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Newsletter of the Knoxville Chapter of the Tennessee Ornithological Society

Annual Pot-Luck Picnic at UT Ag Gardens Wednesday, June 5

Our June meeting is traditionally a pot-luck picnic, so we move outdoors on June 5 to the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture Gardens.

We will start meeting there at 7:00, instead of the usual 7:30. This will give us more time to enjoy the gardens before dark. Everyone is invited to bring some food or drink to share. There are seats and tables there, but you may want to bring a folding chair just in case. In case of rain :(we can move into our usual meeting room, but let's hope we don't have to do that!



To get to the Gardens, instead of turning into the Agriculture campus at the traffic light on Neyland Drive, turn in at the entrance east of there (next left as you drive east on Neyland, away from Alcoa Highway) and drive all the way back to the large parking lot.

You should see the signs for the gardens on your right. Walk in, pass the holly trees, and look for us at the covered pavilion under the tall trees.

Come hunger and we'll talk about food, birds and life. Is there anything else?

**The June Meeting is Wednesday, June 5 UT Institute of Agriculture Gardens.
7 PM. Come and bring a friend.**

In case of inclement weather we'll meet in Room 117, UT Vet School

Summer Field Trips - Let's go birding!

Field Trips for summer 2002, are as follows:

Sunday, June 23, 6:45 AM

Great Smoky Mountains

Field trip to high elevations in the Great Smoky Mountains. Leader: David Trently (531-1473). Meet in the parking lot at the UT Agriculture School for car pooling to the sites. The trip will include several stops along the Newfound Gap and Clingmans Dome roads. There will be a minimum of hiking. Bring lunch and water. Also bring walkie-talkies if you have them.



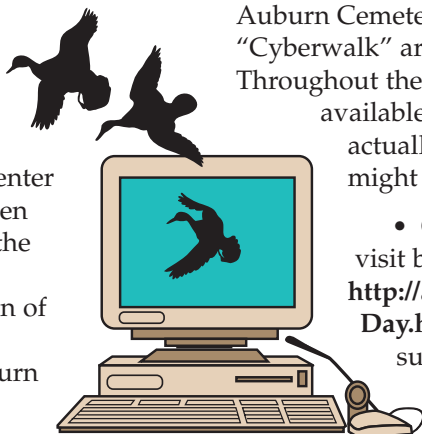
Additional field trips are planned, but have not been finalized. These trips include Alum Cave Bluff trail to view the nesting Peregrine Falcons (early June); Chota/Cherohala Skyway trip (June); Rankin Bottoms (August) and Kingston Steam Plant (August).

When these trips are finalized they will be posted on TN-BIRD listserv and on the KTOS phone hotline, 577-4717, ext. 80.

- Harold Howell, field-trip coordinator

Birding on the Web Part 4 by David Trently

As I prepare for my trip to southeastern Arizona, I am reminded to set the TN-BIRD listserv to "Vacation mode". I also thought I should remind everyone of how to do this. The easiest way is to go to the TOS web page tnbirds.org, click on "Birding in Tennessee", scroll down to "Recent Sightings" and click on "TN-Bird". Now, click "Info page" enter your e-mail address in the box, and then select "Turn vacation mode on" from the next box to the right. Click "Go!" and you're all set! You will not receive a ton of e-mail while you are away. When you return, simply do all of this, except "Turn vacation mode off".



- Test your bird identification skills at: <http://www.virtualbirder.com/vbirder/TVBMid.html> Right now you can take a birding tour of Mount Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge, Massachusetts. "Cyberwalk" around and identify the birds pictured. Throughout the year, there are more of these tours available. It's nice to "visit" a place you've actually been, and see the birds that you might have missed when you were there.

- One last site that you may wish to visit before planning a birding trip: http://aa.usno.navy.mil/data/docs/RS_OneDay.html This site will tell you the times of sunrise and sunset at your destination.

This way you'll know when you really need to get up and get out birding in the morning, and how long your day will be.

Now...get away from your computer and go look at some real birds!!!

- Here's a web site to which some of you may want to submit information:

<http://pub.alxnet.com/guestbook?id=1317113>

This site updates the range maps in *The Sibley Guide to Birds*. If you know that a species is regularly found in an area not covered by the range map in the book, pass on the info!

Are your dues due? If a "01" follows your name on the mailing label for this newsletter it's time to renew your membership with KTOS.

Please send your annual dues to Jerry Hadder, 18 Rockingham Lane, Oak Ridge, TN 37830. Membership fees are \$18 for an individual and \$20 for a family. Sustaining memberships are \$28 and a Life membership with TOS is \$200 with an annual fee of \$8 to the local chapter.

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