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Knoxville Chapter of the Tennessee Ornithological Society

September Picnic at Ijams Nature Center



The Pot-luck Picnic will be at Ijams on Wednesday 1st, at 6:30 p.m. We have a very special speaker so please bring a friend, food and drinks. Let's enjoy a great summer evening with our friends!

Our guest speaker will be **Paul James**, Executive Director for Ijams Nature Center, a 275 acre wildlife sanctuary and environmental learning center, providing community-wide connections and experiences through education, conservation, recreation and responsible environmental stewardship for all people.

Paul will be speaking on the **"Ijams Family Legacy"**. This year Ijams Nature Center celebrates the 100th anniversary of the Ijams Family legacy when H.P. and Alice Ijams first purchased the 20 acres of land in 1910. Over the years, the Ijams family developed the land into a nature showplace known as the Bird Sanctuary, which attracted birders and nature lovers everywhere. H.P. Ijams, a talented commercial artist and serious bird watcher, spearheaded Knoxville's first ornithologist movement and hosted annual bird counts at Ijams.

This program will feature vintage photographs from the Ijams Family archives featuring past members of East TN ornithological Society in action and more! Paul will also sign copies of his new book. Ijams Nature Center featuring many memorable photos of the Ijams family and legendary birdwatchers.

A native of Great Britain, Paul joined Ijams as Development Director in 2000 before assuming a leadership role in 2004. Paul had written a series of articles for the Tennessee Conservationist magazine plus the guide for Ijams Lost Species exhibit. He is a regular speaker on extinct species and the history of Ijams throughout the community and at the acclaimed annual Wilderness Wildlife Week in Pigeon Forge.

Please bring a covered dish (with serving utensil) to share. Jean Alexander and David Johnson will provide plastic ware and silverware. As always, we will recycle and reuse.

Ijams Nature Center is located at **2915 Island Home Avenue, Knoxville, TN, 37920**, approximately three miles from downtown Knoxville. Call (865) 577-4717 if you need special assistance with directions.

~Billie~

"If I were reincarnated, I'd want to come back a buzzard. Nothing hates him or envies him or wants him or needs him. He is never bothered or in danger, and he can eat anything."

William Faulkner

KTOS FINANCIAL REPORT - CALENDAR YEAR 2010

| | June-Aug | May | YTD |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Income: | | | |
| . Dues | \$ 26.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$1,520.00 |
| . Shade Grown Coffee | 176.00 | 137.00 | 653.00 |
| . Interest | 55.34 | 17.89 | 145.56 |
| . Silent Auction | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| . Owen Memorial | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2.00 |
| . Spring Meeting | 0.00 | 203.00 | 2,509.00 |
| Total Income | \$ 257.34 | \$ 357.89 | \$ 4,829.56 |

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| Expenses: | | | |
| . Newsletter | \$ 66.00 | \$ 69.95 | \$ 498.78 |
| . Supplies | 17.60 | 68.34 | 162.79 |
| . Shade Grown Coffee | 179.86 | 81.57 | 647.34 |
| . TOS Member Dues | 0.00 | 166.00 | 2,292.00 |
| . Spring Meeting | 200.00 | 1,560.98 | 2,060.98 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 463.46 | \$ 1,946.84 | \$ 5,661.89 |

Account Balances

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|---------------------------|------------|------------|
| . KTOS Checking & Savings | \$4,426.09 | \$4,686.08 |
| . J.B.Owen Memorial | \$7,037.37 | \$6,983.50 |

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| Memberships | 118 | 118 |
| Paid 2010 Memberships | 118 | 118 |
| Paid 2011 Memberships | 1 | |
| New Members: | None | |

Knox County Fall Count Sunday, Sept 26, 2010

The annual Knox County Fall Bird Count will be held on Sunday, September 26, 2010. Everyone is encouraged to participate by joining a group in the field or counting birds in your own backyard and neighborhood (for those living in Knox County).

For more information on how you can participate, if you would like to join a group, or would like some suggestions on places to count, please contact the compiler, Dean Edwards (see below for contact information).

Please submit your count results to the compiler as soon as possible. There are no fees for participating in this count. Please note, your results should include all of the following:

- a list including the tally for each species identified
- names of all participants with contact information for at least one person
- time of day you counted
- location(s) you counted
- number of hours spent counting by foot, by car, and/or by boat plus hours spent feeder/backyard watching and owling
- number of miles covered while counting by foot, by car and/or by boat and miles covered while owling
- documentation including written details and photos (if possible) of any rare species.

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Raptor Rhapsody - A Celebration of Birds at Cumberland Gap National Historical Park, October 1, 2 and 3, 2010.

Join the staffs of Cumberland Gap National Historical Park, Pine Mountain State Resort Park, and Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife for an exciting weekend celebration of all things birds! See live birds of prey up close; meet famous historical naturalists including: John James Audubon, Rachel Carson, and John Muir and hear their exciting stories of conservation; become captivated by soaring and gliding hawks migrating through the southern mountains. The event will include: exhibits, live music, birding hikes, and a hawk watch from high atop Cumberland Mountain.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information please call the park visitor center at (606) 248-2817 or visit the Cumberland Gap National Historical Park website at: www.nps.gov/cuga.

Anyone interested in exhibiting, presenting, or acting as a hike leader at the event please contact Scott Teodorski at (606) 246-1075 or email at: scott_teodorski@nps.gov

Scott Teodorski
Park Ranger
Cumberland Gap National Historical Park
(606) 246-1074



COFFEE FOR THE BIRDS

Most of the original coffee trees brought to the New World from European countries would burn in the sun which made shade necessary for growth. However, over the past 30 years new sun tolerant trees have been developed to yield higher production rates. But sun coffee requires chemical fertilizers, insecticides, herbicides, fungicides and pesticides to be added to promote growth. This also contributes to toxic water runoff and lack of habitat for many species

Shade grown coffee tastes better, grown with less pesticides, promotes healthy environment, provides bird habitat and greater biodiversity and helps sustain rainforests.

See David Johnson and place your coffee order and help preserve bird habitat.



Presidential Perch

SEPTEMBER FIELD TRIPS



Hi Folks

I hope everyone has had a great summer in spite of the heat and humidity. Mine has been pretty darn good.

With the help of a lot of very good volunteers, we completed the sixth season of MAPS at Seven Islands Wildlife Refuge. We had a great year and in our eight sessions we banded a total of 383 birds, recaptured 123 and had 21 birds unbanded for a total of 527. The top five birds we banded were 74 Field Sparrows, 50 Indigo Buntings, 46 Common Yellowthroats, 25 Northern Cardinals and 23 Yellow-breasted Chats.

At either end of the MAPS season we tend to see unusual birds and this year was no exception. I think it's birds not quite settled in their breeding territories and in August it's birds wandering. We started the season with an Ovenbird and ended the season with an Ovenbird which, from our surveys, is not a breeder near the station. At the end we also had some new birds, Black and White Warbler, Prairie Warbler and Yellow Warbler that have never been banded at the refuge before.

My Chimney Swift tower has been very active with four birds fledging in July and three birds fledging in August. I wish I knew if the parents were the same for both nests but I don't. Hummingbirds have been very active this year. I've banded almost 200 so far and it just seems like there are more around than last year. Maybe hot and dry is more favorable to them than cool and wet like last year.

I think this will be another great year for the club. Billie has some great programs in line for our meetings. Robin has been working on some interesting field trips for us.

Thanks to everyone's efforts the club has some extra money that we can use to fund projects. We have had two great suggestions so far. One was to add to the JB Owens Memorial fund and the other was to purchase miles for Operation Migration. If anyone has any other ideas they are all welcome to present them.

~Mark~

Saturday, September 25, 7:30 a.m. – ??

Hawk Watch at Foothills Parkway

Leader: David Trently (Home 865-531-1473,
Work 865-974-8664,

NatureTours@avianpursuits.com)

We'll begin again at the base of the Parkway off US 321 near Townsend. If you arrive late and don't see us there, try walking the closed portion of the Parkway, past the gate, where we walk out to the bridge to overlook songbirds. Around 9–9:30, I hope to arrive at the actual hawk watch site, which is about four miles up the Parkway at a spot with paved parking lots on both sides of the road. From there we will scan the skies for whatever raptors and other birds might pass by. Possibilities include migrating songbirds (especially thrushes, vireos, warblers), Broad-winged Hawk (recently 20-40), other buteos, accipiters, falcons, vultures, eagles – and sometimes some real surprises. Feel free to bring lunch or snacks to share with others, as well as a chair. Restrooms are not available at the immediate site, but are a short drive away. For carpooling from Knoxville, contact Robin Barrow (865-297-2572, braveladyrobin@gmail.com).

Sunday, Oct 3, 8 a.m.– 2 p.m.

Fifth Annual Five Bs Gathering at Wood Thrush Ridge

163 Hammontree Ln,

Greenback, Loudon County (35.680992, -84.184692)

Leaders: Janet Lee McKnight (865-271-8337,

JanetTheDogChick@gmail.com) and

David Trently

For the 5th fall in a row, join hostess Janet Lee McKnight and birding leader David Trently for a day of indulging in any or all of the Five Bs (birding, botanizing, bugs, buffet, and BSing). Wood Thrush Ridge is a large property that attracts many migrants and affords a scenic view of soaring raptors. We'll hang out in the general vicinity of the house and yard, feeder watching and looking for fall migrants. We'll take forays on foot throughout the day looking for wildflowers, butterflies and dragonflies, and anything else that is wonderfully natural. There will be a potluck brunch around 10:00, so bring some food to share.

Contact Janet for directions or more information, or see <http://www.woodthrushridge.com>.

Please come!

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 Oct issue is Sat, Sep 25.

Due to cost and space restrictions,
please limit your article to 700 words.
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<http://www.tnbirds.org> and click on
"local chapters/Knoxville"



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2010 Fall Meeting and Symposium at Manchester October 1 - 3, 2010

The Tennessee Ornithological Society's fall meeting will be held in Manchester, Tennessee October 1-3. The Highland Rim Chapter will host the meeting and extends a cordial invitation to all TOS members. Events include the annual symposium, a board of directors meeting, and field trips.

The Ambassador Inn & Luxury Suites at 925 Interstate Drive (I-24 Exit 110) will be the headquarters for the event. For reservations, call 931-728-2200 or 800-237-9228. A block of rooms are being held for TOS and the special room rate is \$45.00 plus tax. There is a breakfast provided by the Ambassador.

Directions

The Ambassador Inn is reached by taking Interstate 24 to Exit 110 (Route 53 - Manchester and Woodbury). After exiting, go north to Interstate Drive; the Ambassador sign will be visible on the right. The Inn is within walking distance of Cracker Barrel, Oak Restaurant, and quick market/service stations. A Waffle House and a Mexican restaurant are also nearby.

Field Trips

Field trips will be held Saturday and Sunday morning and depart from the Ambassador Inn. Details of the field trips will be posted on the TOS website.

Registration

The registration fee is \$10.00. Pre-payment is encouraged although attendees may pay upon arrival.

Registration will be from 5:00 until 9:00 PM on Friday, October 1, at the Ambassador Inn Conference Building.

Send a check made out to Highland Rim Chapter TOS to:
Vida Sherwood, Highland Rim TOS Treasurer
1326 Harton Blvd., Tullahoma, TN 37388

For additional information on the meeting contact Ruth Luckado, 937 McKellar Dr., Tullahoma, TN 37388,
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