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NOTES FROM THE TRAIL

By Myra Scroggs, GOAS Chapter President



I am certainly looking forward to fall and one of the events I am most looking forward to is David Ringer's visit with us on Tuesday, September, 21st, at 6:00 pm.

David was in high school when he first joined our chapter on field trips. After graduating from LeTourneau University, David joined Wycliffe International as a communications consultant focusing on socioeconomic issues. From video production in Cameroon to press releases in Papua New Guinea, his travels took him through 25 countries across six continents.

David joined National Audubon in August 2009. As communications coordinator, he organizes and executes communications strategies within NAS and its Mississippi River Initiative. He was in the trenches as the Gulf oil spill and story unfolded. David returns to Springfield to share firsthand accounts of Audubon's Oil Response Team

and their on-the-ground efforts to save birds and to protect fragile ecosystems.

Last January, Charley Burwick and I had the opportunity to tour the wetlands and coastal marshes of Louisiana with David and other Audubon staffers. The complexities of restoring the Gulf's wetlands span ecological, social, and economic systems. Teasing out the common threads essential for success, while convening the many stakeholders is no small task for Audubon and its partners. We're fortunate that David is part of the Audubon team, helping to make a positive difference in the world. Welcome home David. We're so pleased with your success!

Greater Ozarks Audubon and the Springfield Conservation Nature Center have partnered to bring David to Springfield for this program. Participants are invited to attend our Chapter meeting and a reception following the program. Registration is required, so call 888-4237 right now to save your seat! Identify yourself as a GOAS member when you call. Pre-program social time will begin at 6:00 pm. We expect a big crowd, so call as soon as you receive this newsletter to reserve your seat for an armchair trip to the Gulf!

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Greg Swick and GOAS applied last spring for a TogetherGreen Conservation Leadership Program grant that invests in both proven and promising leaders who are committed to empowering others and to creating positive environmental change in their communities and organizations. Greg served in 2009 and 2010 as the director for the Green Leadership Academy-for Diverse Ecosystems—GLADE.

One goal of the GLADE project is to build a model for an ecologically-based, peer-mentored academy that can be exported to settings outside the Ozarks. Greg's conservation action project, if awarded by National Audubon and the TogetherGreen Fellows program, will be to write a handbook for developing GLADE-like academies.

Fall Program Highlights

September....David Ringer: Mississippi River Restoration

October.....Marvin De Jong takes us to the Galapagos

NovemberGLADE Grads' Community Projects



GLADE 2010

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GOAS FALL FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE—2010



SEPTEMBER

Leader/Contact

Sept 11 Sat **Valley Water Mill: Fall Migrants** **Steve Scroggs**
 8-11am Watershed Center parking lot 417-883-4015

Sept 19 Sun **Aldrich area - Stockton Lake: Shorebirds/Waders** **Greg Swick**
 8am-2pm North Lowe's, northeast side of parking lot, Hwy 13 and Norton Road 417-581-2757
 Bring lunch, snacks, and water

Sept 26 Sun **Lake Springfield: Fall Migrants** **Myra Scroggs**
 8-11am Boat House, north side of lake, far east end 417-883-4015

Sept 29 Fri **Audubon Society of Missouri Fall Meeting** **ASM web page**
Sept 31 Sun Camp Clover Point State Park, Lake Ozark, Missouri www.mobirds.org
 Details in the *Bluebird*

Sept 29 Wed **GOAS Adopt-A-Street Clean-Up** **Betty Johnson**
 10am Church parking lot, Jefferson and Seminole. Bring gloves; trash bags provided 417-887-5131

OCTOBER

Oct 2 Sat **Busiek State Forest: Fall Migrants** **Sue Schuble**
 8-11am Commuter parking lot, southwest corner of Hwy 65 and Evans Road 417-887-1678

Oct 9 Sat **Audubon Missouri Annual Members Meeting** **Lisa Berger**
Oct 10 Sun Cole Camp Prairie Days/Octoberfest, Cole Camp Missouri 417-882-1017
 Details: www.mo.audubon.org/events

Oct 10 Sun **Schell-Osage CA and Tablerville Prairie: Early Waterfowl; Raptors** **Bob Ball**
 7am-3pm North Lowe's, northeast side of parking lot, Hwy 13 and Norton Road 417-889-2565
 Breakfast at Collins. Bring lunch, snacks, and water

Oct 16 Sat **Wilson's Creek National Battlefield: Fall Migrants** **Ann Liles**
 8-11am Wilson's Creek Battlefield parking lot 417-725-9481

Oct 27 Wed **GOAS Adopt-A-Street Clean-Up** **Betty Johnson**
 10am Church parking lot, Jefferson and Seminole. Bring gloves; trash bags provided 417-887-5131

Oct 31 Sun **Fellows Lake: Waterfowl and Sparrows** **Dan Liles**
 8am-Noon Parking lot, east end of lake 417-725-9481

NOVEMBER

Nov 6 Sun **Bois D'Arc Conservation Area: Owl Prowl** **Jerry & Marge Williams**
 5-8pm Walmart, northwest corner of parking lot, Sunshine and West Bypass 417-732-1333



GOAS FALL FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE—2010



NOVEMBER

Leader/Contact

Nov 13 Sat
8M-Noon

Bois D'Arc Conservation Area: LeConte's/Henslow's/assorted Sparrows
Walmart, northeast corner of parking lot, Sunshine and West Bypass

Lisa Berger
417-882-1017

Nov 20 Sat
8am-4pm

GOAS 20th Annual Bird Seed Sale
Smillie's IGA parking lot, corner of Glenstone and Bennett
Volunteers welcome to load and unload seed, and help with sales

Steve Scroggs
417-883-4015

DECEMBER

Dec 4 Sat
8am-2pm

Table Rock Reservoir: Loons/Waterfowl
Commuter parking lot, southwest corner of Hwy 65 and Evans Road

Greg Swick
417-581-2757

Dec 7 Tues
7pm-8pm

Springfield Christmas Bird Count Organizational Meeting David Blevins 881-0732
Taney County Christmas Bird Count Organizational Meeting Charley Burwick 860-9505
Springfield Conservation Nature Center

Dec 11 Sat
Dec 12 Sun

No scheduled field trips: Christmas Bird Count Scouting Days

Dec 18 Sat

Springfield Christmas Bird Count

David Blevins
417-881-0732

Dec 18 Sat
5:30-8pm

CBC Compilation at Chesterfield Family Center 2511 West Republic Road
Bring a dish to share; drinks and service provided.

Sue Schuble
417-887-1678

JANUARY, 2011

Jan 1 Sat
7am
6pm

Taney County Christmas Bird Count Charley Burwick 417-860-9505
Breakfast and Kickoff Meeting Hollister McDonald's Hwy 65
Compilation and dinner at MSU Mincy house at entrance to Drury Conservation Area

Jan 16 Sun
1-5pm

Springfield Area Waterfowl Hotspots
Signal Convenience Store, corner Lone Pine and Battlefield

Myra Scroggs
417-883-4015

Jan 29 Sat
8am-3pm

Lockwood and Golden City area: Raptors
Lunch at Cooky's; Bring breakfast, snacks and water

Charley Burwick
417-860-9505



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.

GOAS BULLETIN BOARD

David Ringer Featured Speaker at September Program

David returns to Springfield as guest speaker at the September meeting to deliver an important update on the Gulf oil spill and its aftermath. Don't miss his first-hand account of the tragedy and what Audubon, other organizations, and you can do to help.

What's David been doing since his Springfield days? Check out the links below:

djringer.com
magblog.audubon.org/blogger/david-ringer
birdstack.com

Notice of Meeting Day Change

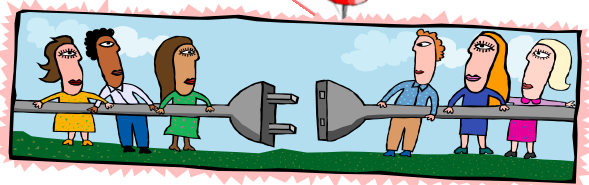
Starting in January our monthly membership meetings will move to the third Thursday of the month. The time (6:30 pm) and place will remain unchanged. Thank you Linda and staff allowing our organization to continue to use the facility despite cutbacks in hours and staff.

A Heartfelt Thank You

Once again, I want to thank the many GOAS volunteers who helped make the 2010 GLADE session a huge success. This summer we spent the week of June 20-26 with a remarkable group of 13 young leaders, and we all learned so much during our time together. Despite the unseasonably hot weather, the week was absolutely jam packed with the excitement of new learning opportunities and the enthusiasm of 13 committed young conservationists. Through direct experiences in handling wildlife, practicing fire ecology, banding birds, wading in muddy wetlands, observing venomous snakes and nocturnal insects, restoring giant cane, testing water quality, and exploring Chase Studios, the academy participants mastered their crash course in Ozark ecology. They have now returned to their home communities with a desire and the will to make a positive environmental impact through their post-GLADE projects.

We simply couldn't have done it without the help and support of GOAS members. You know who you are. So, from all the GLADE staff, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for investing your time and energy in young people and in the precious Ozarks ecosystem that we all share.

Sincerely, Greg Swick, GLADE Director
and the entire GLADE Committee and Staff



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Want to hear more about Audubon's Gulf Restoration Project to slow the loss of Louisiana coastal land and marshes? Then join Ozark Gateway Audubon on November 17th, 7:00 pm at Wildcat Glades Audubon Center when NAS Director of Bird Conservation for Louisiana, Melanie Driscoll will speak about the Louisiana Coastal Initiative and the ensuing oil spill's effects on Audubon's efforts and policies. More info at <http://wildcatglades.audubon.org/>

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



Green Leadership Academy participants learn about all facets of Ozarks ecology during GLADE week each summer at Bull Shoals Field Station. Preparing a tiny Black and White Warbler for banding are (L-R) Miranda Pratt, Colleen Mendenhall, and Michael Withrow. At left, Gladesters learn about ways to measure water quality by assessing macroinvertebrate diversity. (L-R) Kelsey Rumley, Grad Assistant Ashley Niehoff, Miranda Pratt, and Stuart Jump.



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th

GOAS BOARD MEETING

7:00 pm, Springfield Conservation Nature Center

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st

GOAS MEMBERSHIP MEETING

6:00 pm refreshments; 7:00 pm program

SEPTEMBER 29-31th

ASM FALL MEETING

Camp Clover Point, Lake Ozark, Mo



DAVID J. RINGER

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM...

Greater Ozarks Audubon and the Springfield Conservation Nature Center team-up to bring a GOAS favorite back to Springfield. David Ringer treats us to a tour of the Gulf of Mexico before, during, and after the worst oil spill in US history.

Not long after David assumed the communications coordinator post with Audubon's Mississippi River Initiative, BP's Deep Horizon rig exploded, sending oil gushing into the Gulf for almost 3 months. During this time, David's abilities as a gifted writer and strategic thinker were recognized—and essential to Audubon, as massive efforts toward saving the Gulf's wildlife, and emphasis on the Gulf Restoration Project shifted into high gear.

David's had a remarkable career since college. His travels allowed him to experience some magical and dangerous parts of the world, to live with unique people, and to see magnificent wildlife. Those of us following his blog are treated to captivating eyewitness accounts of his adventures through stunning photos of rare, sometimes flamboyant birds. He is truly an amazing young man, giving us a poignant, yet optimistic view of the planet.

Come at 6:00 pm, Tuesday, September 21st to socialize with David before the program, beginning at 7:00 pm, followed by a short membership meeting. GOAS will host a reception after the meeting at the Springfield Conservation Nature Center, 4601 Nature Center Way (off Business Highway 65). Registration required: 888-4237.

Dan and Ann Liles, Program Chairs



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