



Daviess County
Audubon Society

The Goldfinch

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October's Program: Oct 1st Audubon State Park Wetlands Expansion

THIS IS WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR!

Join us on Tuesday, October 1st as J.J. Audubon State Park Manager Mark Kellen and Friends of Audubon member Robbie Williams share the plans for the 649 acre wetland expansion to the park. The tract was purchased in 2011 by six Friends of Audubon members... imagine that! It is home to a widely diverse ecosystem, including a cypress slough. Kellen and Williams will tell us about the process of purchasing the land and update us regarding progress of the plans to make the area the jewel in the state park's crown. And don't forget that you'll have the chance to chat with them informally if you join us for Supper with the speaker at Moonlite at 5:30 P.M. The program is 7 p.m., at the Brescia University Campus Center study pavillion.



IS this possibly
a bird of the
new wetlands
expansion?

<http://news.yahoo.com/tropic-bird-goes-astray-sparks-nm-birding-frenzy-073710442.html>



STATE VETERINARIAN "WINGS IT"

Kentucky State Vet and wildlife specialist Dr. Aaron Hecht remained undaunted as his app to project his prepared power point failed. He did the entire presentation without visual aids and kept DCAS members attentive and interrupting with questions throughout the evening! We learned about West Nile, Lyme Disease and Tularemia (rabbit fever). Dr. Hecht emphasized the interdependence of all ecosystems and the

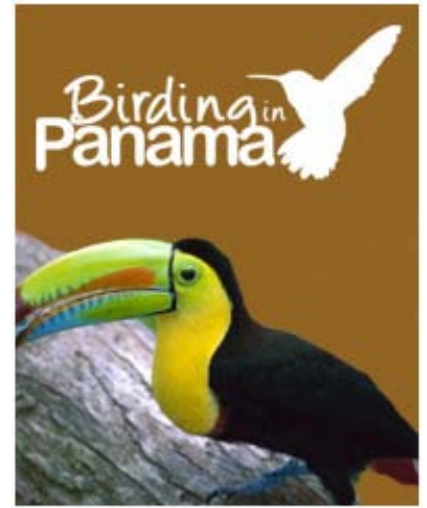
role that humans play when we introduce a species, plant or animal, to a new area. Thank you, Dr. Hecht, for an informative evening.

October Calendar:

- Oct 1st, 2013 5:30 Supper with the speaker, Moonlite BBQ, 7:00 Brescia University Study Pavillion.
- (DCAS Fieldtrip date yet unknown, keep listening to your email for an update-- Audubon Wetlands field trip, 8 a.m. moonlite...)
- Oct 21st 2013 Board meeting at Judy's house. 9 a.m.

SET YOUR SIGHTS FOR PANAMA!

Get out your passport and check its expiration date...DCAS is heading for Panama! We are working with www.birdingpanama.com to set up our own customized tour. As of this writing, we would have three nights in Panama city at the Albroom Inn, birding the Metropolitan Nature Park, Pipeline Road and Discovery Center Tower, the Old Gamboa Road and Plantation Road; then two nights at the Sierra Llorona Lodge on the Caribbean Slope, birding the Achioté Road and the slopes of Sierra Llorona; two nights at the Ginger House In the Cerro Azul foothills and the Chagres National Park. We are looking at flying into Panama City on January 3rd or 4th and returning on January 11th. Cost for the trip should come in at about \$2000...\$1200 to Birding Panama for room, meals and guided birding trips and about \$800 for airfare from Evansville. If you're interested, contact Judy at 344-1391 or jadams11_2008@yahoo.com.



Or other--Travelling Farther Afield

If you're interested in a bit more exotic birding, we have some ideas for you! Here are some events coming up this fall.

YELLOW RAILS AND RICE: October 23-29th Jennings, Louisiana www.snowyegreterprises.com At this writing, three DCAS members are planning to attend. Contact Jan Howard or Pat Augenstein if you're interested.

ALABAMA COASTAL BIRDFEST: October 3-5th Mobile/Fairhope, Alabama www.alabamacoastalbirdfest.com



Save the Dates

DAVIESS COUNTY AUDUBON SOCIETY 2013-2014 CALENDAR

All Meetings are at 7:00 P.M. on the First Tuesday at Brescia U. Campus Center

(Unless there's a change)

SEPT 3: WILDLIFE RELATED DISEASE (ticks, mosquitos, mammals, etc.)

SEPT 14: FIELD TRIP...EAGLE SLOUGH

OCT 8: J.J. AUDUBON STATE PARK EXPANSION

OCT FIELD TRIP...AUDUBON WETLAND, date to be updated soon :)

NOV. 5: WHOOPING CRANES

NOV. FIELD TRIP...GOOSE POND

DEC. 3: CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT PREP

DEC. FIELD TRIP...CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

JAN. 7: WATERFOWL: DUCKS AND SHOREBIRDS

JAN. FIELD TRIP...THE SLOUGHS IN HENDERSON

FEB. 4: BACKYARD HABITAT

FEB. FIELD TRIP...LAND BETWEEN THE LAKES

MARCH 4: NATURE CONSERVANCY OF KENTUCKY

MARCH FIELD TRIP...MARION, KY

APRIL 1: SPRING WARBLERS

APRIL FIELD TRIPS...

OHIO VALLEY BIRDING FESTIVAL and LAKE CUMBERLAND OVERNIGHTER

MAY 6: BIRD PHOTOGRAPHY JURIED SHOW

MAY FIELD TRIP...MACEO MARTINS AND BLUEBIRDS

JUNE 3: CHAPTER PICNIC (location to be determined)



Eagle Slough Field Trip!

—9 participants fielded 30 species on the birding trip to Eagle Slough Nature Area. Here are some photos of that field trip.

also, below are some remaining hikes hosted by Evansville Birders. fyi.



Wild Birds Unlimited Evansville

FALL MIGRATION IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!! JOIN US FOR OUR FALL MIGRATION HIKES!

We will begin our fall migration bird hikes on Saturday, August 31st. Hikes will be held at several locations in the tri-state so keep informed by calling the store or look on our website for an up-to-date schedule.

SCHEDULE OF TIM'S BIRD WALKS IN AUGUST & SEPTEMBER:

Saturday, September 28th: -

HOWELL WETLANDS - 8:00am, meet at the Howell Wetlands parking lot.

Eagle Slough List:

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| 1. Red Tail Hawk | 15. Great Blue Heron |
| 2. Robin | 16. Great Egret |
| 3. Hairy Woodpecker | 17. Greater Yellowlegs |
| 4. Tree Swallow | 18. Solitary Sandpiper |
| 5. Chimney Swift | 19. House Finch |
| 6. Carolina Wren | 20. Semi-palmated Sandpiper |
| 7. Warbling Vireo | 21. Kildeer |
| 8. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher | 22. Northern Cardinal |
| 9. Great Crested Flycatcher | 23. Mallard |
| 10. Tufted Titmouse | 24. Indigo Bunting |
| 11. Red-bellied woodpecker | 25. Ruby-throated Hummingbird |
| 12. Crow | 26. Pectoral Sandpiper |
| 13. Northern Parula | 27. Nashville Warbler |
| 14. American Goldfinch | 28. Wood Duck |
| | 29. Brown thrasher |
| | 30. Turkey Vulture |

FROM THE BACKYARD

What a glorious September 21st it was. Beautiful weather, many activities on this day and no rain!

Welcome Brenda Eaden, she was elected as a new board member at our last board meeting.

The eagle slough field trip had a whopping/whooping 30 attendees, and 9 human participants. I did not attend but the stories are good and pictures too.

The field trip to Audubon is not scheduled yet but soon will be. stay tuned!

I promise next month I will be more chatty. So much going on, so many distractions.

And a big thank-you to Judy Adams for her writing skills, editing of my arrangement attempts, and diligence.

Happy birding.

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Important October Event/Dates unrelated to Audubon:

Disney World opens in 1971

25,000 women marched in New York City demanding the right to vote. (1915)

1888 A patent for a ballpoint pen was received by John Loud.

1911 Henry Ford received a patent for an automobile transmission mechanism.



Dr. Hecht presenting Septmeber's program on Wildlife Diseases.