



The Goldfinch

Daviess County
Audubon Society

www.daviessaudubon.net

Feb 7, 2017 Program Note:

– All programs are now at the Owensboro Museum of Science and History

“Murder of Crows”

“Shannon’s Crows”

Shannon Finnerty, Assistant Professor of Biology at KWC, will present, coordinate, and editorialize the PBS film “Murder of Crows” for us February 7th. She will bring her knowledge of aviary science and observations to help us see both what the film shows us but also nuanced details that either are overlooked due to subtlety or additional to the content of the film.

“Crows do not have the best of reputations. They are generally dismissed as spooky -- Hitchcock used them quite successfully to frighten moviegoers -- or as a general nuisance. But their image is about to take a real turn. New research has shown they are among the most intelligent animals in the world, able to use tools as only elephants and chimpanzees do, able to recognize each others voices and 250 distinct calls. They are very social, mate for life, and raise their young for up to 5 years. And they are able to recognize individual humans and pick them out of a crowd up to 2 years later. Crow experts from around the world sing their praises, and present us with captivating new footage of crows as we have never seen them before.”



GREAT BACKYARD BIRDCOUNT MONTH!

February Newsletter Calendar:

- Feb 7:** DCAS monthly program: “Murder of Crow’s hosted and notated by Dr. Shannon Finnerty-- 7 p.m.; “meet the presenter”, at Moonlite BBQ, 5:30 pm—
take note: the program is at the Owensboro Museum of Science and History.
- Feb 17:** Joe Ford nature center GBBC bird walk, see page 2. --
- Feb 18:** JJ Audubon State Park WETLAND WALKWAY AREAS, Henderson, KY;
meet at moolite back parking lot at 8 a.m., for carpooling to JJASP.
- Feb 17,18,19,20:** — Great Backyard Birdcount weekend Folks-- <http://gbbc.birdcount.org/>
- Feb 20:** Board meeting will be at OCTC, 8:30 on 2/20/17. Will bird for an hour and then have regular meeting. Park in back lot near the Extension Office and meet at the arch entrance to the nature center.

<http://gbbc.birdcount.org/> —CLICK HERE.

How many birds will you find?

20th Annual Great Backyard Bird Count
February 17-20, 2017

Join in! Count birds in your backyard, local park, or wherever you spot a bird, and submit your observations online.

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DCAS field trip to the wetlands boardwalk of the John James Audubon State Park wetlands: We will meet Feb 18, at 8 a.m., at the backlot of moonlite BBQ, to then carpool to the state park.



Allen's Hummingbird
Photo: Chris Orr/GBBC



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American Robin
Photo: Shayna Marchese/GBBC

Joe Ford Nature Center

Great Backyard Bird Count



Friday February 17, 2017
9am-12pm
Coloring contest for ages 5-10
Prizes Awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners



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Peabody WMA

Saturday, January 21, 2017
cloudy, humid, mild January day
Audubon Club members attending:
Judy Adams, Mike Brown, Laveme
Bush, Steve Hahus, Donna Phillips,
Mike Henshaw, David Stratton,
Carolyn Williams, Steve and Theresa
Graham

Albeit a little cold, overcast, and muddy, the adventuresome group of 10 surveyed the birds of Peabody Wildlife Management Area. The picture below shows the group trying to encourage the shy birds to entertain us. The day became sunnier both because of more birds as the day went on as well as sunshine. Please read below what we saw. Join us next time!--d.s.

Field Trip Bird Count, January 21, 2017

sighted list collected, collated, and documented by Laveme Bush.

Birds sighted:

Heron: Great Blue Heron

Ducks: Canvasback

Mallard

Ringneck

Redhead

Vultures:

Black Vulture

Turkey Vulture

Hawks:

Northern Harrier

Redtail

Red Shouldered

Falcon: American Kestrel

Others: Coots

Killdeer

Red Bellied Woodpecker

Red Headed Woodpecker

Hairy Woodpecker

Crows

Blue Jays

Yellow shafted Flicker

Mourning Doves

Starling

American Goldfinch

Cardinals

Blue Jays

Golden Crowned Kinglet

Yellow-Rumped Warbler

Brown Thrasher

Towhee

Mockingbird

Sparrows:

Chipping

Field

Song

Swamp

Tree

White Crowned

White Throated

Highway 81:

Snow Geese

White Fronted Geese



Rudy Mines Collaborative Grant

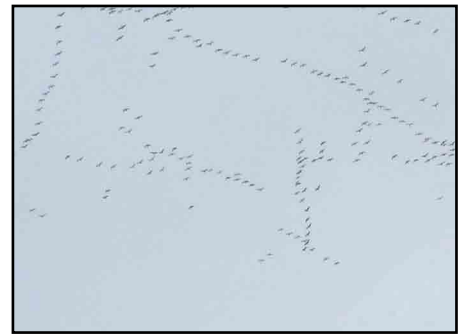
RUDY MINES PROJECT FUNDED BY NATIONAL AUDUBON:

The grant is proceeding with us collecting and seeking more bluebird houses, with an upcoming “build” day. Steve Hahus is directing the project along with Sara McNulty, Mike Brown and Amanda Rogers of the Daviess County Parks Dept. and they plan to get underway as soon as possible. If you would like to help with this, contact Steve at hshahus@aol.com.



Wasn't I turned the other way last month?

and the work continues. :)



— what is this bird?

Where is winter?

Where is winter?



— what is this bird?

FROM THE BACKYARD

Building your own bird blind links:

<https://www.allaboutbirds.org/blinds-and-camouflage-how-to-get-close-enough-for-a-photo/>

<http://www.naturephotographers.net/cs0201-1.html>

<https://www.rockynook.com/building-bird-blinds-what-you-need-to-know/>

— take a friend birding.
— take a friend along to one of our field trips.
- DS

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The Global Big Day is May 14th.
Here's the link. <http://ebird.org/globalbigday/>

Remember, our monthly programs are now at the Owensboro Museum of Science and History.

- 7 pm.
- Refreshments will be provided.
- mild chaos is typical, so come and enjoy.

Winter, huh?

winter?

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