



KTOS September Meeting: Ijams Potluck



Please join us on **Wednesday, September 6, 2017** at 6:00 pm for our annual Potluck Dinner at Ijams Nature Center. Please bring an entree, veggie, salad, dessert, beverage, etc. Plates and silverware will be provided. Bring your own cup or glass. Come early to bird the trails at Ijams. Ijams is located at 2915 Island Home Ave., Knoxville, Tenn. (865) 577-4717. For information, visit the KTOS webpage at www.knoxvillebirding.org.



Bird of the Month Pileated Woodpecker



Fun Facts:

- Pileated Woodpeckers play an important role within their ecosystems by excavating cavities that are subsequently used by many other species including birds, small mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and invertebrates.
- The oldest known Pileated Woodpecker in the wild was 12 years 11 months old.
- Woody Woodpecker was inspired by the Acorn Woodpecker which resembles the Pileated Woodpecker.

The Pileated Woodpecker is the largest woodpecker in North America (with the exception of the Ivory-billed Woodpecker). Its loud ringing calls and distinctive plumage make it a familiar bird in rural Tennessee. The Pileated Woodpecker is non-migratory and can be found in deciduous and coniferous forests across the eastern half of the United States, central Canada, and south to California.

Description: This crow-sized bird has a black body, a red crest on its head, and a broad white stripe on the face extending from the base of the bill down the neck. In flight, the top of the wing shows a patch of white at the base of the primaries, the underwing linings are white, and the trailing edge of the wing is black. The bill is thick and silvery gray. The sexes are similar; however the male has a red crown and forehead and red in the black mustache stripe. The female has a gray to yellow-brown forehead and no red in the mustache stripe.

Length: 16.5" **Wingspan:** 29" **Weight:** 10 oz **Voice:** The call is a boisterous outburst of notes changing in pitch, loudness, and rhythm.

Photo by Jimmy Tucker, 2017

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.

Additional information on the meeting will be posted at www.tnbirds.org as it becomes available.





Please go to: www.knoxvillebirding.org for all KTOS information.

- Calendar (Fieldtrip Info)
- Newsletters
- Membership Information
- Contact Us
- FaceBook
- Photo Share
- Resources



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. Please remember to put "Membership" in the subject line.



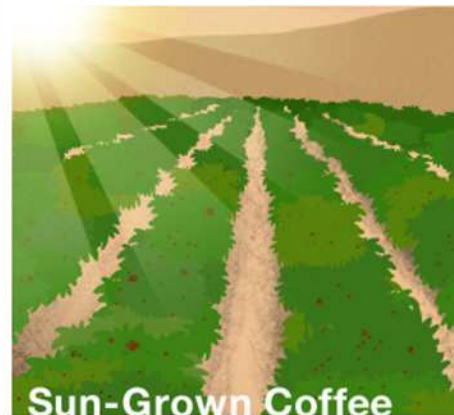
Field trips and social gatherings are a great way of getting to know one another. Fields trips can be lead by any of our members regardless of skill level. We all can learn from one another. If you have an idea or would like to lead a trip, please contact Melinda Fawver at knoxtnbirds@gmail.com. Please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

Always check the Calendar at www.knoxvillebirding.org to view upcoming Field Trips, Festivals, Bird Counts and Social Gatherings.

Shade grown coffee is a great product and environmental friendly for our beloved feathered friends.

To order shade-grown coffee, email David Johnson and Jean Alexander at jjadmj@yahoo.com. Your order must be turn in Thursday night before for meeting each month. David and Jean bring orders to the monthly meetings.

Thank you, David and Jean!



- ✗ Grows faster
- ✗ Requires more water, fertilizer and pesticides
- ✗ Supports less biodiversity
- ✗ Degrades ecosystems



- ✓ Grows slower
- ✓ Requires less water, fertilizer and pesticides
- ✓ Supports greater biodiversity
- ✓ Sustains healthy ecosystems
- ✓ Allows farmers economic diversification
- ✓ Tastes better

KTOS membership: Join or renew by mailing your annual dues to Morton Massey, 6932 Westland Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919. Dues levels: \$26/individual, \$30/family, \$38/sustaining, \$13/student (high school or younger), or TOS life membership for \$450 with \$8 annual fee to Chapter.



2017 - 2018

Chapter Officers / Staff

President
Jimmy Tucker

Vice President
Merikay Waldvogel

Treasurer
Morton Massey

Secretary
Talissa Ralph

Newsletter Editor / Website
Amy Tucker

Discover Birds
Tom Howe

Field Trip Coordinator
Melinda Fawver

State Directors, 2016 – 2018
Ron Hoff
Dollyann Myers

State Directors, 2015 – 2017
Michael Plaster
Chris Welsh

For more information :
knoxtnbirds@gmail.com

Please remember to put your inquiry in the subject line. Example: Membership, Discover Birds, etc...



Presidential Perch

Hello Fellow Birders! Fall migrations is here. It is an exciting time for all of us. Amy and I are so excited at the new position that you are allowing us to do and will do our best to lead KTOS. We would like to thank Tom Howe for the years of service that he has given to the chapter as President. We defiantly have big shoes to fill.

Be on the lookout! There is a flurry of discussions at the moment. We have been talking a lot about member engagement. We also want to know your "why?" Why you are a member? By getting to know each of you better, we can figure out how to grow our chapter. We are exploring adding new options. Options such as, educational sessions, more social gatherings and more civic activities. Whatever your why is, we want a place for you to be able to grow and enjoy your birding skills. As always, let us hear what you think. Our door is always open.

Happy Birding, Jimmy & Amy Tucker



Would you like to learn more about birding apps and how to use them? Does birding photography interest you? Have you ever wanted to take a transcontinental trip but didn't know how to go about planning? All of these questions could be answered. We would like to gauge the interest of you, our members. Please let us know your thoughts by emailing us at knoxtnbirds@gmail.com. Please remember to put "Ed Sessions" in the subject line.

Be on the lookout for new Social Gatherings. We are thinking of doing the following: Wings and Wine, Birding and Beer, Progressive Birding, Birding and Brunch. If you would like to host a small event please email knoxtnbirds@gmail.com. Please remember to put "Social Gathering" in the subject line.



Next months Newsletter will feature an article about the 7th Annual Hummingbird Festival. Billie Cantwell was in the thick of the banding and will recount the days activities.

If you would like to contribute to the newsletter, please have your submissions in by the 15th of each month. Please send to: knoxtnbirds@gmail.com and in the subject line put "newsletter submissions".