



Please join us on **Wednesday, March 7, 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. Stay afterwards to socialize and have refreshments. Please note: Outside doors at CVM lock early. If you arrive after 7:00, you may have to call, text or email someone inside at the meeting to open the doors.

This month's topic is "Joy of Bird Feeding" by Liz Cutrone and Tiffany Hamlin.

Backyard bird feeding is a relaxing, joyous hobby. When done the correct way with the right foods, the right feeders, the right placement, and a little patience, you can fully experience the joy that feeding birds can bring! Join Liz and Tiffany for "The Joy of Bird Feeding" presentation and learn the 5 steps to mastering bird feeding and experience all the joys of backyard bird feeding!

Liz is originally from Cleveland OH. Her husband, Tony's, job eventually took them to FL where Liz worked at the Wild Birds Unlimited in Gainesville FL for about 3 and 1/2 years until she and Tony moved to East TN in October 2013 to be closer to her family. Liz bought and reopened Wild Birds Unlimited of Knoxville in mid 2014.

Tiffany moved to East Tennessee in 2000 when she started her 15 year law enforcement career with the Oak Ridge Police Department. She went to the Knoxville Police Department in 2007 as a Crime Scene Investigator. She started working for Liz on her days off a few days a week when the store opened in 2014 and came on full time at Wild Birds Unlimited in mid 2015.

Both Liz and Tiffany are long-time avid bird feeders in their own yards. After years of trial and error, paying attention to the birds (migratory and resident) in their area, and finding out what works best in their individual yards, they have mastered backyard bird feeding.



Chuck Nicholson announced he needed to step down from doing the Breeding Survey which happens in late May or early June. He is looking for a volunteer(s) to take over the census. The volunteer must be able to identify all locally-common birds by sight and song which would be here in late spring. He would like to find someone to do the census for a series of years to maintain consistency of data. Chuck will train the new volunteer. Breeding survey is a valuable source of long-term data on locally occurring birds.

The University of TN Gardens is looking for Volunteers to lead birding walks, crafts, and staff education tables. This event is called Wild Bird Eggstravaganza and is held on Saturday, March 24 from 10am to 2pm. Please contact Holly Jones at hjones3@utk.edu for more information or to volunteer.



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

- Calendar (Fieldtrip Info)
- Newsletters
- Membership Information
- Contact Us
- FaceBook
- Photo Share
- Resources



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 knoxtnbirds@gmail.com. Please remember to put "Membership" in the subject line. **Due Levels: Individual|\$26, Family|\$30, Sustaining|\$38, School Age|\$13, or TOS life membership|\$450 with \$8 annual Chapter Fee.**

JOIN OR RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP
TODAY!



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 knoxtnbirds@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.

Shade grown coffee is a great product and environmental friendly for our beloved feathered friends.

To order shade-grown coffee, email David Johnson and Jean Alexander at jjadmj@yahoo.com. Your order must be turned in Thursday night before for meeting each month. David and Jean bring orders to the monthly meetings.

Thank you, David and Jean for your continued service!

<p>Sun-Grown Coffee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Grows faster ✗ Requires more water, fertilizer and pesticides ✗ Supports less biodiversity ✗ Degrades ecosystems 	<p>Shade-Grown Coffee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Grows slower ✓ Requires less water, fertilizer and pesticides ✓ Supports greater biodiversity ✓ Sustains healthy ecosystems ✓ Allows farmers economic diversification ✓ Tastes better
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Intervention

As social scientists we are observing and recording human behavior. As concerned birders, however, we see a special and additional responsibility for ourselves and our fellow enthusiasts. As we see more of our rural land converted to urban and other developed uses, it is crucial to think about the bird habitat being lost. We all need to work on mediating the effects of this trend. Encouraging people to bird is certainly one way to help. With participation—and thus appreciation—for the ecological role and the sheer beauty and mystique of birds, come increased awareness of what is happening to their habitats. Here are a couple of examples of segments of our society to whom we could reach out, those who might not otherwise think of birding as an activity of choice:

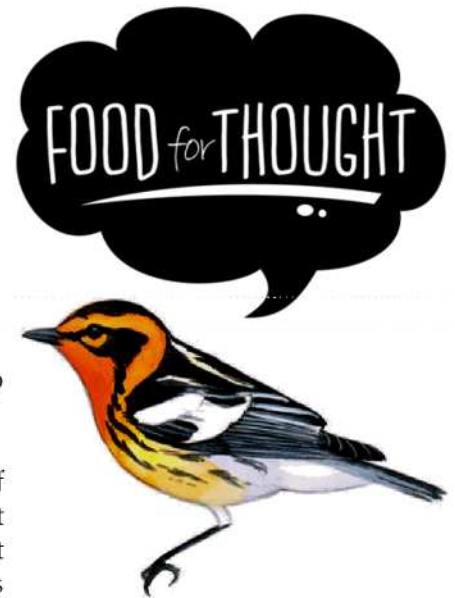
- Young people: Experienced birders should look for opportunities to share the world of birding with a young friend. An investment of time in introducing young people to birds and the natural world around them is an investment in the future of our precious natural resources. (ABA has several programs for young birders. Participate and contribute!)
- Family birding: We know that a lower percentage of active birders are between 25 and 39 years old. This is the child-rearing age-group. Facilitating opportunities for "family birding" could do wonders for opening up this arena.
- People with disabilities: When hosting birding field trips, running festivals, or managing natural areas, be sure that these are inclusive, at locations with facilities and topographies that encourage participation by older birders or those with disabilities.

In addition to reaching out to others, we birders can and should take action to improve bird habitats, to conserve unique natural areas, and to provide funding to help maintain these areas.

- Birders do not have to purchase a license to bird, thus there is no automatic pool of funds for bird management and habitat conservation. But, there are other ways that contributions can be made toward the protection and maintenance of important natural areas in your region: direct contributions to private organizations purchasing or managing natural areas, contributing to your state's non-game wildlife fund, joining a "friends" organization associated with one of your favorite birding areas, and encouraging conservation easement programs. Don't forget to buy your Duck Stamp.
- Become aware of pending legislation at the local, state, and federal levels that affect funding for bird habitat conservation and management. Make your voice heard—for the birds, for your enjoyment, and for future generations.
- Improve bird habitat in your own backyard and contribute at a very local level to the creation and conservation of bird habitats: use native vegetation, keep your cat indoors. Maintain bird boxes and feeders.
- On the other end of the spectrum, contribute to the conservation of bird habitats in countries far from home. You can do this by supporting the efforts to protect natural areas and improve the local economy through responsible ecotourism. (Recent articles in *Winging It* have had some good examples in the Yucatan, in Costa Rica, and in Belize. Also, support the Birders' Exchange program to get the birding tools to where they are needed in the Neotropics.)

In addition to recruiting new birders and taking actions on behalf of bird habitats, we as birders can also contribute by showing respect for the birds that we seek and the private property of those who provide habitat for birds. Remember, you are a role model. Follow the ABA Code of Birding Ethics.

Birders can be a very powerful force in helping to assure the future of all bird species. Increasing numbers of birders and of interest in birding should reflect more people willing and eager to be active in the stewardship of this most precious of natural resources.



Expenses	2016	2017	Income	2016	2017
Newsletter	\$176.80	\$36.00	Dues	\$4,156.00	\$1,937.00
Supplies	\$17.52	\$250.17	Shade Grown Coffee	\$1,159.00	\$984.50
Shade Grown Coffee	\$1,206.29	\$1,029.14	JB Owen Fund Donation	\$173.00	\$100.00
Member Dues to TOS	\$1976.00	\$2,219.00	Interest	\$3.31	
Room Rental - Ijams	\$0.00	\$30.00	Hummingbird Festival	\$0.00	\$3,694.35
JB Owen Award	\$750.00	\$0.00	Activity Books / Class Sponsorships	\$0.00	\$6.00
Discover Birds	\$0.00	\$0.00	Donations	\$0.00	\$150.00
Operations Migration	\$200.00	\$600.00	T-Shirt Sales	\$234.22	\$0.00
Spring TOS Meeting	\$500.00	\$1,232.40	Spring TOS Meeting	\$160.00	\$1,923.00
Website	\$0.00	\$98.00	JB Owen Book Sales	\$193.82	\$198.00
Speaker	\$275.00	\$0.00	Total Income	\$6,079.35	\$8,992.85
Chimney Swift Tower Donation	\$750.00	\$0.00	Account Balances	2016	2017
Gourds for Eagle Bend	\$0.00	\$107.00	KTOS Checking & Savings	\$16,100.19	\$19,060.07
Lynne McCoy Donation	\$0.00	\$200.00	JB Owen Memorial	\$8,545.28	\$8,895.08
TWRA	\$1,500	\$0.00		2016	2017
Total Expenses	\$7,351.61	\$5,801.71	KTOS Membership	120	116

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Report by: Morton Massey

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Please remember to put your inquiry in the subject line. Example: Membership, Discover Birds, etc...



Get Wild with a Wild Birds Unlimited Knoxville Exclusive KTOS Offer!

Liz and Tony Cutrone, owners of Wild Birds Unlimited Knoxville and KTOS members , have generously made an exclusive offer to the members of KTOS.

1. For every 20lb bag of birdseed purchased - WBU will donate 50 cents back to KTOS.
2. For every "non-bird food" item purchased - 10% discount. KTOS member can choose to take discount for themselves on the item or donate the 10% back to KTOS. They must tell us at time of purchase. Note: this offer is only for in-store purchase NOT online.

KTOS Members:

- KTOS member MUST tell us at time of purchase they are a member and be must be confirmed on the Master List.
- KTOS member MUST add on the note section of online purchases they are a KTOS MEMBER to get 50 cents donated.
- Orders must be placed the day before the monthly meeting if you need the seed to be delivered to the meeting. You must put that a KTOS staff member will deliver in the notes section.
- This offer can't be used in conjunction with any other discount coupons.

If you would like seed delivered to the KTOS meeting, please order / pay online and in the notes section reference if a KTOS staff member needs to pick it up to deliver to the meeting.

Wild Birds also offers a variety of lectures and seminars. Please check their website or the KTOS calendar for WBU events.

Jimmy & Amy's favorite things:

Sign up for the Daily Savings Club. For an annual membership fee of \$25, you'll receive 15% off regular, every day bird and wildlife food prices and an additional 5% off sale prices of birds and wildlife food (in-store). And by joining the Daily Savings Club, you'll get a \$10 Bird Buck for every \$200 dollars you spend on any merchandise in the store. These Bird Bucks add up and you can treat yourself to something special!

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