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June

Student Bird Art Competition Bermuda Society of Arts







Happy Anniversary



June - 60th Anniversary Dinner







The Bermuda Society of Arts is pleased to announce...
The Bluebird Box Show & Auction



Fifty Bluebird boxes have been hand painted and decorated by Bermuda's artists and will be on display for silent auction until Friday, June 20th 2014.

There will be a **LIVE AUCTION** of the Bluebird boxes **Friday, June 20th**, from **5 p.m. to 7 p.m.** You could become the proud owner of a very special and unique work of art. We will be serving pink bubbly to everyone who registers to bid in the live auction, so come early to avoid the rush. **Doors will open at 4:30 p.m.**

Don't miss this fabulous sale that not only benefits the Bermuda Society of Arts, but will also help our local Bluebirds find new and beautiful habitats in your gardens.

You will be amazed at the creative ways the artists have used their imaginations.

Show & Auction continues until Friday, June 20th, 2014.

Open to the public - **Admission is FREE**


Gallery Hours: Mon to Fri, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sat, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information

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June

Bluebird Nest Box auction
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June

Nonsuch Island Camp





Centre on Philanthropy - July



Blue Turtle Award - Aug



World Shorebirds Day - Sept



Paget Is. Bird Camp - Oct ... and Fay





Troubled Waters - Nov



BUEI & The Bermuda Audubon Society present:

TROUBLED WATERS

Trailing the albatross and cahow, an artist's journey

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH, 2014

Join us for an evening with world-renowned bird artist, author and naturalist, Bruce Pearson. Bruce first voyaged to the Southern Ocean over 35 years ago to study albatrosses and other seabirds, working in a creative partnership with BirdLife International. Hear about his recent return to the Southern Ocean, the aim of the *Troubled Waters* partnership and how Bruce's visit to Bermuda to engage with the cahow and its conservation story is an exciting opportunity to develop new aspects of the *Troubled Waters* project.

5:00-6:30pm: Sushi Happy Hour at Harbourfront
(specially priced drinks and sushi)

6pm: Harbourfront opens for dinner

7:30pm: Lecture starts, BUEI Auditorium

Members: \$20; Non-members: \$25.

Tickets available by calling 294-0204
or visiting BUEI's Oceans Gift Shop.

Ticket holders are entitled to **10% off** dinner at the Harbourfront (food only) before or after the lecture. Please call 295-4207 for reservations and be sure to mention the lecture. Cannot be combined with any other special offers.

BRUCE PEARSON

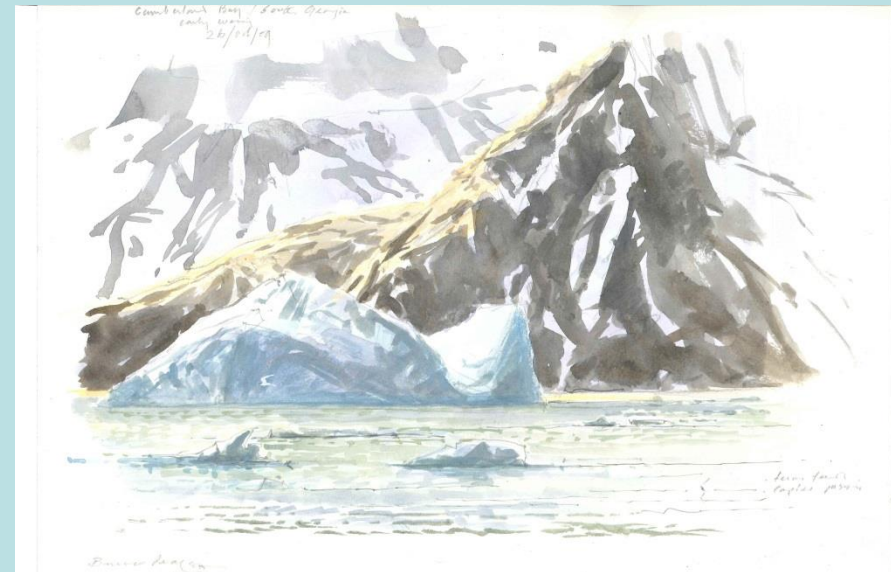


For the past 20 years, Bruce Pearson's work has largely involved private commissions from individuals, museums and institutions; and by invitation from the Artists for Nature Foundation (ANF). Bruce has participated in international art events and exhibitions in USA, France, Holland, Spain, Poland, Ecuador and Peru. In the UK he has contributed work to a number of group exhibitions and has undertaken a range of solo commercial gallery shows. Prior to this, a lot of Bruce's work was largely as a freelance illustrator on a wide range of natural history books, magazines and journals, including writing and illustrating *An Artist on Migration* – one chapter of which was filmed and shown on BBC2 television. Other illustrations were for *Rare Mammals of the World*

and the *Gem Guide to Zoo Animals*. Throughout that time Bruce continued to exhibit larger fine art works when opportunities arose.



Art & Conservation - Nov



Cahow fieldtips - Nov







Horsfield - working party at ABS Reserve- Nov



Sousa's - working party at Somerset Long Bay Reserve- Nov



Coral Beach Club donation to ABS reserve - Nov





The Centre on
Philanthropy

Volunteer
recognition
awards - Dec

Nigel Chudleigh -
2014 Audubon
Volunteer

Warwick Academy - bluebird boxes



Christmas Bird Count





Christmas Bird Count

The Bermuda Audubon Society held its 40th CBC on 27th December 2014

Features of this year's count included:

- 7,493 individual birds were counted (well down on last year's total)
- 92 species of birds (99 in 2013, 101 in 2012, 88 in 2011, 101 in 2010, 100 in 2009)
- European Starling was the most common species (21.6% of the count)
- Record counts for Hooded Merganser, Horned Grebe and Green Heron

Jan - Lecture

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!



BUEI AND THE BERMUDA AUDUBON SOCIETY PRESENT:

THE 2014 BIRDING YEAR IN BERMUDA: SPIES, SUPERSTARS & SURPRISES!

Tuesday, January 27th at 7:30pm

Ornithologist **Andrew Dobson** will present a fascinating look back at the 2014 birding year, one which provided some unexpected surprises. One species, never seen in Bermuda before, was well photographed but it took sound recordings and an international effort to reveal its identity. More than 20 species of duck were seen during the year including an unprecedented flock of 13 Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks. Come and see which birds took star billing in 2014.

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Feb - Assist at BNT Children's Walk



THE BERMUDA NATIONAL TRUST PRESENTS ITS
Annual Children's Nature Walk



AT Spittal Pond



**Tuesday
February 17, 2015
9:30am - 12noon**

IT'S FREE for parents and children (age 5-12 years)

- Groups leave from the eastern parking lot every 15 minutes (groups of more than three please pre-register)
- The last walk will leave at 12 noon
- The walk takes approximately 90 minutes
- Wear suitable clothes and shoes for rugged terrain
- Light snacks available
- Bring your own waterbottle - we can fill it



GROUPS - To register, please contact:
Bermuda National Trust Director of Education
Cindy Corday
ccorday@bnt.bm
236-6483 ext. 214

Not suitable for dogs, baby prams or very young children. Parking in the field behind Harrington Hundreds grocery store.



The Bermuda National Trust www.bnt.bm

Feb - Lecture by Ian Fisher



JAPAN



WINTER BIRDING AT ITS BEST

Feb - Seymour's Pond Working Party



Feb - Walk the Walk Argus and the COP



Feb - Spittal Pond fieldtrip



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New Audubon Reserve announced



March - Government House Bluebird nestbox workshop



March - Cooper's Is Natural History Tour



May - Global Big Day



May - Truck donated to Dept of Conservation Services



May Nonsuch Fieldtrip



Nature reserve management - Seymour's Pond



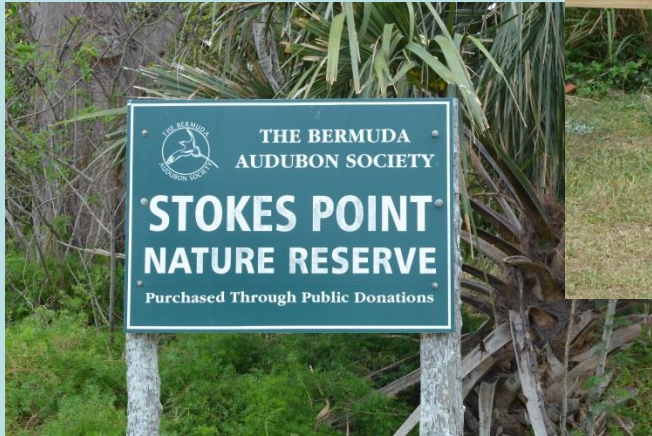


WOODLAND MANAGEMENT

The woodland on the hillside south of Seymour's Pond is dominated by introduced trees such as Redmondia, Albizia, Brazil Pepper, Chinese Fan Palm, White Cedar and Surinam Cherry. In this area, which was originally a quarry, and around the pond edges, native forest restoration has been started by clearing invasive species and planting Bermuda Cedar, Bermuda Palm, Citronella, Southern Hackberry, Jamaica Digwood and Wax Myrtle. The gradual replacement of invasive species with native endemic plants will take place over the long term on the east of the stream, with small areas cleared and replanted at a time.

RESIDENT	A BIRD THAT NESTS IN BERKSHIRE AND DOES NOT HAVE SEASONAL DISPERSALS OUT OF STATE.	 BERMSCE	 BERMSPAL	 PALMWEAV	 ALBIZIA	 BERMSVIR	 GRAYCAT	 NORTCAR
MIGRANT	A BIRD THAT NESTS REGULARLY IN BERKSHIRE BUT DOES NOT BREED THERE YEAR-ROUND OR IS ONLY THERE FOR PART OF THE YEAR.	 BERMSCIT	 WAXMYRT	 BRAZPEP	 CHINEFAN	 OLIVETHR	 NORTWOOD	 COMMONN
NATIVE	A SPECIES WHICH OCCURRED IN BERKSHIRE BEFORE 1700 AND WAS FOUND IN OTHER COUNTRIES.	 BERMSCIT	 WAXMYRT	 BRAZPEP	 CHINEFAN	 OLIVETHR	 NORTWOOD	 COMMONN
ENDEMIC	A SPECIES WHICH HAS ONLY BEEN REPORTED IN BERKSHIRE AND IS NOT FOUND IN OTHER COUNTRIES.	 SOUTHACK	 JAMAIDIG	 WHITECED	 SURINAMC	 NORTPARU	 AMERRED	 BLACKWAR
INTRODUCED	A SPECIES WHICH IS NOT FOUND NATURALLY IN BERKSHIRE, BUT HAS BEEN INTRODUCED THERE ACCIDENTALLY OR INTENTIONALLY BY HUMANS.	 SOUTHACK	 JAMAIDIG	 WHITECED	 SURINAMC	 NORTPARU	 AMERRED	 BLACKWAR
INVASIVE	A SPECIES WHICH HAS INTRODUCED INTO BERKSHIRE AND IS HARMING TO NATURAL RESOURCES OR ENDANGERING THE NATIVE ENDEMIC SPECIES AND/OR THE ENDANGERED TAXA.	 SOUTHACK	 JAMAIDIG	 WHITECED	 SURINAMC	 NORTPARU	 AMERRED	 BLACKWAR

Nature reserve management



Cooperation and Partnerships

Locally:

- B.E.S.T.
- Bermuda National Trust
- Bermuda Underwater Exploration Institute
- Bermuda Zoological Society
- Centre on Philanthropy
- Conservation Services, Bermuda Government
- Eco Bermuda
- Parks Commission

Internationally:

- BirdLife International
- Birds Caribbean
- National Audubon Society
- North American Birds
- Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (UK)
- UK Overseas Territories Conservation Forum

Communication

- Newsletters - Vol. 26
- Web site www.audubon.bm
- BirdTrax
- Email info@audubon.bm
- Birders' email group
- Newspaper and magazine articles
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Razorbill - New to Bermuda

A Razorbill was discovered in the Great Sound on Sunday 22nd February when Audubon member Sgt. Paul Watson was making a routine patrol from Hamilton to Dockyard. It is the first time this species of bird has been seen in Bermuda. It was sitting on the surface of the water and making regular dives in search of fish. Andrew Dobson quickly joined Sgt. Watson to get photo documentation of this exceptional record. The vertical white line through the bill and the extensive area of white behind the eye indicate that it is an adult in non-breeding plumage. Bearing in mind the extreme weather experienced on the US east coast it was not a total surprise. Other birds driven south and seen in Bermuda recently include Northern Gannet, Long-tailed Duck, Iceland Gull and Bonaparte's Gulls.



Razorbills belong to the family of birds known as *Alcids*, which also includes puffins. This crow-sized seabird is widely distributed through boreal and low-arctic Atlantic waters; the bulk of the world population breeds in Iceland. The centre of the North American breeding population is in southern Labrador and the North Shore of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. With only about 300 pairs nesting in Maine, the Razorbill is among the least numerous of all breeding seabirds in US waters. Most Razorbills from North American colonies overwinter south of their breeding range in ice-free, coastal waters, with largest numbers frequenting shoal areas in the outer Bay of Fundy and Gulf of Maine. The species occurs regularly in winter south to Long Island, NY, and New Jersey, and rarely to Virginia, with casual records to Florida. (Photo: Andrew Dobson).

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Andrew

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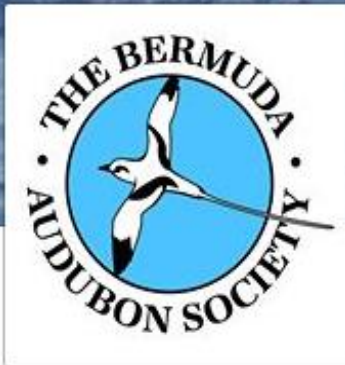
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“Author’s tale of two islands”

“Snow Goose pays a Christmas visit”

“Landscapers help clean up nature reserves”

“Open space in St. Georges gifted to Society”

“Getting up close with a Hoary Bat”

“\$22,600 for the Alfred Smith nature reserve”

The opportunities



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Please help the Bermuda Audubon Society and Bermuda National Trust protect Bermuda's precious open space for the enjoyment of everyone, forever. You can make a difference!

A big "thank you"

H.E. Mr George Fergusson, Governor of Bermuda & Mrs Fergusson
The Audubon Executive Committee
June Sousa & Nigel Chudleigh - wood cutting
Stuart Smith - and his bluebird volunteers

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