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# The Passenger Pigeon

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### October Bird Club Events

#### October Meeting:

**“Prairie Raptors of Southern Saskatchewan.” Presented by Jeff Hays. Thursday, October 18. 7:00 p.m. Sharon Woods Visitor Center.**

Jeff Hays assisted research on Golden Eagles, Prairie Falcons and Ferruginous Hawks in southern Saskatchewan, Canada. Jeff will present information and photos about habitat and the technique used to study these raptors along the Saskatchewan River. There will be photos of nesting sites, young birds and adults as well as habitat.

Jeffrey L. Hays has studied Red-shouldered Hawks in urban and rural settings since 1996. He has co-authored several papers on various aspects of his research. He assists the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources with ongoing osprey

studies. He has also been an active volunteer and has served on the board of RAPTOR, Inc., a Cincinnati-based organization that rehabilitates injured birds of prey and conducts educational programs for schools and other groups.

#### October Field Trips:

**Location: Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge.**  
**Date: Sunday, October 7, 7:30 a.m.**  
**Leader: Darlena Graham, 859-341-4893, darlena@fuse.net**

Darlina's birding skills and intimate knowledge of Muscatatuck coupled with the fact that this is one of our regions best birding areas virtually guarantees an exciting day of birding.

We will meet at the Tanners Creek Boat Ramp at 7:30 a.m. and caravan to Muscatatuck from there, about an hour's drive due west

on US 50. If you have any questions contact Darlena.

Tanners Creek Boat Ramp is located just south of US 50 in Lawrenceburg Indiana, just 3/4 west of the Tanners Creek Bridge. From the Cincinnati area take I-275 west to the US 50 Lawrenceburg, Indiana exit # 16. At the end of the ramp turn left onto US 50 and go west through Lawrenceburg. After crossing the bridge look for Tanners Creek Drive and turn left. There is a McDonalds at this corner and you should see a small boat ramp sign. Drive to the end of the road and meet in the boat ramp parking lot.

**Location: Caesar Creek State Park**  
**Date: Saturday, October 27, 8:00 a.m.**  
**Leader: Jay Lehman H 527-4701; W 622-2399, lehman.jg@pg.com.**

Late fall migration will be well underway and the focus of this trip will

be waterfowl (ducks) and water birds (i.e. loons, grebes, gulls etc.). In addition to checking many sites around Caesars Creek Lake, Jay will probably make stops at nearby Spring Valley Wildlife Area and the Roxanna gravel pits. This will be a day trip, extending well past noon, so be sure to bring a lunch and drinks. Restrooms are available throughout the area. Scopes will be useful of course, but if you don't have one don't let that stop you from coming. We will meet at the Caesar Creek swimming beach parking lot. From Cincinnati, take I-71 north to the State Route 73 exit # 45. Turn left (west) onto SR 73 and go about 5 miles. After crossing the SR 73 bridge over Caesar Creek Lake, turn right at the State Park entrance and follow the signs to the swimming beach. If you have any questions about this trip or directions contact Jay.



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## **Are Your Dues Due?**

If you haven't sent in your dues yet for the September 2007 - May 2008 birding year, please fill out the form below and mail it in along with your membership fees.

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\_\_\_\_\_ Individual \$12.00    \_\_\_\_\_ Family \$15.00    \_\_\_\_\_ Student \$6.00

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