



# The Goldfinch

Daviess County  
Audubon Society

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Jan 3, 2016 Program Note:

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

## “Purple Martins”

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So, do you want to learn about the most beautiful Swallow in the world the Purple Martin?

Do you want to attract a colony of these wonderful birds to your backyard?



Mike Brown

Then you need to come see the program on Tuesday night, 7 pm at the OMSH, given by long-time Purple Martin landlord Mike Brown from Maceo, Kentucky. When he was only 11 years old, he started his first colony of Purple Martins at his Father’s home. Purple Martins are awesome birds and a joy to watch as the zoom across the sky catching mosquitoes, flies, dragonflies, and so many other insects. Come to the Daviess County Audubon Society meeting and hear Mike explain on the where to locate the best housing, and how to deal with enemies of the Purple Martin in order to attract and maintain a colony.

The Purple Martin— the most enjoyable birds to grace your backyard. Summer is not the same without them once you get to know them. This wonderful bird is the King of the Sky..! —MB

## January Newsletter Calendar:

- Jan 3: DCAS monthly program: “Purple Martins, by Mike Brown” —the program starts at 7 p.m., “meet the presenter” Mike Brown, at Moonlite BBQ, 5:30 pm—  
*take note:* the program is at the Owensboro Museum of Science and History.
- Dec 31: Christmas Bird Count, meet at the Henshaw home--look on page 5 for maps, 7:45 a.m.
- Jan 14: Field trip to Peabody Wildlife Management Area, 8 am Home Depot parking lot
- Jan 23: DCAS board meeting, 9:30 am at Judy’s house.

# Panther Creek Fundraiser. Christmas Lights. Congratulations and Thanks!

Thanks to willing volunteers, our week of collecting fees at the Christmas Lights display at Panther Creek was a success. DCAS turned in over \$2600 to the Daviess County Parks Dept.! The agreement states that the Parks Dept. will get half of the money collected over the five week period.

The remainder will be divided equally among the five non-profits who each worked a week. This allows for up or down weeks due to inclement weather or other strange circumstances.

Our plan is for DCAS to use its share to fund educational outreach programs at Girls, Inc., The H.L. Neblett Center and the Owensboro Museum of Science and History.



**Special Thanks:** to the following people who braved the cold, windy weather: Bob and Judy Adams, Janet Howard, Steve Anderson, Doreen Harney, Sara McNulty, Dave and Anne Welsh, Lora Wimsatt, Mary Kissel, Tony and Brenda Eaden, Lynn and Fran Tichenor, Kaye Fulkerson, Mike and Sherry Henshaw, Wendell and Marilee Thompson, and Steve and Theresa Graham.



# DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> BIRD COUNT A SUCCESS!

Despite dire forecasts of a deluge, 13 DCAS members showed up bright and early at Janet Howard's for the KOS/DCAS Western Daviess County Christmas Bird count. Kudos to Jan for getting this count certified by National Audubon! The rain held off until after lunch, pouring down just as we were leaving Jan's. We totaled 54 species and 3993 individual birds. No rarities were reported, but each team had stories to tell (as usual). Thanks to Lynne and Fran Tichenor, Mary Kissel, Laverne Bush, Mike Henshaw, Judy Adams, Brenda and Tony Eaden, Steve Hahus Marilee and Wendell Thompson and to Jan Howard for compiling and reporting the results (and of course, for putting on a great lunch!).



Judy Adams, wintering backyard bird.

**Christmas Bird Count, December 17, 2016**



## Rudy Mines Collaborative Funding!

### RUDY MINES PROJECT FUNDED BY NATIONAL AUDUBON:

The grant requesting collaborative funds from National Audubon to help make the Rudy Mines area more bird-friendly has been approved!. The goal will be to build a Bluebird Trail and add directional signage. A species checklist and a display of the Kentucky Field Guide will be added to the Overstreet Road kiosk. 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](mailto:hshahus@aol.com).

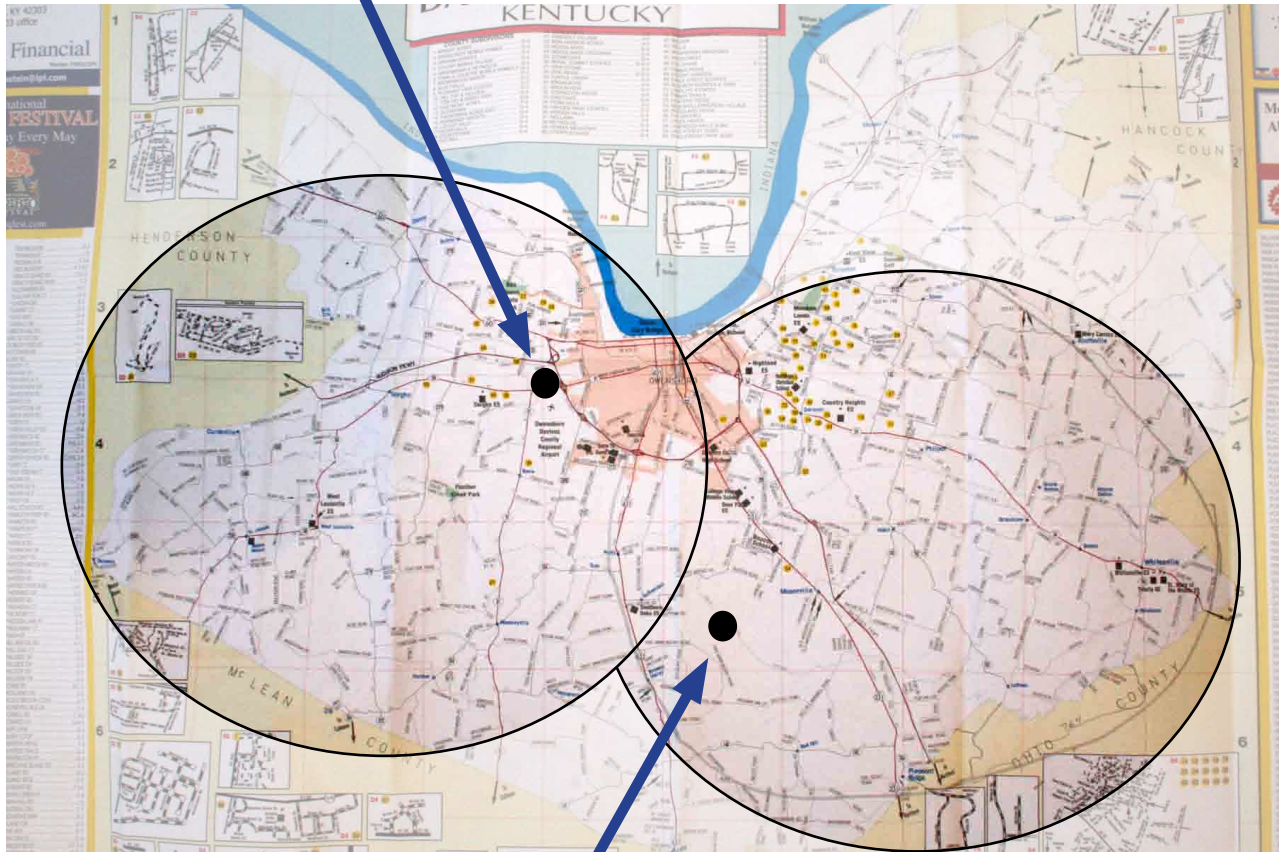


Now the work begins. :)

# Christmas birdcount maps

## Jan's House

December 17 th--3534 W Parrish Ave. 42301



December 31st---11201 Fields Rd. S., Utica, 42376

## Mike/Sherry's House

good for us...

Here is a letter I received in December—

“ I just wanted to reach out and say thank you for the DCAS birding webpage, (<http://daviessaudubon.net/birding.html>) My tutoring student Emily (she’s in 5th grade) found it yesterday when she was researching for her birds & migration project, and she thought we should tell someone we’ve been using the links there :) We found so much excellent information for her project & enjoyed the animal cams from the kids page!

Also- we thought we could return the favor and send along another great birding resource; this is what Emily picked out for you:

“From Trees to Fields: A Beginner’s Guide to Birdwatching”  
-<http://www.treeremoval.com/a-beginners-guide-to-birdwatching/>

It’s a great resource for the beginner-birder and Emily thought it would be a helpful addition to the birding page! Would you mind adding it? I know Emily would be thrilled to see that she helped you out :) Thanks again and happy holidays! “



— what is this bird?

# FROM THE BACKYARD

## Make your own suet recipe:

[http://www.audubon.org/news/make-your-own-suet?ms=digital-eng-email-ea-x-20161205\\_suet-diy&utm\\_source=ea&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=20161205\\_suet-diy](http://www.audubon.org/news/make-your-own-suet?ms=digital-eng-email-ea-x-20161205_suet-diy&utm_source=ea&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20161205_suet-diy)

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

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## Happy New Year Trail Walks in Tennessee State Parks:

<http://tnstateparks.com/about/special-events/first-day-hike/>

The Global Big Day is May 14th. It can be done individually on ebird. Maybe worth a mention in the Finch

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.

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