



KNOXVILLE CHAPTER OF THE TENNESSEE ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Please join us on **Wednesday, October 4, 2017** at 6:30 pm in Room 118 of the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine, located at 2505 EJ Chapman Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919

### ***KTOS October Meeting: Speaker Morton Massey***



October's meeting will be about the different types of birding apps that you can load and use on your smartphone. We will cover apps that are used for reporting your sightings, field guides, helping to identify birds from photos or recordings and bird locators. There are apps now for beginners all the way up to the fanatics. Come see how technology is greatly improving birdwatching in the field with the use of your cell phone.

### ***The 7th Annual Wonder of the Hummingbirds Festival***

On August 26<sup>th</sup>, at Ijams Nature Center, the 7th Annual Wonder of Hummingbirds Festival gave people the excitement of watching hummers being banded and listening to some great talks on birds, butterflies, plants and nature. This annual festival is an awesome way to reach people and help them to enjoy more of what nature has to offer and the estimated attendance of 850 people visiting the banding and various speakers' programs enabled Ijams to provide 642 educational hours.



The public is getting the message to arrive early if they want to see the hummingbirds banded although we did have to turn several disappointed late arriving folks away. Our hummingbird numbers were up this year! We banded 24 hummingbirds (4 adult males, 8 adult females, 10 young males, 2 young females) plus 2 Goldfinches and 1 Carolina Wren compared to 14 hummers in 2016. In 2015 we banded 26 hummers with one recapture from 2013. Interestingly, Mark recaptured one hummer at his house from the 2015 festival 7 days later. The hummer's weight had increased from 2.9 to 3.3 grams in seven days. In 2014 we had 33 hummingbirds!

A big thanks, as always, goes to Mark Armstrong our master-bander as this festival would not be possible without him. Also I want to thank the banding team, Jane Kading, Patty Ford, Eddy Whitson, Richard, Gar and Keane Secrist, Steve McGaffin and Colin Leonard along with all the other KTOS members who helped to make this a special day.

A big thank you goes to Ijams Nature Center for taking over the festival duties from KTOS and continuing this great educational event.



Photo Credit: Kristy Keel-Blackmon Article by: Billie Cantwell

# 2017 TOS Fall Meeting and Symposium: Kingsport

October 6-8



The Kingsport Chapter will host the 2017 fall meeting and symposium in Kingsport. The meeting will be held Friday, October 6 through Sunday, October 8. Activities will include field trips on Saturday and Sunday mornings, and the annual symposium and fall Board of Directors meeting Saturday afternoon.

The Friday evening registration, social, and informal dinner will be from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Shelter #9 at [Bays Mountain Recreation Area](#).

Other meeting activities will be at the [MeadowView Marriott Conference Resort and Convention Center](#), 1901 Meadowview Parkway, Kingsport, TN 37760. The Meadowview Marriott is adjacent to the Cattails Golf Course, which provides good birding opportunities. It is also at the foot of Bays Mountain, the location of [Bays Mountain Park](#), the largest city park in the state and a well-known birding site.

Field trips on Saturday and Sunday mornings are planned for [Roan Mountain](#), the [South Holston Weir Dam](#), and various locations around Kingsport on the [Kingsport Birding Trail](#).



## Lodging

A block of rooms has been reserved at the MeadowView Marriott, (423) 578-6600. When making your reservation, ask for the Birding Kingsport Room Block to receive the room rate of \$111.00 plus tax.

An additional block of rooms is being held at [Holiday Inn Express & Suites Kingsport-Meadowview I-26](#), 1217 Stewball Circle, Kingsport, phone (423) 723-2300, at the rates of @112.00 plus tax for a couple and \$122.00 plus tax for a suite. Breakfast is included. Mention Birding Kingsport when making your reservation to receive the special rates. This hotel is about 1.5 miles from the Meadowview Marriott.

Other nearby hotels include a Hampton Inn, Comfort Suites, and a Quality Inn.

## Contact Information

For more information contact the Kingsport chapter at [birdingkingsport@gmail.com](mailto:birdingkingsport@gmail.com).

Additional information on the meeting will be posted at [www.tnbirds.org](http://www.tnbirds.org) as it becomes available.





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.



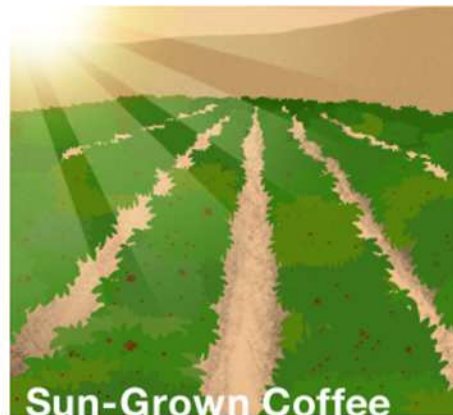
Field trips and social gatherings are a great way of getting to know one another. Fields trips can be lead by any of our members regardless of skill level. We all can learn from one another. If you have an idea or would like to lead a trip, please contact Melinda Fawver at [knoxtnbirds@gmail.com](mailto:knoxtnbirds@gmail.com). Please remember to put "Field Trip" in the subject line.

Always check the Calendar at [www.knoxvillebirding.org](http://www.knoxvillebirding.org) to view upcoming Field Trips, Festivals, Bird Counts and Social Gatherings.

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Thank you, David and Jean!



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## Presidential Perch

A little about us -

First off I want to thank all of our members past & present. I am taking the reigns as President on very solid ground. The previous leadership has put us in an excellent financial shape & kept our membership level high. Amy & I hope to engage our current members along with expanding our club. We are very excited for an opportunity to get to know everyone a little better this year.

In order for us to know each other better, it is only fitting you know a little about us. I am a transplant to Tennessee circa 2005, I spent my childhood & formative years in Michigan. I work in sales & drive from Knoxville to Chattanooga everyday for work (crazy; I know.) I met my beautiful Tennessee born & raised wife, Amy in 2012. We were married in April 2016 & reside in West Knoxville. Amy works locally for TIS Insurance.



I didn't really start to form a serious interest in birds or birding until a few short years ago. It has turned from a little backyard birding to a full blown obsession. Amy was not as quick to acquire my enthusiasm, but I am slowly converting her one Atlantic puffin at a time. While I am out chasing birds or driving to/from work, Amy gets to use her creative talents to work on the KTOS website or create a new layout for the newsletter. I could not imagine taking this roll on without her help. We cannot wait to see all of you at the next meeting

Happy Birding, Jimmy & Amy Tucker



October 7th from 10am until 4pm



The Friends of Seven Islands State Birding is proud to host the first TuckahoeDown! They will have fascinating educational programming, tasty local treats, live musical acts, & unique outdoor activities for all ages! There will be several bird specific programs including a talk on "Feeding Backyard Birds" and "The Birds of Seven Islands". Go to: [www.friendsofsevenislands.com](http://www.friendsofsevenislands.com) for more information.