

GOAS *Scissortail*

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NOTES FROM THE TRAIL

By Myra Scroggs, GOAS Chapter President



This issue of the *GOAS Scissortail* continues to recognize our many dedicated volunteer/members, both past and present. These hard working folks make our group what it is today.

The Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) is a citizen science project sponsored by National Audubon and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology to track trends in bird populations. This year will mark the 14th GBBC. Charley Burwick motivated us last year to make this a GOAS project. His enthusiasm over the four day count period rubbed off on a lot of visitors as well as our own members. We filed the third highest number of counts in the state!

The Great Backyard Bird Count will take place Presidents' Day weekend, February 18-21. We encourage all our members to participate in this event! You can count at home, a park, your neighbors' or family's backyards. Get your grandkids to help! You can count for as little as 15 minutes, or all day if you like. Count the greatest number of individuals of each species that you see together at any one time during your count period. Enter data for each site separately on the Great Backyard Bird Count website below, and view what people across the country are seeing in their backyards!

Charley and GOAS members will be at the Springfield Nature Center Friday and Saturday mornings, 9:00 to 11:00, and at the Lake Springfield Boathouse Sunday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00. If you want to become a *GBBCounter*, join us, Charley, and other citizen scientists to get a few pointers

about how to conduct a GBBC! Check out www.BirdCount.org for more details.

Communication is extremely important in any organization. One of our more modest but talented volunteers is Lisa Berger, who has worked quietly behind the scenes to keep our monthly newsletters coming since 1998. Lisa followed Ray Carlson in this job. Prior to Ray, Dorothy Thurman was the newsletter editor for seven years. Lisa takes care of all the steps involved in publishing the newsletter, from editing articles and layout, to sending newsletters, field trip schedules, and other print products to the printer. This includes preparing the electronic version of the newsletter for the emailing service. Until this fall, she edited NAS's monthly membership roster and printed all 600 labels required to mail our newsletter when we did mass mailing. Lisa also designs and prints our 3 tri-fold brochures.

Next a crew of willing volunteers folded, sealed and labeled all those newsletters, while enjoying visiting with one another. We have Zelda Ellison to thank for hosting this work crew for the past 12 years. Zelda spoiled the compilers with a variety of delicious homemade desserts as payment for their help. Zelda then sorted the newsletters and took them to the post office to be bulk mailed. Jean Bos held this job for several years prior to moving to Kansas City area. Before Jean, Bonnie and Charley Noble compiled the newsletters for 8 years, and Kay and Betty Johnson and Catherine Bonner were early compilers.

In addition to our newsletter, we now have several forms of electronic communication. Ray Carlson started a GOAS web presence in 1997. Lisa and David Ringer continued to edit the web page until designing our current webpage in 2005, greaterozarksaudubon.org, which Lisa now maintains. It looks great; check it out!

Four years ago, we developed a message board, forums-greaterozarksaudubon.org. Drew Albert designed the message board and continues to administer, maintain and upgrade it. Last year Greg Swick established a GOAS presence on Facebook, serving as administrator for it, the GLADE Facebook page and the GLADE web page he designed in 2009.

This year we began sending a welcome letter to new members, showcasing our chapter's activities. I am lucky to have Jan Miller's help sending out these welcome letters by postal mail, along with the requested paper newsletters.

Not only do we communicate with our membership, but Dave Catlin makes sure announcements and invitations to all our events are available to the public through the local media. Dave has been our publicity chair since 1999 following Betty Dyer, Becky Matthews and Marilyn Owens who all served in this job.

The programs at our membership meetings are interesting and lively. We are fortunate to have excellent, photographers among our members. These folks have given us armchair tours of locations all
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GOAS BULLETIN BOARD

Birding 101 Series An Introduction to Winter Raptors

The second in a series of beginning field identification programs is scheduled for Wednesday, February 9, 6:30 pm at The Library Center. Lisa Berger and Janice Greene will share some pointers to help ID raptors commonly seen in our area during winter.

This class will be followed with a field trip to Lockwood on Saturday, Feb. 12 from 9:00 to 1:00 to look for raptors. Meet at the West Walmart to carpool. The MSU ornithology class, which Janice teaches, is also invited to both events. Hats off to Janice for encouraging these young people to join us for programs and field trips. See you at the Library Center!



David Ringer: Haran's Hawk



Am. Kestrel



Marvin De Jong: Merlin



Cooper's Hawk



Charley Burwick: Prairie Falcon

Notice of Meeting Day Change

Our monthly membership meetings have moved to the third Thursday of the month! Meetings continue to be held at the Springfield Conservation Nature Center. GOAS Board meetings resume the second Tuesday of the month, but have moved to the Quail Creek Center

NATURESCAPING SYMPOSIUM Saturday April 3, 8:00-4:00

Stop by the Springfield Conservation Nature Center and get some tips about landscaping for wildlife, alternatives to using pesticides and herbicides, and information about incorporating native plants in your landscape. Lectures scheduled during the day, and native plants will be on sale. The GOAS display will have lots of hand-outs about green gardening and alternatives for a healthier yard and landscape.

Spruce-Up Lake Springfield Day—Saturday February 12, 9:00-1:00

This community *Volunteer Day* event is sponsored by Greater Ozarks Audubon, MDC, Springfield-Greene County Parks, and Volunteers for Outdoor Missouri. We will clear and haul cedars from glade areas, mulch trails, and add interpretive signs. Lunch will be served, so please call 864-1051 to register. Don't forget work gloves and sturdy shoes. R



GOAS SPRING FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE—2011



FEBRUARY

Leader/Contact

Feb 9 Wed 6:30-8:30	Birding 101: Introduction to Winter Raptors Program The Library Center	Lisa Berger/Janice Greene 417-882-1017
Feb 12 Sat 9am-1pm	Lockwood Area: Introduction to Winter Raptors Field Trip Walmart, northwest corner of parking lot, Sunshine and West Bypass	Lisa Berger 417-882-1017
Feb 12 Sat 9am-1pm	Volunteer Day: Spruce-Up Lake Springfield Boathouse. Bring gloves and sturdy shoes, and dress for the weather. Lunch provided. Please call 864-1051 to register	Sue Schuble 417-887-1678

MARCH

Mar 12 Sat 5-9pm	Bois D'Arc Conservation Area: Owls, Woodcock Walmart, northwest corner of parking lot, Sunshine and West Bypass	Dan & Ann Liles 417-725-9481
Mar 17 Thu 10am	GOAS Adopt-A-Street Clean-Up Church parking lot, Jefferson and Seminole. Bring gloves; trash bags provided	Betty Johnson 417-887-5131
Mar 20 Sun 8-11am	Fellows Lake: Waterfowl Parking lot, east end of lake	Jerry Williams 417-207-5763
Mar 26 Sat 8-11am	Lake Springfield: Waterfowl, Songbirds, Vultures Boathouse	Greg Samuel 417-767-1152

APRIL

Apr 3 Sun 7am-1pm	Lockwood/Golden City Area: Plovers, Raptors Walmart, northwest corner of parking lot, Sunshine and West Bypass	Charley Burwick 417-860-9505
Apr 9 Sat 9-noon	Volunteer Day at South Creek Bridge at Holland and Downing Streets. Bring work gloves, tools, water	Myra Scroggs 417-883-4015
Apr 10 Sun 7am-3pm	Taberville/Wah'Kon-Tah/Schell Osage: Prairie Chickens, Waterfowl North Lowe's, northeast side of parking lot, Hwy 13 and Norton Road All day outing: Bring lunch, snacks, and water	Bob Ball 417-889-2565
Apr 16 Sat 7-11am	Busiek State Forest Conservation Area: Early Spring Migrants MoDot parking lot, Highway 65 and Evans Road	Myra Scroggs 417-883-4015
Apr 23 Sat 7-11am	Richwood Valley Ozarks Technical College, Ozark: Residents, Migrants MoDot parking lot, Highway 65 and Evans Road	Dan & Ann Liles 417-725-9481
Apr 29 Fri May 1 Sun	Audubon Society of Missouri Spring Meeting Hosted by Burroughs Audubon Society, Kansas City, Mo, www.mobirds.org	Lisa Berger 417-881-8393
Apr 30 Sat 7-noon	Andrew Kinslow's Farm and Palmetto Area: Warblers, Wildflowers 7:00 at Sam's Club on east Sunshine 7:15 at Rogersville HS parking lot	Myra Scroggs 417-883-4015

MAY

May 1 Sun 7-11am	Busiek State Forest Conservation Area: Warblers and Mirgrants MoDot parking lot, Highway 65 and Evans Road	Myra Scroggs 417-883-4015
May 1 Sun 1-3pm	Jim Fossard's Home: Orioles and Rose-breasted Grosbeaks Church parking lot, corner of National and Wisdom Lane	Myra Scroggs 417-883-4015



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MAY

Leader/Contact

May 3 Tue 8-11am	South Creek Greenway: Warblers and Migrants Forest Institute parking lot where road dead ends	Dorothy Thurman 417-887-6796
May 7 Sat 7-11am	Busiek State Forest Conservation Area: Warblers and Migrants MoDot parking lot, Highway 65 and Evans Road	Greg Samuel 417-767-1152
May 8 Sun 7am-2pm	Red Bridge Road: Warblers and Migrants MoDot parking lot, Highway 65 and Evans Road	Greg Swick 417-581-2757
May 11 Wed 8am-noon	Ritter Springs Park: Warblers and Migrants Ritter Springs Park	Betty Johnson 417-887-5131
May 14 Sat 6am-3pm	Roaring River State Park: Warblers and Migrants Walmart, northwest corner of parking lot, Sunshine and West Bypass Bring lunch, snacks, drinks	Jerry Williams/Charley Burwick 417-207-1563/860-9505
May 15 Sun 8-11am	Springfield Conservation Nature Center Nature Center parking lot	Dean Rising 417-576-5600
May 21 Sat 8-11am	Valley Water Mill: Mid to Late Warblers Watershed Center at Valley Water Mill parking lot	Dave Catlin 417-889-9940
May 22 Sun 8-noon	Conco Quarries/Bois D'Arc Area: Painted Bunting, Bank Swallows North Lowe's, northeast side of parking lot, Hwy 13 and Norton Road	Dan Crane 417-732-7932
Mar 26 Thu 10am	GOAS Adopt-A-Street Clean-Up Church parking lot, Jefferson and Seminole. Bring gloves; trash bags provided	Betty Johnson 417-887-5131

JUNE

Jun 4 Sat 8-11am	Southwest Power Plant/Conco Quarries: Western Kingbird, Painted Bunting Walmart, northwest corner of parking lot, Sunshine and West Bypass	Dean Rising 417-576-5600
Jun 19 Sat Jun 25 Sun	Green Leadership Academy—GLADE Bull Shoals Field Station, Drury-Mincy Conservation Area GLADE Runners (volunteers) needed for all kinds of activities	Greg Swick 417-581-2757 Sue Schuble 417-887-1678

AUGUST

Aug 7 Sun 7:30am-noon	Aldrich Arm of Stockton Lake: Shorebirds, Terns North Lowe's, northeast side of parking lot, Hwy 13 and Norton Road	Greg Swick 417-581-2757
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GOAS field trips are open to anyone regardless of birding skill or chapter membership, and beginning birders are especially welcome. The times listed are departures, so please arrive promptly. We carpool on many trips, with the passengers and driver sharing the cost of gasoline. Bring snacks, drinks, or lunch, unless it is specified that we are stopping for a meal. Also bring binoculars, or notify the field trip leader if you need them. If you have any questions, contact Field Trip Chair and Bird Recorder, Greg Swick, grswick@gmail.com. Leaders, please complete a checklist and forward to Greg Swick, grswick@gmail.com.

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Webster, and Wright Counties in Missouri.

Our mission is to promote bird conservation in southwest Missouri through birdwatching, education, habitat preservation and restoration, and public awareness, for the benefit of humanity and wildlife.

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over the world, throughout the U.S. and in our own backyards. We have learned about flowers, wetlands, birds, and life in other countries in addition to programs on energy conservation and other environmental issues. Bob Ball, Kay Johnson, Sue Schuble and Marvin De Jong have given us many multiple programs. Janice Greene, Dave Catlin, David Blevins, Dean Rising, Andrew Kinslow, David Ringer, Joe Ritsch, Dave Snider, Tom Aley, and many, many others have all added their touch with their own programs. The folks who have arranged these interesting programs for the last 2 years are Dan and Ann Liles. Jan Miller was our program chair before the Liles, and Jan Horton served two extended terms in this position before Jan Miller. Ruth Grant, and Dorothy Thurman also served as past program chairs. We have had such excellent programs in the past that many would bear repeating.

In addition to presenting programs to our membership, we provide outreach to the community with several people presenting programs. For years Becky Matthews, Dorothy Thurman, Leonard

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Confer and Clyde Johnson made presentations to community groups. More recently Bob Ball, Kay Johnson, Sue Schuble and Dorothy Thurman have given programs to various community groups. Jan Carter and Carol Snyder have assisted Dorothy, and Carol now presents programs of her own. A year ago we organized a Speaker's Bureau with a published brochure including the above mentioned folks as well as Jerry Williams, Jerry Vineyard, Jan Miller, and Myra Scroggs. A variety of 38 different talks are available, so if you have a group looking for a program, give us a call for a brochure.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8th
GOAS BOARD MEETING
7:00 pm, Quail Creek

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17th
GOAS MEMBERSHIP MEETING
6:30 pm refreshments; 7:00 pm program
Springfield Conservation Nature Center

FRIDAY-MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18-21st
GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT
Field Trips and Bird Count Activities

Experience Brazil's Famous Pantanal, with World Traveler and Storyteller Sue Schuble

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FEBRUARY CALENDAR

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM...

Sue Schuble will present *The Pantanal: The World's Greatest Wetland* at the membership meeting Thursday, February 17th.



Jabiru Stork

Sue is a Greater Ozarks Audubon member, and currently serves as chapter Education Chair. Several members of GOAS, including Myra and Steve Scroggs, Mary Murphy, Ruth Grant and Howard Schwartz, accompanied Sue on a 3-week wildlife tour of Brazil last September and October. Come prepared to gaze at the teeming wildlife of the

Pantanal, through Sue's photos of macaws, jabiru storks, giant river otters, caiman, monkeys and more amazing birds!

Join us at 6:30 pm, Thursday, February 17th for refreshments and to get acquainted with GOAS members and visitors. The program will begin at 7:00 pm, followed by the membership meeting at the Springfield Conservation Nature Center, 4601 Nature Center Way (off Business 65).

Dan and Ann Liles, Program Chairs