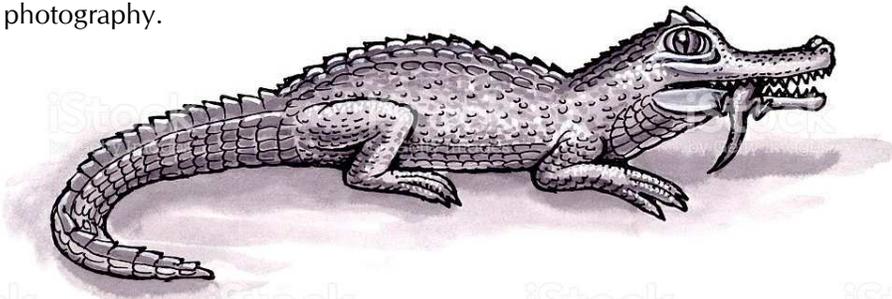




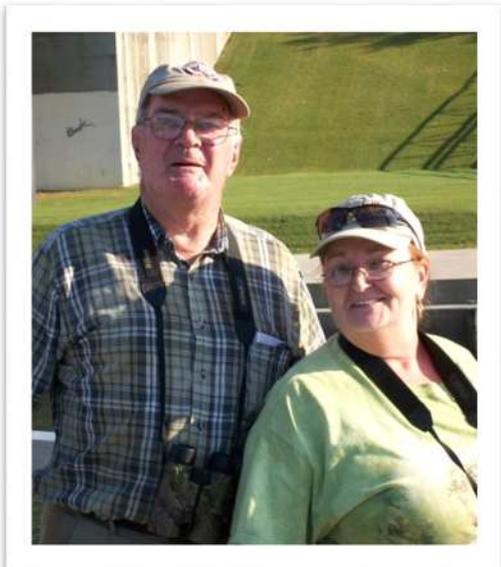
Please join us on **Wednesday, April 4, 2018** at 6:30 pm in Room 118 of the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine, located at 255 EJ Chapman Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919. Stay afterwards to socialize and have refreshments. Please note: Outside doors at CVM lock early. If you arrive after 7:00, you may have to call, text or email someone inside at the meeting to open the doors.

**This month's topic is "Birding the Pantanal in Brazil"**  
**by Michael Plaster**

Please join us on Wednesday, April 4 for a slide show by Michael Plaster of his birding adventure last September in the Pantanal of Brazil. KTOS member Gisele Schoene arranged the trip with a Brazilian guide Geiser Trivelato. The goal of the trip was seeing birds (400+ species) but anteaters, caiman, monkeys, and even some big cats showed up on a regular basis. Expect some fun photography.



**Tony King's Memorial Walk - Sunday March 25, 2019 @ 4:00pm**



A memorial walk will be held on Sunday afternoon starting at 4:00 PM at Windy Hill Farm in Loudon County. The walk will include a short hike out to the Bald Eagle's nest and back. Windy Hill Farm is a place Tony and Denise liked to visit and bird every Sunday afternoon. Following the walk, we will gather at the farm's lodge and enjoy some wine and cheese.

**Location: Windy Hill Farm**, 1180 Poplar Springs-Blair Bend Rd, Loudon, TN 37774

**Directions from Lenoir City:** Take US-321 south and cross Fort Loudon Dam. Take the first road to the right, which is Tellico Parkway, and go 3 miles. Turn right onto Poplar Ridge Rd and go .9 miles. Take a slight right onto Poplar Springs Rd and go 1.6 miles until you see directions for parking. The address of the property is 1180 Poplar Springs-Blair Bend Rd and can be found on Google Maps.

Please **RSVP** to [knoxtnbirds@gmail.com](mailto:knoxtnbirds@gmail.com) so we will have an idea of how many are coming. Also, if you are bringing food / wine please let us know.



Please go to: [www.knoxvillebirding.org](http://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 [knoxtnbirds@gmail.com](mailto: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  
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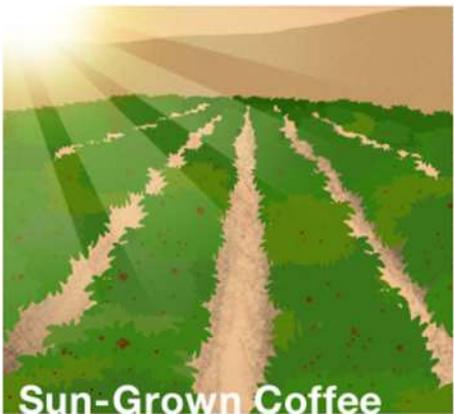
Field trips and social gatherings are a great way of getting to know one another. Fields trips can be lead by any of our members regardless of skill level. We all can learn from one another. If you have an idea or would like to lead a trip, please contact Melinda Fawver at [knoxtnbirds@gmail.com](mailto:knoxtnbirds@gmail.com). 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](http://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](mailto: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!

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## Swan Invasion of 2018

Most serious birders have been aware that the cold winter of 2018 has brought some extraordinary birding opportunities to East Tennessee. We have had plenty of scoters, long-tailed ducks, short-eared owls and rare gulls. But one of the most exciting aspects of this winter has been the invasion of swans.

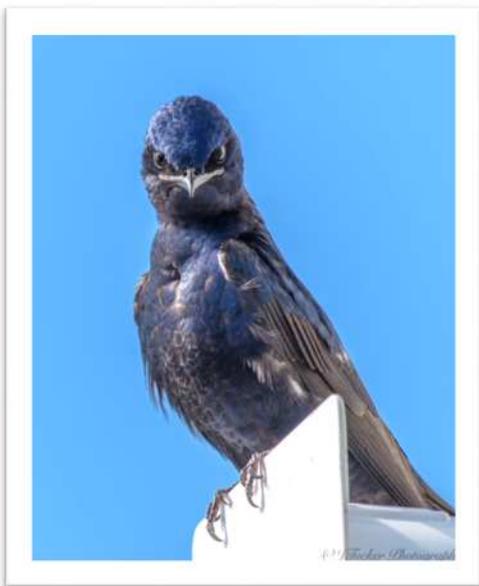
North America has three species of resident swans, Mute, Tundra and Trumpeter. All three birds are very large, twice the size of Canada Geese, are all white, and have very long graceful necks. No swans are residents in Tennessee other than a few that have been placed on lakes or ponds. In winter of most years there are but a couple of reports of Tundra and Mute swans visiting from the north. Trumpeter Swans only show up in Tennessee every few years.

In early 2018 the really cold weather started moving swans in large numbers southward. On January 4<sup>th</sup>, Chuck Estes posted on TN-Bird that 4 juvenile swans were hanging out at Melton Hill Marina near Oak Ridge. It took a day to finally figure out these were extremely rare Trumpeter Swans. The next day they were joined by 5 adult Mute Swans. The Mute Swans hung around for several weeks and a group of 5 Mute Swans were later seen feeding downstream on Melton Hill Marina in Knox County in February.



All across the state reports of swans rolled in and it continued into late February. A look in eBird shows Tundra Swans reported at 14 locations, Trumpeter Swans at 6 locations and Mute Swans at 16 locations. The Tennessee swan invasion of 2018 has been truly amazing and something we may not experience again in our lifetime. - Article: Morton Massey / Photo: Harumi Tsuruoka

## Purple Martin House Update - Eagle Bend



Hey, Chuck Estes! Is that you and Lola birding over there? Let the KTOS members know that we love our new digs! Thank you for the donation!



Photo: Jimmy Tucker



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.

Amy Tucker would like to step down from the following: Newsletter, Member Correspondence, Website and Dropbox maintenance. If anyone has an interest please let one of the KTOS Staff know. Must know Microsoft Publisher and Weebly.



At the next picnic we will have biodegradable plates, utensils, and cups. If anyone wants to volunteer to be responsible for dishes and upkeep then we can go back to reusable ones. Please email KTOS if you would like to volunteer to take over this task. As always, it is helpful for you to bring your own cups, plates and utensils to any meeting.

Please remember that Staff Nominations are coming up. If you would like to be considered for any position please let someone from the current Staff know.

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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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