



The Chattanooga Chat

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A Newsletter of the Chattanooga Chapter
Tennessee Ornithological Society

November Meeting

Ascension Lutheran Church
720 S Germantown Rd
Thursday, November 10, 2011
5:30 PM Executive Board Meeting
7:00 PM Monthly Meeting:

Program:

Ron Hoff will do our November program as the scheduled speaker canceled. Ron's program will be on his trip to Amazonian Peru. Ron did our May program and always has excellent photos and stories about his trips. Ray Zimmerman will provide refreshments before the meeting.

Dues are now Due

Your annual dues are \$28.00. These funds support TOS and the local chapter. Please mail your payment to:
Cathy Lockwitz,
P.O. Box 2003
Collegedale, TN 37315.

NOVEMBER FIELD TRIPS

Sunday, October 30: Brainerd Levee 8:30 A.M. - Sparrow Stomp with Kevin Calhoon.

We will look for sparrows such as LeConte's, Henslow's, Lincoln's, etc. Meet at Shallowford Road parking lot. Boots may be needed. For lowest area hip or chest waders may be needed.

Saturday, November 12: Bird Walk/Hike Craven's House - 9:00- 11:00 A.M. Meet at the lower parking lot Leader: Starr Klein (423) 886- 2575

This will be an easy hike along the gravel truck trail below the west brow. In case of rain, we will cancel until a later date.

Saturday, November 19: Owl Prowl Chattanooga Arboretum/Nature Center 7:00-9:00 P.M. Leader: Kyle Waggener

Kyle will present a program on owls, followed by a walk to listen for owls calling. Bring a flashlight. Free for Nature Center members; \$8 for non-members. This will be a good program for children too.

Friday, December. 02: CHESTER FROST PARK AND PINKY'S POINT

MEET: 8:45 AM at the boat launch area, LEADER: HAROLD BIRCH (842-4626 For information)

Join Harold for a walk around the park. Chester Frost Park is a good birding spot any time of the year. We should see many winter visitors, including gulls and ducks, as well as Brown-headed Nuthatch and Red-headed Woodpeckers. Dress in layers and wear comfortable walking shoes.

Operation Migration

Operation migration depends on money raised by their adopt a mile program to support their efforts to restore endangered whooping cranes in the eastern United States. The board of the local chapter voted to expend \$186 to adopt a mile in honor of Dr. Roger Nelson.

Report from SOAR South

Earlier this year, SOAR South released two Peregrine Falcons from the hacking box at Rock City. The falcon named "Lookout"

was equipped with a satellite transmitter. John and Dale report his travels as follows.

September 28 - Lookout is still around Rio Carranza. The area looks like some of the area around the Mississippi River, except it has tropical vegetation.

September 30 - Lookout's still in the same area. He is moving around quite a bit.

October 14 - Lookout is still on an eastern track. Maybe he'll be on the coast of Belize in a day or two.

October 20 – Lookout reaches Belize

October 23 – Lookout reaches Honduras.

Crane Festival

If you have talents and/or time to lend, please contact Cyndi Routledge, 931- 648 -0911 or routledges@bellsouth.net.

What Have You Seen

7 October 2011

It was another banner day out at Greenway Farm: 11 Magnolia Warbler, 10 Tennessee Warbler, 2 Gray Catbird, 1 Ovenbird, 1 Hooded Warbler, 1 Black-and-white Warbler. I also caught my first Yellow-bellied Sapsucker and Yellow-rumped Warbler of the season.

David Aborn

6 October 2011

Among the window casualties on the UTC campus this morning was a Lincoln's Sparrow. I posted that I banded a Ruby-crowned Kinglet yesterday; the wintering birds seem to be coming in early.

David Aborn

3 Days Banding

After a short lull, fall migration has picked up again. Despite windy conditions after the front passed through Friday (September 30), I caught 4 Magnolia warblers, 2 Gray

Catbirds, a Tennessee Warbler, a Common Yellowthroat, a Black-and-white Warbler, an Acadian Flycatcher, a Least Flycatcher, a Swainson's Thrush, and a Veery.

On Monday (October 3) migration was slower than I expected; 1 Magnolia Warbler, 1 Tennessee Warbler, 1 Hooded Warbler, 1 Gray-cheeked Thrush.

Today (October 5) was MUCH better:

11 Magnolia Warbler.

4 Tennessee Warbler, 3 Ovenbird,

1 Gray-cheeked Thrush, 1 Swainson's Thrush, 1 RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET.

David Aborn

Standifer Gap Marsh, Chattanooga, Hamilton County

TOS State Meeting Field Trips, October 8 & 9, 2011 - 55 species

8 Wood Duck, 10 Mallard, 1 Great Blue Heron, 1 Turkey Vulture, 1 Bald Eagle, 1 Cooper's Hawk, 3 Red-shouldered Hawk, 10 Mourning Dove, 1 Yellow-billed Cuckoo
October 9, 1 Barred Owl, 1 Chimney Swift, 2 Ruby-throated Hummingbird, 2 Belted Kingfisher, 3 Red-bellied Woodpecker, 11 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, 4 Downy Woodpecker, 5 Northern Flicker, 1 Pileated Woodpecker, 1 Eastern Wood Pewee, 4 Eastern Phoebe, 1 White-eyed Vireo, 20 Blue Jay, 8 American Crow, 6 Carolina Chickadee, 6 Carolina Wren, 1 Sedge Wren, 1 Marsh Wren, 2 Ruby-crowned Kinglet, 6 Eastern Bluebird, 20 American Robin, 16 Gray Catbird, 20 Northern Mockingbird, 6 Brown Thrasher
90 European Starling, 2 Tennessee Warbler, 1 Orange-crowned Warbler, 8 Magnolia Warbler, 3 Black-throated Green Warbler, 1 Black-&-White Warbler
October 9, Marsh near edge of sport field, 1 American Redstart, 1 Ovenbird, 8 Common Yellowthroat, 1 Wilson's Warbler, 4 Eastern Towhee, 1 Chipping Sparrow, 10 Song Sparrow, 1 Lincoln's Sparrow, 5 Swamp Sparrow, 20 Northern Cardinal, 8 Indigo Bunting, 60 Red-winged Blackbird, 8

Common Grackle, 2 ,Brown-headed
Cowbird, 20 House Finch, 8 American
Goldfinch

October 9

Yesterday and today a small group of birders
attending the state meeting observed 69
species near the lake and dam.

Canada Goose 58
Mallard 3
Wild Turkey 3
Pied-billed Grebe 36
Double-crested Cormorant 5
Great Blue Heron 7
Black Vulture
Turkey Vulture
Osprey
Bald Eagle 2 adults, 1 imm.
Cooper's Hawk
Red-shouldered Hawk 2
Red-tailed Hawk 3
American Coots 46
Killdeer
Rock Pigeon 42
Mourning Dove 8
Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Belted Kingfisher 5
Red-headed Woodpecker
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 3
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
N Flicker
Pileated Woodpecker
Eastern Wood-Pewee 8
probable Acadian Flycatcher
Least Flycatcher
Eastern Phoebe 7
White-eyed Vireo 2
Blue Jay
Am. Crow
Fish Crow
Carolina Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
White-breasted Nuthatch

Brown-headed Nuthatch
Carolina Wren
House Wren
Ruby-crowned Kinglet 3
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Eastern Bluebirds 12
Swainson's Thrush
American Robins 24
Gray Catbirds 4
N Mockingbird
Brown Thrasher 5
European Starling
Cedar Waxwing 8
Tennessee Warbler 9
Nashville Warbler
Chestnut-sided Warbler
Magnolia Warbler 24
Yellow-rumped Warblers 6
Pine Warbler
Black-thr. Green 7
Palm Warbler 34
Black&White Warbler
Common Yellowthroat
Eastern Towhee
Field Sparrow
Chipping Sparrow
Song Sparrow White-throated Sparrow
N Cardinal
Red-winged Blackbird
Eastern Meadowlark
House Finch
American Goldfinch
Tommie Rogers

14 October 2011

5 Magnolia Warbler, 4 White-throated
Sparrow 1 Tennessee Warbler, 1 Common
Yellowthroat, 1 Yellow-rumped Warbler, 1
Carolina Chickadee, 1 Swamp Sparrow, 1
Northern Cardinal, 1 Gray Catbird, 1 Eastern
Towhee, 1 Rose-breasted Grosbeak
David Aborn

Please send your sighting records to:
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