



Daviess County
Audubon Society

The Goldfinch

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**"History and current issues of the Rudy Mines
and Ben Hawes Nature Trail:
Birds, Wildflowers, Animals, oh my."**

Oct 4, 2016 Program Note:

— All programs are now at the Owensboro Museum of Science and History

"RUDY MINES NATURE TRAIL: HISTORY AND NOW "

Tuesday, October 4th, Sara McNulty and Gary Emord-Netzley, from Friends of Rudy Mines Trails, will present a program on the History and current issues about the Rudy Mines Nature Trail and Ben Hawes Natural areas property.

Friends of Rudy Mines Trails is a group of like minded people who share a desire for the RMT to remain a green space and be developed for recreational purposes that include walking, biking, natural world educational programs.



ok, who are you?

The group includes Sarah McNulty, who sold most of the land to that makes up the trails, Bill Jagoe, a local developer, Cyndi Sturgeon, former Owensboro Parks and Recreation Director and Gary Emord-Netzley .

Sara McNulty is a Wesleyan BA Graduate, two masters from Western in education/psychology and folkstudies— Biofeed back specialist for 10 years.— VP of Owensboro Museum of Science and History Museum— One daughter and two grandchildren. Current project— Keeping Rudy Mine trails at highest use: Eco-tourism.

October Newsletter Calendar:

- Oct 4:** DCAS monthly program: *"History and current issues of Rudy Mines Nature Trails and Ben Hawes property"* —the program starts at 7 p.m., (meet the presenter at Moonlite BBQ 530 pm), **take note:** the program is at the Owensboro Museum of Science and History.
- Oct 15:** Field trip: Rudy Mines and Ben Hawes; meet at Rudy Mines Trailhead parking lot, 8 a.m.
- Oct 10,12:** DCAS Girls Inc. Urban Birds programs.
- Oct 17:** DCAS board meeting, 9:30 am at Judy's house.



DCAS BIRDERS DODGE THE RAIN, BUT NOT THE HEAT

The DCAS field trip to J. James Audubon State Park started out on Sept. 10th with threatening skies. The rain held off for the morning, but the heat took its toll. The birds seemed to be seeking relief from the high temperatures and humidity. We counted only 17 species and several of those were from the comfort of the museum's air-conditioned observation room! Thank you, Steve Hahus for "sticking" it out with Mary Kissel, Laverne Bush, Doreen Hadley and Judy Adams J.



Money and grant opportunity



National Audubon Society

Dear Chapter Leaders,

I'm happy to let you know that Audubon Collaborative Funding Grants are available again this year, and the application period opens today, September 30.

Collaborative Funding Grants are small grants available to certified Audubon chapters to support new or continuing conservation and outreach projects. The amount of funding available varies by state, and most grants awarded are in the \$300-\$1,000 range.

This application form is available here, and applications are due to collabfunding@audubon.org by November 30, 2016.

The Collaborative Funding Grant process is competitive, and funds may not be available to cover all projects. Strong applications will include clear links to Audubon's strategic initiatives, specific goals and outcomes, and matching funds. Collaborative Funding Grants are also designed to foster partnerships and outreach, so applications naming more than one partner are encouraged.

Previous successful collaborative funding projects by Audubon chapters have included native plants projects, climate change workshops, advocacy campaigns, habitat restoration work, and outreach efforts in a wide variety of communities.

This year's application form has been simplified based on your feedback. We hope this will make it easier for you to write a concise and compelling application. And as always, please ensure that your chapter completed last year's annual report and that if your chapter received a previous Collaborative Funding Grant, that report was completed.

Applications must be submitted to collabfunding@audubon.org on or before November 30, 2016.

Grant award notifications will be made in December 2016. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you for all you do,

David J. Ringer

Chief Network Officer

National Audubon Society

**Here are two pages of images from Rudy Mines
and Ben Hawes Nature Trail: Birds, Wildflowers,
Animals, oh my.**



PILEATED WOODPECKER

photos by Steve Hahus.



COMMON GOLDENROD
BARRED OWL



RED FOX

BLUEBIRD



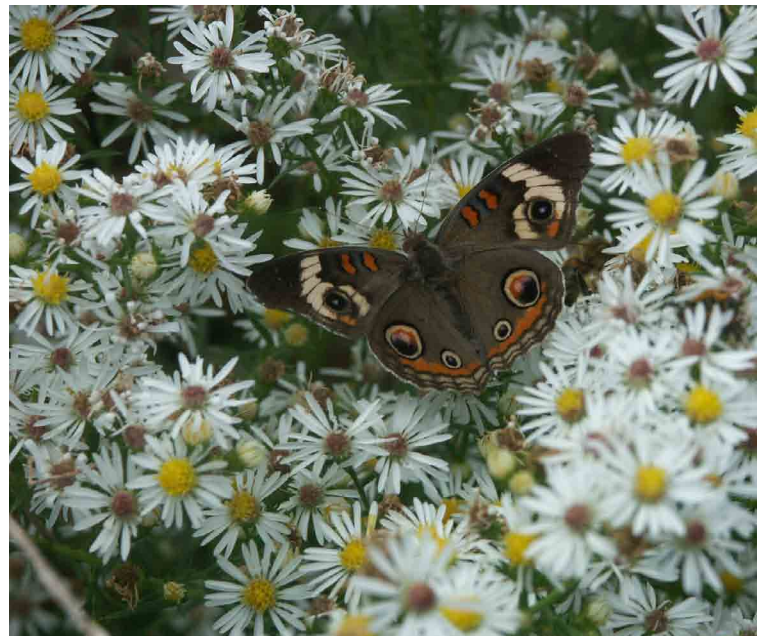


EASTERN KINGBIRD



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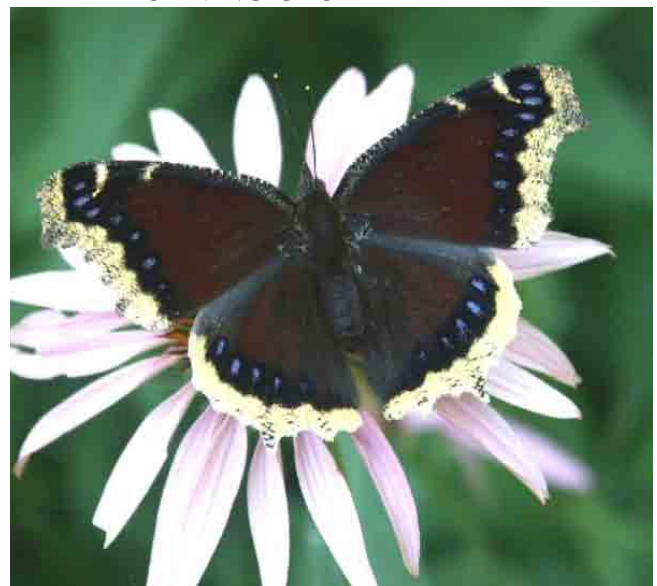
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JERUSALEM ARTICHOKE



MORNING CLOKE



well, let's go then.....

Two Birding Trip Opportunity's

1 Dear Chapter Presidents, Executive Directors, Newsletter Editors and Webmasters,

We are very excited to offer your chapter an opportunity to support international conservation and raise funds by offering or promoting tours to the world-famous, chapter-supported, non-profit Asa Wright Nature Centre in Trinidad.

2017 marks the 50th anniversary of the centre! In 1967, Audubon members from across the country rallied to raise enough money to buy Spring Hill Estate and its famous Oilbird Cave - collectively re-named the Asa Wright Nature Centre. To celebrate fifty years of conservation, the Centre and Caligo Ventures invite your chapter to continue the legacy of Audubon support with participation in some very special activities.

Two articles of varying lengths and an ad along with a selection of photos are available in Dropbox or email us. If you like what you see, please feel free to use these materials. Please credit photographers as noted on photo titles, and let me know if you need anything in a different format.

In addition, Caligo Ventures has been coordinating Centre visits for Audubon chapters for more than 30 years, and we would love to help you host a custom eco-tour in the 50th anniversary year that will earn funds for your chapter AND provide local tropical conservation benefits.

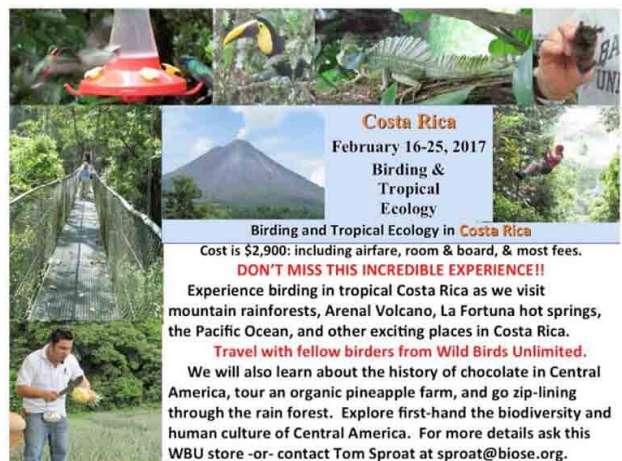
For any questions or to discuss tour details, please contact Caligo Ventures at 800.426.7781 or www.caligo.com. We look forward to working with you, and thank you in advance for your support of the Centre.

Sincerely,

Peg Abbott and Lynn Tennefoss

Naturalist Journeys/Caligo Ventures
info@caligo.com

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Costa Rica
February 16-25, 2017
Birding & Tropical Ecology

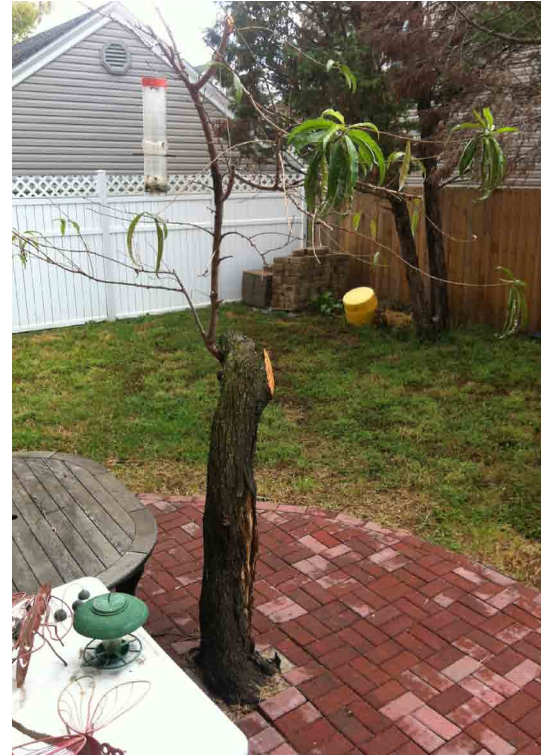
Birding and Tropical Ecology in **Costa Rica**
Cost is \$2,900: including airfare, room & board, & most fees.
DON'T MISS THIS INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE!!
Experience birding in tropical Costa Rica as we visit mountain rainforests, Arenal Volcano, La Fortuna hot springs, the Pacific Ocean, and other exciting places in Costa Rica.
Travel with fellow birders from Wild Birds Unlimited.
We will also learn about the history of chocolate in Central America, tour an organic pineapple farm, and go zip-lining through the rain forest. Explore first-hand the biodiversity and human culture of Central America. For more details ask this WBU store -or- contact Tom Sproat at sproat@biose.org.

ok, now go birding.

Oh my gosh is it October already?
here is my poor peach tree.
looks like a charlie brown christmas
tree.
and an empty bird feeder to boot.
The tree has some rot, which i am try-
ing to mitigate hopefully to save the
tree. the peaches are tasty, but proba-
bly doomed. we will see in the spring.
so, send some healthy thoughts toward
a pityful peach tree, and in the spring,
i'll send you a peach. :)
(nevermind the 250 concrete pavers
waiting for a home.)

an interesting blog about weeds....

<http://vestalgrove.blogspot.com/2016/09/the-secret-life-of-shape-shifting-weed.html>

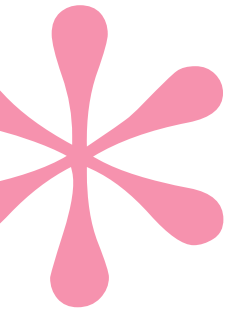


FROM THE BACKYARD

Remember:
—bring a friend to our monthly program.

—take a friend birding.
—take a friend along to one of
our field trips.
- DS

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Remember, our monthly program's are now at the Owensboro Museum of Science and History.

- 7 pm.
- Refreshments Steve and Cathy Rogier will be providing refreshments for the Oct. meeting.
- mild chaos is typical, so come and enjoy.

Hmmm.,

huh?

**Junko?
Pileated?**