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Knoxville Chapter of the Tennessee Ornithological Society

Birding Belize to be the topic of May 7 program

The May program will be "Birding in Belize" and it will be presented by Billie Cantwell. Belize has a very diverse environment and Billie and her husband, Colin Leonard, birded in the swampy lowland forest of Crooked Tree, the rainforest of San Ignacio and on the coast at the Turneffe Islands.

Billie, who works at Wild Birds Unlimited and is an avid birder, will present pictures of the environment and birds from the rainforest and coast.

The meeting will be held in room 117 of the UT Vet Building at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 7.



Knox Co. Spring Bird Count Saturday, May 3

Parties will be counting birds throughout Knox County on this day. All are welcome and encouraged to participate by either joining a field party or counting birds in your own neighborhood (If you live in Knox County) similar to Project Feederwatch or the Great Backyard Bird Count.

Submit your results to the compiler - Dean Edwards, 1615 Meadow Chase Lane, Knoxville TN 37931, kde@utk.edu as soon as possible after the count.

Results should include: checklist with numbers of each species observed; location covered; time of day you started and stopped counting; separate tallies of miles and hours traveled by foot, car, boat, etc.; tally of miles and hours spent owling; and names of all participants with contact information for at least one person in the party. You may also be asked to provide documentation for any rare or unusual species. ~ *Dean Edwards, Coordinator*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May trips and happenings!

(See page 2 for all contact information and details)

Thursday, May 1, 8 AM

Sharp's Ridge, Knox County

Thursday, May 8, 8 AM

Sharp's Ridge, Knox County

Friday, May 16, 6 PM

Ijams Nature Center Nightbirds
Chota Memorial, Monroe County

Saturday, May 17, 7:30 AM

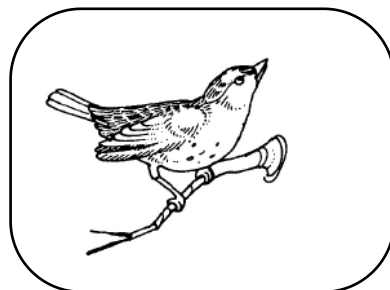
Knoxville Botanical Gardens

Saturday May 24, 8 AM

Royal Blue WMA- Campbell County

Saturday May 31, 7 AM (at Ag Campus)

Great Smoky Mountain National Park



Oak Ridge Nature Walks

Saturday, May 3, 7 AM - Bird Walk

ORR along Poplar Creek

Saturday May 17, 9 AM -

Turtles, Snakes and Lizards

Three Bend area

Saturday, June 14, 9 AM

Tour of ORNL invasive plant sites

"When nature made the blue-bird she wished to propitiate both the sky and the earth, so she gave him the color of the one on his back and the hue of the other on this breast."- John Burroughs

Summary of Sharp's Ridge Bird Walk on April 19

By Andrew Core, Tucson, AZ.

Despite a wet start to the day, at least 17 birders were on Sharp's Ridge on April 19.

We were rewarded with a very cooperative Cerulean Warbler that sang for quite a while down by the gazebo. We found 9 warbler species in all - strangely, though, no Black-throated Greens or Black-and-Whites. The birds were much more active when the sun finally came out around 10:30 am.

Notables: Wild Turkey (early, around 7:15 am by the fire tower) Indigo Bunting - a male by the observation deck at 7:55 a m Wood Thrush - several heard, Red-breasted Nuthatches - several are still around, Scarlet Tanager

Warblers: Cerulean, Palm - several of the western population Yellow-throated, Yellow-rumped and Pine

Ovenbird - heard one when I went back to the car to drop off umbrella

Northern Parula - brief look at on, Common Yellowthroat - singing by the ranger's residence, American Redstart - male

Vireos: Blue-headed - only one, Yellow-throated - good look at one, Red-eyed - 2-3 singing after the sun came out, White-eyed - 1 at 11:00 am.

David Trently at one point asked for "just one more species" and two Double-crested Cormorants promptly flew overhead. Well done, David!

Thanks to Chuck Nicholson and David Trently for lending their expert ears that morning, as good looks were hard to come by early in the rain and fog.

Good birding! Andrew Core

(Presidential Perch & Mystery Bird will return next month.)

Field Trip Information

Thursday, May 1, 8:00 a.m., and Thursday, May 8, 8:00 a.m.

Sharp's Ridge, Knox County.

Leader: Tony Headrick (687-9956) Meet at the ranger's house at 8:00 a.m. The walk will be along the road in Sharp's Ridge Memorial Park. Spring migrants are the objects of this field trip. Orioles, grosbeaks, warblers, and other spring migrants are expected.

Friday, May 16, 6-10:30 p.m.

Chota Nightbirds

Ijams Members-Only Field Trip

This Members-Only program sponsored by Ijams Nature Center will involve a road trip to Chota Memorial, the site of the famed Cherokee peace town, in Monroe County on Tellico Lake, in order to hear whip-poor-wills and chuck-will's-widows. For members only. Bring a snack. To register call Sheila at 577-4717 ext. 10. If you are not already a member of Ijams, Sheila can help you with that, too.

Saturday, May 17, 7:30 a.m.

Leader: Mark Campen (865-414-5593 - mark@tnike.com)

Mark will lead a field trip to the Knoxville Botanical Gardens and Arboretum on May 17 Meet at the UT Ag parking lot next to Neyland Drive. We will carpool from there.

Saturday, May 24, 8 a.m.

Caryville, TN - Campbell County

Leader: Wayne H. Schacher (865-457-4355)

Wayne has set up a field trip to see/hear Cerulean Warblers at Tiffany Beachy's research site. Tiffany has finished her research and will not be able to guide us; however, James Boves, PhD student with FWF is continuing her Cerulean Warbler project and has agreed to meet with us to visit areas on Royal Blue WMA that are frequented by Ceruleans. We plan to meet at the Shoney's/BP in Caryville, TN (Campbell County) at 8 am to carpool and then travel to singing areas on Caryville Mountain. Four-wheel drive vehicles are helpful, but not essential. **Directions:** I-75 North to Exit 134 [Caryville, LaFollette], turn left off the exit ramp, travel back over the Interstate; you circle right past the entry ramp for I-75 South/H 25W; Shoney's/BP is immediately on your left.

Saturday, May 31, 7 a.m.

Sugarlands and Newfound Gap

Leader: Ron Hoff (aves7000@bellsouth.net; (865-435-4547)

This trip to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park will last most of the day, probably returning to the parking lot at UT around 3-5 p.m. We should probably meet at the first Ag. campus parking lot on the left as you turn into the Ag. complex at 7 a.m. (this is the complex we have our meetings at). We will try to carpool from here. We will probably stop at a fast food restaurant on the way to the mountains for a quick take-out breakfast. The birding plan will be to bird at the Sugarlands visitor center first for some lowlands species. Then we will go to the Alum Cave trail for a while. Finally we will head up to Newfound Gap for some high altitude birding. Eventually we will go all the way to Clingman's Dome, with lunch somewhere along the way. Participants are encouraged to bring along food and drinks for their lunch.

Oak Ridge Nature Walks

Several nature walks are planned this spring at the Department of Energy's Oak Ridge Reservation. The DOE began offering the spring walks 12 years ago to give the community an opportunity to see parts of the ORR that are not usually open to the public. Participants are advised to dress in layers, wear sturdy shoes and bring a container of water. Children are welcome on all but the invasive species site tour. Preregistration is necessary.

Saturday, May 3: Jim Evans of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources will conduct a bird walk from 7 a.m. until 10:30 a.m., in the north-west area of the reservation along Poplar Creek and vicinity. This will involve approximately a two-mile walk. Participation is limited.

Saturday, May 17: A tour of trapping sites for aquatic turtles, snakes, and lizards in the Three Bend area, which includes Solway and Freels bends, will take place from 9 a.m. until noon. John Byrd, coordinator for the Clinch River Environmental Studies Organization, will conduct the tour. The participation limit is 15.

Saturday, June 14: A tour of invasive plant sites will take place from 9 a.m. until noon. ORNL Environmental Sciences Division staff member Harry Quarles will lead the tour. The group size limit is 20; no children under age 10 may participate.

Reservations must be made in advance by noon the Friday before each walk by contacting Lana McDonald, (865) 574-7323, e-mail mcdonaldk@ornl.gov. Postponements caused by inclement weather will be announced on ORNL's Information Line at 865-574-9836 two hours before the scheduled walk. More information is available by calling Marti Salk at 865-574-7315 (salkms@ornl.gov).

The Knoxville CBC hits 100 species!!

K. Dean Edwards

The Knoxville Christmas Bird Count was held on Saturday, January 5, 2008.

We set a number of records including hitting 100 species for the first time ever on this count. That accomplishment smashed the old record of 96 species set in 2004-2005. We also tied a record with 56 observers.

No new species were added to the count history but several good birds were found including:

- 1 "Blue" Snow Goose, - 2 Blue-winged Teal at different locations in Blount Co, - an Osprey at Solway seen by 2 parties, - a Merlin in Blount Co, - a Dunlin at Lackey Creek in Louisville, - 2 American Woodcock at Haw Ridge Park in Anderson Co., - Rufous Hummingbird at Susie Stout's feeder, - a Fish Crow at Northshore Greenway, - and a BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER by Patty Ford (and later photographed by Lyn Bales) at the boat ramp on Alcoa Hwy across from Looney Island.

Record counts were tallied for Canada Goose, Hooded Merganser, Wild Turkey, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Black Vulture, Bonaparte's Gull, Eastern Phoebe, American Crow, White-breasted and Brown-headed Nuthatches, Eastern Bluebird, and Fox Sparrow (with 8 of the 12 Fox Sparrows found by Ed LeGrand at Haw Ridge Park). It has been a good year for Red-breasted Nuthatches, and 20 were found on the count. Twelve Purple Finches were the only winter finch to be reported.

The worst misses were Bufflehead, House Wren, and several species that are declining in the area including Northern Bobwhite, Loggerhead Shrike, Horned Lark, and Rusty Blackbird. Continuing the decline in wintering blackbirds seen over the past several years (likely due to development within the West Knoxville based circle), we missed Brown-headed Cowbird and Common Grackle and only tallied 6 Red-winged Blackbirds. These 3 species and Rusty Blackbird were often found in the thousands or tens-of-thousands in the 1970s and 1980s but the last large count was in 1993-1994 when roughly 30,000 each of red-wings and grackles were reported.

Knoxville Christmas Bird Count

Saturday, 5 January 2008

Weather:

AM: Partly Cloudy;

PM: Mostly Cloudy w/ light rain after 22:00

High Temperature: 50F

Low Temperature: 27F

Precipitation: light rain after 22:00; Winds: light

Notes: Shallow water frozen, deep water open, no snow **cover**

PARTY HOURS:

103.27 hours and 67.30 by foot

39.87 hours and 632.40 by car

1.00 hour and 1.50 miles by boat

1.00 hour and 2.00 miles other

10.45 hours and 72.95 miles owling

19.25 hours feeder watching

GRAND TOTAL 174.83 hours and 776.15 miles

SPECIES:

1 Snow Goose (blue morph), 1178 Canada Goose, 11 Wood Duck, 92 Gadwall, 13 American Wigeon, 1 American Black Duck, 435 Mallard, 2 Blue-winged Teal, 16 Northern Shoveler, --CW-- Northern Pintail, 1 Green-winged Teal, 1 Redhead, 5 Ring-necked Duck, 5 Lesser Scaup, 169 Hooded Merganser, 1 Ruddy Duck; 28 Wild Turkey; 1 Common Loon; 54 Pied-billed Grebe, 10 Horned Grebe; 40 Double-crested Cormorant; 216 Great Blue Heron, 4 Great Egret, 18 Black-crowned Night-Heron; 114 Black Vulture, 18 Turkey Vulture; 1 Osprey, 2 Bald Eagle (adult 1, immature 1), 1 Northern Harrier, 8 Sharp-shinned Hawk, 12 Cooper's Hawk, 14 Red-shouldered Hawk, 47 Red-tailed Hawk, 2 Buteo sp.; 8 American Kestrel, 1 Merlin; 171 American Coot; 5 Sandhill Crane; 199 Killdeer; 1 Dunlin, 18 Wilson's Snipe, 2 American Woodcock; 768 Bonaparte's Gull, 2098 Ring-billed Gull; 575 Rock Pigeon, 665 Mourning Dove; 5 Eastern Screech-Owl, 3 Great Horned Owl, 2 Barred Owl; 1 Rufous Hummingbird; 59 Belted Kingfisher; 2 Red-headed Woodpecker, 143 Red-bellied Woodpecker, 49 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, 109 Downy Woodpecker, 17 Hairy Woodpecker, 58 Northern Flicker, 16 Pileated Woodpecker; 20 Eastern Phoebe; 494 Blue Jay, 8630 American Crow, 1 Fish Crow; 491 Carolina Chickadee, 312 Tufted Titmouse; 20 Red-breasted Nuthatch, 90 White-breasted Nuthatch, 19 Brown-headed Nuthatch; 6 Brown Creeper; 260 Carolina Wren, 11 Winter Wren; 21 Golden-crowned Kinglet, 40 Ruby-crowned Kinglet; 1 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher; 464 Eastern Bluebird, 18 Hermit Thrush, 1413 American Robin; 315 Northern Mockingbird, 10 Brown Thrasher; 8105 European Starling; 73 American Pipit; 184 Cedar Waxwing; 1 Orange-crowned Warbler, 331 Yellow-rumped "Myrtle" Warbler, 2 Pine Warbler, 12 Palm Warbler; 138 Eastern Towhee, 61 Chipping Sparrow, 152 Field Sparrow, 13 Savannah Sparrow, 12 "Red" Fox Sparrow, 440 Song Sparrow, 59 Swamp Sparrow, 629 White-throated Sparrow, 11 White-crowned Sparrow, 157 Dark-eyed Junco; 689 Northern Cardinal; 6 Red-winged Blackbird, 43 Eastern Meadowlark; 12 Purple Finch, 400 House Finch, 464 American Goldfinch; 78 House Sparrows

Total species: 100 + 1 CW; Total individuals: 32204; Birds per party hour (CBC): 221.89; Birds per party hour (ALL): 184.198

OBSERVERS:

Observers (includes 13 feeder watchers in 9 fw parties)

Jean Alexander, Mary Ann Antonucci, Richard Antonucci, Mark Armstrong, Andy Avel, Lyn Bales, Robin Barrow, Deanna Busick, Mark Campen, Gail Clendenen, Steve Clendenen, Louise P. Conrad, Louise S. Conrad, Audrey Crawford, Linday Crawford, Marcia Davis, K. Dean Edwards (compiler), Chuck Estes, Lola Estes, Linda Fippin, Patty Ford, Reid Gerhardt, Carole Gobert, Paul Hartigan, Deborah Hartman, Gary Hartman, Ron Hoff, Angela Hoffman, Tom Howe, Susan Hoyle, Jim Human, David Johnson, Tony King, Ed LeGrand, Ed Manous, Seth McConchie, Janet McKnight, Dollyann Myers, Charles P. Nicholson, Barbara Parrish, Josh Pihl, Joe Pyle, Jo Roy, Kelly Roy, Martha Rudolph, Michael Ryon, Frank Spilker, Susie Stout, Beth Summers, Fred Symonds, Allan Trently, David Trently, June Welch, Chris Welsh, Jack Williams, Corwin Witt

HELP SAVE MORE BIRDS

Don't forget to place your order with David Johnson for your next month's supply of shade grown coffee. This coffee is fair traded, which means it's good for the growers as well as good for helping to sustain habitat for the birds.

**J. B. OWEN MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT
ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR 2007-2008**

May 1, 2008

The purpose of the J. B. Owen Memorial Endowment is to honor the memory of J. B. Owen, longtime TOS member known to thousands in East Tennessee through his columns in Knoxville newspapers. The Endowment provides funds for projects that promote the welfare and conservation of birds in Tennessee. This annual report summarizes projects funded, the KTOS contribution, operating expenses, and other pertinent information as to the status of the Endowment and its administration during 2007-2008.

Award History

Previous Owen Award winners were:

- 2002: Foothills Land Conservancy of Maryville, Tennessee, for acquisition of wetlands in the area between the Yuchi and Hiwassee Island Refuges.
- 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: Lyn Bales for support of outreach programs at Ijams Nature Center of Knoxville.
- 2006: Jim Giocomo for support of the project on *Northern Saw-whet Owl Monitoring in Knox County, Tennessee*; and Mark Armstrong for support of *The MAPS (Monitoring Avian Productivity Station) at Seven Islands Wildlife Refuge*.

New Projects Funded

Keith Watson received the 2007 Owen Award of \$500 for the project on *Breeding Bird Survey of Soak Ash and Cattail Wetland Habitats in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Tennessee*.

Project Progress

Project leader Samuel deMent of Greenwood, SC, reports the following progress on *Stable-isotope feather analysis and foreign band encounter comparisons of wintering American Kestrels in similar habitats west and east of the Southern Appalachians*: "Dr. Hobson is working on a manuscript to submit to the *Journal of Raptor Research* ... for an issue committed to American Kestrel work ... field work is completed and I have provided spreadsheets for all of the field data for the TN and SC American Kestrels."

In Mark Armstrong's project on *The MAPS (Monitoring Avian Productivity Station) at Seven Islands Wildlife Refuge*, a total of 410 individuals (36 species) were banded in 8 sessions utilizing 12 nets between May 27 and August 5. There were 124 recaptures of individuals (17 species). An "After MAPS" phase was initiated to see how long some of the late breeders remained at the refuge and was extended to include fall migration and winter. In the "After MAPS" phase, 375 individuals (30) species were banded, and there were 62 recaptures (8 species) in 10 sessions at the most productive four or five net locations from MAPS.

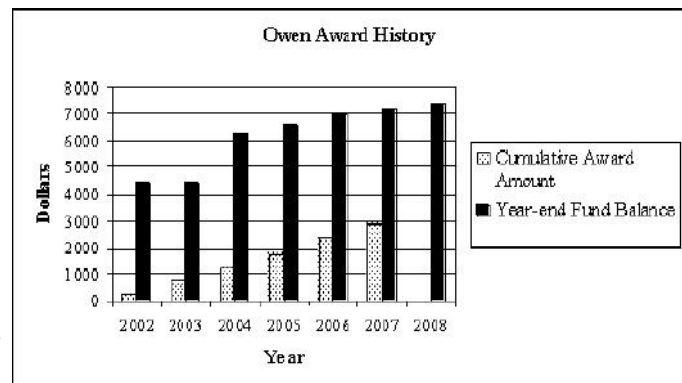
Financial Summary

Compared to last year, interest earnings increased 33 percent. However, with renewal of CD's at lower interest rates, interest earnings in 2008-2009 could be significantly lower. Therefore, donations and other contributions will be relatively more important to the financial health of the Endowment in the next few years.

**J. B. Owen Memorial Endowment
Financial Summary**

Fund Balance (April 30, 2007)	\$7,163.95
KTOS Donation (Silent Auction)	\$ 240.00
Other Contributions	\$ 138.00
Interest	\$ 340.19
Distributions	\$ (500.00)
Fund Balance (April 30, 2008)	\$7,382.14
Operating Expenses (paid from the treasury of KTOS as part of KTOS general business)	\$ 2.00

Over the short history of the Owen Awards, a cumulative total of \$2,915 has been awarded to promote the welfare and conservation of birds in Tennessee. The Year-end Fund Balance has grown from \$4,388.47 in 2002 to \$7,382.14 in 2008.



Other Accomplishments

The J. B. Owen Endowment Committee maintained a Memory Book to archive records of Endowment-related activities. The Committee distributed solicitations for research proposals to all TOS chapter presidents, twenty-one college and university professors, and several parks.

Submitted by J.B. Owen Endowment Committee, Marie Oakes, Chairman; Jean Alexander; Jerry Hadder; David Johnson; Bob Steffy; Diane Steffy

NORTH AMERICAN MIGRATION COUNT (NAMC)**May 10, 2008.**

Pick your favorite birding area or county and go out and have a fun day recording birds! The spring (always the second Saturday in May) and the fall (always the third Saturday in September) NAMC's are run in conjunction with International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD). This event was designed to draw attention to neotropical migrants in particular and bird conservation in general. This particular format makes every county an individual count area. The results from this count are compiled and published in the Tennessee Ornithological Society journal, THE MIGRANT.

All Tennessee bird counts should have the following data included with the bird statistics:

1 - miles and hours by foot, car, and other modes (canoe, horse, etc.) for each party.

2 - miles and hours for each nightbirding (owling) party are kept separately.

3 - Feederwatching hours are also kept separately; include names of feederwatchers.

4 - All count day weather data: temps; wind; precipitation; clouds, storms/fronts.

5 - Please include the starting and ending times of the count.

6 - Please include the number of observers, number of field parties, and names of all observers. For example, one person in a car is one observer in one party; 4 people in another car are 4 observers in one party; this example results in 5 observers in 2 parties.

7 - Please send the data to Ron Hoff, 282 Hackworth Lane, Clinton, TN 37716. Email is acceptable at aves7000@bellsouth.net. I would like to have the data sometime in the first month after the count. This allows timely reporting to THE MIGRANT editor.

2007 Seven Islands MAPS Station Summary

The MAPS (Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship) program was started in 1989 by the Institute for Bird Populations as a way to better understand the population dynamics of breeding birds. The protocol that has been established calls for the use of mist nets set in a random pattern in an 8 hectare plot within a 20 hectare plot. At our latitude eight banding sessions are run from the end of May to early August. Each session begins before sunrise and ends in approximately five hours. At each session all birds captured are identified and banded, aged, sexed, measured, checked for molt and feather wear, fat and skull ossification. In addition to banding birds, lists are made of all birds seen close to the station as well as notes made on the habitat structure.

The MAPS station at Seven Islands Wildlife Refuge in east Knox County has been in operation for three years and is about to begin its fourth season in 2008. The 2007 season was once again very busy with over 500 birds processed which has been the norm since the station began in 2005. Our total numbers for 2007 ended up being 413 banded, 124 recaptures and 27 unbanded birds. The busiest day was July 22 with 86 birds banded and 19 recaptures with almost all of these birds recently fledged. The top ten species banded were Indigo Bunting 63, Song Sparrow 49, Field Sparrow 36, Northern Mockingbird 36, American Goldfinch 31, Common Yellowthroat 28, Orchard Oriole 27, Yellow-breasted Chat 21, Red-winged Blackbird 16 and Northern Cardinal 15. By the end of the season a total of 36 species had been banded.

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KTOS Financial Report - Calendar Year 2008

	March	April	YTD
Income:			
. Dues	\$ 82.00	\$520.00	\$1,676.00
. Shade Grown Coffee	114.00	222.00	477.00
. Interest	28.92	25.24	81.15
. 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	\$ 224.92	\$ 69.24	\$2,236.15
Expenses:			
. Newsletter	\$ 0.00	\$ 39.70	\$ 184.46
. Supplies	0.00	0.00	27.10
. Shade Grown Coffee	83.35	114.20	361.54
. Member Dues to TOS	111.00	945.00	2,332.00
. Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenses	\$ 194.35	\$1,098.90	\$2,905.10
Other:			
. J.B. Owen Award	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total Other	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Account Balances			
. KTOS Checking & Savings	\$3,974.75	\$3,971.46	
. J. B. Owen Memorial	\$7,382.14	\$7,354.86	

Election of Club Officers

The Nominating Committee of KTOS will nominate the following individuals for state and local offices for 2008:

President - Mark Campen

VP - Mark Armstrong

Treasurer - Marie Oakes

Secretary - Kathy Bivens

State Directors (2 year terms) - Ron Hoff, Dollyann Myers, David Johnson

The election will take place at the May meeting.

Note that all of these individuals have experience in the offices to which they have been nominated and have agreed to serve if elected.

The Nominating Committee recommends that you vote for these candidates.

Respectfully,

David Johnson

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 June issue is May 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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Sharp's Ridge Cleanup

On Sunday afternoon, April 13, several KTOS members met on Sharp's Ridge to clean up and remove invasive plants.



From left to right: Mark Campen, Robin Barrow, Deedee Blane, Chuck Nicholson, Jack Jordan, Autumn Nauman and Tony King. Not pictured are Ginger Goolsby and Larry French. Taking picture is Wayne Schacher

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Since many grassland birds have seen their populations reduced over the last 30 years the establishment of a MAPS station at Seven Islands has been fortuitous. MAPS data contributes to the understanding of productivity and survivorship as well as the viability of a population of birds in the breeding season. Since we have continued banding through winter we will eventually be able to look the species and their return rates of birds wintering in the Seven Islands area.

The Seven Islands MAPS station would not be possible without the financial support of the J.B. Owens Memorial Fund, the Knoxville Zoological Gardens and Seven Islands Foundation. It would also not be possible without the hard work and dedication of the many volunteers that worked at the station all summer enduring early mornings, wet feet and excessive heat. The work we are doing is unique and well worth the effort. Thank you all for your support.~ Mark Armstrong

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