



Please join us on **Wednesday, January 3, 2018** at 6:30 pm in Room 118 of the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine, located at 255 EJ Chapman Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919

This month's meeting is Member Photo Share. This is our chance to bird around the world with some of our members. There are plenty of spots left to present your photos. If you haven't signed up please email:

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American Woodcock at Magee Marsh -
Photo by Lee Smally



An Exciting November for Tennessee Rare Birds

The past 30 days has seen a flurry of rare birds show up in Tennessee. First Maureen Ellis found a Say's Phoebe on a farm near Milan north of Jackson TN on the 11th. This is a western states bird that has hung out in the same field for several weeks, much like the Northern Wheatear did last November. Next a California Gull was seen at Paris Landing State Park on the 18th by a group of some of Tennessee's best birders. The ID on this bird is difficult in winter and it appears it only stayed around for one day.

On the 19th, Terry Crowe found a Brant at Pellissippi Community College in west Knoxville. This small goose from the Northeast has been seen only a few times in Tennessee. Over the last 2 weeks birders from all over the state have come to see the Brant, again, much like the Wheatear last year.

On the 28th, a Black-chinned Hummingbird was banded at a residence in Tullahoma. This hummingbird is a western states bird that shows up every few years somewhere in the state. And while not an extremely rare bird for Tennessee, a Golden Eagle was seen and photographed by Jacob Wessels at Seven Islands State Birding Park on the 21st.

Article: Morton Massey



Please go to: www.knoxvillebirding.org for all KTOS information.

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Being part of a like minded community is important. Please remember to check the status of your membership. Morton Massey will be happy to answer any questions. You can email him at knoxtbirds@gmail.com. Please remember to put "Membership" in the subject line.





Field trips and social gatherings are a great way of getting to know one another. Fields trips can be lead by any of our members regardless of skill level. We all can learn from one another. If you have an idea or would like to lead a trip, please contact Melinda Fawver at knoxtbirds@gmail.com. Please remember to put "Field Trip" in the subject line. Please remember to tell Melinda that she is doing an amazing job!

Since field trips are ever changing, we will not be adding them to the newsletter. Always check the Calendar at www.knoxvillebirding.org to view upcoming Field Trips, Festivals, Bird Counts and Social Gatherings.

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Wings of Winter Birding Festival

January 19-21, 2018



Kentucky and Barkley Lakes are well known for their fishing and recreational boating opportunities. The lands around them are full of wildlife and bursting with scenic beauty. However, more and more folks that love to view wildlife, especially bird watchers are finding this area as a bird rich resource that can easily add up to a nice long list of birds seen in one journey. This is due in part to the many public lands surrounding these two lakes that manage for wildlife conservation or outdoor recreational opportunities. Whereas birds, especially migratory birds following the Mississippi flyway use these lands year round, it's the winter time when these lakes are filled with waterfowl and birds of many varieties.

In light of this, a unique group of agencies and organizations have teamed up to produce "Wings of Winter Birding Festival" on January 19-21, 2018. The Festival will be focused on the areas around Kentucky and Barkley Lake but will be based at Paris Landing State Park., The many birding field trips include Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge, Cross Creeks National Wildlife Refuge , Kentucky Dam, Land Between the Lakes, Fort Donelson National Battlefield and Harmon Creek Wildlife Management Area. Workshops will also be offered in Wildlife Photography, Beginning Birding, and Journaling / Poetry Writing in regards to Ornithology.

Featured speakers for the weekend include storyteller, author and naturalist Brian "Fox" Ellis, who will be taking the persona of John James Audubon for the Friday night program. He will also be leading several birding and naturalist walks as Audubon as well as a workshop called "Bird is the Word" which will focus on nature journaling, poetry and non-fiction writing. Fox has portrayed Audubon worldwide in countless birding festivals, museums, nature centers, schools and has lead birding hikes in 49 of the 50 states.

The Keynote speaker for Saturday night will be Julie Zickefoose, who is a regular contributor for Birder's Digest. She is the author of "Letters from Eden", "The Bluebird Effect" and most recently "Baby Birds: An Artist Looks Into the Nest. Among speaking at many birding festivals, Mrs. Zickefoose leads natural history excursions abroad with Holbrook Travel.

Details about the festival and registration can be found at the Paris/Henry County Chamber of Commerce website at www.paristnchamber.com/wingsofwinter.

KTOS membership: Join or renew by mailing your annual dues to Morton Massey, 6932 Westland Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919. Dues levels: \$26/individual, \$30/family, \$38/sustaining, \$13/student (high school or younger), or TOS life membership for \$450 with \$8 annual fee to Chapter.



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Presidential Perch



Hello KTOS,

Amy & I would like to wish all of you a very safe and Happy Holiday! I hope to see some or all of you during the Christmas Bird Counts. This is a great citizen science project that we support. Thank you to all of our club members who have stepped up recently to help out. It's encouraging that we have had many new faces at our meetings & field trips. Good Birding to all and we will see you next year.

Jimmy & Amy Tucker



I need all of the writers out there to send me articles. The newsletter is tedious and it would be helpful for all to get involved. Even if you find something online send it to me!

Thanks - Amy

JOIN OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

With Morton Massey



Would you like to learn more about birding apps and how to use them? Does birding photography interest you? Have you ever wanted to Bird by ear? Have you ever wanted to take a transcontinental trip but didn't know how to go about planning? All of these questions could be answered. We would like to gauge the interest of you, our members. Please let us know your thoughts by emailing us at knoxtnbirds@gmail.com. Please remember to put "Ed Sessions" in the subject line.

Be on the lookout for new Social Gatherings. We are thinking of doing the following: Wings and Wine, Birding and Beer, Progressive Birding, Birding and Brunch.

If you would like to host a small event please email knoxtnbirds@gmail.com. Please remember to put "Social Gathering" in the subject line.

