



Daviess County
Audubon Society

The Goldfinch

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THE BALD EAGLE: A CONSERVATION SUCCESS STORY

Sept 1, 2015 Program:

The Bald Eagle:

We are excited to have Loren Taylor presenting a program on Bald Eagle conservation, Kentucky success stories, and Avian passerines, including updates on Eagle's, Hawks, and Golden-winged Warblers.

Loren Taylor is a Nongame Avian Biologist with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. She graduated from Eastern Kentucky University with a B.S. in Wildlife Management. Prior to her current position she worked several seasonal field biology jobs such as: researching winter passerines in the gulf shores (Pensacola, FL), running a spring owl banding station in the mackinaw straits region (Cheboygan, MI), and working as the peregrine falcon technician for KDFWR (Frankfort, KY).

Loren is currently in charge of peregrine falcon management in Kentucky, and other projects working with: Golden-winged warblers, kestrels, falconry, golden eagles, and many others. In her spare time Loren enjoys backpacking, camping, kayaking, and horseback riding with her 2 dogs.



Sept Newsletter Calendar:

- Sept 1: DCAS monthly program, "*Eagle's, conservation, success, and more.*"—by Loren Taylor, meet the presenter at 5:30 p.m., at Moonlite; and the program starts at 7 p.m., Brescia University Campus Center Study Pavilion.
- Sept 14: DCAS board meeting, 9:30 am at Judy's house.
- Sept 19: "Eagle Sloughs" field trip. Meet at the back parking lot of Moonlite--8 a.m..
- (Aug 19) Children's activity led by DCAS 4-6 pm and the WKBG during their "Baloons over the Garden".

DCAS PRESENTS: THE IMAGE HUNTER, IN THE STEPS OF J. J. AUDUBON

We are very excited to share plans for an international event. Hltne, a Roman artist who specializes in murals, will visit Owensboro in early October. His project is to film, paint and explore the steps of J. J. Audubon. During his time in Daviess County he will present our October 6th program, paint a mural on a local building (location still to be determined), go out with some local birders and visit the J.J. Audubon Museum in Henderson. His work is magnificent, colorful and life-like, enhancing its surroundings. Check out this 3 minute video <http://www.theimagehunter.org/project/teaser/> and current images on his facebook page (the image hunter). We are very privileged to be able to bring him to Owensboro.



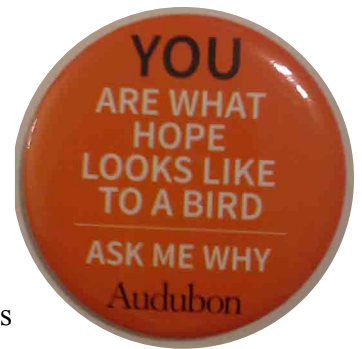
NATIONAL AUDUBON CONVENTION UNITES BIRDERS

The National Audubon Society held only its second convention in the past 15 years in Leesburg, VA in mid-July. It was a privilege to be able to mingle with so many staff and volunteers dedicated to protecting the environment and enhancing the world of birding. There was an emphasis on collaboration with like-minded organizations and Audubon Chapters along our Mississippi Flyway. A program introducing urban families to the natural world was especially inspiring. Check out Wild Indigo and learn how a dedicated staff encourages the use of parks and wetlands in the South Chicago area. We could adapt some of their approach to our Urban Birds Urban Girls program.

I was struck by the differences and similarities among chapters. Many have paid staff and bricks and mortar centers, but many others are all-volunteer and very similar to Daviess County Audubon. We hope to collaborate with the Cumberland-Harpeth Chapter (in Nashville) since they're planning a field trip to Henderson this fall. Sharing ideas about working together to restore habitat and build cooperation with a variety of public and private entities was inspiring. Audubon's overall emphasis for the coming year will be dealing with the effects of changing weather patterns and their effect on habitat and food supply. The prevailing message for communicating with those who don't believe that climate change is a problem is: "What if it is all a big hoax and we create a better world for nothing?" We don't have to agree on everything, but we can find common ground through wanting clean air and water and a sustainable future for our children and grandchildren.

And yes, I did get up early one morning for a field trip to the Blue ridge Center. The highlights were a Pileated Woodpecker and a pair of Kentucky Warblers! It was a lovely way to start the weekend. Thanks to DCAS and a National Audubon scholarship, it was a true learning experience.

The next convention will be July 14-17, 2017 in Park City, Utah. Mark your calendars!



ROCKIN' ROBINS A DRAW FUTURE BIRDERS

Thanks to Mary Kissel's creativity, DCAS once again involved the younger set at our booth at the Multicultural Festival on Saturday, August 15th. Youngsters (and adults looking for a new kid project) enjoyed creating their own "robins" out of pre-cut construction paper. This allowed us to engage with their parents and tell them about DCAS and its programs and activities for the fall. The rain stayed away and our canopy provided needed shade. Thanks to Mary Kissel, Laverne Bush, Cathy Rogier, Judy and Bob Adams, Brenda and Tony Eaden and Mike Henshaw for turning out to help.

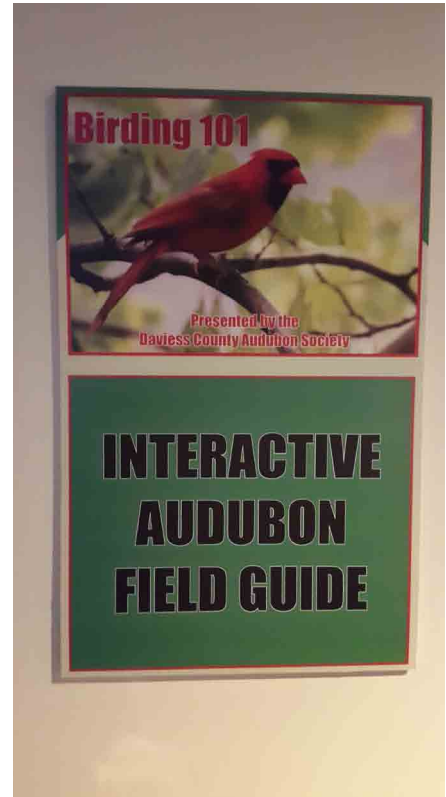


CONCERNED ABOUT KENTUCKY ENERGY SUSTAINABILITY?

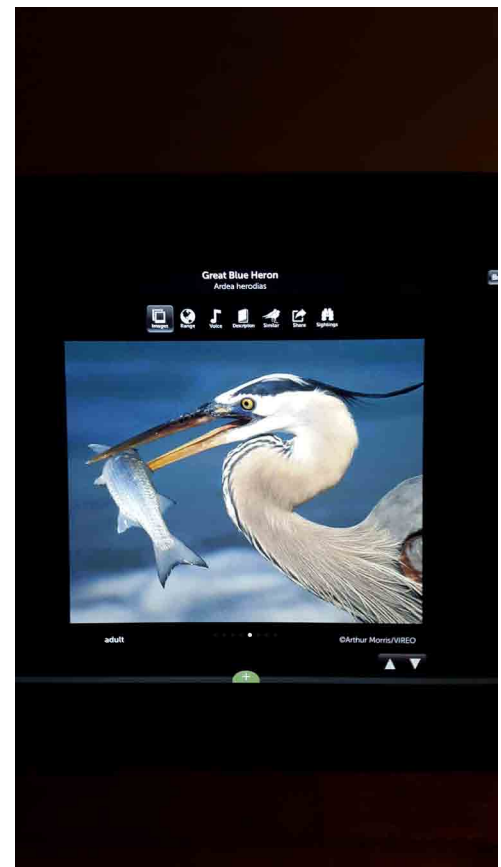
If energy policy and the future of our resources are of concern, then you need to put Sept. 10th at 7:00 P.M. on your calendar. The Pennyriple chapter of the Sierra Club will be presenting a program based on the Commonwealth Policy Institute's "white paper" on energy sustainability. It will be held in the Science Center at Kentucky Wesleyan College and the public is welcome. This is an opportunity to demonstrate our interest in these issues and support another environment organization at the same time. Sarah Lynn Cunningham, PE is the director of the Louisville Climate Action Network (www.louisvillecan.org). She is a licensed, professional environmental engineer and will discuss the Clean Power Plan.

Fun Event opp—

BIRDING 101 IS UP AND RUNNING! (FLAPPING)



Bring your kids, your grandkids, your friends... bring yourself to the Owensboro Museum of Science and History to try out phase one of DCAS's Birding 101. Thanks to funding from National Audubon and the Kentucky Audubon Council and collaboration with the Museum, Owensboro families have access to an interactive bird identification kiosk. We used Audubon Birds Pro and mounted it in a kiosk to be used independently by museum visitors. We are hopeful that this will build interest and curiosity about bird identification, range and habitat. Phase II is envisioned as an effort to involve participation in citizen science programs such as the Great Backyard Bird Count and Hummingbirds At Home. Go on down and try it out.



DCAS BOARD MINUTES

Aug. 10, 2015

Present: Judy Adams, Mike Henshaw, Janet Howard, Mary Kissel, David Stratton, president and Carolyn Williams.

Minutes: May minutes approved.

Financial report attached.

Volunteer hours: 6 for Girls inc

Participation: 30 at June picnic, 10 at planning meeting July 21. 7 for Mammoth Cave birding trip, 6 on Rails to Trails walk.

Tentative Programs:

Sept: Eagle comeback.

Oct. Italian Muralist

Nov. Changing weather patterns. Weather man from Owensboro? Meteorologist?

Dec. CBC preparation and or "Counting on birds" video about Christmas bird count

Jan. Alaska birding with our own Donna Hanley

Feb. Shrikes with Ann Kearny

March: Recycling panel discussion with owner of go recycling , local landfill person etc. what can be recycled, Is it worth it, practical?

April: Misfit Island stars.

May: Pelly, manager of Shakertown or the naturalist John Lefew

June: Picnic

Tentative Field trips:

Sept: Eagle Sloughs and Howell Wetlands, or Wesellman woods, or Blue Grass Wildlife refuge.

Oct: Sauerheber Sloughs , coordinate with Nashville group visiting Henderson area if possible.

Nov: Barren River State Park for sand hill cranes, Reelfoot, possible overnight trip.

Dec: Bird Counts

Jan: Land Between The Lakes, Barkley or Kentucky Lakes

Feb. 15, Daviess County wide, Big Day, Great Back Yard Bird Count. Count period 2/12-2/16

Also trip to Summerville Mines, Oakland City area, Patoka lake.

March: Central City Rails to Trails trail.

April: Mammoth Cave birds and wildflowers.

May: Shaker town KY. Possible overnight. Birds, Wild Flowers, boat ride on KY River.

June : Picnic

The Birding 101 project is nearing completion with photos in the light boxes at the OMSH. It needs to be up and running by Sept 30 so a report can be given to KAC about the collaborative funds.

A project we have been skipping over is monitoring the birds at Community College. Marilee Thompson agreed to check it in the near future and perhaps we can set some dates to continue this before board meetings or on a set day.

Balloon over the Garden is Aug. 29 and Volunteers are needed for a children birding activity from 4-6.

Possible new project could be making sculptures out of unrecyclables.

Goldfinch deadline: Aug. 20, 2015

Next Board meeting: 9:30am, Mon., Sept 14, 2015

Submitted by Janet B. Howard

FROM THE BACKYARD

It is migration time. Back outside where the humidity is kinder and the heat is milder—Let's go!

The sun was kinder to my neck while working on the yard the last few weeks. Milder temperatures, humidity, and also a few breezes helped my progress and diminished my breaks. One project interrupted the bird feed in the feeder for a week, and the hummingbird and general folk chose to still hang around in other venues.

As the days go by, if we as an analogy look at a weekly gap in feeding our backyard birds and they still come around, it might lend itself to looking again at our usual routines. Those routines might be coffee, running stop signs, yelling at people who run stop signs, buying a particular food on a particular day, or just needing a response before executing a plan.

Habits that are productive are a good thing. Habits for being a habit might just be cushion to our concentration that distracts us from seeing the fringes. Fringes could be the birds we overlook as we see the exotic, or it could present us with an option to help our usual day be better.

So, take your "usual feed" away for a week, interrupt your day(s) with a different plan, or no plan, and rest weary with the comfort next week will be back to normal. Then, next week, edit your usual plan with some of the fringe benefits 'from the fringes of interrupting your plan'.

If I had a plan, I might try this myself. Oh; so maybe me having a plan might be the change of plan I am asking you to consider. hmm.

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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Ok Folks, Get out there and birdwatch!

**Duck
Duck**
Where is it?

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