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## 'Introduction to the Birds of Botswana' at March 3 meeting

**W**ednesday, March 3 at 7 p.m., KTOS member, Dr. Rhea Morgan will present "An Introduction to the Birds of Botswana." Dr. Morgan, a veterinarian and former faculty member of UTCVM, has traveled several times to Africa to photograph and watch the wildlife and birds. Her travels include three trips to Botswana, most recently this past August (2003). Dr. Morgan currently works as a staff ophthalmologist at a private referral clinic in west Knoxville and serves as editor of the *Journal of the American Animal Hospital Association*.

Botswana, a land-locked country in the center of Southern Africa, is about the size of France and a little smaller than Texas. The sand veld of the Kalahari Desert covers much of the country, making it almost uninhabitable. The majority of Botswana's 1.5 million residents live in the southeastern part of the country, bordering the Republic of South Africa. The country's

low population density makes it a safe haven for large numbers of wildlife and birds.

One of Botswana's best-known regions is the Okavango Delta, located between the Kalahari Desert and Linyanti/Chobe scrub bush regions. Okavango, which covers roughly 16,000 square kilometers, is the largest inland delta in the world. Its locale, surrounded by arid environments, makes it a magnet for hundreds of birds and some of the most undisturbed, African animal populations.

Don't miss this opportunity, provided by Dr. Rhea Morgan, to learn more about Botswana, its unique environments and associated birds.

The March meeting will in Room 117 (across the hall from Pendergrass Library), UT Vet School on Center Drive off Neyland Drive.

- Tracey Muise, program coordinator

 MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### **Sunday, March 7, 5:45 PM**

Woodcock Walk to Forks of the River WMA.

See page 1.

For details on the following trips, see page 2.

### **Friday, March 12, 6:00 PM**

Ijams' Woodcock Walk • Forks of the River WMA.

### **Saturday, March 13, 8:00 AM**

Cove Lake State Park and Eagle Bend Fish Hatchery.

### **Saturday March 20, 2:30 PM**

Kyker Bottoms Wildlife Refuge.

### **Sunday March 21, 8:00 AM**

Turkey Creek Small Wildlife Area, Knoxville.

## **March field trips.**

### **Sunday, March 7, 5:45 PM**

Woodcock Walk • Forks of the River Wildlife Management Area

**Leader:** David Trently (dtrently@utk.edu; 865-974-8664 w; 865-531-1473 h)

Meet in the parking lot of Ijams at 5:45 p.m. to drive as a group to Forks of the River WMA. We will walk about one mile and should hear lots of early frogs. Barred or Screech-owls are possible. We hope to see Woodcock in their mating flights. Bring a flashlight and dress for muddy conditions.

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*"Birds tug at the mind and heart with a strange intensity..."*

*"Arctic Dreams: Imagination and Desire in a Northern Landscape" by Barry Lopez, 1986*

## March Field Trips - Spring is on the way!

### Friday, March 12, 6:00 PM

*Ijams' Woodcock Walk • Forks of the River WMA*

**Leaders:** Lyn Bales and Kara East. Call 577-4717, ext. 11 to pre-register.

In case you can't make the first, here's a second woodcock field trip. We'll meet at Ijams at 6 p.m. and then drive as a group the short distance to Forks of the River Wildlife Management Area. Like before, we'll walk about one mile and should hear lots of spring peepers and chorus frogs; maybe even a Barred or Screech-owl along the way.

Dress for muddy conditions.

This is an Ijams Public Program for adults and adults with children. It's free to Ijams and KTOS members, but please call ahead to pre-register: 577-4717, ext. 11.

### Saturday, March 13, 8:00 AM

*Cove Lake State Park and Eagle Bend Fish Hatchery.*

**Leader:** Harold Howell (howellh2@bellsouth.net; (865) 828-6302 (h)). Meet at Ingles Supermarket parking lot on Emory Road just east of I-75 promptly at 8:00 a.m., or at the Cove Lake State Park restaurant parking lot at 8:30 a.m. We will explore around Cove Lake first, and then head for Eagle Bend. Target birds are waterfowl, shorebirds, and other early migrants.

Bring lunch and a drink, and be prepared for muddy conditions. Please note that there is a \$3 fee for parking in the park.



### Saturday March 20, 2:30 PM

*Kyker Bottoms Wildlife Refuge*

**Leader:** David Trently (dtrently@utk.edu; (865) 974-8664 w; (865) 531-1473 (h))

Kyker Bottoms is open again! Leave promptly at 2:30 p.m. from the Stokley Building parking lot, 320 N. Cedar Bluff, Knoxville, or meet at approximately 3:00 p.m. at Kyker Bottoms.

The target for this trip will be migrating waterfowl. We will also look into the excellent sparrow habitat. Shrikes and early swallows are also possible. Come prepared for wet conditions and thick vegetation.

### Sunday March 21, 8:00 AM

*Turkey Creek Small Wildlife Area, Knoxville, TN*

**Leader:** Mark Campen (mcampen7@hotmail.com or (865) 406-6377 (cell))

Meet at 8:00 a.m. In the Walmart parking lot in the new Turkey Creek shopping center off Lovell Road. We will walk from the upper springs down to the wetland and beyond. There is a good chance of seeing sparrows, waterfowl, raptors and woodpeckers. We may see some early migrant warbler and swallow species. This area has been newly expanded, and is a good location right in the heart of west Knoxville. Come prepared for possible wet conditions. We should finish by noon.

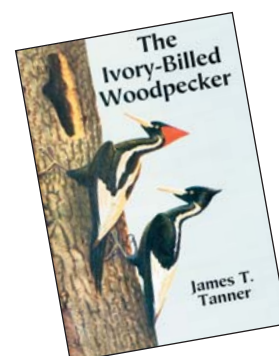
## Tanner's Ivory-billed book available again

For years, one of the most sought after books birders wanted on their shelves was Dr. Jim Tanner's book on the Ivory-billed Woodpecker.

If you don't have a copy, you can relax, it's available once again. Because interest in this elusive bird just never seems to go away, Dover Publications has reprinted the book. The original, published in 1942, is "fact-filled and engrossing reading." It contains everything Dr. Tanner was able to learn about the slowly disappearing bird before it vanished

altogether. The reprint is 100 percent faithful to the original with only the back cover text being updated. It retails for \$12.95. ISBN 0-486-42837-0.

For more info about *The Ivory-billed Woodpecker* by James T. Tanner go on-line to: [www.doverpublications.com](http://www.doverpublications.com)



## Historic avian art at McClung Museum - By Lyn Bales

In the 1700s, if you were living in the Old World you were eager for news about the natural history of the strange New World. What kind of animals lived there? What did the birds and plants look like?

In 1712, English naturalist Mark Catesby visited his sister in Virginia. He took back such detailed accounts of the American colonies that he soon acquired financial patronage for a return visit, this time to the Carolinas.

For three years, beginning in 1722, Catesby traveled through the Southeast. He collected and sketched what he found.

Back in England, Catesby's *Natural History of Carolina, Florida, and the Bahama Islands* was published in 1731. It documented his travels with 220 color plates executed from Catesby's artwork.



An exhibit featuring some of these legendary hand-colored engravings is now on display at the Frank H. McClung Museum at Circle Park on the campus of the University of Tennessee.

In addition to Catesby, other historic wildlife illustrations by Eleazar Albin, Alexander Wilson, Prideaux John Selby, John Gould and the great John Jay Audubon are also on display.

Seeing the exhibit is a trip back to a time when America was not only wild but largely unknown—a land of mystery.

The exhibit will be open until May 16, seven days a week. There is no admission charge. For more information call the museum: 974-2144, or go on-line to: <http://mclungmuseum.utk.edu>

## Member queries leading birding publications

*Editors Note: The following query was sent to several of the leading birding publications and reprinted here by gracious consent of the writer, the effervescent Janet McKnight.*

Although I have never experienced one, I have read in many different publications about fallouts during migrations. They are a birder's dream, with passerines dripping from every branch and birds close enough to make binoculars dangle unused. But for the birds, a fallout means that the migrants have had a natural disaster through adverse weather conditions; many have died, many are close to dying.

My question is, why are there not programs in place to help these birds that are so decimated from exhaustion and starvation? Fallout locations are predictable, and fallout days are somewhat predictable through weather forecasts. Why are there not volunteers on hand with buckets and buckets of mealworms ready to feed these birds? I know it would be impossible to feed them all. But a few mealworms

in the belly of a warbler on the morning of a migration fallout could make the difference between whether that bird makes it to its breeding grounds or not.

Some neotropical migrant populations are down 50 percent from just 30 years ago. We are at a point in conservation history when every individual bird matters. Maybe buckets of mealworms would negate a communication tower or skyscraper or two. Maybe buckets of mealworms would mean a few more successful broods. Is there such a fallout feeding program in place and I have just never heard of it?

If I lived near a location where fallouts occur, I would find it impossible not to intervene. I can predict the argument that intervening would interrupt natural selection. But what about the backyard bird feeding that millions of Americans enjoy?

And if a fallout-feeding program will not make a difference in the big picture, then for the starving Scarlet Tanager that flew against a headwind all night, surely it will. - Janet McKnight

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## 2003 Knoxville Christmas Bird Count - Dean Edwards, compiler

The Knoxville CBC was held on Saturday, 3 January 2004. Forty-nine observers in 25 parties found 85 species plus 5 found only during count week. Although we had several good finds, most parties reported lackluster birding overall and several "staked-out" birds could not be located on count day. The species total is the lowest since the 1998-1999 count (99th CBC) and below our 10-year average of 88.

Three species were added to the count history but two of those were only found during count week. Chuck Nicholson found a Cattle Egret on Melton Hill Lake near Solway. The Sage Thrasher and the immature Greater White-fronted Goose at Pellissippi State could not be found on count day but were seen before and after.

Record high counts were set for 5 species:

- **Rufous Hummingbird** - 4 (old record was 3 in 2000-1, 101st CBC)
- **Brown-headed Nuthatch** - 5 total reported by 3 parties at three, previously known locations, second time on the count (2 in 2002-3, 103rd)
- **Carolina Wren** - 267 (255 in 2001-2, 102nd)
- **Yellow-rumped Warbler** - 564 (453 in 2001-2, 102nd)
- **Palm Warbler** - 30 which smashes the old record of 6 set most recently in 2002-3 on the 103rd CBC (David Trently actually broke the record by himself with 7 and two other parties reported 6. Reported by 8 parties.

Other near-record high numbers include:

- **American Robin** - 3186
- **Cedar Waxwing** - 1608

The low species count was largely due to low numbers of waterfowl. Only 10 species (+1 CW) of waterfowl were reported. This includes a free-ranging

Mute Swan from Ft. Loudon Lake for which the origins are unknown although the same could no doubt be said for many of the Mallards counted. Misses here include American Wigeon, Northern Pintail, Green-winged Teal, Lesser Scaup, Ruddy Duck and Bufflehead (missed for the only the 4th time in 30 years!).

- **Northern Bobwhite** continues to escape detection and has only been found twice on the CBC in the last 10 years despite being found on each of the last 6 Knox County Spring Counts (though granted the spring counts cover a larger area).

- Though not a very common species in Knoxville, **Great Egret** was missed for the first time since the 1989-90 CBC. 6 Sandhill Cranes were found in Louisville, Blount County.

- American Pipit, Horned Lark and Lapland Longspur, all seen this winter at the UT Plant Science Farm, could not be found.

- Warblers made a good showing with 4 species including an Orange-crowned Warbler for the 4th time in 6 years and the aforementioned record-setting number of Palm Warblers.

- Winter finches and such were represented by 13 Purple Finches and 2 Pine Siskins which showed up with a flock of American Goldfinches at one of our feederwatcher's home. No Red-breasted Nuthatches were reported.

- Blackbirds continue to disappoint with no Common Grackles being reported and Red-winged Blackbird only being found as a count-week species.

I have chosen to omit the American Woodcock previously reported due to questions which have arisen regarding the identification.

Full details follow.

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### 104th Knoxville CBC • 3 January 2004

**Species:** 85 + 5 CW

**Individuals:** 18,644

**Observers:** 49 (see list below)

**Parties:** 25 (includes 7 feederwatching parties)

**Party Hours:** 76.25 hrs by foot, 38.00 hrs by car, 1.25 hrs by non-motorized boat, 115.45 hrs TOTAL (not including owling and feederwatching)

6.25 hrs owling, 23.00 hrs feederwatching

**Party Miles:** 58.5 miles by foot, 444.5 miles by car, 1.5 miles by non-motorized boat, 504.5 miles TOTAL (not including owling), 41.5 miles owling

**Coverage Times:** 00:00 - 00:30, 03:30 - 17:45

**Low:** 59F, **High:** 70F **Winds:** 10-20mph, gusty

**Weather:** AM - trace of rain, overcast, PM - mostly cloudy

**Species:** Greater White-fronted Goose CW, Snow Goose 2: 1 white morph, 1 blue morph, Canada Goose 772, Mute Swan 1 (origin?), Wood Duck 7, Gadwall 25, American Black Duck 2, Mallard 253, Northern Shoveler 10, Ring-necked Duck 45, Hooded Merganser 27, Wild Turkey CW, Pied-billed Grebe 22,

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Horned Grebe 5, Double-crested Cormorant 19, Great Blue Heron 149, Cattle Egret 1, Black-crowned Night-Heron 1, Black Vulture 62, Turkey Vulture 63, Bald Eagle 1 adult, Sharp-shinned Hawk 2, Cooper's Hawk 4, Accipiter sp. 3, Red-shouldered Hawk 8, Red-tailed Hawk 30, American Kestrel 15, American Coot 64, Sandhill Crane 6, Killdeer 218, Wilson's Snipe 6, Bonaparte's Gull 373, Ring-billed Gull 2254, Rock Pigeon 396, Mourning Dove 630, Eastern Screech-Owl 1, Great Horned Owl 2, Barred Owl 1, Rufous Hummingbird 4, Belted Kingfisher 44, Red-headed Woodpecker 1, Red-bellied Woodpecker 91, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 40, Downy Woodpecker 84, Hairy Woodpecker 9, Northern Flicker 60, Pileated Woodpecker 8, Eastern Phoebe 8, Loggerhead Shrike CW, Blue Jay 182, American Crow 513, Carolina Chickadee 391, Tufted Titmouse 171, White-breasted Nuthatch 41, Brown-headed Nuthatch 5, Brown Creeper 11, Carolina Wren 267, Winter Wren 12, Golden-crowned Kinglet 28, Ruby-crowned Kinglet 36, Eastern Bluebird 307, Hermit Thrush 9, American Robin 3186, Northern Mockingbird 174, Sage Thrasher CW,

Brown Thrasher 10, European Starling 2443, Cedar Waxwing 1608, Orange-crowned Warbler 1, Yellow-rumped Warbler 564, Pine Warbler 4, Palm Warbler 30, Eastern Towhee 118, Chipping Sparrow 3, Field Sparrow 164, Savannah Sparrow 42, Fox Sparrow 1, Song Sparrow 389, Swamp Sparrow 86, White-throated Sparrow 649, White-crowned Sparrow 26, Dark-eyed Junco 181, Northern Cardinal 372, Red-winged Blackbird CW, Eastern Meadowlark 65, Brown-headed Cowbird 33, Purple Finch 13, House Finch 156, Pine Siskin 2, American Goldfinch 442, House Sparrow 80

**Observers:** Jean Alexander, Lyn Bales, Peg Beute, Kathy Bevins, Frank Bills, Sharon Bostick, Mark Campen, Mary Carpenter, Ed Clebsch, Meredith Clebsch, Gail Clendenen, Steve Clendenen, Marcia Davis, Amber Edwards, Dean Edwards (compiler), Barbara Finney, Chris Foelli, Reid Gerhardt, Jim Giocomo, Carole Gobert, Paul Hartigan, Madeleine Hassil, Ron Hoff, Tom Howe, David H. Howell, Harold Howell, Susan Hoyle, Jim Human, Wes James, David Johnson, Kristine Johnson, Dan Kim, Tony King, Ed Manous, Janet McKnight, Dollyann Myers, Chuck Nicholson, Vince Pantalone, Joseph Pyle, Boyd Sharp, Bob Steffy, Jean Stierberger, Carolyn Susano, Charles Susano, Allan Trently, David Trently, June Welch, Chris Welsh, Corwin Witt

## 2003 Cades Cove Christmas Bird Count - Susan Hoyle, compiler

**Date:** 28 December 2003

**Species:** 61

**Individuals:** 1799

**Weather:** Clear in the morning; partly cloudy in the afternoon with wind from SW 15 mph

**Temperature:** 23-58° F

**Observers:** 21 in 8 parties (See list at end of report)

**Coverage time:** 07:50 -17:40

**Hours Walked:** 32, **Hours Driving:** 13.5

**Miles Walked:** 31, **Miles Driving:** 81

**Hours Owling:** .5, **Miles Owling:** 2

**Comments:** High counts for Red-bellied Woodpecker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker and Pileated Woodpecker, but numbers were generally low particularly for sparrow species.

**Species:** Pied-billed Grebe 3, Great Blue Heron 3, Black Vulture 8, Turkey Vulture 60, Canada Goose 57, Mallard 16, Ring-Necked Duck 22, Bufflehead 22, Northern Harrier 2, Sharp-shinned Hawk 2, Red-shouldered Hawk 3, Red-tailed Hawk 3, American Kestrel 1, Ruffed Grouse 9, Wild Turkey 8, American Coot 6, Killdeer 2, Mourning Dove 35, Belted Kingfisher 6, Red-bellied Woodpecker 19,

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 17, Downy Woodpecker 36, Hairy Woodpecker 5, Northern Flicker 7, Pileated Woodpecker 55, Eastern Phoebe 12, Blue Jay 22, Common Crow 140, Common Raven 1, Carolina Chickadee 145, Tufted Titmouse 41, Red-breasted Nuthatch 3, White-breasted Nuthatch 33, Brown Creeper 3, Carolina Wren 36, Winter Wren 12, Golden-crowned Kinglet 64, Ruby-crowned Kinglet 19, Eastern Bluebird 44, Hermit Thrush 3, American Robin 219, Northern Mockingbird 1, Brown Thrasher 1, European Starling 29, Cedar Waxwing 63, Yellow-rumped Warbler 11, Eastern Towhee 2, Chipping Sparrow 2, Field Sparrow 1, Savannah Sparrow 6, Song Sparrow 53, Swamp Sparrow 10, White-throated Sparrow 39, Dark-eyed Junco 56, Northern Cardinal 31, Eastern Meadowlark 30, Purple Finch 8, House Finch 38, Red Crossbill 2, Pine Siskin 87, American Goldfinch 125

**Observers:** Mark Armstrong, Jean Alexander, Lyn Bales, Deedee Blaine, Paul Hartigan, Madeleine Hassil, Susan Hoyle (compiler-P.O. Box 11752, Knoxville, TN 37939), Jim Human, Evan James, David Johnson, Kris Johnson, Carol Lammers, Dan Mooney, Laurie Mooney, Jamie Matzko, Michael Matzko, Martha Rudolph, David Trently, Craig Watson, Keith Watson, June Welch

## 2003 Great Smoky Mountains National Park Christmas Bird Count - David Trently, compiler

**Date:** 20 December 2003

**Species:** 64

**Individuals:** 3420

**Observers:** 21 in 10 parties (see list later in report)

**Party Hours and Distance:**

**By Foot:** 53 hours, 51 miles

**By Car:** 14.25 hours, 201.2 miles

**Total Party:** 67.25 hours, 252.2 miles

**Weather:** clear, **Temperature:** 2 to 45° F

**Wind Direction:** calm, **Snow Depth:** 0 to 10 inches

**Still Water:** partly frozen **Moving Water:** open water

**Species:** Great Blue Heron 2, Turkey Vulture 9, Mallard 126 HC, Hooded Merganser 2, Sharp-shinned Hawk 3, Cooper's Hawk 2, Red-shouldered Hawk 1, Red-tailed Hawk 11, American Kestrel 6, Ruffed Grouse 2, Wild Turkey 31 HC (ties 2001), Killdeer 13, Wilson's Snipe 2, Rock Pigeon 218, Mourning Dove 136, Barred Owl 1, Belted Kingfisher 6, Red-bellied Woodpecker 19 HC (ties 1970), Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 31 HC, Downy Woodpecker 25, Hairy Woodpecker 11, Northern Flicker 12, Pileated Woodpecker 35, Eastern Phoebe 10, Blue Jay 55, American Crow 154, Common Raven 6, Carolina Chickadee 211, Black-capped Chickadee 5, Tufted Titmouse 112, White-breasted Nuthatch 51, Brown Creeper 3, Carolina Wren 76, Winter Wren 10, Golden-crowned Kinglet 47, Ruby-crowned Kinglet 33, Eastern Bluebird 41, Hermit Thrush 18, American Robin 187, Northern Mockingbird 27, Brown Thrasher 1, European Starling 214, Cedar Waxwing 30, Yellow-rumped Warbler 31, Pine Warbler 2, Eastern Towhee 17, Field Sparrow 25, Fox Sparrow 1, Song Sparrow 134, Swamp Sparrow 16, White-throated Sparrow 141, Dark-eyed Junco 401, Northern Cardinal 165, Red-winged Blackbird 4,

Eastern Meadowlark 22, Rusty Blackbird 4 US, Brewer's Blackbird 2 US, Brown-headed Cowbird 2, Purple Finch 8, House Finch 34, Red Crossbill 8, Pine Siskin 101, American Goldfinch 258, House Sparrow 49

**Observers:** Warren Bielenberg, Cathleen Cook, Jim Giocomo, Ginger Goolsby, Jerry Hadder, Tony Headrick, Jessica Honiker, Harold Howell, Susan Hoyle, Kristine Johnson, Dan Kim, Tony King, Dan Mooney, Laurie Mooney, Jimi Moore, Nell Moore, Chuck Nicholson, Marie Oakes, Allan Trently, David Trently, Keith Watson

CW = Reported count week;

US = Flagged as an unusual species;

HC = Flagged as an unusually high count.

LC = Flagged as an unusually low count.

**Comments:** Brewer's Blackbird, discovered by Nell Moore, was number 122 all time for the Smokies CBC. The following is a list of Smokies CBC rarities with the number of years they've been counted in parentheses: Common Loon (1), Snow Goose (2), Gadwall (1), Northern Pintail (2), Green-winged Teal (2), Redhead (3), Bald Eagle (3), Golden Eagle (1), Merlin (1 count week), Chukar (1, in 1941), Black Rail (1, 1989, questioned by the compiler), Red Phalarope (1), Great Crested Flycatcher (1), Blue-headed Vireo (2), Bewick's Wren (13 times in the 50's and 60's), Marsh Wren (1), Sedge Wren (1), Orange-crowned Warbler (1), Louisiana Waterthrush (1), American Tree Sparrow (2), Henslow's Sparrow (1), Snow Bunting (1), Rose-breasted Grosbeak (1), Brewer's Blackbird (1), White-winged Crossbill (3), Common Redpoll (1)

Also, Red-breasted Nuthatch has been missed only three times—including this year—since the count apparently started in 1937.

 MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## KTOS Conservation Committee Update - By Mark Campen

In November 2003, the KTOS Conservation Committee was re-established under current chapter president Charlie Muise. Members include Harold Howell, Allen and David Trently, Jim Giocomo and myself, Mark Campen. The mission of the committee is three-fold: 1) Investigate issues of concern affecting birds and their habitats, primarily in East Tennessee; 2) Inform the club through announcements at meetings and articles in *through the biKNOXulars*; 3) Write letters, which will be reviewed and signed by chapter president, to officials who have influence and make decisions about such issues of concern. This is

an open process and all chapter members are welcome and encouraged to comment on anything the committee is involved with.

**Sharp's Ridge Clean Up** March 13, 9 a.m. to noon, is the date that has been set to clean up Sharp's Ridge. Any volunteers who would like to help, please join us. There will be bags and gloves provided, but bring your binoculars, there will undoubtedly be some birding going on. I will try to have some refreshments provided that morning. If anyone would like to volunteer and bring something, please call me at (865) 406-6377



**Our warm wishes** Go out to KTOS members James and Bettie Mason who were involved in a traffic accident on New Years Day in Indiana. Both suffered injuries, principally broken bones. The good news is that both are slowly recovering and returning to their normal routines. Many of you remember that Bettie served as editor of this newsletter from 1983 until 1995. Both were actively involved in the club and newsletter. Their newsletter days or not behind them however. They're currently producing a newsletter for the American Guild of Organist. Our best wishes go out to the Masons. We all hope they make a complete recovery.



Surrounding Don Vowell in the photo is proud mother Mary Alice holding José and mother-in-law Sue Tabor.

**Congratulations** To club secretary Don Vowell and his wife Mary Alice who recently adopted a son named José, a one year old from Guatemala. José isn't quite talking yet but he seems to understand both English and Spanish.

**FOR SALE:** 1 - Kowa 77mm spotting telescope, TSN-4 (straight eyepiece) with fluorite lenses and a 20x-60x eyepiece plus a wide angle eyepiece, a cordura weather cover and tripod adapter plate. Excellent condition. New price is approximately \$1300. Our price is \$700.

Contact Ron Hoff or Dollyann Myers at (865) 435-4547 or dollyron@esper.com

**Run, walk, stroll for clean air** Put on your running shoes, walking boots or most comfortable footwear and get ready for the inaugural 5K race for clean air hosted by The East Tennessee Clean Fuels Coalition and the Regional Clean Air Coalition. The race will be held in Knoxville along Cherokee Boulevard on Saturday, April 10, 2004.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the race begins at 9:00 a.m. Entry fee is \$12 before the race and \$15 the day of the race. There will be awards, food and free t-shirts (free if you register before Friday, April 9).

All kinds of alternative-fuel vehicles will be on display for the event and you can learn about how you can make a difference. This is one more opportunity for each of us to help raise awareness of air quality issues in East Tennessee and more importantly within the Park and gateway communities.

The committee is still working hard on the details. If you are interested in coordinating a team, contact Teresa Cantrell at 436-1241.

**Memorial Policy Change** In the next Bird Club meeting, a motion will be made (1) to end the blanket policy of placing a memorial book in a public library in memory of deceased members, and (2) to personalize Club remembrances of deceased members by authorizing memorials on a case by case basis, as decided by the general membership. The motion will be presented because the current practice is not believed to be an effective way to honor the memories of deceased members, in a manner consistent with Bird Club goals to promote the welfare and conservation of birds in Tennessee.

## KTOS Financial Report • March 2004

Compiled by Marie Oakes, Financial Committee

|                           | February      | January       | YTD           |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Income:</b>            |               |               |               |
| . Dues                    | \$430.00      | \$568.00      | \$568.00      |
| . Mugs                    | \$0.00        | \$0.00        | \$0.00        |
| . Interest                | \$0.00        | \$41.04       | \$41.04       |
| . Dividend                | \$0.00        | \$26.38       | \$26.38       |
| . Owen Memorial           | \$0.00        | \$4.00        | \$4.00        |
| . Fuller Memorial         | <u>\$0.00</u> | <u>\$0.00</u> | <u>\$0.00</u> |
| Total Income              | \$430.00      | \$639.42      | \$639.42      |
| <b>Expenses:</b>          |               |               |               |
| . Newsletter              | \$116.00      | \$0.00        | \$0.00        |
| . Supplies                | \$38.50       | \$0.00        | \$0.00        |
| . Member Dues to TOS      | \$440.00      | \$678.00      | \$678.00      |
| Total Expenses            | \$594.50      | \$678.00      | \$678.00      |
| <b>Other:</b>             |               |               |               |
| . Foothills Conservancy   | \$0.00        | \$0.00        | \$0.00        |
| . Friends of UT Gardens   | \$0.00        | \$0.00        | \$0.00        |
| . Fuller Memorial         | \$0.00        | \$0.00        | \$0.00        |
| . Owen Award : J. Powers  | \$0.00        | \$500.00      | \$500.00      |
| . Memorial Books          | <u>\$0.00</u> | <u>\$0.00</u> | <u>\$0.00</u> |
| Total Other               | \$0.00        | \$500.00      | \$500.00      |
| <b>Account Balances</b>   |               |               |               |
| . KTOS Checking & Savings | \$4,885.67    | \$5,050.17    |               |
| . J.B.Owen Memorial       | \$5,222.98    | \$5,222.98    |               |
| <b>Memberships</b>        | 167           | 175           |               |



## Presidential Perch

- By Charlie Muise

Hello KTOSers!

The motion to elect a KTOS Executive Committee passed unanimously at the February meeting. As always, planning meetings will continue to be open to all membership and members may send me agenda items.

I am delighted to report that Holly Overton's daughter Nancy Weigel, recently contacted me. She has many pictures her mom took of birds and bird trips, which Nancy would like to donate to KTOS. She expects to take a month or more to sort things out, but, I have invited her to come to a meeting once she is done so we can officially accept them and thank her in person. Watch here for an announcement.

Thanks to Mark Campen for getting the Purple Martin box moved from UT to Seven Islands. KTOS placed the box on campus several years ago in hopes of attracting a colony. Since Martins never adopted it as a home, we decided to move it. Hopefully we'll have more success at this location.

Jim Giocomo has been banding birds at Seven Islands. I attended last Friday. Over 20 sparrows were caught, banded and released unharmed.

Jim has been nice enough to invite club members to

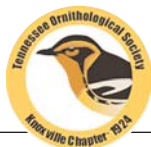
the banding sessions. Because weather and several schedules are involved in planning, there is usually short notice, which is announced on the TN-Birds listserv.

If you have any information that should be published in *The Migrant*, please send it to me right away. The deadline to get it to Teresa is February 29.

Don't forget to book a room for the Spring meeting, being hosted by the Chattanooga chapter of TOS. You don't want to miss Scott Weidensaul, the keynote speaker. Information can be found on the TOS web page.

The next time you see Harold Howell, tell him what you think of the field trip offerings he has been able to organize. I think he's been doing a fantastic job!

The third round of public meetings regarding a proposed new road through the wilderness of Great Smoky Mountains National Park is fast approaching. This road would cost the government (which is running at historic deficit) tens of millions of dollars and cut through the biggest chunk of wilderness east of the Mississippi. With air pollution being one of the biggest challenges facing the park, adding more cars won't be beneficial. For more information go to the official (not biased, like I am) web page: [www.NorthShoreRoad.info/comments.htm](http://www.NorthShoreRoad.info/comments.htm)



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