

June 2013



# The Goldfinch

Daviess County  
Audubon Society

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## LET'S EAT



**June's Program:**  
**Picnic—June 4th, Pennyroyal Girl Scout Camp 4:30 p.m.**

The chapter will supply entrees. Sides and desserts are potluck.

### IT'S PICNIC TIME!

It's time for our annual picnic, winding up our calendar year, kicking back and enjoying each other's company. As usual, DCAS will provide the entree's, and beverages. Plan to bring a side or dessert and meet us at Pennyroyal Girlscout Camp main building. After we officially elect officers, we'll take a bird walk on one of the many trails. So bring a dish and join us!

### June Calendar:

*No May board Meeting*

*June 1, 2013..... Possible field trip to Peabody WMA*

*June 4, 2013..... 4:30 p.m. Picnic and Bird Walk at Pennyroyal Girl Scout Camp*

This abbreviated newsletter is for the convenience of our summer readers. Plus, I'm off on vacation and very distracted. and no 'in our backyard, since Judy is also on vacation. :)

--newsletter layout person

# Look at those Bobwhite's!

May's presentation as stated last month--In 2008 Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) established a plan to restore bobwhite quail and bobwhite habitat across the Bluegrass state. *The Road to Recovery: The Blueprint for Restoring the Northern Bobwhite in Kentucky* is a comprehensive plan with the goals of stabilizing bobwhite quail populations statewide, increasing populations in focus areas and wildlife management areas, increasing statewide recreation related to bobwhite, and generating funding to support bobwhite restoration. One of the key steps outlined in the management plan was establishing bobwhite research in Kentucky and in 2009 KDFWR and the University of Tennessee joined to start a multi-year bobwhite research project on Peabody Wildlife Management Area.

There was great food and the presentation received many questions.

If you would like to know more about the Peabody WMA Bobwhite Quail Research Project please visit and like the Facebook page. (<https://www.facebook.com/peabody.quail>).

**Jarred Brooke and David Peters, Carolyn, Pam, Edna, Mike, pictured below.**



# MAY BIGGEST WEEK MERGES INTO BLISS...

We don't have enough space in the Goldfinch for a full Biggest Week recap from me. Even though the bird "explosion" happened after we left, what we saw was pretty awesome.

**Think of the Maumee Bay area as a bird buffet.** Of course, the Magee Marsh boardwalk was the centerpiece. I got so many great looks at warblers, especially my first mourning warbler and a brilliant pair of Blackburnians. The only place I didn't see a yellow warbler was behind the counter of the diner on the corner.

Tired of the warbler scene? Drive down the road to Metzger Marsh for egrets (including snowy!) and a look at a great horned owl. Or, take the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge auto tour and marvel at the bald eagles and shorebirds. There, Charles Morris' expertise was sorely missed.

**Now you see it, now you don't ...** Some of the big stars of the week were a nesting woodcock and one which performed its mating pirouette 15 times the night we visited. Drawing a big crowd on the boardwalk was a whippoorwill which was almost invisible against the log.

**One nation, many target birds.** It was fascinating to hear about target birds from birders across the country. A mother-daughter duo from Pennsylvania longed to see a cerulean warbler. I stopped myself from telling them I had seen one a block from my apartment and six or seven at Mammoth Cave. On the other hand, they had fed redpolls all winter, a fact that stunned a California couple that had just added it to their life list.

**Optic envy/park envy.** Someone estimated there was \$250,000 worth of optics and camera equipment on the boardwalk at a time, and I believe it. We visited one of Toledo's MetroParks, where Carolyn Williams saw a Blackburnian which hung around after the morning tour. Their bird viewing window was amazing. Why can't we have that here? Whhhhhhhhyyyyy?

**Guides of the week.** Dr. Drew Lanham, from Clemson University, and Doug Gray of Franklin, Ind., were a breath of fresh air. The half-day local hotspots tour was much more satisfying than the 10-hour trip to/from Sandusky area. Why? It was not a race to see how many birds you could see, but a bid to "personalize" the birds for you. Lanham was amazed at the breeding behavior of the spotted sandpiper, behavior he couldn't see in his beloved South Carolina. -Mary





They said they might be “dripping from the trees” . Even so, I saw 110 species of birds and heard many more which I didn’t count. 19 life birds for me. I’m ready to go back next year. Who knows, they might be “dripping from the trees”!

where’s that bird?

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some random bits...



## bird habitat workshop?

Mary Kissel

Grace Ford was contacted by G & G Landscape about someone from Audubon coming at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 15, to do a workshop about what kinds of plants to put out for a backyard bird sanctuary and perhaps provide directions on building a bird house.

... The contact person at G & G is Mary Johnson, number is 733-3317



# One Woman Had a Dream, And For That, GRADD makes her volunteer of the year 2013.

## Brenda Little, CONGRATULATIONS!

Here are Brenda's background and service...

Education: Sorgho Elementary, Daviess County High School, BA Georgetown College English major double minor in French and Speech, BS Western Kentucky University in Accounting.

Career: Secondary education teacher in Daviess and Ohio Counties, Auditor with Riney, Hancock & Co, and Touche Ross CPA's, Financial Officer for Rosehill & Elmwood Cemeteries.

### Volunteer Service:

GRADD's Family Caregiver Support Program Advisory Committee

Girls Inc., Director;

Program Chairman for the Kentucky Cemetery Association;

Offices of Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Environmental Educator, and President of Daviess County Audubon Society;

Program Chairman and President of the Kentucky Audubon Council;

Master Gardener planting and care of gardens at the Ohio County Senior Center, Pennyroyal Girl Scout Camp, and at Dogwood Retreat Assisted Living, and Plant Therapist at Dogwood Retreat Assisted Living Facility;

Designer, plant procurement, and mentor for Deer Park Elementary's Butterfly Garden;

Citizen Science volunteer for Cornell University's Lab of Ornithology FeederWatch and NestWatch programs;

Monitor and Maintenance of Bluebird nest box trails at Southern Elementary School and Wayland Alexander's nestbox camera program, at Ohio County Park, Pennyroyal Girl Scout Camp, and at Deer Park Elementary School.

Teaching Cornell University's Urban Birds Program at Girls Inc;

Care of tree seedlings through transplanting at Wayland Alexander Elementary School and at the Ohio County Park with "Breathe Easy" program following Tornado 2000;

Director of Junior Audubon Society at Wayland Alexander Elementary School;

Leader of Senior Exercise classes at Dogwood Retreat Assisted Living Facility

President of the Friends of the Daviess County Public Library

Facilitator for the Ohio County Caregivers' Support Group

Western Kentucky University's Alumni Board of Directors

Board of Directors of the 10th Mountain Division Foundation based in Denver, CO

Facilitator for the Important Bird Areas of Kentucky Recognition Program

Serving the Kentucky Audubon Council in the design, procurement, and installation of a monument dedicated to John James Audubon for the Memorial Park on the Capitol Grounds in Frankfort, KY

Mentoring a High School Senior for a semester in a "Job Shadowing" experience by arranging a meeting each week with a different biologist or career scientist in conservation

Procurement and dedication of a bronze plaque tribute to the Company D 126 Engineers of the 10th Mountain Division in Vidiciattico, Italy