



March Program - Building Knoxville's Legacy

Communities throughout the country are saving their special places in a new way. They are identifying the character-defining assets of the land-historic, cultural, environmental and recreational – and preserving those assets through a unified effort.

Carol Evans, Executive Director for Legacy Parks Foundation will speak about the work being carried out by the Legacy Parks Foundation to preserve green space by expanding parks and connecting greenways and their major project, the **Urban Wilderness and Historic Corridor**. Back in December, Carol and Wayne Schacher led a field trip on the River Bluff Overlook portion of this project. These 70 acres were originally slated for condominiums. This is a fantastic opportunity for Knoxville to create an Urban Wilderness and Historic Corridor

Legacy Parks Foundation is a non-profit organization which works to assure that our community enjoys exceptional recreational opportunities, natural beauty and open spaces, and that those assets exist for generations to come. The mission is to bridge the gap between the services and amenities afforded by government funding and those that allow us to take full advantage of the incredible natural resources of our region. Since July 2007, the Foundation has raised nearly four million dollars in private dollars for parks and open space. During that same period of time, over 250 acres of parkland in Knox County were acquired through the Foundation.

The meeting will be Wednesday, March 3rd at 6:45 p.m in room 117 of the UT Veterinary Building. Hope to see everyone there!

KTOS FIELD TRIPS FOR MARCH

Sunday, March 7, 2 p.m.
Turkey Creek Wetland Park
Leader: Mark Campen (865-414-5593,
mcampen7@hotmail.com)

Meet next to Salsaritas in the Earth Fare parking lot off Parkside Dr.

Saturday, March 14, 9:05 a.m.
Maryville Bicentennial Greenbelt Park
Leader: Kathy Bivens (865-983-7349.)

Meet behind the Blount County Public Library at the pedestrian bridge over the Greenbelt.

Saturday, March 20, 7:00 p.m.
Woodcock Walk, Forks of the River WMA
Leader: David Trently (Home 865-531-1473,
Work 865-974-8664, NatureTours@avianpursuits.com)

Meet at the parking area of Forks of the River (past Ijams Nature Center, first left onto McClure Lane, end of road).



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Kyker Bottoms WMA, Blount Co:
<http://tnbirds.org/birdfinding/KykerBottoms.htm>
Leader: David Trently (Home 865-531-1473,
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Meet at the paved parking lot on Big Gully Road at 8:30.

Sunday, March 28, 2 p.m.
Eastbridge Industrial Park in Mascot
Leader: Mark Campen (865-414-5593,
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See Page Three for complete Field Trip information.

KTOS FINANCIAL REPORT - CALENDAR YEAR 2010**Speaker Program Questionnaire**

	Feb	Jan	YTD
Income:			
Dues	\$ 336.00	\$ 912.00	\$1,248.00
Shade Grown Coffee	78.75	131.25	210.00
Interest	18.34	18.68	37.02
Silent Auction	0.00	0.00	0.00
Owen Memorial	0.00	2.00	2.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	\$ 433.09	\$1,063.93	\$ 1,494.02
Expenses:			
Newsletter	\$ 64.95	\$ 0.00	\$ 64.95
Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00
Shade Grown Coffee	90.98	72.74	163.72
Member Dues to TOS	0.00	1,536.00	1,536.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenses	\$ 155.93	\$ 1,608.74	\$ 1,764.67
Other:			
J.B. Owen Award	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Account Balances			
Checking & Savings	\$ 5,106.32	\$ 4,847.05	
J.B. Owen Memorial	\$ 6,931.82	\$ 6,913.93	
Memberships			
	108	96	
Paid 2010 Memberships	108	63	
New Members:			
Steve McGaffin			



Congratulations!



We would like to congratulate Nancy Tanner for being an active member of KTOS for 70 years. How fortunate our Club is to have had Nancy's enthusiasm and guidance. Thank you Nancy for all your work through the years.

We are also so very fortunate to have had Frances Owen as an active member for 63 years; Elizabeth French has been a member for 56 years and George W. And Maryrose McGowan have been members for 52 years. Jim and Betty Reid Campbell have served tirelessly for 48 years and Susan Hoyle has been a very active member for 45 years.

Our thanks go out to each and every one of you for all that you have done for the Club during the time you have been members.

SHADE GROWN COFFEE

Don't forget to see David Johnson and order your supply of shade grown coffee. Your purchases help to further this worthwhile cause.

Support the farmers who grow the coffee without destroying the forest the birds call home, help our Club and best of all enjoy (or give as a gift) good, robust coffee - either whole bean or ground.

I think I may have been bad and, if so, I apologize. I guess the power of the office of KTOS vice president went to my head and I took a few liberties. I love birds but I also love the great outdoors and am constantly amazed at all the things that are going on around me that I'm totally oblivious to until someone points them out to me. As some of you already know, it is time consuming to find interesting speakers for our monthly meetings and I may have let my enthusiasm for "all things outdoors" sway my judgment when selecting said speakers. Some of the speakers that have recently spoken to us at KTOS have been on subjects that, although interesting, could not be classified as birding.

As with any group of people there are differing opinions. Many believe that we are a birding club and that, as a birding club, speakers should be limited to birding subjects. Others want a more diversified program. So, my fellow birders, for my remaining time in office my goal will be to satisfy most of the people most of the time and some of the people all of the time.

To achieve this, I need your feedback regarding future speakers at the KTOS meetings. I have come up with three categories and need you to pick the one you feel the speakers should be drawn from:

1. Birds and their habitat.
2. Birds and any subject that concerns birds and birding i.e. 1 above plus environmental issues (wetlands, coastal areas, climate, etc.), parks, refuges & other birding sites, binocular selection, etc. The speaker may only talk about how birds are affected in general terms.
3. 2 above, plus other things to see that are going on around you when out bird watching.

I need everyone's opinion. If you fail to give an opinion you forfeit your moaning rights.

I will put the survey on KnoxvilleTOS where you can reply. If you are not a member of this yahoo group and would like to join e-mail bfcantwell@gmail.com. Otherwise you will have to let me know by email, phone 865-212-9797 or in person.

I appreciate your time and thoughts regarding the speaker programs.

Billie Cantwell~



Presidential Perch
Mark Armstrong

Hi Folks,

This has been a pretty difficult winter compared to recent years. I work at the Knoxville Zoo and to protect the bird collection from the cold, we have to shut them inside heated buildings at night; and if it is too cold, during the day as well. Birds just get grumpy with their mates as well as with us when they can't get outside and exercise and look around.

It has been a nice treat to finally get some warmer weather so everyone can get a break. We have finally been able to do some banding at Seven Islands again. In two sessions we banded 34 birds and had 10 recaptures. All the birds that we banded were what you would expect at Seven Islands in winter - White-throated Sparrows, Song Sparrows, Northern Cardinals, Towhees, American Goldfinches, Yellow-rumped Warblers, Carolina Wrens and Field Sparrows. Every one of our recaptures were birds that we banded last November.

I have been going through our banding data from the last few years and consistently, no matter our location at the refuge, our biggest days have been from sessions at the end of October through November. I believe that is pretty consistent with sparrow migration, but I'm planning some birding trips to the refuge to see where birds are located.

I'm getting pretty excited about the Spring Meeting, it should be a fun time and Robin Barrow has done a tremendous job planning things out.

Good birding guys. Spring is just a month away.
Mark

Complete Field Trip Information from Page One

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Meet next to Salsaritas in the Earth Fare parking lot off Parkside Dr. Of course we will watch birds, but the goal is to get input from attendees about possible locations for a few bird watching blinds. We will tour many areas of the park, including a few that most visitors haven't seen in the upper, middle, and lower section behind Baptist/ Mercy Hospital. For directions or any questions, folks can reach Mark via email or by calling.

Saturday, March 13, 9:05 a.m.
Maryville Bicentennial Greenbelt Park
Leader: Kathy Bivens (865-983-7349.)

Meet behind the Blount County Public Library at the pedestrian bridge over the Greenbelt. Parking is available at the library; you can come through the main entrance of the library and go straight ahead through the library and out the

back door to the meeting area. Dress warmly and we will take a stroll along paved trails in Greenbelt Park and look for winter birds and water fowl. If we are lucky, we may spot a Black-crowned Night Heron or two that have been spending recent winters in Maryville. The Greenbelt Park (also known as Bicentennial Park) is part of the Blount County Greenway system that connects Maryville and Alcoa. We will walk an easy route that is mostly level, and will finish by 11 AM. This trip is appropriate for all birding levels, all ages and fitness levels.

We will not cancel due to cold temperatures, but if it is raining or snowing this trip will be canceled. Contact the leader with any questions or suggestions.

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Meet at the parking area of Forks of the River (past Ijams Nature Center, first left onto McClure Lane, end of road).

We'll start with a review of the mating display of the American Woodcock, and discuss the plan for viewing the birds. It's about a half mile walk to the viewing area. Please dress appropriately for after dark temperatures, a potentially muddy trail and bring a flashlight.

Sunset is at 7:48, and we'll probably be back at the parking lot after 9:00..

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Meet at the paved parking lot on Big Gully Road at 8:30. (I'll be out there earlier- if you want to go early, contact me). We'll start out birding the brushy areas there, then wander the nearby fields and wetlands looking for early spring migrants, sparrows, hopefully rails, and wrens, too. Eventually we'll make our way to the area near the barn where we'll have more chances at water birds. We should finish around noon, though if there is interest, we can also visit the 'back entrance' on Lanier Road. (bring lunch if interested in this option).

Waterproof boots suggested.

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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 April issue is Sat., March 27

Due to cost and space restrictions,
please limit your article to 700 words.
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HAVE YOU CHECKED THIS SITE OUT YET??

Tennessee's Watchable Wildlife

I am proud to formally announce the launch of the new web site of Tennessee's Watchable Wildlife, www.tnwatchablewildlife.org. The web-site was developed by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency in partnership with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Foundation. The new site features a wide range of information on wildlife, mostly birds at this point, and wildlife watching in Tennessee.

The website has information on the birds found in Tennessee that can be easily searched by a bird's habitat, color, use of backyards and feeders, or taxonomic group. Each species has a profile where you can find out about the occurrence of the bird in the state, see pictures, hear songs and calls, and find places to see it. Descriptions of more than 170 places to watch wildlife in Tennessee have been developed with information about habitat, wildlife to observe, detailed directions and interactive maps, and more.

Thanks and enjoy!
Scott Somershoe

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