



The Goldfinch

Daviess County
Audubon Society

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"ART, SCIENCE, AND JOHN JAMES AUDUBON"

Oct 6, 2015 Program:

DCAS PRESENTS: ITALIAN ARTIST/MURALIST, HITNES—THE IMAGE HUNTER, IN THE STEPS OF J. J. AUDUBON.

We are very excited to share— Hitnes, a Roman artist who specializes in murals, will visit Owensboro October 1st-7th. His project is to film, paint and explore the steps of J. J. Audubon. During his time in Daviess County he will present our October 6th program, paint a mural on the Sullivan, Mountjoy, Stainback & Miller, P.S.C. buiding on 100 St. Ann Street and Rivercrossing, go out with some local birders, and visit the J.J. Audubon Museum in Henderson. His work is magnificent, colorful and lifelike, enhancing its surroundings. Check out this 3 minute video <http://www.theimagehunter.org/project/teaser/> and current images on his facebook page (the image hunter). We are very privileged to be able to bring him to Owensboro!



The Mural is coming !

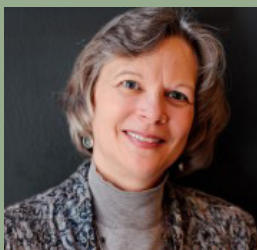
Oct Newsletter Calendar:

- Oct 6: • DCAS monthly program, "Art, Science, and John James Audubon", Program by Italian muralist Hitnes--The Image Hunter.—meet the presenter at 5:30 p.m., at Moonlite; and the program starts at 7 p.m., Brescia University Campus Center Study Pavilion.
- Oct 12: • DCAS board meeting, 8:30 am birdcount at OCTC, then board meeting at 9:30 a.m.--UK Extension offices meeting room.
- Oct 31: • Field trip to Saurheber wildlife. Meet at the back parking lot of Moonlite BBQ 8 a.m.

Fun Event opp—

On Thursday, October 1, Lucy Winters Durkin--art historian and the great, great, great grand-daughter of John James Audubon--will be on the USI campus (outside of Evansville IN) for a presentation about John James Audubon's *Ornithological Biography*, the narrative companion volumes containing information about the birds Audubon painted. The presentation, entitled "The Intersection of Art and Science," will begin at 7.00 p.m in Kleymeyer Hall in the Liberal Arts Center with a reception to follow in the McCutchan Art Center/Pace Galleries. These events are free and open to the public.

The Intersection of Art and Science



Lucy Winters Durkin

Photo Credit: Gerry Szymanski

Art historian and John James Audubon descendant, Lucy Winters Durkin discusses Audubon's *Ornithological Biography*.

October 1, 2015 at 7 p.m., in Kleymeyer Hall, Liberal Arts Center.
A reception will follow in McCutchan Art Center and Pace Galleries.

Sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts and the Department of Communications. Admission is free.

For more information contact lahoward@usi.edu



Published by John J. Audubon, F.R.S.E.L.S.

Mocking-Bird. MIMUS POLYGLOTTUS, Linn. Males & Females.

RAILS TO TRAILS AND EAGLE SLOUGHS

Field Trips



TWO SEPTEMBER FIELD TRIPS!

We managed **two** successful field trips in the same week! The first was a redo of the rain-shortened trip last spring to Muhlenberg County's Rails to Trails. Thanks to super-guides Theresa and Steve Graham, we spotted 40 species on Tuesday, Sept. 14th. These included a Yellow-beaked Cuckoo, two Golden-winged Warblers and three Rough-winged swallows posing on a wire.



Pictured are Janet Howard, Judy Adams, Pam Kimsey, Carolyn Williams, Steve Graham and Brenda Pendley (picture by Theresa Graham).

Then on Saturday the 19th Mike Brown led a group just across the Henderson twin bridges to Eagle Slough. They spotted 23 species, including the Blackburnian Warbler and Warbling Vireo (they eluded us on the 14th). Thanks to Brenda Eaden for the picture.



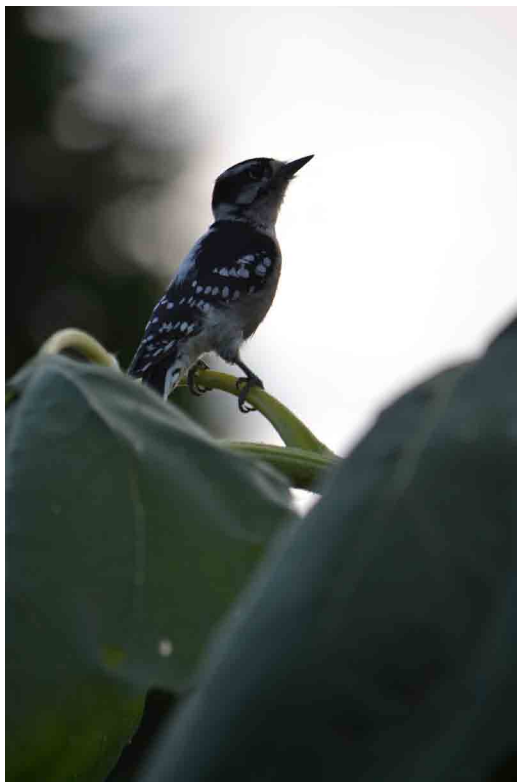
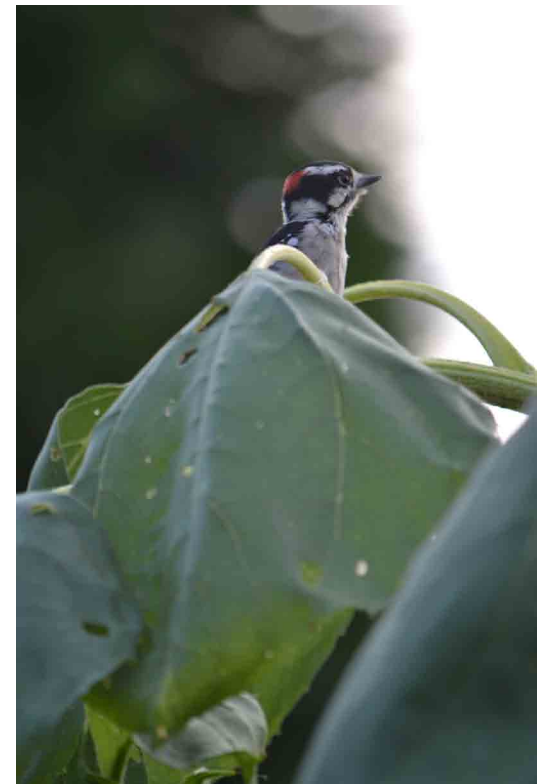
Pictured are Janet Howard, Mike Brown, Brenda and Tony Eaden, Mary Kissel and Pam Kimsey .





“Balloons over the Garden” events at the Western Kentucky Botanical Garden included youth birding, guided by our chapter seen here and below is a set of images of a Downy, provided by Eddie Atherton, taken while also at the WKBG balloons event.

Event pics—



DCAS BOARD MINUTES

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Sept 14, 2015, 2015

Present: Judy Adams, Mike Henshaw, Janet Howard, Mary Kissel, David Stratton, President and Carolyn Williams.

Minutes: Aug. minutes approved with corrections.

Financial report attached. Balance 4,476.85

There are three new members

Volunteer hours: 50

Participation: 22 at Sept. meeting

David will send in the descriptions and locations of bird banners to the City so they can be included on the map of the Green Belt Park trail.

Some of the discussion on visit of Hitnes an Italian Artist who is following JJ Audubon's path through America. Judy and David have been communicating with Hitnes, who calls his project "The Image Maker", and he will speak at our Oct. meeting and also paint a bird mural on a wall in Owensboro if one can be secured for this purpose. They are negotiating with the law firm of Mountjoy, Stainback etc. for the use of their large bare wall downtown near the riverfront. They have a board meeting on the 26th and will let us know their decision. There are a couple of other possible locations but the board agreed the above location would get the most exposure. The artist should arrive Oct 1, and be here through the 6th. Expenses will be for Hitnes and assistant room and board while here, approximately 1,000.00. Also if the law building is used a cherry picker will be needed at a cost of about 800.00. The Owensboro Mayor has offered 600.00 to help defray the cost, and we will ask the Tourist Commission for a donation. We are hoping local restaurants such as Fetta will provide some meals.

Tentative Programs:

Oct. Italian Muralist Hitnes

Nov. "Counting on birds" video about Christmas bird count, perhaps at OMSH to show off Birding 101.

Dec. CBC preparation by Mike Brown perhaps just focusing on one group of birds such as hawks, etc.

Jan. Changing weather patterns. Weather man from Owensboro? Meteorologist?

Feb. Alaska birding with our own Donna Hanley

March: Shrikes with Ann Kearny

April: Recycling panel discussion with owner of go recycling, local landfill person etc. what can be recycled.

May: Pelly, manager of Shaker Town or the naturalist John Lefew

June: Picnic

Tentative Field trips:

Sept 15, Rails to Trails at Central City, meet at 7:30 am Home Depot Lot, Owensboro.

Sept. 19, Eagle Slough, meet at Moonlite at 8:00 a.m.

Oct: Sauerheber Sloughs

Nov: Barren River State Park for sand hill cranes, Reelfoot, possible overnight trip.

Linda Howard Young is looking for speaker for her Garden Club meeting on Nov 11, 2015. They are interested in seeing bird photos and hearing the call. Calling all birds would be a good app if we have technical skill to pull it off. Mike Brown maybe able? or Janet and David.

The Annual report to National is due Nov. 1. ?

Collaborative Funding Final Report is due Oct. 15.

Goldfinch deadline: Sept 25, 2015

Next Board meeting: Mon., Oct 19, 2015 at KCTS 8:30 am birding the grounds, 9:30am, meeting.

Submitted by Janet B. Howard

FROM THE BACKYARD

Ok folks, the images below include a blank wall. One that will be painted by our visiting artist program presenter, Hitnes-The Image Hunter while visiting Owensboro Oct 1st-6th!

This is a unique opportunity for our Audubon state chapter, our community, and also downtown. The Sullivan, Mountjoy, Stainback & Miller, P.S.C. partners and Mayor Ron Payne all are excited with us for this opportunity.

Hitnes will be filming and touring the JJAudubon state park, painting the mural, and presenting our program in his visit time here.

If you know of advertising or communities that would have a specific interest to this program, send me the contact information or have their publicity person contact me.

Hopefully this will fill up the campus center's 2nd floor and mitigate a need to move to a larger venue on Brescia's campus for his program. We'll have to see. And if you attend, you will see too. :)

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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**Duck
Duck
Where is it?**



**Hmmm.,
What will it be?**

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Ok Folks, Get out there and birdwatch!
and October 3rd weekend, you might get out there and watch a muralist do his work...