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PSO Pileated



The Biweekly Newsletter for the Pennsylvania Society for Ornithology

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Welcome to December... and Christmas Bird Count month!

I would like to start out this newsletter by saying thank you for the kind words about the new *PSO Pileated* format. I would also like to thank our photographer members for submitting pileated woodpecker photos. I got a wonderful response-- my email is full of beautiful images. Feel free to keep sending them in, I can never have too many to choose from.

In addition to pileated woodpecker photos, feel free to send me photos of any birds to use in various emails when I need to fill empty space (like below in "From the President's Desk").

If you have photos or any questions or comments about the newsletter, email me at:
kaitlynstouch@gmail.com.

Happy birding!
-Kaitlyn Stouch
The PSO Pileated Editor

This edition's banner photo is courtesy of **Randy Richard**.

From the President's Desk



For long-time members, this President's Desk essay will feel a little different. It is the first one being sent to members by email and it will also appear in the Pennsylvania Birds journal.

The board is excited about the potential of this new format to provide more timely information on PSO's programs and encourage participation in birding and bird conservation. We are indebted to our newsletter editor, Kaitlyn Stouch, for her hard work and design skills.

So, first, a few logistics.

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Christmas Bird Count

The Christmas Bird Count takes place from December 14th through January 5th every year. Are you already ready for yours?

To find your local bird count date and information, visit the [map on Audubon's website](#). Green and yellow circles are open for new participants. Be sure to contact your compiler in advanced of the count to participate.

Audubon also offers a [CBC image-sharing webpage](#)! Whether you're a photographer looking to showcase your shots or someone who wants to experience the excitement of others' counts from afar, it's a wonderful way to join in and celebrate the Christmas Bird Count.



Tufted Titmouse. Photo: Michele Black/Great Backyard Bird Count

December Webinar



Erie Bird Observatory: Keeping Tabs on Birds in Northwestern Pennsylvania

Thurs Dec 11, 7 pm via zoom

Speaker: Sarah Sargent

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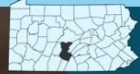
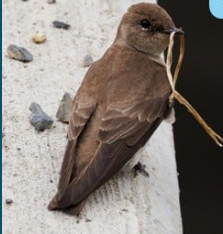
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2026 County Spotlights-Save the Date

 Huntingdon County Birding Spotlight  March 13-16, 2026 	 Fayette County Birding Spotlight  April 24-27, 2026 	 Potter County Birding Spotlight  October 16-19, 2026 
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Our [County Spotlights](#) are PSO-organized weekend field trips to lesser-birded counties in Pennsylvania. Be sure to save the dates for our 2026 County Spotlights! Graphics by Tony Desantis.



Did you Know...

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