



The Chattanooga Chat

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Tennessee Ornithological Society

Meeting

Ascension Lutheran Church
720 S Germantown Rd
Thursday, May 12, 2011
5:30 PM Executive Board Meeting
7:00 PM Monthly Meeting:

Program: Ron Hoff will give a presentation Titled "East Africa Birding Megatour." Ron has traveled the world and added over 7,000 birds to his life list.

Refreshments: Fran Heistand will provide refreshments after the meeting.

Thanks to: David Spicer for presenting photographs from Florida birding trips at our April meeting. Linda Kelly and Star Klein provided refreshments.

We Elect Officers in June. We need at least two people willing to serve on the Board. If you are willing to serve, please contact David Stone at 238-4234.

Field Trips

Spring Bird Walks sponsored by TOS, the Chattanooga Nature Center, and Reflection Riding.
Saturdays through May 21. Meet 7:30 AM in the Nature Center Parking Lot.
Leaders: Kyle Waggener, 821-1160, ext. 112 or kwaggener@chattnature.org or Clyde Blum 886-4130 cdblum@bellsouth.net for information.
Bring your binoculars and water. Dress appropriately for the weather and be prepared for several hours of birding and a couple miles of walking. The entrance fee

to the Nature Center is free for all CNC and TOS members other wise the admission is \$8 for adults and \$5 senior citizens and children ages 4 to 11.

Cravens House Migrants

Sunday, May 1, 8:00 AM
Meet at the Lower Parking Lot
Leader: Kevin Calhoon 785-4070
Participants will see numerous spring migrants on this trip. The Cravens House is one of the most active birding spots during the spring migration. Don't miss out on the excitement.

Baylor School

Saturday, May 7, 8:00 AM - Meet at the Upper Parking Lot by the Lake
John Henderson rjshrike@comcast.net
This is an excellent location for neotropical migrants. Participants will see a diverse assortment of shorebirds if water levels are low. We expect a number of new arrivals in brilliant breeding plumage. This will be an easy walk at a slow pace. Stop at the guard shack and tell them you are with TOS. They will direct you to the location.

International Migratory Bird Day Count

Saturday, May 14
Kevin Calhoon 785-4070 kac@tnaqua.org
Chattanooga TOS has participated in every International Migratory Bird Day Count since the program began in 1992. Past participants are encouraged to cover the same territory each year. Help celebrate International Migratory Bird Day and help gather important data on bird migration,

Foggy Meadows Farm

Saturday, May 28

David and Lanie Tullis

(423) 322-2522 dtullis@gmail.com

Join Lanie and David Tullis for a morning of birding and stay for lunch. Your hosts will provide hotdogs, baked beans, slaw, ice cream, and drinks. Participants are welcome to bring a side dish or desert if they like.

Foggy Meadows Farm includes 28 acres of previously farmed land with trails through woodlands, fields, and a swampy area that attracts a diverse array of birds. David also has limited space on a four wheeler for guests with limited mobility. Please RSVP at the above phone number if you plan to attend.

Directions: From Chattanooga, go North on Highway 27 to Sale Creek. Cross Rock Creek Bridge and turn right onto Daugherty Ferry Road. Stay on Daugherty Ferry Road for approximately 3.5 miles. Turn left on Providence Road and go ½ mile to the second driveway on Right (large black metal gates). 17020 Providence Road, Sale Creek, TN 37373.

Eagles at Harrison Bay

Tuesday Mornings 7:30 AM

The park ranger at Harrison Bay State Park will conduct tours, allowing visitors to view the Eagles Nest from a distance. The Riverwalk Bird Club has a map to the viewing area on their web page.

<http://home.comcast.net/~rwbirdclub/>

What Have You Seen?

Please report your sightings to Ray Zimmerman, znaturalist@yahoo.com

Chattanooga Nature Center 4/23

Highlights included Hooded Warbler, Nashville Warbler. - Tim Jeffers

Lookout Mountain Conservancy 4/17

1 Swainson's Warbler, 3 Cerulean Warblers, 2 Blackpoll, 2 Cape May Warblers, 1 Nashville Warbler, 2 Blue Winged Warblers, 2 Blackburnian

Warblers, 3 Tennessee Warblers, 10 Black Throated Green Warblers, 1 Prairie Warbler, 1 Palm Warbler, 1 Black and White Warbler, 4 Hooded Warblers, 8 Yellow Rumped Warblers, 3 Indigo Bunting, 3 Wood Thrush, 5 Rose Breasted Grosbeak, 5 Summer Tanager, 5 Scarlet Tanager. - Kevin Calhoun

Standifer Gap Marsh 4/13

Eastern Kingbird, Orchard Oriole, Marsh Wren, Common Yellowthroat, Sora, Virginia Rail, Solitary Sandpiper, Lesser Yellowlegs. Semipalmate Sandpiper. Nickajack Dam – Forseters Terns
Moccasin Bend – Prothonotary Warbler.
Cravens House – Scarlet Tanager, Worm-eating Warbler, Orange Crowned Warbler. - Kevin Calhoun

Standifer Fap 4/17

Virginia Rail, Sora
- Tim Jeffers

Standifer Gap 4/17

Sora, Virginia Rail

Standifer Gap 3/23

Americab Bittern, Black-billed Cuckoo, Eastern Kingbird. - Carol Figarido

Tennessee River Gardens 4/10

American White Pelicans

Double Crested Cormorants- John Kuehnel

Cravens House 4/10

Wood Thrush, Hooded Warbler, Ovenbird,

4/9 Northern Parula, Red Eyed Vireo, Blue Headed Vireo, Yellow Throated Vireo.

Foggy Meadow Farm

White Pelicans

David and Lanie Tullis

Honors golf Course 4/21
Yesterday afternoon we had a male and female at the golf course yesterday (April 20). They were hanging out in the area I usually see them during the nesting season. This date is two days later than my earliest date I have seen them here. - David Stone

After the early morning storm and rain, birding was terrific on our property. I will list all we saw:
Crow, Blue Jay, Turkey, Red-shouldered Hawk, Northern Cardinal, Eastern Phoebe, Tufted Titmouse, Carolina Chickadee, Carolina Wren, Eastern Bluebird, Wood Thrush (FOY), Barn Swallow, Mourning Dove, Piliated Woodpecker, Downey Woodpecker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, White-throated Sparrow, Chipping Sparrow, Goldfinch, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Rudy-throated Hummingbird, Blue-grey Gnatcatcher, Red-eyed Vireo, White-eyed Vireo, Blue-headed Vireo, Yellow-throated Vireo, Yellow-throated Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler. Black and White Warbler(FOY), Prairie Warbler (FOY), Hooded Warbler (FOY), Tennessee Warbler (FOY). Palm Warbler, (FOY), Prothonotary Warbler (FOY), Black-throated Green, Warbler, Northern Parula Warbler, Grey Catbird (FOY), Barred Owl, Indigo Bunting
J. N. Howard, Fiery Gizzard Cove,
Marion County
18 April 2011

Hamilton County, TN
Here are some more First-Of-Season birds I heard at Greenway Farm on Monday: Yellow Warbler, Tennessee Warbler, Golden-winged Warbler, Rose-breasted Grosbeak. I read reports of lots of Indigo Buntings all along the Gulf coast this weekend, so they should be

here soon. Orchard Orioles, Scarlet Tanagers, Red-eyed Vireos, and Blue Grosbeaks were also reported as being numerous.
David Aborn
Chattanooga, TN

Tinsley Park and Cleveland Greenway
I heard the call of a king rail three times in succession. There is a nice cattail marsh here, but before, all it produced was red-winged blackbirds and common yellowthroats. Other birds of note:
eastern kingbird-3
scarlet tanager-2f
louisiana waterthrush-hrd
rose-breasted grosbeak-hrd
David Chaffin
Cleveland
Bradley Co

Fred Alsop wins Conservation Award
The Tennessee Wildlife Federation just handed out their conservation awards, and the Carter Patton Award went to Dr. Fred Alsop of ETSU. "Dr. Fred Alsop III from Johnson City, Tenn. is professor of biological sciences and natural history where he specializes in ornithology. He is a leading advocate for the conservation of birds and bird habitat in Tennessee, and he has trained and encouraged countless biologists and citizens to preserve our natural heritage, fostering an appreciation for our year-round resident bird species and the neo-tropical migrants that come to Tennessee from Central America, Mexico and South America to reproduce". A complete listing of awards can be found at:
http://www.chattanooga.com/articles/article_199414.asp
Submitted by David Aborn

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natural world

To Our New Members

A warm welcome to “The Wonderful World
of Birds”... Join in the fun... Come to all of
our events and bring your friend(s) if you
wish.

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