

Minutes of the Sussex Bird Club Meeting - Oct 12, 2014

Vice -President Sharon Lynn opened the meeting at 2:00PM

Treasurer Bill Fintel reported a checkbook balance of \$2211.89

Vice-President for Programs, Sharon Lynn, introduced the speaker:
Stephen Lorenz, Professor of Biology at San Jacinto College, Texas

Stephen Lorenz talk was on his birding experiences in Australia..

He titled his talk 'Australia : The Cradle of Songbirds'

He mentioned that because Australia is the oldest continent, it has evolved totally different than any other place. It has 350 endemic birds. Birds with the same common names are totally different. Birds may look like our birds but they are not the same species.

57 varieties of Parrots can be found. Australia

has more Honey Eaters than any place else - 75.

Stephen has traveled 12000 miles on one birding trip in the outback. Great distances have to be covered to see many of the birds.

Stephen is in the process of putting together a birding tour of the outback.

Secretary: David Weber