



## *Wednesday, September 1, 6PM Potluck Dinner*

We will be holding our Fall Potluck Dinner at Lakeshore Park on September 1st. This will be at a different pavilion from the one we used in May. The pavilion is next to the main baseball/softball complex which is behind the large children's playground. We hopefully will have a new sign up directing folks where to turn.

KTOS will arrange to have drinks, ice, cups, utensils and pates. So bring your fried chicken, wonderful desserts, salads and other fine fixins.

## KTOS Sponsors McClung Museum Exhibit



Morton Massey & Stephanie Mueller at opening reception

This Fall the McClung Museum is putting on a special exhibit about the drawings of Elizabeth Gould. Elizabeth was the wife of John Gould, a famous ornithologist and publisher of bird books in Australia, Great Britain and other European areas. Elizabeth did most of her husband's illustrations until she died in her mid 30s in 1841. KTOS is scheduled to hold their October meeting at the museum and tour the exhibit along with hearing a presentation by a staff member of the museum about all of the bird collection materials the museum owns.

KTOS is one of the sponsors of the exhibit. We gave \$500 from the Marsha Davis Memorial Fund to go toward helping support the efforts of the graduate student who was the primary person who did the research to make this project possible.

KTOS will also be helping with an event at the museum on Sept 4th. We will have a table with birding materials, birdhouses and bird feeders and will be answering questions about birdwatching and backyard bird feeding.

# East Tennessee Birding Group

The East Tennessee Birding Group is a collaboration between several East Tennessee bird clubs and other organizations that are related to birds or birdwatching. The group was formed a couple of months ago by KTOS. The purpose of the group is to promote bird-watching in East Tennessee by presenting monthly Zoom meetings about birds and bird-watching in East Tennessee.

The first monthly program was presented last week with Lyn Bales who did a talk on How to Identify East Tennessee Birds of Prey. We had a good turn out for our first meeting and didn't run into any glitches. The organizations participating so far are;

Knoxville, Bristol, Elizabethton and Chattanooga TOS Chapters  
Wild Birds Unlimited  
Seven Islands State Birding Park  
Tennessee Bluebird Society  
McClung Museum

The regular Zoom meeting is the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7PM. You can find a link to the monthly program on the KTOS calendar.

## Friends of Seven Islands Birdwatching Riverboat Cruise



On September 19th, the Friends of Seven Islands will hold their 2nd annual birdwatching riverboat cruise to benefit Seven Islands State Birding Park. Several KTOS members will be in attendance with binoculars, scopes and bird books. You can find more information on the Friends of Seven Islands website at [friendsofsevenislands.com](http://friendsofsevenislands.com).

# KTOS Summer Projects

Even though the summer has been pretty slow for birdwatching, KTOS has still been active with several conservation and educational projects. In June, KTOS partnered with the Knoxville Master Gardeners and put in a native plant garden at Collier Preserve. KTOS gave \$1,000 to purchase plants that came out of the Marsha Davis and J B Owen Funds for 2020. On planting day around ten KTOS members showed up to help plant shrubs and small bushes. We hope to use this project to continue to educate the public about the benefits that native plants have to birds. Doc Collier would be proud.



KTOS and Knoxville Master Gardeners planting a native garden at Collier Preserve

In connection with Collier Preserve, the Powell Garden Club contacted KTOS about purchasing three Eastern Bluebird boxes to be put out at the park. Those boxes were built and presented to the club on August 19th by Morton Massey. Morton was also the monthly speaker and gave his “Better Backyards for Birds” talk about what people can do to reduce bird deaths and improve bird habitat in their backyards.

If you are interested in being on a team to build birdhouses please let us know. We seem to be getting several requests a year to build birdhouses.





Please go to: [www.knoxbirds.org](http://www.knoxbirds.org) for all KTOS information.

- Calendar (Fieldtrip Info)
- Newsletters
- Membership Information
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Being part of a like minded community is important. Please remember to check the status of your membership. We will be happy to answer any questions. You can email him at [knoxbirds@gmail.com](mailto:knoxbirds@gmail.com). Please remember to put "Membership" in the subject line.

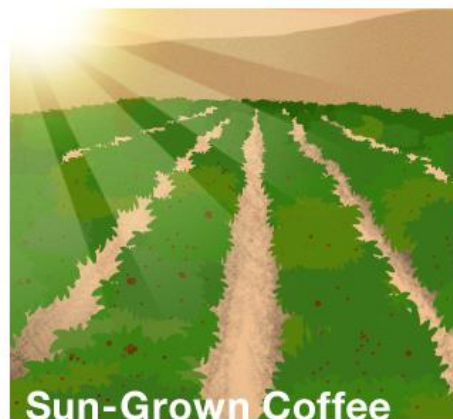


Field trips and social gatherings are a great way of getting to know one another. Fields trips can be lead by any of our members regardless of skill level. We all can learn from one another. If you have an idea or would like to lead a trip, please contact Tom Howe at [knoxbirds@gmail.com](mailto:knoxbirds@gmail.com). Please remember to put "Field Trip" in the subject line.

Always check the Calendar at [www.knoxvillebirding.org](http://www.knoxvillebirding.org) to view upcoming Field Trips, Festivals, Bird Counts and Social Gatherings.

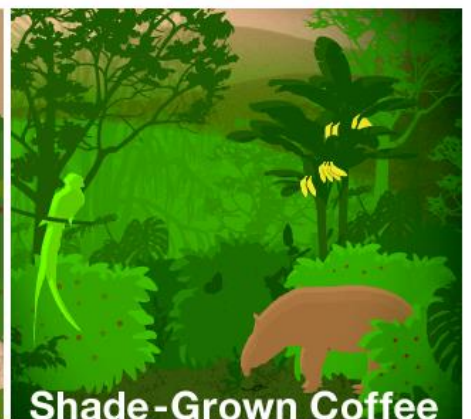
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**2021 Membership Renewals:**

Annual dues can be turned in at KTOS meetings or mailed to KTOS, 1553 Dutch Valley Rd, Clinton TN 37716. Dues levels: \$26/individual, \$30/family, \$38/sustaining, \$13 student (high school or younger), or TOS life membership for \$450 with



2021 - 2022

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## Letter from the President

As you can see below, things are going to fire up quickly and continue through October. KTOS has planned several bird walks for both members and for non members. Hopefully we will not receive as much rain as last fall and can do a couple of trips up to Rankin Bottoms in Cocke County in September to see fall migrating shorebirds.

KTOS has been actively working over the summer to create new opportunities to assist in conservation and educational programs. We have been getting many requests for speakers to talk about Better Backyards for Birds. We have also recently gotten requests from a couple of schools to lead workshops at their students.

Over the summer we have also been working with several organizations to create partnerships to promote education and conservation about birds and birdwatching. These include Seven Islands, Friends of Seven Islands, Tennessee Bluebird Society, McClung Museum, Ijams, Wild Birds Unlimited and all three other East Tennessee bird clubs.

Morton Massey

## Upcoming Events

- Aug 28 - New Members Walk at Songbird Trail
- Aug 28 - Ijams Hummingbird Festival
- Sep 1 - Fall Potluck Dinner at Lakeshore Park
- Sep 4 - McClung Museum "Birding and Beyond"
- Sep 11 - KTOS Songbird Trail Walk
- Sep 11 - New Birder Walk at Lakeshore Park
- Sep ?? - Rankin Bottoms Walks, Dependent on Lake Level
- Sep 18 - Blount County Fall Count
- Sep 18 - New Birder Walk at Seven Islands
- Sep 19 - Friends of Seven Islands Birdwatching Boat Cruise
- Sep 19 - Hawk Watch in Blount County — Tentative
- Sep 22 - Birding with Friends at Seven Islands
- Oct 3 - Knox County Fall Count
- Oct 6 - KTOS Monthly Meeting at McClung Museum



October meeting will be held at the McClung Museum on UT campus to view the Elizabeth Gould Exhibit and hear a speaker from the museum.