



# The Goldfinch

Daviess County Audubon Society

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## Challenges of Wildlife Photography

### April 7, 2015 Program:

The April program is Ted and Rebecca Roach from TRPhotography on:

### Challenges of Wildlife Photography

— Ted and Rebecca Roach have 30 years of professional photography experience in traditional portraiture, weddings, children, commercial business, product, landscape and wildlife photography. We often teach basic and intermediate camera and photography classes and give local, guided photo excursions to those who love our natural resources and wish to better their own photography skills.

We live in the heartland of Southwest Indiana and have owned and operated three professional photography studios within that time. We have photographed dignitaries such as Vice President Dan Quayle and wife Marilyn, Senator Richard Lugar, been on assignment for the Weather Channel and been published in many business/educational publications and periodicals. **Come here their program on wildlife photography!**



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### March Newsletter Calendar:

- Apr 7: \* DCAS monthly program, “Challenges of Wildlife Photography”—by TRPhotography, meet the presenter at 5:30 p.m., at Moonlite; and the program starts at 7 p.m., Brescia University Campus Center Study Pavilion.
- Apr 11: Trash for Cash pickup. Meet at 8:30 at the entrance to Panther Creek Park.
- Apr 13: DCAS board meeting, 9:30 am at Judy’s house.

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# TRASH, FLOWERS, AND DCAS

## CASH FOR TRASH...SIGN UP TODAY!

Once again, DCAS has an opportunity to raise money for the Chapter while doing a service to the community that fits our mission. **Saturday morning, at 8:30 on April 11<sup>th</sup>**, we will meet to pick up trash, bottles and cans along Wayne Bridge Rd. Meet at the entrance to Panther Creek Park. Wear work shoes and gloves. Bring a “grabber” if you have one. The Waste Mgt. folks will provide reflective vests and collection bags. If we have enough people, it shouldn't take more than a couple of hours...then we can break for coffee or lunch, depending on the time J. So, sign up at the April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting or contact Carolyn at 270-929-6172 or email her at [cs.williams@att.net](mailto:cs.williams@att.net).



These folks participated last year for Trash for Cash. The morning was chilly and only coffee and hot chocolate are in the mugs for Panera Bread Co.



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**EARTH DAY ACTIVITIES**  
Remember, “Every day is Earth Day”

**April 7** at 7:00 P.M.: Ted Roach, TRPhotography, Vincennes, IN “Challenges of Wildlife Photography”, Brescia Student Pavilion

**April 11** at 8:30 A.M.: DCAS Cash for Trash fundraiser: Wayne Bridge Rd and Terry Rd in west Daviess Co.— Meet at the entrance to Panther Creek Park.

**APRIL 17-19--OVBF--** see April 24-6 below.

**April 18th** at 9:30 to noon: DCAS will have two volunteers at the Powell Bird Blind.

**April 19th** at 9:30 A.M. : Birding the Greenbelt with DCAS. Meet at Dairy Queen with walking shoes and binoculars

**April 22nd** at 5:00 P.M.: Bicentennial tree planting (Earth Day), Daviess County Courthouse lawn. Dedication of J.H. Daviess portrait; Reception to follow in Courthouse.

**April 23rd** at 7:00 P.M. : Tim Darst, Kentucky Interfaith Power and Light “Solar Energy”, Sierra Club public meeting, KWC Science Building

**April 25th** at 1:00-2:00 P.M.: Sierra Club Earth Day Rally at the corner of Parrish and Frederica. Feel free to bring appropriate signs

**April 28th** at 7:30 a.m.: DCAS’s Steve Hahus will lead a field trip to Perry County for birding etc.--meet at the old Rural King parking lot.

**APRIL 17-19 AND 24-26:** Ohio Valley Birding Festival, see website for schedule of activities. [www.ohiovalleybirdingfestival.org](http://www.ohiovalleybirdingfestival.org)

## Subject: blurbs—

Just read a blurb about Panama Bay that is good news. On February 2 the offices of the Audubon International Alliance Program celebrated the news that new Panamanian President Juan Carlos Varela had signed a law designating The Bay of Panama wetlands complex as a protected refuge area after years of Audubon's effort to save the Global Important Bird and Biodiversity Area. In 2012 Panama's Supreme Court suspended the bay's status as a conservation refuge opening the door to a mega hotel and golf course construction, putting it in jeopardy. The Panamanian Audubon Society launched a campaign to save the bay with the support of the National Audubon Society which persuaded thousands of its people to write to key decision makers in Panama. The Panamanian gov't tried to reduce the size but the Court and the President have not allowed that to happen. Audubon does make a difference. PamK.

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& For the past three days, Judy and I have been monitoring the bluebird nest boxes at Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area (170 boxes) and Lake Barkley State Resort Park (60 boxes). We found a total of 23 dead adult bluebirds in the nest boxes. (We found 6 birds in a single box at the state park.) Last year, we found 69 winter-killed bluebirds in the boxes of the combined areas. (In the previous 24 years, we typically found two or three dead bluebirds when we did our field work in March.) Like last year, there was a preponderance of dead male bluebirds in the nest boxes (17 males, 6 females). Although it is only speculative, one possible explanation is the male bluebirds had already bonded to a nesting territory in late February/early March and were therefore less likely to migrate to more hospitable environs at that point in time. (Like the stock market, high return for early-nesting bluebirds usually involves high risk.)

The number of bluebird fledglings in 2014 was the lowest we had recorded since 1999, and we think the 2015 nesting season is going to be a challenge for the surviving bluebirds. In September, we will make an electronic copy (WORD) of our 2015 bluebird report available for anyone who might be interested. (If you would like to see the 2014 report, please send me a message.)



Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Peak  
Trigg County, KY

# HUMMMMMM. INGBIRDS . . . .



## Hummingbird Migration News: April 1, 2015

Hummingbirds are on the move. Southern winds and warmer temperatures heated up migration this week. Nesting season has begun!

### About Journey North

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<http://www.learner.org/jnorth/humm/spring2015/update040115.html>

# GARDEN DAY



Kori Posey pic 1  
John William and Anna Katherine  
Wathen pic 2

— **M**aking Rockin Robins at the Daviess County Public Library “Garden Fair,” which featured gardening and wildlife organizations in the area. Mary Kissel and Lynn Tichenor assisted the children



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## WILDFLOWERS 0; BIRDS 17

It was cold and windy, but Jan Howard, Tony and Brenda Eaden and Judy Adams met at the Rudy Mines Trails on March 28<sup>th</sup> for a morning “wildflower walk”. We knew in our hearts that it was really a birding field trip, just too early for spring wildflowers. We had a good walk, enhanced by woodpeckers and a really close-up look at a Golden-crowned Kinglet. Our list included, Northern Cardinal, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Turkey Vulture, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Song Sparrow, Field Sparrow, Carolina Chickadee, Blue Jay, Crow, Great Blue Heron, Eastern Towhee, Brown Thrasher, Northern Flicker, Cowbird and a Brown Creeper. Not bad for a blustery morning!

Ok Folks. Get out there and birdwatch!

# FROM THE BACKYARD

I can see Virginia Miles from here, or The Virginia Miles Nature Center, that is.

The VMNC is a charming small-swath of water, trails, and field land held for you to wander and view. There are other venues in our area at your service to wander and view, but this might not be on your list. Put it on your list. It is worth the visit. The wandering is pretty good.

Wandering is made better, now, since we are in the heart of bird migration. The next month or two is prime viewing, if the birds participate in your favor. Get your binoculars, and go wandering.

It's funny, I was getting an xray the other day and thought more of how I was going to untie the knot I made of the medical gown than anything else. That moment was ok, but concentrating on my then immediate surroundings and possibilities, would now seem better. So, when you are out and about, look for birds every few moments to distract yourself from that knot in your gown, the bills unpaid, or what is on your grocery list.

Just a few moments for the birds. Or, a few moments for you. (If you have chocolate or bourbon on that gorcery list, my birthday is coming up.)

— The Who's "I can see for miles" is now repeating in my ears. fyi...

—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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**Duck  
Duck  
Where is it?**

Here are brave souls that bird counted at the Virginia Miles Nature Center in the back 40 of OCTC (Behind the way there 'bouts.) Next time we advertise this, come out and join us!