

Birds & Butterflies NEWSLETTER

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This is the first official Birds & Butterflies Newsletter. We hope you will find it informative and helpful. We hope to send out a new newsletter every other month.

If you do not want to receive the newsletter please let us know by email at webmaster@geopolus.com.

If you know anyone else who would like to receive the newsletter please give us their email address. Ron & Dori Brenneman, Birds & Butterflies.

QUESTION: When should I take my hummingbird feeders down?

ANSWER: Contrary to a popular misconception, you will not keep hummingbirds from migrating by keeping your hummingbird feeders up late in the fall. Migration is triggered by decreasing day length, not by availability of food. In our area some hummingbird migration begins in September with the major migration occurring by the first full moon in October. It is not uncommon to see a few hummingbirds migrating through our area in early November. For these late migrants finding a full hummingbird feeder may be a welcome site. We usually leave our hummingbird feeders up until around November 1.

ANNUAL BOVANO SALE - September 13-19

Our annual sale on **Bovano** pieces will take place from September 13-19. All **Bovano** pieces, in the shop or ordered, will be 20% off.

For those of you not familiar with **Bovano**, they are beautiful, hand-made pieces made by firing pulverized glass onto a copper base. This produces very intense color. These pieces include birds, flowers, fish, butterflies, and much more.

We have a complete catalog in the shop or you can view their pieces at www.Bovano.com. If you look at them on the website note the item piece and name and we can order it for you. The **Bovano Company** has informed us that there will be a price increase on all their pieces October 1, 2007. If you order during this sale you will not only get the old prices but a 20% discount.

LAST HUMMINGBIRD SIGHTING OF 2007

Let us know when you see your last hummingbird of the 2007 season in the Aiken area. You can call us, stop by the shop, or send us an email. The first hummingbird sighting this past spring was March 13, 2007.

NEW DROLL YANKEES TUBE FEEDER COMING SOON!

Droll Yankees has been working on developing a new line of tube feeders for the past year. It has been a slow process because they want to get everything right and maintain the **Droll Yankees** quality. The new line is called the "Onyx Clever Clean". It has an easy twist release base that can be taken off for cleaning. It also has an open interior, no screws or braces inside, and the same lifetime warranty as all **Droll Yankees** feeders. Four sizes will be available: 12" with 3 feeding ports, 18" with 6 ports, 24" with 9 ports, and 36" with 12 ports. The tubes are 4" in diameter which is larger than many of the older feeders. They will hold 2#, 3#, 4#, and 6# of seed respectively. We are hoping they will become available before Christmas. We already have an order placed and will let you know when they arrive.

BIRDS & BUTTERFLIES NOW SELLING VORTEX BINOCULARS

We are now selling **Vortex** binoculars as well as **Audubon** binoculars. Both brands are made by **Sheltered Wings**. We have been selling **Audubon** for several years and have had very good reports from customers who have purchased them. The **Vortex** line is just a step above the **Audubon**. All **Vortex** binoculars are waterproof and include an unlimited lifetime warranty. This means that if you drop your **Vortex** binoculars or run over them with your car they are covered by the warranty. **Audubon** binoculars have a limited lifetime warranty which includes any defect or problem with the binoculars but personal misuse is not covered. Some **Audubon** binoculars are waterproof, others are not. If you are thinking of purchasing binoculars please stop by and take a look at these two lines.

PHOTO SECTION

If you would like to submit photos for inclusion in future Birds & Butterflies Newsletters please send email them to webmaster@geopolus.com. Please include a short description of the photo and your name. We can't promise to use all of them but we will try.



Stop by the shop and visit "Bonny" the shop dog.



A hummingbird in the yard of Martin and Chong Falmlen feeding from a "Parasol" stake feeder.

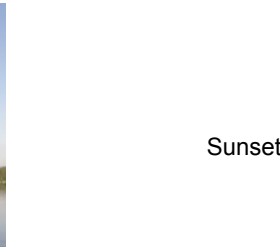
Ron & Dori's trip to the NY Adirondacks in August.



Piseco Lake



Red-Shouldered Hawk



Sunset



Top of White Face Mountain



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