



# biKNOXulars

Knoxville Chapter of the Tennessee Ornithological Society

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*June 1st Program will be  
Our Potluck Picnic at Ijams Nature Center*

On Wednesday evening, June 1, KTOS will meet for its annual Potluck Picnic at Ijams Nature Center at 6:30 p.m. Please bring a covered dish (with serving utensil) to share with the group. This meeting is always a favorite - a time to meet and greet both old and new friends.

There will even be some time for informal birding around the Nature Center.

David and Jean will be attending the picnic and will bring divided plates, drink cups, and silverware owned by the Club. They will also bring plastic knives, forks and spoons to supplement. All items have been washed in Jean's dishwasher and stored in sanitary bags between picnics. They will also bring the cloth napkins they have donated to the club.

If you have extra cloth napkins that you would like to donate or extra spoons or forks, please bring them to the meeting and give them to Jean.

There are enough plates and drink cups for all. Members won't need to bring them unless they would prefer to use their own.

So, think "Green" and be a good environmental steward!!

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## 2011 OFFICERS

The following individuals were elected at the May meeting for local and state offices for the year 2011:

President - Billie Cantwell  
Vice President - Patty Ford  
Treasurer - Carole Gobert  
Secretary - Melinda Favwer

Mark Armstrong and Chris Welsh are the new state directors.

New officers will be installed at the June meeting.

In addition, Angela Hoffman has volunteered to be the new editor, of the biKNOXulars newsletter and Robin Barrow will be the new distribution editor.

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*There is nothing in which the birds differ more from man than the way in which they can build and yet leave a landscape as it was before.*

Robert Lynd, *The Blue Lion and Other Essays*

## KTOS FINANCIAL REPORT - CALENDAR YEAR 2011

	May	April	YTD
Income:			
. Dues	\$ 68.00	\$ 190.00	\$ 1,280.00
. Shade Grown Coffee	202.75	93.00	539.75
. Interest	12.36	13.09	62.92
. Owen Memorial	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>14.00</u>
 Total Income	 \$ 283.11	 \$ 296.09	 \$ 1,896.67
Expenses:			
. Newsletter	\$ 54.63	\$ 139.89	\$ 405.57
. Supplies	9.79	0.00	81.58
. Shade Grown Coffee	169.09	174.99	650.00
. Member Dues to TOS	<u>160.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,054.00</u>
 Total Expenses	 \$ 393.51	 \$ 314.88	 \$ 3,191.15

### Account Balances

. KTOS Checking & Savings	\$ 2,648.12	\$ 2,770.71
. J.B.Owen Memorial	\$ 8,636.66	\$ 8,624.47

Memberships	104	101
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### New Members:

Kevin & Jennie Burke  
Richard, Keene, Gar & Spain Secrist

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## BIRDING at IJAMS

Ijams needs your skills and knowledge. Ijams Nature Center will continue its Bioblitz of the Ross Marble Natural Area on June 10 and 11. Put your birding skills and knowledge to good use and help identify the birds in this recently opened site. Emily and Than Boves are planning to lead an owl hike the evening of Friday, June 10 around 8:30 pm.

In addition, although the details are not yet available at press time for our newsletter, Emily and Than are likely to continue their inventory of the birds in the area early on the morning to June 11. Possible times for the June 11 birding are 5:30 or 8:30 a.m. Check the Ijams website for exact times, meeting location, and any registration requirements. We will post any additional information on the KTOS Facebook page and KTOS listserve as it becomes available.



## FIELD TRIPS FOR JUNE

Saturday, June 25, 7 a.m.

Leaders: Ron Hoff and Dollyann Myers

([aves7000@bellsouth.net](mailto:aves7000@bellsouth.net); 865-435-4547)

This trip to Newfound Gap and Clingman's Dome will last most of the day, probably returning to the parking lot at UT around 2-3 p.m. We will meet at the first Ag. Campus parking lot on the left as you turn into the Ag. campus at 7 a.m. (Vet School parking lot, where we have our monthly meetings). We will carpool from there. We will probably stop at a fast food restaurant on the way for a take-out breakfast.

When we get to the mountains, we will first stop at the Sugarlands Visitor Center for some birding and bathrooms. Then we will head for the Newfound Gap area for a while before continuing the way up to Clingman's Dome. We will try a couple of side trails for some of the higher elevation species on the way up.

Bring some food and drinks for lunch. We'll have lunch at the top and then start heading home.

## Banding at Seven Islands

Mark Armstrong and colleagues will continue MAPS at Seven Islands Wildlife Preserve on June 5, June 12, June 26, July 3, July 10, July 24 and July 31. Banding will start a little before sunrise and end about 11:00. The MAPS station is located in a block building (old milking parlor) out Kelly Lane just before the power lines crossing the river. Anyone is welcome to come and see birds up close.

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## DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR COFFEE

See David Johnson to order your supply of shade grown coffee to be delivered in September.

It tastes better, it is grown with less pesticides, promotes healthy environment, provides bird habitat and greater biodiversity and helps sustain rainforests. All of these things make for a better world for our diminishing songbirds.

When you buy the coffee, it also financially helps our club.



*Presidential Perch*

Hi folks

This is my last Presidential Perch, and I would just like to thank everyone for a great two years. The club has accomplished a lot through the hard work of the members and it has been great to play a part in what we have done.

Billie and Patty will be taking their positions soon and I know they'll do good things.

Banding has started again at Seven Islands; on Sunday we caught 45 birds. Anyone is welcome to come and see what we do- just contact me and I'll send you our banding dates.

Thank you all,  
Mark



**SHARPS RIDGE CLEAN-UP**  
April 9, 2011

Names of those who took part, with vigor and enthusiasm, in the clean up of Sharps Ridge were: Alice and Gary Woody, Sandy Underwood, Wayne Schacher, Aaron Manzke, Tony King, Rebecca Judy, Patti Ford and Justine Cucchiara.

Cleanup was completed in one hour!

Information submitted by Tony King  
Photo - Mark Campen

**AUDUBON OFFERS TIPS  
ON HOW YOU CAN HELP BIRDS**

During migration, birds of every kind – songbirds, raptors, and shorebirds - fly from their winter homes in the south to their summer breeding grounds in places as far north as the Arctic. They need help along the way as they encounter many perils including bright lights and tall buildings, cats and toxic lawns.

Fortunately, people can help ensure a safer journey for migrating birds. Backyards and parks, often key stopover points for many species, can become bird-friendly rest stops with a few simple steps. Audubon urges people to take the following actions this spring:

- 1) **Reduce or eliminate pesticide and herbicide use.** Using fewer chemicals in your yard and home helps keep wildlife, pets and people healthy.
- 2) **Plant native plants.** Natives provide birds with food in the form of fruit and seeds, and are also home to tasty invertebrates like bugs and spiders.
- 3) **Keep cats inside.** Keeping cats indoors ensures that birds outdoors stay safe and cats benefit too; indoor cats live much longer than cats that go outside.
- 4) **Prevent window collisions.** Make sure birds can see (and avoid) your windows by putting up screens, closing drapes and blinds when you leave the house, or stick multiple decals on the glass (decals need to be spaced closely together to be effective - no more than two to four inches apart).

- 5) **Provide cover in your backyard.** Leave snags for nesting places and stack downed tree limbs to create a brush pile, which is a great source of cover for birds during bad weather.
- 6) **Help birds stay on course.** Close your blinds at night and turn off lights you aren't using. Some birds use constellations to guide them on their annual migrations, and bright lights can disrupt them.
- 7) **Create or protect water sources in your yard.** Birds need water to drink and bathe in, just like we do. Be sure to change the water two to three times per week when mosquitoes are breeding.
- 8) **Landscape for birds.** Use lots of layers, including understory, ground cover, shrubs, and trees. Multiple levels of plants let birds use different layers for different purposes, such as nesting, feeding, and singing.
- 9) **Extend a bird safety net beyond your backyard.** Contact your local Audubon Chapter to learn about opportunities to create healthy habitat in parks, beaches and other places in your community.
- 10) **Take the Audubon At Home Healthy Yard Pledge!** When you take the Pledge, you commit to conserving water, planting native species, removing invasive plants, reducing pesticide use, protecting water quality, and keeping birds safe in your yard.

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## KTOS MEMBERSHIP

Join or renew your membership in KTOS by mailing your annual dues to: Carole Gobert  
1304 Barcelona Drive  
Knoxville TN 37923

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 Sept issue is Fri Aug 26

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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This is my last newsletter, and it has been a privilege to serve as editor of the *biKNOXulars* since 2007. I'm certain that Angela will be a terrific newsletter editor and Robin will see that they are delivered. They will be a good team.

I want to thank Patty Ford for all the help she has given me and for faithfully picking up and distributing the newsletters each month. I also want to thank Chuck Nicholson for his help in posting the newsletters to the Web; plus a special thanks to all of you who have supplied me with material over the years. It's been fun.

As Bob Hope used to say, "Thanks for the memories"!

~ Ginger ~