



The Chattanooga Chat

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A Newsletter of the Chattanooga Chapter
Tennessee Ornithological Society

Meeting

Ascension Lutheran Church

720 S Germantown Rd

Thursday, November 11

5:30 p.m. Executive Board Meeting

7:00 p.m. Monthly Meeting:

Program: Clyde Blum will speak about his trip to Brazil earlier this year. He visited the Atlantic Forest and the Pantanal. Clyde always does a good program.

Refreshments will be provided by Starr Klein.

Thanks to: Dr. David Aborn who spoke at our October 14 meeting about his years of banding at Greenway Farm, including trends and changes in the population over the years. He also discussed the proposed hunting of Sandhill Cranes. We thank Janice & Carl Chadwell & John Henderson for providing refreshments for the October meeting.

Field Trips

Sunday, November 7

Brainerd Levee Sparrow Stomp

Meet 8:00 AM

Leader: Kevin Calhoon (423)785-4070

Meet at the levee parking area on Shallowford Road.

Kevin will lead this annual Brainerd Levee wading walk to locate Lincoln's, Henslows, LeConte, and other sparrows. Participants will need hip or chest waders to walk the low wet areas of the levee. Those without waders are

welcome to attend, but sparrows are difficult to spot from higher ground.

Saturday, November 13

Chester Frost Park

Meet 8:00 AM at the boat launch

Leader: Harold Birch (423) 842-4626

Join us for a walk around Chester Frost Park, an excellent birding spot any time of year. Winter visitors include gulls, ducks, Brown Headed Nuthatch, and Red Headed Woodpeckers. Dress in layers, and wear comfortable walking shoes.

Hiwassee State Refuge

Saturday, November 27

Leaving Knoxville at 1:40

Leader: Robin Barrow (865) 297-2572

braveladyrobin@gmail.com

The Chattanooga Chapter is invited to join the Knoxville Chapter for a visit to the Sandhill Crane Viewing Area at Birchwood. They plan to remain at the refuge until sunset and dine locally before returning to Knoxville. Spotting scopes recommended.

What Have you Seen?

October 23

Ruby Throated Hummingbird

Carol Fegarido

Collegedale

October 22

At 6:30 this evening at The Honors Course in Ooltewah, I watched a White-crowned Sparrow at close range. It was pecking something off the trunk of a 2 inch diameter Elm bush. It was about 15 feet from me initially but moved to within 10 feet as I

watched closely with my binoculars. Other small bushes were near the Elm but it only ate from the Elm.

David Stone, Chapter President

October 19

A Ring Necked Duck and an American Coot swam on the Camp Jordan pond. A female Belted Kingfisher was fishing from the center of the pond this morning. Yellow-rumped warblers are everywhere.

Tim Jeffers, East Ridge

Oct 18

On Saturday, 10/16/2010, 7 people from the Chattanooga Chapter of TOS showed up to observe a bird banding demonstration at Greenway Farm. The banding demo had to be canceled but we decided to bird the area and saw 42 species for the morning, including several White-throated Sparrows, 4 warbler species (Magnolia, Yellow-rumped, Black-throated Green, and Common Yellowthroat), 6 species of woodpeckers (no Hairy), and both Golden-crowned and Ruby-crowned Kinglets.

Kyle Waggener

October 15

Soddy Mountain, Hawk Watch

September 2010 totals:

11 days average, 42.25 hours

Broad-winged Hawk 2620

Sharp-shinned Hawk 10

Cooper's Hawk 7

Northern Harrier 2

Bald Eagle 20

Osprey 3

Red-shouldered Hawk 1

American Kestrel 1

Peregrine Falcon 1

one unknown distant dark falcon (probably a Merlin)

one Double Crested Cormorant

October totals -so far-

1 day coverage, 6.00 hours

52 Broad-winged Hawks

1 Sharp-shinned Hawk

1 Osprey

Jimmy Wilkerson

October 13

Red-bellied Woodpecker

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

Northern Flicker

Pileated Woodpecker

Between yesterday evening and today:

Magnolia Warblers

Yellow-rumped Warblers

Black-throated Green Warblers,

Bay-breasted Warblers

Black-and-white Warbler

Ruby-throated Kinglet

Yellow-billed Cuckoo

Tim Jeffers, East Ridge

October 13

This morning's banding at Greenway Farm produced a couple of first-of-the-season species for me, as well as a variety of long-distance migrants:

3 White-throated Sparrows

3 Gray Catbirds

2 Magnolia Warblers

1 Tennessee Warbler

1 Hooded Warbler

1 Yellow-rumped Warbler

1 Wood Thrush

1 Carolina Wren

1 Eastern Tufted Titmouse

1 Blue Jay

David Aborn

October 8

While hiking this morning on Southern Adventist University's system of trails on White Oak Mountain in Collegedale I saw a beautiful male Black-throated blue Warbler land on a branch about ten feet from me. He stayed there about three minutes before moving farther away. We still have some hummingbirds. Yesterday we had at least six individuals.

We also still have Rose Breasted Grosbeaks with at least four individuals here today.

There were two males and two females.

Carol Fegarido, Collegedale

October 8

This morning I found a dead Lincoln's Sparrow outside the UTC library.

David Aborn

October 5 and 6

Yesterday morning I found 3 dead Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers (FOS) outside one of the buildings on the UTC campus. Yesterday afternoon I was out at Standifer Gap Marsh and saw my first 2 American Kestrels of the season. Ridiculously high winds have made banding at Greenway Farm unproductive the past few days, but it was calm today and banding was good; 6 Magnolia Warblers, 6 Gray Catbirds, 3 Northern Cardinals, 1 Hooded Warbler, 1 Common Yellowthroat, 1 White-eyed Vireo, 1 Ovenbird, 1 Song Sparrow, 1 Carolina Wren, 1 Blue Jay, and 1 Northern Mockingbird. I also heard my first Golden-crowned Kinglet of the season.

David Aborn

October 5

Hummingbirds are still here. Last Saturday I had at least 10. Today I had a definite 5 We have more Rose-breasted Grosbeaks than we did in the spring. I'm seeing 3 males and 4 females throughout the day at our feeders. Nothing like the approximately 75 Bob Sargent reported on the Alabama list serve. Carol Fegarido, Collegedale

October 5

I have 5 Rose-Breasted Grosbeaks-- 1 male, 4 female on my feeder. This is more than I had here in Spring. Also there are 2 White Throated Sparrows below in the grass, first I've seen this Fall. We haven't seen a hummingbird here since Sunday. Ellen Whitaker, Lookout Mountain

October 3

Today, while standing on the sidewalk beside Greenway View Drive, I observed the bittern on the Brainerd Levee--south of Brainerd Road about half way between the brown pump house and the tall line of trees in the swamp. The bird was on the levee side feeding beside the water. It was directly across from Badcock Furniture lettering on a building of Brainerd Village.

Tommie Rogers

October 2

A special thanks to Dan Jacobson for walking us down to where he saw the Bittern. It might have been positioned so that it would be difficult to see while biking. A year bird for me - so thanks also to Tim Jeffers for posting.

Carol Fegarido, Collegedale

October 2

I saw the American Bittern in the marsh near the Brainerd Walmart each day this week since Monday. The marsh is on Greenway View Drive (the road back to Walmart) just after you turn off Brainerd Rd. Several times it was visible from the sidewalk, sometimes visible from the other side of the marsh.

Tim Jeffers, East Ridge

September 27

At 5:20 this afternoon I photographed an American Bittern at the edge of the pond/marsh between the Brainerd Levee and the Walmart road. Yesterday morning at Standifer Gap Marsh, I saw a flock of Palm Warblers in the grass and in small trees to the right of the gravel road as you approach the gate.

Tim Jeffers East Ridge



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