



The Chattanooga Chat

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Tennessee Ornithological Society

June Meeting

Ascension Lutheran Church 720 S Germantown Rd

Thursday, June 10, 2010

5:30 p.m. Executive Board Meeting

7:00 p.m. Monthly Meeting:

Program: Kevin Calhoon from The Tennessee Aquarium will be our speaker. His talk will be "Birding in Australia" drawing from his trip to Australia this past winter. Kevin has given some excellent programs in past years..

Thanks to: Dr. Roger Nelson for presenting "Almost Everything You Ever Wanted To Know About The Great Blue Heron" at our May meeting.

The Chapter Depends on You

Without officers to shoulder the load, the Chattanooga Chapter of TOS would not continue. Someone recruits speakers for our monthly meeting. Someone recruits field trip leaders. Someone organizes the whole club as President. Someone keeps the minutes and someone else the financial records. Could that someone be you? We seek nominees to serve, particularly in the offices of President, Vice President for Programs, and Vice President for field trips. This past year, there was no Vice President for Programs, and that responsibility fell on President David Stone. If you are willing to serve, please contact current president, David Stone, (423) 238-4234 or rockyturf@comcast.net

June Field Trips

Saturday, June 12 & 26: Bird the Honors Course. Meet 5:00 PM at the Honors Course Maintenance Building
Leader: David Stone (423) 238-4234 or rockyturf@comcast.net

The Honors Course contains some good bird habitats. Of special interest this time of year is the close up views of the Purple Martin colonies. David will try to accommodate any many as possible since there are two dates. However he still needs to keep a manageable number. He will take the first 18 people who contact him for each Saturday (contact number and email listed above). If you have not been there before email or call David for directions, as it can be hard to find. Be sure to have insect repellent and especially something good for ticks. If you can't make it on these dates, call David to possibly set up a special tour.

Saturday, June 12: Hinch Mountain

Meet: 7:00AM at the new Soddy-Daisy Walmart off Harrison Lane Exit on Highway 27N,
Leaders: Harold Birch (842-4623) & Danny Gaddy - gaddy@catt.com
Join Harold & Danny to bird one of the highest locations on the Cumberland Plateau. Rare nesters in lower areas can be found on Hinch Mountain. Be sure to bring a lunch, drinks, and dress for the weather. Keep in mind it may be cooler atop the mountain.

What Have You Seen

May 5, 2010

Yellow-crowned Night Heron on the way to Lovell Field (airport) yesterday and a Black-throated Blue Warbler singing in my yard at the Cravens House
Kevin Calhoon

Tue, May 4,

Spent 8-10:30am today at Brainerd Levee(b) and Standifer Gap Marsh(s), Canada Goose-b,s, Mallard-b,s, Blue-winged Teal-b, Great Blue Heron-b, s Great Egret-b, Red-shouldered Hawk-b Virginia Rail-s, Killdeer-b,s, Spotted Sandpiper-b Solitary Sandpiper-b Lesser Yellowlegs-b Least Sandpiper-b, White-rumped Sandpiper-b, Baird's Sandpiper-b, Pectoral Sandpiper-b, Mourning Dove-b,s, Chimney Swift-b,s, Belted Kingfisher-b, Downy Woodpecker-b, Pileated Woodpecker-b,s, Eastern Kingbird-b,s, Blue Jay-b, American Crow-b, Fish Crow-s, Tree Swallow-b, Northern Rough-winged Swallow-b,s, Cliff Swallow-b, Bank Swallow-b,s, Carolina Wren-b, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher-b(hrd), American Robin-s, European Starling-s, Cedar Waxwing-b, Yellow Warbler-b,s, Prothonotary Warbler-b, Common Yellowthroat-b,s,



Savannah Sparrow-b, Song Sparrow-s, Northern Cardinal-b,s, Bobolink-b,s, Red-winged Blackbird-b,s, Eastern Meadowlark-s, Common Grackle-b,s, Orchard Oriole-b,s, Baltimore Oriole-b, American Goldfinch-b,s, House Sparrow-b. Interesting was the fact that all the shorebird species were seen between 8-8:30 with Daniel Jacobson except the Lesser Yellowlegs. That Afternoon, Jan Chadwell and Libby Wolfe and I saw Wilson's Phalaropes and Yellow-billed Cuckoo at the Brainerd Levee. Also saw Northern Mockingbird, Wood Duck, and Eastern Bluebird at Standifer Gap Marsh.
David Chaffin

Dan Jacobson and I kicked around Hamilton County on Sunday May 2 and ended up with 100 species for the day. Highlight included:
Cravens House
2 Yellow-billed Cuckoo, 3 Bay-breasted Warbler, 8 Cape May Warbler, 6 Tennessee Warbler, 10 Blackpoll Warbler, 1 American Redstart, 3 Chestnut-sided Warbler, 1 Blackburnian Warbler, 1 Black-throated Green Warbler, 8 Yellow-rumped Warbler, 1 Yellow-breasted Chat, 2 Hooded Warbler, 6 Baltimore Oriole, 6 Rose-breasted Grosbeak. 3 Swainson's Thrush 1 Wood Thrush, 1 Blue-headed Vireo, 3 Yellow-throated Vireo, 1 Eastern Wood Peewee, 1 Eastern Kingbird
Brainerd Levee:
Nice adult plumaged Little Blue Heron, 6 Boblink, 1 Northern Waterthrush, 11 Least Sandpiper, 2 Lesser Yellowleg 1 Spotted Sandpiper, 1 Solitary Sandpiper, Moccasin Bend, 1 American Woodcock, 1 Prairie Warbler, 1 Summer Tanager, Standifer Gap Marsh, 1 Virginia Rail, 30 Bobolinks
Kevin Calhoon

The BioBlitz Bird Crew tallied 75 species at the Chattanooga Nature Center and Reflection Riding Arboretum Between 3:00 pm Friday (April 30) and 3:00 pm Saturday (May 1). I have listed the spring migrants below. Thank you to everyone who helped out!

Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Chimney Swift, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Acadian Flycatcher, Great-crested Flycatcher, Eastern Kingbird, White-eyed Vireo, Yellow-throated Vireo, Red-eyed Vireo, Purple Martin, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, House Wren, Veery, Swainson's Thrush, Wood Thrush, Gray Catbird, Tennessee Warbler, Northern Parula, Yellow Warbler, Yellow-throated Warbler, Blackpoll Warbler, American Redstart, Worm-eating Warbler, Northern Waterthrush, Kentucky Warbler, Connecticut Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Summer Tanager, Scarlet Tanager, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Blue Grosbeak, Indigo Bunting
David Aborn
29 April 2010

There was a noticeable influx of migrants at Greenway Farm yesterday-
Banded: White-eyed Vireo, Hooded Warbler, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Indigo Bunting
Seen: Indigo Bunting, White-eyed Vireo, Yellow Warbler, Yellow-breasted Chat, Orchard Oriole, Red-eyed Vireo, Yellow-throated Vireo, Scarlet Tanager

I also had a banding lifer...Pileated Woodpecker!!!! Very impressive bird. I have some battle scars, but it was worth it!
David Aborn
April 24

The first nest box count for 2010 was finished this week by RWBC members Don, Bill, Roger and Harold, with the following results;

38 Bluebird nests, several with 5 eggs and one with 6 eggs
33 Tree Swallow nests, several with eggs
6 chickadee nests
2 titmouse nests
1 wren nest
29 Empty nests that include a few House Sparrows nest that were removed
Harold Sharp

May 4
Yellow-crowned Night Heron, Orchard Oriole, Yellow Warbler, Eastern Kingbird, Eastern Wood Pewee, Indigo Bunting, Blue Grosbeak, Yellow-breasted Chat, Pied-billed grebe
Tim Jeffers

May 6
Black Billed Cuckoo
Kevin Calhoun

May 14
Seven male wild turkeys (in their yard)
J.N. Howard – Marion County

May 12
Banded a Connecticut Warbler at Greenway Farm
David Aborn



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