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# The Goldfinch

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## “Barn Owls of Kentucky”

Nov 1, 2016 Program Note:

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

## “BARN OWLS IN KENTUCKY- CURRENT MONITORING AND MANAGEMENT”

**K**ate Slankard will be presenting our November program on Barn Owls of Kentucky. She is an Avian Biologist with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources who specializes in raptors and songbirds, directing projects on bald eagles, barn owls, osprey, grassland songbirds and forest songbirds.

Barn Owls are a rare species in Kentucky and KDFWR has put much effort into increasing their numbers. Kate's presentation will provide a glimpse into the secretive lifestyle of this species. In addition, she will provide details on what has been learned about the species in our state, as well as the successes and failures of the recovery program.



ok, who are you? Have you been to the Cincinnati Zoo.

## November Newsletter Calendar:

- Nov 1: DCAS monthly program: “Barn Owls in Kentucky- Current Monitoring and Management” —the program starts at 7 p.m., (meet the presenter at Moonlite BBQ, 5:30 pm), **take note:** the program is at the Owensboro Museum of Science and History.
- Nov 12: Field trip: Goose Pond; meet at Moolite back parking lot, 7:30 a.m.
- Nov 14: DCAS board meeting, 9:30 am at Judy's house.

# Christmas Lights of Panther Creek

The month of December, Panther Creek will light up like a christmas tree, with christmas decorations and lights. DCAS has been chosen to collect funds for one week. Volunteers are needed to work at the Panther Creek Park Christmas Lights Dec. 9th through the 15th, from 5:15 pm -9:00 pm. Each night can be split into two shifts of 5:15 - 7:15 and 7:15 - 9:00. Friday the 9th and Saturday the 10th are evenings where we need some additional volunteers. If you can help, email me at [davids@brescia.edu](mailto:davids@brescia.edu).

Christmas at Panther Creek Park is back, with what's become a holiday family tradition of driving through the Park decorated with over 400,000 Christmas lights and holiday displays. And you may even get a visit from Santa!!! It's \$3 per vehicle with proceeds to local non-profits.



## Project Feederwatch



# NOW'S THE TIME TO JOIN PROJECT FEEDERWATCH

Project what? you say. Project Feederwatch is a citizen science program through Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology. For a small (\$18) fee you can participate in a national program collecting data about the birds you see in your own yard (or in a park or nature center). You choose two consecutive days you want to watch, then observe and identify the species you see in your designated area. The program starts the week of November 12<sup>th</sup>, but you can start as late as Dec. or Jan. The commitment is to observe and enter your data regularly throughout the winter months. Although the program runs until April 7, 2017, no one will fault you if you miss a week or two...just pick it up when you return from your exotic birding vacation J.

Why take the time? This is your opportunity to add to the data that analyzes trends in bird distribution and abundance, the timing and extent of winter irruptions, as well as the changes in the winter ranges of feeder birds. In addition, you can monitor for special circumstances, such as eye disease found in finches. Need more information? Go to [www.feederwatch.org](http://www.feederwatch.org) to learn more and sign up.



# Rudy Mines Collaborative Funding

## RUDY MINES TRAILS: AN UPDATE

Our field trip to Rudy Mines on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> tested our resolve...the day began with pea soup fog! Eight of us set out and the sun began to warm us and burn off the fog. Steve Hahus "tested" Laverne and Doreen about the trees and wildflowers as we hiked. We wound up with about 19 bird species, including both Golden and Ruby-crowned Kinglets. More importantly, it inspired us to follow up on Sara McNulty and Gary Emord-Netzley's presentation at our October meeting. We are in the process of writing a grant for collaborative funds from National Audubon to help make the area more bird-friendly. The goal will be to build a Bluebird Trail and add directional signage. In addition, we'll add a species checklist and a display of the Kentucky Field Guide to the Overstreet Road kiosk. The application is due Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>, so we will know by Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> whether or not DCAS will be awarded a grant.

Species list for Rudy Mines on 10/15/16: Killdeer, Tufted Titmouse, Northern Flicker, Carolina Wren, Robin, Blue Grosbeak, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Common Grackle, Northern Cardinal, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Eastern Towhee, Indigo Bunting, White-throated Sparrow, Tennessee Warbler, Blue Jay, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Starling, Canada Goose.



Jeff and Edna, Doreen,  
Laverne, Steve, Sara  
McNulty, Mary Kissel,  
Marilee and Judy.



ok, you've hugged a tree,  
now go birding.

Ok, ...

Ok, a few of my friends have made me very jealous. They have reported on bird events in their back yard, reminding me that I need to either look more, or get a new backyard.

One friend watched a Barred owl take off with a small squirrel and another reported on the worm eating habits of Robins.

Another reported that White-Throated Sparrows have returned to their backyard. not mine.

All of these stories, I cannot tell. Hmph. Drat. Darn.

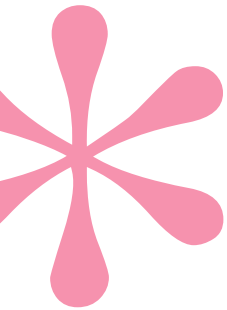
At the November Program, my plan is to bring purple paper. this purple paper is for you to take home, and write a birdwatching or bird related story. That story, you will give to me, or send to me via email, to put into upcoming Goldfinch-newsletters, anonymously or by name. see you Tuesday night!

an interesting 2 blogs about Birds....

<http://blog.lauraerickson.com/>

<http://www.stateofthebirds.org/2016/>

# FROM THE BACKYARD



Remember, our monthly programs are now at the Owensboro Museum of Science and History.

- 7 pm.
- Refreshments will be provided.
- mild chaos is typical, so come and enjoy.

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

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Hmmm.,

huh?

Barred?  
Barn?