



The Goldfinch

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**“AVIAN HABITAT MANAGEMENT AT THE LBL”
(LAND BETWEEN THE LAKES).**

May 3, 2016 Program Note:

– This program is at the Owensboro Museum of Science and History

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— Elizabeth Raikes, Wildlife Biologist
US Forest Service

In 1989 I was hired as a Wildlife Biologist on the Shawnee National Forest and I worked in this position until 1997 at which time my position had been abolished due to budget cuts and reorganization. I stayed on the Shawnee National Forest and I worked as a Soils Technician from 1997 to 2001. In this position I gravitated to learning and working with Geographic Information Systems (electronic mapping) besides having fun playing with soils. In 2001 I transferred to Land Between The Lakes as a Wildlife Biologist. At Land Between The Lakes I work with a great bunch of staff as the open lands program manager and coordinator for non-native invasive species and threatened and endangered species management. I coordinate wildlife and vegetation surveys and complete environmental assessments for project area resource management.



I enjoy a wide range of outdoor recreational activities, gardening, and arts and crafts. Since 1991 I have been the Hardin County, Illinois Coordinator for the Illinois Audubon Society Annual State-wide Spring Migrant Bird Survey. I am excited about using my knowledge, skills, and abilities to provide for ecological resource benefits across multiple landscapes and sharing this information with others.

May Newsletter Calendar:

- May 3: DCAS monthly program, *“Avian Habitat management at the LBL”* by Elizabeth Raikes, the program starts at 7 p.m., (meet the presenter at Moonlite BBQ 530 pm), **take note:** the program is at the Owensboro Museum of Science and History.
- May 14: **“The Global Big Day”** of birdcounting;
It can be done individually on ebird. <http://ebird.org/globalbigday/>
- May 15: Birds & Blooms, May 15, 2:00-4:00 P.M @ JFNC.: Judy will conduct Binocular Training, would like an additional volunteer.
- May 21: Birdwalk along the Greenbelt, 7:30 from the pool at Brushwood Apartments, off of 231 (see page 3).
- May 31: DCAS board meeting, 9:30 a.m. Owensboro Museum of Science and History.
- June 28: DCAS summer Picnic—5:30 P.M. at Tony and Brenda Eaden’s, directions will be on the website.

EARTH DAY AT THE MUSEUM

Our DCAS team (Mary Kissel, David Stratton and Judy Adams) staffed a table at the Owensboro Museum of Science and History as a part of the various Earth Day activities on Saturday, April 23rd. Mary Kissel once again developed a hands-on activity to involve kids in environmental learning...kudos to Mary! She had several items on display (flip flop, jelly jar, plastic grocery bag, sneaker) and the kids matched their best guess re: how long would it take for each item to “disappear” in a landfill. It made for some thoughtful guesses on the part of the kids and their parents. David talked up DCAS and took new names for The Goldfinch. Judy demonstrated our Birding 101 kiosk and assisted folks in exploring various bird calls and range maps included in the app. A morning well spent . :)



The DCAS birding trip to the San Francisco area is shaping up, but we have changed the date slightly. We have booked the Residence Inn in Pleasant Hill/Concord, checking in on Monday June 6 and checking out on Saturday June 11. We have eight people signed up (four couples) and will each make our own flight arrangements. If you are interested in joining us, contact Judy Adams at jadams11_2008@yahoo.com or talk with her at the March meeting.

California birding trip Update, Tally, Notions

The Mt. Diablo Audubon Society Field Trip Coordinator will help us locate those pesky Western birds and Winny Lin has offered to be our guide to the Bay area. Here's an opportunity to bird with a local and enjoy the comradery of Audubon friends.



EARTH DAY Stuff

DEER PARK FOURTH GRADERS LEARN ABOUT BIRDS

Thanks to Micah Perkins, Judy Adams enjoyed a morning of birding with four groups of Deer Park Fourth graders. They were treated to numerous Tree Swallows swooping and posing as the kids visited the Virginia Miles Nature Center behind OCTC. We checked out the Bluebird nest boxes, but were disappointed that there was no evidence of occupancy as yet. One group, however, was fortunate to spot a Bald Eagle soaring above the cropland where we often spot Wild Turkeys. A Bald Eagle is more exciting than a turkey any day! This is a great opportunity to share your love of birding with local schoolchildren. Thank you, Micah, for a great morning!



Between 70 and 80 children and adults attended ‘Wild About Woodpeckers,’ part of the spring break activities at the Owensboro Museum of Science and History.

Using a multimedia presentation and interactive exchanges, Judy Adams and Mary Kissel discussed traits that make woodpeckers unique, from the mating dance of the northern flicker to the

woodpecker’s barbed tongue, which cleans out a tree hole like a drain cleaner cleans out a clogged drain.

Students were asked to drive a nail into a hollow log and feel a mucous-like surface resembling a flicker’s tongue.

After the April 6 presentation, the museum staff had the group paint birdhouses.

DCAS educators will be presenting two museum programs this summer, tentatively set for 11 a.m. June 23 and July 21, with topics to be announced.



“Earth,”

Birding opps. pics. oh my.—

Join the grand finale of the spring migration season on May 21, when we take a walk on the south trail of the Horse Fork Creek portion of the David C. Adkisson Greenbelt Park.

While many species will be well on their way to summer breeding grounds, several species of warblers are usually still around in mid-May, such as magnolia, Wilson's and American redstarts, as well as flycatchers. There has been a nice variety of warblers spotted during the early part of the spring migration peak this year, including northern parula, black-and-white, blackpoll, prairie, black-throated green, pine, palm, yellow, common yellowthroat and yellow-rumped, as well as two hooded warblers, the first ones spotted in the neighborhood since the 2009 ice storm.

Early morning is the best time to see and hear warblers and thrushes, so the walk will begin PROMPTLY at 7:30 from the pool at Brushwood Apartments. To get to Brushwood, turn into the drive between Subway and Quality Quick on New Hartford Road. The pool is straight ahead next to the clubhouse. For more information, contact Mary Kissel, 270-302-7578.





“Shaker, Overnight”

SHAKER VILLAGE TRIP A SUCCESS

Eleven DCAS members enjoyed exploring historic Shaker Village, indulging in the excellent food and birding both on our own and with Preserve Manager Ben Leffew. Steve Graham happily carried his long lens and was rewarded with some magnificent shots, including one of a Barn Owl on Saturday afternoon. We enjoyed an after-dinner bird walk and were treated to the sight of a pair of Brown Thrashers flying and swooping over the prairie grasses,

Ben met us after breakfast and we spotted a pair of Warbling Vireos in the main parking lot. After carpooling to the West end of the property, we began our hike. Palm Warblers were the most frequently sighted of the Warblers, but the Baltimore Oriole won the prize for Most Beautiful Posing in the Sunlight. All in all, a lovely way to spend the day.





Roadside Litter

Recycling info and opp—

Decomposition Chart for litter*

(Source: California Waste Mgmt Bulletin)

Banana/orange Peel	2-5 weeks
Cotton rag	1-5 months
Cigarette butt	1-5 years
Wool clothing	1-5 years
Plastic-coated paper	5 years
Plastic bag	10-20 years
Painted wooden stake	13 years
Plastic film container	20-30 years
Nylon fabric	30-40 years
Leather	up to 50 years
Rubber boot sole	50-80 years
Aluminum can	200-500 years
Plastic 6-pack cover	450 years
Glass bottle	1 million years
Others: (various sources)	
Traffic Ticket	2-4 weeks
Rope	3-14 months
Bamboo pole	1-3 years
Tin can	100 years
Newspaper	3-6 months
Carry-out food bag	4-8 months
Napkins	1-3 weeks
Plastic beverage containers	100 years
Carry-out tray	3-9 months

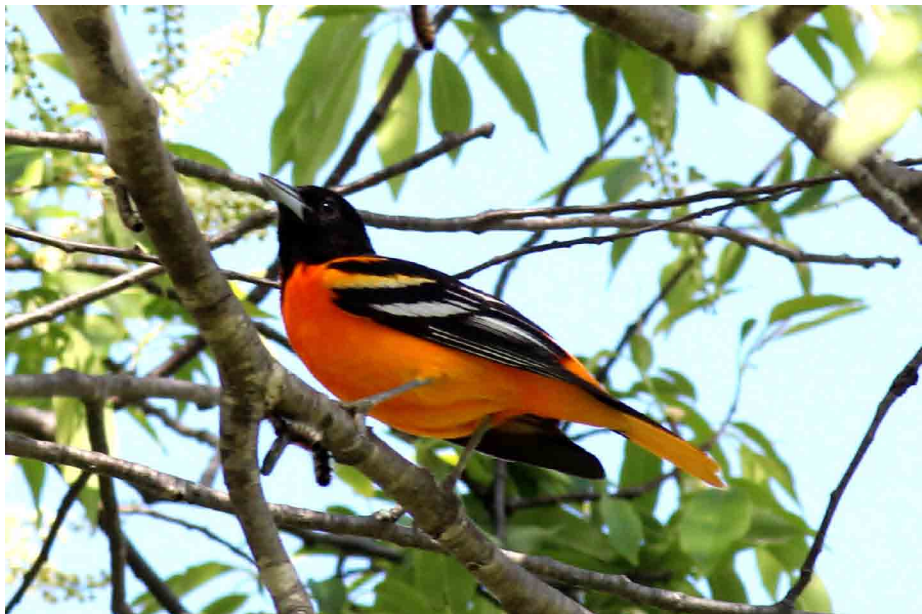


Hahus pic's from Earthday weekend.

* Decomposition depends on weather and site conditions: warm, wet conditions enhance decomposition, as does exposure to sunlight and oxygen. Material sheltered from weather and sunlight requires increased time to decompose.

FROM THE BACKYARD

Remember:
—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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Ok Folks, Get out there and birdwatch.

huh?