



TIFFANY BEACHY TO PRESENT FEBRUARY PROGRAM ON CERULEAN WARBLERS

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She is studying Cerulean Warblers and their response to alternative timber management in the Cumberland Mountains of Tennessee.

Upcoming field trips and programs

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2008 Annual Spring Meeting in Memphis

April 25-27

The 2008 TOS Spring Meeting will be held in Memphis Friday, April 25 through Sunday, April 27. The Memphis Chapter is hosting the meeting. Registration Friday evening and the business meeting Saturday will be held at the Plantation Oaks Suites & Inn, 6656 Hwy 51N, 3 miles south of Millington.

Dinner and program Saturday evening, will be held at Meeman-Shelby State Park, 910 Riddick Road, Millington. This is approximately 15 miles from the motel.

For additional information, contact Dick Preston:
dickpreston@bigriver.net.

Lodging:

A block of rooms at the Plantation Oaks Inn is being held for TOS. Rate is \$69.95 per night. Reservations may be made toll free: 888-422-1459; Fax: (901) 872-1000; e-mail: plantation@bigriver.net. Website: www.admiraltyinns.com.

OPEN SEASON ON SANDHILLS??

Many of you may have been expecting the issue of hunting Sandhill Cranes in Tennessee to come up sooner or later.

Read Bob Hodge's column in the January 27 *Knoxville News Sentinel* suggesting that hunters propose Sandhill Crane hunting in Tennessee to TWRA.

Find the article by copying the following address into your browser:
<http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2008/jan/27/lets-hunt-ribeye-in-the-sky/>

"Use the talents you possess - for the woods would be a very silent place if no birds sang except for the best."

Henry Van Dyke



Presidential Perch - By Mark Campen

Mark is in South Carolina looking for the elusive Ivory-billed Woodpecker.

The Perch will return next month.

American Birding Association

Are you familiar with the American Birding Association (ABA)? This is a group created for birders, originally for those who like to keep lists of the birds they identify around the country. While that is still a part of it, there is so much more, as you will see if you check out their website: <http://www.americanbirding.org/>

The thing that first got me interested in ABA was their book store. You can find books to help with birding in every state and most countries of the world.

As a member, you receive *Birding*, their bimonthly magazine. This has articles that can sometimes be on the technical side, but also very readable stories about birds and birding, reviews of books, optics, and a challenging bird quiz.

You will also receive the newsletter, *Winging It*, which includes information about current sightings of rare birds, plus birding site descriptions and more.

On their website is a monthly bird quiz. This is a good way for you to improve your ability to identify birds in the field.

For those who like to keep lists of their sightings, once a year you can submit your lists of birds found in each state, plus other regions. This will help you keep track of how many new birds you find each year.

The ABA offers a lot more than just this. Go to their website and see if it is right for you

David Trently
Avian Pursuits Nature Tours

J.B. OWEN MEMORIAL AWARD for Welfare and Conservation of Birds in Tennessee

The J.B. Owen Memorial Endowment honors the memory of J.B. Owen, longtime Tennessee Ornithological Society (TOS) member who was widely known through his popular columns in Knoxville newspapers. The Endowment provides funds for the annual J.B. Owen Award, with expected value of \$250 to \$500 per year.

The J.B. Owen Award is open to anyone with a project that promotes the welfare and conservation of birds in Tennessee. Applicants are encouraged to submit:

- Cover letter with short project description and applicant contact information
- Resume
- Project proposal, of up to three pages, showing topic of the project, problem to be addressed, objectives, expected results and significance, deliverables (for example, written report, journal article, presentation), project location, and project schedule.

Each year, applications are due by May 1 and should be sent by e-mail to jjadmj@infionline.net or mailed to Jean J. Alexander, 3908 Riverview Drive, Maryville, Tennessee 37804. The J.B. Owen Endowment Committee of the Knoxville Chapter of TOS will evaluate applications and will typically announce the Award winner the following September.

Some Previous Owen Award winners are:

- 2003: Jennifer Powers, of East Tennessee State University, for support of graduate research on the reproductive success and natal dispersal of American Kestrels;
- 2004: Samuel deMent of Greenwood, SC, David Vogt of Chattanooga, and Keith Hobson of Saskatoon, SK Canada for support of the project on *Stable-isotope feather analysis and foreign band encounter comparisons of wintering American Kestrels in similar habitats west and east of the Southern Appalachians*.
- 2005: Ijams Nature Center of Knoxville, Tennessee, for support of educational outreach programs.
- 2006: Jim Giocomo of Knoxville, for support of his project on *Northern Saw-whet Owl Monitoring in Knox County, Tennessee*; and Mark Armstrong of Knoxville, for support of *The MAPS (Monitoring Avian Productivity Station) at Seven Islands Wildlife Refuge*.
- 2007: J. Keith Watson of Sevierville for his project *Breeding Bird Survey of Soak Ash and Cattail Wetland Habitats in Great Smoky Mountains National Park*.

KTOS Financial Report - Calendar Year 2007 Annual Report

	<i>Dec.</i>	<i>Nov.</i>	<i>YTD</i>
Income			
- Dues	\$1,162.000	\$304.00	\$3,874.00
- Shade grown coffee	\$130.00	\$263.00	\$1,208.00
- Interest	\$29.13	\$25.95	\$327.33
- Silent Auction	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
- Owen Memorial	\$124.00	\$12.00	\$485.00
- Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Income	\$1,445.13	\$604.95	\$5,894.33

Expenses:

- Newsletter	\$32.20	\$56.64	\$747.40
- Supplies	\$40.11	\$0.00	\$113.18
- Shade Grown Coffee	\$133.96	\$144.79	\$1,138.7*
- Member Dues to TOS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,049.00
- Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$210.20
Total Expenses	\$206.27	\$201.43	\$5,258.57

Other:

J. B. Owen Award	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Inst. for Bird Popula- tions	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Total Other	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$800.00

Account Balances

KTOS Checking & Savings	\$4,723.95	\$3,636.11	
J. B. Owen Memorial	\$7,301.89	\$7,126.10	
Memberships	155	148	

Note: Financial report includes corrections to prior reports

Paid 2008 Memberships 59 18

New Members

Linda Fippin
Angela Hoffman
Mary Laura Koella
James & Bettie Mason
Seth McConchie
Bob & Sherry Mistak
Elizabeth Reid
Daniel & Ginnie Wooley

Compiled by Marie Oakes, Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Don't forget your 2008 annual membership dues are now due and payable.

Please see Marie or mail them to:

Marie Oakes
18 Rockingham Lane
Oak Ridge, TN 37830

KTOS Financial Report - Calendar Year 2008

	<i>Jan</i>		<i>YTD</i>
Income			
- Dues	\$180.00		\$180.00
- Shade grown coffee	\$64.00		\$64.00
- Interest	\$0.00		\$0.00
- Silent Auction	\$0.00		\$0.00
- Owen Memorial	\$0.00		\$0.00
- Miscellaneous	\$0.00		\$0.00
Total Income	\$244.00	\$0.00	\$244.00

Expenses:

- Newsletter	\$0.00		\$0.00
- Supplies	\$0.00		\$0.00
- Shade Grown Coffee	\$66.84		\$66.84
- Member Dues to TOS	\$1,276.00		\$1,276.00
- Miscellaneous	\$0.000		\$0.000
Total Expenses	\$1,342.84	\$0.00	\$1,342.84

Other:

J. B. Owen Award	\$0.00		\$0.00
Total Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Account Balances

KTOS Checking & Savings	\$3,625.11	\$4,723.95	
J. B. Owen Memorial	\$7,301.89	\$7,301.89	
Memberships	155	155	
Paid 2008 Memberships	65	59	

New Members

None

Compiled by Marie Oakes, Treasurer

DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR SHADE-GROWN COFFEE

If you miss the Coffee List during the meeting, be sure a contact David Johnson afterwards to put your order in for delivery in March.

KTOS MEMBERSHIP

Join or renew your membership in KTOS by mailing your annual dues to: Marie Oakes
18 Rockingham Lane
Oak Ridge, TN 37830
Membership dues are \$26 for an individual, \$30 for a family, and \$13 for a student. Sustaining memberships are \$38 and Life membership with TOS is \$450 with an annual fee of \$8 to the local Chapter.

DEADLINE for March issue is February 23.

Due to cost and space restrictions, please limit your article to 700 words. For a color version of this newsletter or for past issues, go to the TOS home page, <http://www.tnbirds.org> and click on "local chapters/Knoxville"



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NEED BIRDSEED FOR YOUR FLOCK?

For those of you who don't know, Knoxville has a great local "wild bird store." Wild Birds Unlimited is located in the Gallery Shopping Center at 7240 Kingston Pike (just east of West Town Mall) next to Silver Spoons Restaurant.

The original owner retired in September and the store is now under the new ownership and management of Nancy Harless and Kathy Getsey. Two of our KTOS members, Billie Cantwell and Patty Ford, are part-time employees there, along with Peggy Burkman and Tom Barr. If you've never visited a Wild Birds Unlimited store, it is a truly amazing place! Staffed by birders (and cat lovers; ask Rusty the recently rescued "store cat"), it's a friendly place to buy backyard bird supplies and feed, as well as unique nature gifts!

Visit www.wbu.org to browse the wonderful products available. Billie & Patty hope to see you in sometime soon! Support your local "bird store"! - Patty Ford

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