Grebe** and **Northern Pintails**. On the 4th a **Greater White-fronted Goose** was seen near the Bear Swamp Tower. Some 30-40 **Snow Buntings** were seen flying over the salt marsh on the 7th. **American Pipits** were also seen that day as well as a red-phase **Eastern Screech Owl** watching the world from a wood duck

box. At Raymond Pool on the 10th were 4 **Hooded Mergansers** and a **Great Horned Owl**. **White-crowned Sparrows** were seen at the Visitor Center the same day. A **Pere-**



Belted Kingfishers

grine Falcon was seen flying over Shearness on the 15th. A **Barred Owl** was calling near Finis Pool on the 16th and on the 18th a covey of 10-15 **Bobwhite** was observed near the Visitor Center. Another birder on the 18th spotted a **Merlin** near Finis Pool. On the 23rd both **Common and Hooded Mergansers** were seen at Bear Swamp.

February

A **Bald Eagle** sighting is almost guaranteed these days at the Refuge and February began with the sighting of an immature **Bald Eagle** on the 1st. This was followed on the 2nd with 10 **Red-breasted Mergansers** on the bay-side of Bear Swamp. That day a **Yellow-rumped Warbler** was spotted at the north end of Raymond Pool. There were 8 **Hooded Mergansers** on the Refuge on the 8th. Large numbers of **Tundra Swans** were seen on the 15th as well as very large numbers of **Northern Pintails**. On the 19th **Horned Larks** were seen in the vicinity of Raymond Pool. 40-50 **Common Mergansers** were in residence on Raymond and Shearness Pools on the 21st. The month closed out with a sighting of 4 **Rusty Blackbirds** in the area of Bear Swamp on the 28th.

The next newsletter will have the spring migration sightings. Until then...

Cheers and Good Birding!

Bombay Hook NWR Calendar of Events

Check website for changes and additions: bombayhook.fws.gov

Bombay Hook Visitor Center is open **Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** year round.

The Visitor Center will be closed on the weekends during the summer

The Allee House is closed for repairs until further notice.

Family Explorer Kit Available Check out the kit at the Visitor Center and explore the refuge. There are wildflower, tree, bird, amphibian and reptile, insect, and mammal guides to help you identify what you see on the 12-mile wildlife drive and 5 walking trails. Binoculars will help you get a close-up view of birds and magnification lenses will help view smaller specimens. A dip net is provided to explore the **brackish pond on Boardwalk trail** and the **freshwater pond at Finis**. **Instructions are included on ethical exploration methods and where and how to use the equipment.** The next time you visit the refuge ask if the kit is available.

Wednesday, June 9, 2010 7 p.m. *National Garden Week Celebration* The Garden Keepers will be celebrating National Garden week with the unveiling of a new educational program about **'Using native plants in the garden!'** The program will be in the Visitors Center. Light refreshments will be served.

Saturday, June 12, 2010

9:00 am - 10:00 am *'Bob WHITE..... Bob WHITE' Quail Program* Chris Williams, Professor of Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware will give a presentation on the status of quail habitat in the region and highlight research that has been conducted in the area. Dr. Williams is a leading expert on the subject of quail habitat, population and restoration. He conducts classes in Wildlife Population Ecology, Introduction to Wildlife Ecology and Conservation, and Wildlife Policy and Administration at the University of Delaware.

11:00 am *Friends of Bombay Hook Annual Board Meeting* The annual meeting will highlight the activities supported by the organization and an update on current Refuge projects.

Wednesday, June 16, 2010 9:30 am - 11:30 am *Garden Keepers* Meet in the Visitor Center Auditorium. To register, contact Quentin Schlieder at (302) 653-6449 or gcsjr@comcast.net. **June's program is *'Softwood Cutting Techniques and a Picnic Lunch and Tour of a Private Garden.'*** Softwood cuttings are an easy way to raise choice native shrubs for the home garden. Gardeners will learn how to make and root cuttings for their own homes. Following the workshop, participants will perform seasonal maintenance on the landscape around the Visitor Center and then visit a nearby private garden in Smyrna for a picnic luncheon.

Wednesday, September 22, 2010 9:30 am - 11:30 am *Garden Keepers* Meet in the Visitor Center Auditorium. To register, contact Quentin Schlieder at (302) 653-6449 or gcsjr@comcast.net. **September's program is *'Garden Planning and Wildflower Program.'*** Gardeners will learn how to perform a site analysis and prepare a scaled plan for a garden. Afterwards, there will be a presentation on native plants which can provide year round interest and thrive in almost any growing conditions. Following the workshop, participants will perform seasonal maintenance on the landscape around the Visitor Center. Light refreshments will be served.

Saturday, November 13, 2010 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm *Bringing Nature Home* Presentation and Book Signing. Noted University of Delaware author and lecturer, Doug Tallamy, will present this incredible research-based presentation enhanced with engaging personal stories. He offers inspirational native plant design ideas with a focus on creating balanced landscapes and increasing biodiversity. His presentation is logical and convincing. Tallamy's book is an essential guide for anyone interested in increasing biodiversity in the garden. This is a life changing program you won't want to miss!

Important Reminder to Refuge Visitors....

To protect wildlife and their habitat and to provide the best opportunities in wildlife observation and photography, it is important not to disturb, injure, or damage plants and animals of the refuge. In fact, it is a prohibited act as stated in 50 CFR27.51. This disturbance includes flushing birds and other wildlife or using electronic calls (taping) to lure birds closer for observation or photography. Please remember to take only memories and photographs and leave only footprints.

NEW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GUIDE-BOOK PROVIDES ACTIONS TO PROTECT DELAWARE'S WETLANDS

A new guidebook is now available that will help Delawareans protect and conserve our state's vital wetlands. *The Wetlands Public Participation Guidebook* is a comprehensive resource developed to educate citizens and inspire them to take actions to protect the health and productivity of the more than 350,000 acres of wetlands that cover our state.

Wetlands directly affect the quality of life in Delaware by mitigating the impacts of floods and storms; filtering pollutants and improving water quality; reducing erosion; and providing critical habitat for fish and wildlife. Almost every part of our state is within one mile of a wetland.

"Public involvement is the key to protecting Delaware's wetlands. There are ways that citizens can make real impacts beyond their own backyards and contribute to land use decisions on the community level," said Rebecca Rothweiler, wetlands outreach specialist. "With our state's wetlands disappearing at an alarming rate, we developed the guidebook as a comprehensive resource for Delawareans – with detailed information on the ways citizens can get involved, take actions, and make a difference in protecting our wetlands."

The guidebook, developed by DNREC's Watershed Assessment Section and the Center for the Inland Bays through funding provided by the U.S. EPA, outlines opportunities for public involvement in land use decisions that can impact wetlands. It provides background information about wetland types, values, losses, and habitats at risk. Also included is information on: wetland regulations and responsible agencies; how to report suspected violations; land use decision-making processes that occur at the state and county levels; and procedures to review land use plans and submit comments. The guidebook also

provides tables listing land use activities, their associated wetland impacts, and steps that citizens can take to reduce harmful impacts to the environment.

The *Wetlands Public Participation Guidebook* is available online on DNREC's new Delaware Wetlands webpage, www.dnrec.delaware.gov/admin/DelawareWetlands.

A new wetlands video, "*Purify, Provide and Protect*", which highlights wetland benefits, can also be accessed on the webpage.

Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) Summer Program at Bombay Hook

Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge will have two YCC enrollees this summer: they are Sheri Campbell and Eli Hunt. They will start work June 21, 2010 and work for 8 weeks. Bombay Hook staff is eager to have help and developed an extensive list of projects for them to work on.



One of the projects will be staining the new pavilion that was recently built. It was completed May 19, 2010 and will provide shade during lunch for school groups and visitors.

Other projects will include maintenance and landscaping around the visitor center, along the auto tour route and trails. Several visitor services and environmental education

projects are included along with a couple biological projects.

The YCC is a summer employment program for young males and females from all segments of society, who work, learn and earn together by doing projects on public land. The stated purpose of the YCC is to further the development and maintenance of the natural resources of the United States by America's youth, and, in so doing, to prepare them for the ultimate responsibility of maintaining and managing these resources for the American people. Prime Hook NWR will also be hosting two YCC enrollees.

Make sure you welcome them when you see them working on the refuge.

Park Quarters Program Launched

Reprinted from Delaware State News, Wednesday, March 31, 2010

Rep. Michael N. Castle kicked off the America the Beautiful Quarters Program on March 30, 2010 at Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge.



Rep. Castle, author of the bipartisan America's Beautiful National Parks Quarter Act of 2008, joined Bombay Hook NWR manager Michael Stroeh, U.S. Mint, Philadelphia plant manager Marc Landry and Friends of Bombay Hook president Janet Manchester as they unveiled the designs for the first five quarters in the series.

The new designs will be released this year and will celebrate the natural wonders found in the nations' national parks, forests, shores, and other national sites. Delaware, still lacking a national park, will have a quarter featuring Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge, which will be released in 2015.

"I am hopeful that this series, which will feature depictions of national parks and history sites throughout the 50 states, will be as successful as the 50 State Quarters Program and incite an interest in our nation's history, increase tourism to our national parks, and serve as an educational tool in our classrooms." Rep. Castle said. "Additionally, at a time when Congress needs to practice spending restraint, it is promising to have a program that actually brings in revenues, which this program has the potential to do."

The 50 State Quarters Program, also spearheaded by Rep. Castle, generate \$8.6 billion in revenue, including \$6.3 billion to help reduce the national debt.

"We hope that the inclusion of the refuge in the program will encourage Americans to not only travel to Delaware where they can enjoy this refuge, but also the other great wildlands across this country," Mr. Stroeh said.

The mint will begin producing these coins this year, releasing five a year, until all have been released in 2021. The order of each quarter's release is determined by when the National Park was first designated.

The 2010 Quarter Series includes: Hot Springs National Park in Arkansas, Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming, Yosemite National Park in California, Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona and Mount Hood National Forest in Oregon.

**Nature Journaling Workshop with Ramona Maziarz
May 8, 2010**



Ramona Maziarz (right), pen and ink artist, and a couple of participants capture nature's beauty after an engaging presentation about nature journaling. Ramona taught us that your own nature journal provides an opportunity to study the natural world, to grow a deeper relationship with the Earth, and to develop a greater awareness and caring for the Earth. A nature journal is an opportunity for personal growth and to study the evolving natural world.

Your journal is a place to grow thoughts, feelings, ideas, activities, observations, and to develop a relationship with the natural world. And, it is an opportunity to interpret your inner thoughts out into the natural world and a space where the natural world can flow into you and leave a permanent mark. Ramona provided tips on observing nature and how to begin writing (and drawing) a nature journal.

**Garden Keepers Field Trip to Tyler Arboretum
May 19, 2010**



Nine members of the Garden Keepers visited Tyler Arboretum, Media, PA for a tour of the facility and to get ideas for landscaping, educational displays, and insight on how to introduce people to nature and native plants.

Tyler Arboretum is a place where history, horticulture, and natural habitats come together in a 650-acre oasis of natural beauty. Though every season of the year, Tyler is alive with trees and flowers, animals and insects, and the spirit of a time gone by.



The Garden Keepers got an introduction to a new exhibition opening May 29, 2010 and running until October 31, 2010: "Nature's Enchantment," an imaginative and magical exhibition celebrating nature's beauty with the help of elves, faeries, gnomes, pixies, wizards, and more. Visit their website for more information: www.tylerarboretum.org.

The Garden Keepers meet the third Wednesday of the month to develop educational programs and to maintain the landscaping around the visitor center. If you would like to participate in the group or would like more information about upcoming activities contact Quentin Schlieder at 302-653-6449.

**Shorebird and Birding by Impression with Kevin Karlson
At Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge
Saturday August 7 , 2010**



Outdoor Field Trip:

Join author and professional field trip leader Kevin Karlson as he shares a simple and more effective approach to shorebird ID highlighted in his bestselling book *The Shorebird Guide*. With an initial focus on basic impressions of size, shape and body motion for all birds seen, a more effective starting point is achieved for your ID pursuit. Appreciation of this different and exciting field approach is best experienced in field conditions, and Kevin has been fine tuning his teaching approach over the last five years. Beginners and expert level tips will be shared, with something for everyone involved.

Kevin will also show how this simpler ID approach may be applied to all birds in the field. He is presently completing a new book titled *Birding by Impression* for the publishing house of Houghton Mifflin Company, with a projected release date of late 2011 in the Roger Tory Peterson Reference Series. Come and see how a field approach using basic impressions of size, shape and body motion may be combined with a traditional, detail oriented approach to reach a more effective ID conclusion. Kevin has written a number of articles on this subject for *Living Bird*, *Wild Bird* and *Birding* magazines, and gives workshops at major birding and nature festivals around North America.

Indoor Workshop: “Shorebirds and Birding by Impression”

This interactive indoor workshop will share a different approach to field identification that Kevin calls *Birding by Impression*. This exciting ID approach concentrates on basic impressions of size, shape and body motion to form a surprisingly accurate initial mental picture of every bird seen in the field. These non-changeable field characters may be combined with traditional ID approaches using details of feather patterns and plumage to reach a more comprehensive ID picture. A similar approach was used in Kevin’s best selling book, *The Shorebird Guide* (Houghton Mifflin Co., 2006), which will be for sale during the day.

The first half of the program concentrates on shorebirds and how to apply this approach in all field conditions. The second half shows how to apply this approach to all bird families, and uses a number of digitized, comparative photos from Kevin’s new book *Birding by Impression*. These photos allow the viewer to see similar species in side-by-side comparison that is rarely, if ever, possible in field conditions. The end result is a surprising recognition of obvious and subtle structural and plumage differences between these similar species that is not possible otherwise. Come and share in this innovative new approach to bird ID, with audience participation encouraged with the digitized photo section. Space limited. Call to register, 302-653-6872.



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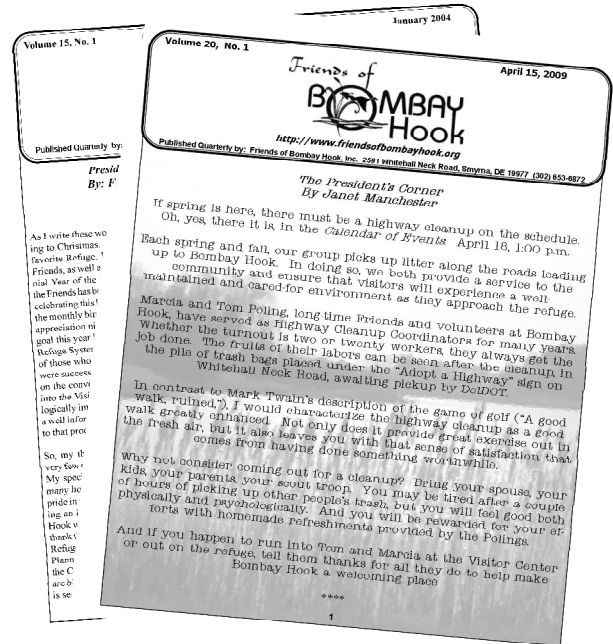
The Friends of Bombay Hook continues taking steps to save trees!!!

In our Friends of Bombay Hook newsletter (Vol. 20, No. 3) dated October 31st, 2009, we enclosed a questionnaire on whether or not you prefer the Friends of Bombay Hook newsletter to be sent electronically or continue to receive a printed copy. Currently, we received at least over 40 responses with nearly 25 respondents requesting electronic. We thank the ones who did respond to our questionnaire.

However, we definitely like to see more people respond to our questionnaire so that Friends will be able to do what many organizations are now doing to save the cost of printing, postage and returned newsletters simply by going electronic.

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ATTENTION, BIRDERS!!

Several members of the Friends of Bombay Hook, seeking companions for birding excursions, would like to form a FOBH Birding Club.

All birders or would-be birders of every level of expertise are invited to join. Whether you are just starting out or have been birding for many years, we want you as a part of our group. The only requirement is that you be a member of the Friends of Bombay Hook.

If you would like to attend a meeting of interested Friends to discuss the formation of this group and help decide how it will function, please contact Hannah McClennan. She can be reached by phone (302-698-6340) or by e-mail (hmclennan@comcast.net). Don't delay – the birds are out there calling to us right now!